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## Bronxites reach out to neighbors

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

While it heals its own wounds from Superstorm Sandy, the Bronx is reaching out to help more devastated areas of the city.

Eastern stretches of the Bronx including Harding Park, Locust Point, Edgewater Park, Clason Point, City Island, and parts of Throggs Neck and the Pennyfield Avenue area suffered, but escaped the widespread devastation that decimated communities in Rockaway, Queens and Staten Island.

Shoreline communities there were leveled to the ground, with at least 40 deaths as Sandy proved to be a ravaging force.

### ELECTEDS ROLL UP SLEEVES

Now elected officials and Bronxites are rolling up their sleeves to help.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Councilman Jimmy Vacca both organized a trip of 80 borough volunteers who brought supplies and manpower to storm-ravaged Staten Island on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

"I myself was blacked out for five days, and when I finally got my electricity back, I put the tv on, and I was devastated by what I saw," said Vacca.

The relief effort sent people  
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# BORO RECOVERS

## Cleaning up from Superstorm Sandy

BY DAVID CRUZ

Daniella Velez's heat is finally back on in her Harding Park home, almost two weeks after Superstorm Sandy barreled through, flooding her basement and knocking out her boiler.

It left Velez, her 90-year-old mother and pet dog without heat for several days.

"There were a lot of things I had to throw out," said the long-time resident.

Her story is the same all along the hard-hit low-lying community overlooking Long Island Sound.

Power outages, destroyed homes and a mountain of worry now canvass the tight-knit neighborhood with some waiting from the federal government for assistance.

Officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency went door-to-door to assess the damage two weeks ago.

The federal agency has set up a temporary Disaster Recovery Center in Edgewater Park, where victims can speak directly with FEMA staff to apply for assistance.

"It's a one-stop shop for victims," said Lepore, noting the Small Business Administration is on hand to help victims apply for

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Photo by Justiane Baake

## CELEBRATING HAVEN ACADEMY'S NEW ROOFTOP GARDEN

School buddies (l-r) Brain Matos, Jahkirah Ploden and Edgar Feliz plant the seeds for a long friendship at The New York Foundling's Haven Academy during the unveiling of a rooftop garden. Students helped cultivate some freshly grown greens with help from Bolthouse Farms. The event is part of a partnership celebrating Food Day 2012, a nationwide grassroots movement promoting healthy eating.

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# CB 11 chairman Dom Castore passes

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Tributes were pouring in for longtime Community Board 11 chairman Dominic Castore, who died last week at age 83.

Castore, who dedicated 25 years of service to the community board, passed away in Palm Beach, Florida on Saturday, Nov. 10.

"Very few people have been called upon to lead for such a long period of time and did so in such an effective way as Dom Castore," Councilman Jimmy Vacca said. "He had a way, through force of personality and the history of involvement he brought to the table, to bring people together and advance and protect the community he loved."

The well known Morris Park leader was appointed to Community Board 11 in 1979.

Castore was born on December 13, 1928 in Brooklyn to first generation immigrants from Bari, Italy



DOMINIC CASTORE

and later moved to the Arthur Avenue section of the Bronx.

After two years in the Army, he studied at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan. He later created his his own contracting company in 1963.

He was president of the Morris Park Community Association, which he helped found in 1971.

He was also involved

in founding and/or serving in several community organizations, including the Bronx Civilian Patrol Council, Senior Citizens Committee, Morris Park Softball League, Bronx Football League, All American Youth Conference, Pelham Parkway Little League and Bronxchester Babe Ruth League.

He also worked for the New York State Division of Substance Abuse and NYS Division for Youth.

"No one who had more of an active interest in maintaining quality of life in community," said Senator Jeff Klein. "He was a very special community leader."

His diagnosis with Parkinson's in the late 1990's did not stop him from community activism.

"Dom was not only an invaluable source of advice and insight to myself and my office regarding the issues that concerned Morris

Park and all of his community board, he was a dear friend," said Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

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**Jimmy Vacca**  
Councilman

Former Borough President Fernando Ferrer, who knew Castore for 25 years, called him "not only an important community re-

source, but he was my partner in government. Really good people like him don't come around very often."

One of Castore's major accomplishments was helping the community to get its own police precinct, the 49th. Prior to 1985, the community had to rely on the neighboring 43rd and 47th Precincts.

Anthony Vitaliano, Board 11's first vice chair, said Castore "could empathize with people, he knew how to solve problems, he was just dynamic. We are definitely going to miss him for sure."

"With all of his medical problems, he always had the community board on his mind," he added. "It was an honor to have served with him."

Joe Thompson, second vice chair, said Castore was a perfect representation of all the neighborhoods within the board.

"The respect and affec-

tion I had for Dom was well deserved," Thompson said. "Morris Park would not be in the condition that it is in today were it not for Dom's guidance and perseverance," said Sal Conforto, treasurer of the Morris Park Community Association and Board 11 member. "He has been the soul of this community and he will be surely missed."

Castore is survived by his wife Pat Cococcia, her children, Amy, Christopher and Adam, and grandchildren Lexi and Vincent, his sisters Grace and Camille, and his children Leonard and Patricia, and grandchildren Matthew, Alexa, Jaclyn, Michelle and Rosemary.

A wake was held at John Dormi and Sons on Morris Park Avenue on Wednesday and Thursday.

The funeral was held Friday at St. Clare of Assisi Church on Paulding Avenue, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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# Bronx Committee for Toxic Free School wins lawsuit

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community members have won a five-year-old lawsuit on school contamination.

Partial contamination at the Mott Haven Schools Complex was not properly disclosed to the community prior to construction, the state Court of Appeals ruled recently.

The verdict settled a lawsuit brought on behalf of the Bronx Committee for Toxic Free School - a diverse group of parents, community leaders, community board members, and teachers - against the School Construction Authority in 2007.

The court upheld the rulings of two lower courts stating that the SCA should have included a long-term management plan for contaminated materials at the site in 2006 - when it released its Environmental Impact Statement - a document outlining plans for environmental remediation. The campus at 730 Concourse Village West containing four secondary schools opened in September 2010.

Having a full plan in the EIS would have given parents a chance to comment prior to the siting being finalized, according to Dawn Philip, attorney for the New York Law-

yers for the Public Interest, which represented the Bronx committee.

"The position of the petitioners here, and the holding of the courts below, is that the methods chosen by the authority for long-term maintenance and monitoring of its engineering controls were too important not to be described in the EIS," the decision, handed down on October 23, stated.

As part of the ruling, the Court of Appeals has ordered the SCA to complete a "supplemental EIS" outlining its plans to manage the existing contamination. An attorney for the city Law Department said that the city would comply with the ruling - issued by the state's highest court.

"The focus of this lawsuit was whether long-term monitoring measures should have been described in the project's environmental impact statement," said Law Department senior counsel Janet Zaleon. "The court has now asked that we prepare a supplemental statement to include that information, and we will do so."

The court found that the New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) required the SCA to disclose its long-term plans

for environmental contamination management.

When Community Board 4 members raised concerns about a lack of a full plan in the EIS and were not satisfied with the SCA response, they contacted Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo, and the lawsuit grew out of back and forth between the SCA and community, said Philip. Arroyo offered congratulations to NYLPI and the organization's staff attorney Philip, and pro bono attorneys Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

"This decision sets an important precedent for future school construction in New York City, and makes clear that the D[epartment of Education] and SCA must fully consider both the short and long-term risks of siting schools on contaminated property," said Philip.

"We are thrilled by this decision," said public school teacher Jane Maisel, who was part of the Bronx Committee for Toxic Free Schools. "The Department of Education simply cannot approve a contaminated school site without a comprehensive plan to protect children from the contamination for the life of the school. Communities have a right to know!"

## P.S. 196 students walk for cancer

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

These Soundview students REALLY made a difference.

Students at P.S. 196 came up with an idea to raise money to fight cancer.

Efforts began in the beginning of October with a motivational pep rally, and a goal of raising \$10,000 to go to the American Cancer Society.

But for the 800 students at the school, at 1250 Ward Ave., that wasn't enough.

They superseded that goal, raising \$10,579.

Students donated \$1 each earlier in the month for a "dress down day" and also found people to sponsor them, or donate money, in exchange for their pledge to walk a cer-

tain distance.

"We started the fundraiser a month ago, and it was very small, but the students and teachers ran with it," said faculty member Dimitri Kryoneris. "Our goal was \$10,000 even though the people at the American Cancer Society suggested between \$1,000 and \$3,000. The kids did it, the teachers did it, and today they are out here walking five blocks around the community."

The main purpose besides fighting cancer, he said, "is to teach the kids that together we can make a difference. It started off as something little, but it was one of the best things I did as an educator."

Principal Lizzette Rive-

ra said when she first heard Kryoneris' goal of raising \$10,000, the task seemed a bit daunting.

"You set goals and you figure maybe we'll raise a \$1,000 or \$2,000 dollars," Rivera said. "At first I thought it was going to be a huge endeavour, but I am proud to say everyone participated. It turned into something amazing, something better than we ever would have imagined."

Fifth grade student Heidi Munz said she is walking to find a cure for cancer. "My great grandmother had cancer and she died because of it," Munz said. "I think the walk is going good, we've already walked around three times. I think its great."



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# A time of war recalled

BY DAVID CRUZ

John Massa choked up, with tears when he mentioned Korea.

Joseph Garofalo said he was amazed to be alive after fighting in World War II.

They and 17 other veterans from World War II to the 2008 War in Iraq were remembered by the children of PS 108 at the 4th annual Tribute to Veterans in honor of Veteran's Day.

The veterans appeared before students on Friday, Nov. 9 in a packed cafeteria serving as an ad hoc museum, with vintage military posters hung about the room.

It also served as an interactive history lesson for students, who learned about the armed forces by hearing it straight from once-enlisted soldiers.

It was an idea lead organizer Michael Tierney, a staffer at the Morris Park school, had in mind four years ago.

"Wouldn't it be great to show these vets that we care,"

said Tierney, a WWII history buff, having read 200 books about the great war.

He started the project in 2009, seeking veterans in neighborhood coffee shops and veteran posts.

Joseph Garofalo was among 19 vets sharing war stories. The WWII vet served in a Navy construction battalion in the Pacific, including the Battle of Saipan.

To this day he's still amazed he made it out in one piece. The 92-year-old knows the meaning of the word sacrifice, having the battle scars on his body to prove it. After all, he dodged death thirteen times while doing his part for his homeland.

"I was shot by snipers, I was bombed, I was machine-gunned, I was poisoned," said Garofalo. "I shouldn't even be here."

Garofalo delivered the keynote speech, emphasizing the importance of thanking veterans "not just twice a year."

He's made it a point to remember the history of WWII by creating a Bronx Military Museum within Dormi & Sons Funeral Home in Morris Park, managed by fellow veteran Chris DiConstanzo.

The free museum features an array of military equipment on display. "I want people to know what we endured," said Garofalo.

Korean War veteran John Massa spoke, breaking down in tears after uttering the word Korea before fourth and fifth grade students.

"Every time I mention the war Korea I get emotional," said Massa, struggling to find composure.

During the question and answer session, a student asked what Veterans Day meant to them.

Sal Conforto, a former Marine veteran, said, "It makes me think about my fellow soldiers who I saw take their last breath and die. I want to make up for their loss."

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# Kingsbridge Terrace opens for vets only

BY DAVID CRUZ

They've been down on their luck for years, some living house to house, some in the streets.

Now 76 vets will get the chance to start their road to stability. Kingsbridge Terrace, a veterans-only apartment building, officially opened Thursday, Nov. 8 in Kingsbridge Heights.

Standing mere blocks from the James J. Peters VA Medical Center, the modern four-story building offers affordable housing and supportive programs - including job training and counseling. Veterans also benefit from free Internet, a computer lab and a rooftop garden.

It's a dream come true for Desert Storm veteran Tina Vasquez, a Bronx native forced to stay at a veterans-only homeless shelter in Queens before settling

into her studio apartment at Kingsbridge Terrace.

"I feel grounded," said Vasquez, one of four veterans who spoke during the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 8.

Back in the 1990s, Vasquez was an Army reservist midway into applying for pre-med classes after graduating Fordham University with honors.

When Desert Storm raged in the Mideast, Vasquez answered the call of duty, putting her school interviews on hold. Working at an Army Hospital in South Carolina, Vasquez received real-world experience in the medical field. By the time she returned to civilian life her enrollment window had closed.

"I felt like my life was empty because my dream was gone," said Vasquez.

But she got her second

wind at Kingsbridge Terrace, where she's now keeping busy writing, taking photographs, and thinking about enrolling for more college.

Kingsbridge Terrace is the second Bronx residence funded by the Jericho Project, a nonprofit offering veterans housing and special services like job training. Over \$20 million in private and public funds helped bankroll the project, with half of those funds coming from the federal stimulus.

Last year, Jericho opened Fordham Village, a 56-unit complex.

Fordham Village has been a blessing for Larry Fowler, an Army sergeant in the Iraq War who enlisted twice. Hard times fell on Fowler, who wound up homeless after the war. He could never find the camaraderie he found at his Army base



Photo courtesy of the Jericho Project

Helping to cut the ribbon to Kingsbridge Terrace is veteran Richard Borchers; Jericho Project Executive Director Tori Lyon; veteran Tina Vasquez; Jericho Board President Ian Devine; Congressman José E. Serrano; Jericho Board Member and Veterans Advisory Council Co-Chair Ramsey McGrory; Councilman Joel Rivera, Majority Leader, New York City Council.

in Iraq, until he stepped foot into Fordham Village.

"It's that sense of community that I enjoy at Fordham Village," said Fowler, now an applied science major at Bronx Community College.

There are now 2,000 homeless veterans roaming throughout New York City. The transition back to civilian life can sometimes be tough on veterans, who find

their military skills not always translating well to civilian life. Some turn to drugs and alcohol to combat post-traumatic stress disorder.

Jericho prides itself on successfully reintegrating vets back into society.

"The idea is to normalize their lives as best as possible," said Tori Lyon, Jericho's executive director.

The drug relapse rate is 13% for those living in

Jericho housing, compared to the national average of 40-60%. Jericho's housing programs cost \$13,000 per veteran, nearly half of what it would cost them to live in a shelter.

Congressman Jose Serrano and Councilman Joel Rivera attending the ribbon cutting for Kingsbridge Terrace at 2701 Kingsbridge Terrace.

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# BORO BEAT



by Bob  
"KAPPY"  
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Get ready for some heavy-duty *mishegoss* in the state Senate, with two Bronx members among those contributing to what is shaping up to be a splintered Democratic conference.

While Dems just managed to narrowly wrest control back from the Republicans 33-to-30, it will be a party divided, with **Jeff Klein's** four-member Independent Democratic Conference and Bronx Senator **Ruben Diaz Sr.** playing their own independent game.

Add to that Brooklyn's **Simcha Felder** and yes, former Dem Conference leader **Malcolm Smith** reportedly breaking away, and you have the usual one big happy dysfunctional Democratic family in the upper chamber.

That multi-split vote could get even weirder in a few weeks when a final absentee ballot count decides if upstate Democratic dairy farmer **Cecilia Tkaczyk** keeps her 139-vote lead.

Early reports have Jeff talk-

ing with now GOP minority leader **Dean Skelos** about a coalition chamber - and all the funding and staff that goes with it.

As for Diaz, The Rev last made waves in Albany with the Four Amigos, escaping the criminal fates of the other three after the quartet shook down both sides of the evenly divided Senate for funding and leadership positions.

The lower case conservative Rev could easily side with senate Republicans on various key issues, as would the other breakaways.

But Diaz was playing it coy when we spoke to him Tuesday.

"I'm keeping myself out of it. I'm keeping quiet," he said, adding cryptically: "I have one vote - and no one should take it for granted."

Meanwhile, it's fine with Klein that Dem conference leader **John Sampson** is seen as a dead man walking, since Jeff can't stand Sampson, who

got the party leadership job Jeff always coveted.

Could Jeff be angling for the job himself? Maybe, but we'd call it a longshot, with **Mike Gianaris** of Queens and Manhattan/Bronx Senator **Adriano Espaillat's** names floating out there for the leadership post. Bronx Senator **Ruth Hassell-Thompson** has also been quietly pushing for the job as a compromise candidate.

### OH-DOLFO!

Okay, back-to-the-wall, no-place-to-go and in danger of losing the matching campaign finance board funds from his \$1.5 mil war chest if he DOESN'T declare for office, former Bronx Boro Prez **Adolfo Carrion** has finally figured his best shot is to run for mayor...wait for it...as "an independent" but also on the Republican line.

He'll need the blessing of three of the five GOP County chairman to make it on to the ticket. But at this point, what have

THEY got to lose?

He could also be seen as a popular poster boy for the national Republican Party, strongly in need of a Latino face after getting clobbered in large part by the Latino presidential vote.

But one disgruntled Bronx Republican party stalwart reacting to the news, used the words "leaning" and "lampost."

### WHITE LIE

East Bronx Councilman **Jimmy (Energizer Bunny) Vacca** okayed us writing about his little white lie.

Seems downed power lines from Hurricane Sandy left folks in scattered parts of Pelham Gardens suffering for days, with no Con Ed help in site.

Jimmy said he flagged down a passing Con Ed crew and warned them Mayor Bloomberg was heading to inspect the neighborhood shortly.

Result: at least some power restored, though Bloomie was a no-show.

### SNOOKI

Wow, soon to be ex-Assemblywoman **Naomi Rivera** pulled close to 2,000 votes on the Working Families line, garnering 8% of the vote in her 80th A.D. in Morris Park/Allerton, but more of a last gasp, with Democratic primary winner **Mark Gjonaj** nailing 79% for an Albany seat.

We hear Mark already spoke to Assembly Majority Leader **Shelly Silver**, who reportedly advised him to "work, work the district."

Snooki apparently managed to worry less about it during her years in office.

### CHEAP DATE

Bit of a kerfluffle over at Fordham U. last week, with College Republicans cancelling a Nov. 29 talk by slightly-to-the-right-of-a-cliff conservative political commentator **Ann Coulter** after major uproar from other students and public. In all fairness, Coulter won the booby

prize. The club's first reported choice was syndicated columnist **George Will**, whose speaking fee exceeded the school's \$10G limit. Then again, with Will prognosticating a Romney landslide, maybe he should think about trimming his fee.

### ELECTORS

For all the millions of votes cast in the state, the final outcome was determined by 29 Presidential Electors. The two Bronx ones were Borough President **Ruben Diaz Jr.** of Soundview and SEIU Local 1199 president and Edenwald resident **George Gresham**, reporteth Daily News bloggall Celeste Katz.

### BRONX BIRTHDAYS

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## 40th PCT.

**THURS, OCT. 18th, 5:00 p.m.** – Major Deegan Expwy. & Brook Ave. Evening traffic was halted after an accident occurred. The multi-vehicle accident resulted with seven minor injuries authorities reported.

**SUN, OCT. 21st, 5:50 a.m.** – 381 East 151 St. Authorities are currently faced with a homicide inquiry. Police officers found a 35 year old black male who had been stabbed in the stomach. Despite efforts to assist the victim, the man died. A suspect was arrested.

## 41st PCT.

**THURS, OCT. 18th, 2:30 p.m.** – 993 Intervale Ave. Police officers arriving at the South Bronx building had their hands full. On the roof of the 6 story high apartment house was a suicidal male threatening to jump. The man had lost his job in addition to his girlfriend. Authorities were able to gain control of the male without anyone being injured.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 8:35 a.m.** – 1360 East Bay Ave. A 40 year old Hispanic male was transported to Lincoln Medical Center after becoming a crime victim. The man was in the process of making a bank drop when he was shot. The unknown culprit made off with over thirteen-thousand dollars in cash. The injured man was transported to Lincoln Medical Center as additional police officers arrived in the area to help conduct a search.

**SAT, OCT. 20th, 9:20 a.m.** – Police officers looking into a report that a young teenage girl was sexually assaulted. The 14 year old victim provided sufficient information that enabled authorities to arrest a suspect. The male culprit was charged with forcibly touching the young victim.

**SAT, OCT. 20th, 11:35 p.m.** – Westchester Ave. and Intervale Ave. A 15 year old black male got into trouble with the law enforcement community after being found with a gun. Taken away from the young teen was a 22-caliber weapon.

## 42nd PCT.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 1:15 p.m.** – 1145 Longfellow Ave. Authorities are looking into the death of a three year old Hispanic female. The child was found in an unconscious state and transported to Bronx Lebanon Hospital where officials indicated that the child had died. The death was labeled as suspicious and investigators are awaiting the results of the Medical Examiner's autopsy.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 10:00 p.m.** – West Farms Rd. and Home St. Police officers on patrol removed another gun from local streets. This time authorities were able to voucher a 38-caliber revolver.

**MON, OCT. 22nd, 9:45 a.m.** – 751 East 161 St. The staff at Lincoln Medical Center treated



# POLICE BLOTTER

a male who had been shot. The male victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the shin. He was reported to be in stable condition.

## 43rd PCT.

**WED, OCT. 17th, 7:40 p.m.** – 2029 Westchester Ave. Law enforcement officials are looking for two black males who robbed a doctor's office. Armed with guns, the pair demanded that the office safe be opened. Instead the pair fled with carrying the safe. A search of the area was conducted by local police officers.

**THURS, OCT. 18th, 7:35 p.m.** – 1965 Lafayette Ave. Authorities are looking into the death of a 19 year old girl. The black female body was discovered in her home. The Medical Examiner's office will determine how the teen died.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 12:30 a.m.** – 1160 Taylor Ave. Officials indicated that an emotional disturbed person was taken into custody. The culprit after being placed into a police automobile broke the rear window of the vehicle. Additional changes were added to the person's record.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 3:10 a.m.** – 1979 Bruckner Blvd. A search was conducted after police officials learned that a robbery had occurred. The culprit made off with some five-hundred dollars in cash.

## 44th PCT.

**THURS, OCT. 18th, 3:00 p.m.** – 1685 Morris Ave. A suspect was arrested after a woman was robbed. The victim was robbed at gunpoint in the building's elevator. The thief made off with an unknown sum of money from the victim who sustained a minor injury during the attack.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 1:00 a.m.** – 1518 Macomb's Rd. A suspect was arrested as police officers on patrol nabbed a person who was in possession of a gun. Taken away from the culprit was a 44-caliber revolver.

**SUN, OCT. 21st, 2:20 a.m.** – East 150 St. and Gerard Ave. An investigation was launched after an injured male was found. The black male, believed to be in his 50's was found with a slash wound to the back area in addition to a head trauma. The injured man was treated at Lincoln Medical Center.

**SUN, OCT. 21st, 4:50 p.m.** – 1428 Morris Ave. Police officials are looking into an incident where a male had been stabbed. The injured male was taken to St.

Barnabas Hospital suffering from a stab wound to the arm.

**MON, OCT. 22nd, 9:15 a.m.** – East 150 St. and Exterior St. Several of the lanes of the busy Major Deegan Expwy were closed after a structure defect was discovered. City officials were notified that pieces of concrete were falling onto Exterior St. from the interstate roadway. Police officers shut down the lanes causing traffic had to be detoured until emergency repair work was completed.

## 45th PCT.

**WED, OCT. 17th, 12:15 p.m.** – 1500 Parker St. A police officer responding to a call for assistance was injured. The officer was responding to assist in an arrest of two suspects wanted for a chain snatch. The injured officer was traveling in a three wheel scooter when struck by apparent illegal cab. The staff at Jacobi Medical Center treated the officer for a laceration to the rear section of the head. Police officers also arrested two suspects in connection with the robbery.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 1:35 a.m.** – Bruckner Blvd. and Hutchinson River Pkwy. A 62 year old male was assaulted during a robbery. The male victim was struck by a rock when two unknown males robbed him of a laptop computer and three-hundred diamond engagement rings. The victim was treated at Jacobi Medical Center for a head injury. Detectives are handling the inquiry.

**SAT, OCT. 20th, 7:25 a.m.** – 2470 Frisby Ave. A male apparently armed with a knife kept police at bay. Inside the apartment with the man was reported to be family members officials indicated. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were summoned to the scene. Once in custody shortly after 10 a.m. the person was removed from the scene to Jacobi Medical Center without any additional incident.

**MON, OCT. 22nd, 8:15 p.m.** A 15 year old male was arrested by police. The young teen was charged with sexually assaulting a 6 year old child.

## 46th PCT.

**WED, OCT. 17th, 12:15 a.m.** – 2315 Walton Ave. A search was conducted for three males who impersonated police officers during a robbery. The trio made off with three-thousand dollars, but police arrested two Hispanic males and were searching for the third culprit.

## 47th PCT.

**TUES, OCT. 16th, 12:20 a.m.** – 745 Nereid Ave. Authorities are looking into a shooting incident that occurred in the Wakefield community. A 28 year old Hispanic male was suffering from a bullet wound to the right arm. The injured man was taken to Jacobi Medical Center for treatment. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 3:15 a.m.** – East 233 St. and Boston Rd. Emergency agencies were alerted that there was a power outage in the Baychester community. Con Edison dispatched personnel to repair the over-head circuits that served over two-thousand persons in the several block area.

**SAT, OCT. 20th, 9:50 p.m.** – 82 East 236 St. Police were summoned to a home in the Woodlawn section. In the basement authorities found the body of a 29 year old man. The man apparently took his own life. The body was released to the Medical Examiner's office so that an autopsy could be performed.

## 48th PCT.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 3:20 p.m.** – Third Ave. and East Fordham Rd. Additional police officers were dispatched into area after a Hispanic male was stabbed. The 26 year old man was suffering from a stab wound to the chest area. Detectives are conducting an inquiry.

**SAT, OCT. 20th, 12:50 a.m.** – 2371 Hughes Ave. A 28 year old Hispanic male was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital after being attacked. The man was suffering from a stab wound to the chest area and a slash wound to the head area. An inquiry is underway.

**SAT, OCT. 20th, 4:35 a.m.** – 500 East 183 St. Police are looking into a shooting that cause a man to be taken to St. Barnabas Hospital. The injured victim was suffering from a grazed wound to the right hand. Police officers were able to recover a 22-caliber hand gun. The revolver was vouched as evidence.

**MON, OCT. 22nd, 9:35 a.m.** – 641 East Tremont Ave. A search was conducted for a person who committed a robbery. The unknown culprit at knife-point fled the business establishment with over thirty-five hundred dollars in cash. Authorities deployed additional police officers into the area to assist with a search.

## 49th PCT.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 11:30 a.m.** – 2005 Hone Ave. Police officers were able to voucher a loaded

gun. The weapon, a 22-caliber revolver, was removed from possible street use and filed as evidence for the pending trail.

**SAT, OCT. 20th, 6:40 a.m.** – 2723 Barnes Ave. An alert police officer helped to take another unregistered gun off of local streets. This time a 45-caliber pistol was vouched as evidence.

**SUN, OCT. 21st, 5:50 p.m.** – 2179 Matthews Ave. Police were held at bay by an emotionally disturbed person. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were summoned to the scene along with other experts. Once the person was taken into custody after 7 p.m. police officers removed the person from the building.

## 52nd PCT.

**TUES, OCT. 16th, 5:40 p.m.** – 2714 Bainbridge Ave. An arrest was made by police officers whom recovered an unregistered revolver from a culprit. The gun was taken and vouched by police officers pending the outcome of the culprit's trial.

**WED, OCT. 17th, 1:15 p.m.** – 3061 Bainbridge Ave. Officials learned that a church had been broken into. Taken from the House of Worship was electronic equipment associated with a public address system.

## Housing

**WED, OCT. 17th, 4:25 a.m.** – 750 East 163 St. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 7 are working with detectives from the 42nd Pct. as they search to find a person who fired several rounds from a gun. Responding police officers found several bullet shells at the crime scene which could assist with the inquiry.

**WED, OCT. 17th, 10:30 a.m.** – 2140 Seward Ave. A search was conducted by law enforcement officials for a person who impersonated a Housing Authority employee while committing a robbery. The would be thief attempted to a push-in type robbery of a resident. The culprit fled empty handed.

**WED, OCT. 17th, 1:55 p.m.** – 1635 East 174 St. Police officers came to the aid of male who had been stabbed. Investigators learned that the injured male was stabbed by a female who had fled the crime scene. Detectives from the 43rd Pct. Squad are working with police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 officers.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 9:25 p.m.** – 281 East 143 St. An investigation was started after officials were made aware of a stabbing. A male had been stabbed in the left leg was provided with medical treatment at Lincoln Medical Center. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 11:20 p.m.** – East 210 St. Authorities are looking into a shooting that apparently occurred in another borough. A 19 year old black male appeared at North Central Bronx Hospital seeking care for a bul-

let wound to the left foot. Police investigators looking into the incident learned that he shooting had occurred in Staten Island. The victim ended up being arrested by law enforcement officials. The inquiry is ongoing.

**SAT, OCT. 20th, 3:50 a.m.** – West Kingsbridge Rd. and University Ave. Police officers were able to take another gun off of Bronx streets. This time a loaded Beretta pistol was removed from the hands of a person who failed to obtain the proper license to own a gun within NYC. The gun was vouched as evidence.

## Fire Log

**THURS, OCT. 18th, 7:45 a.m.** – 3449 Irwin Ave. Firefighters responded to the Kingsbridge section after a fire was reported near West 237 St. Arriving at the scene within minutes, the crews found a fire in a three story home located in the rear of another residential building. A hose line was stretched as ladder company personnel started to conduct various searches. Battalion 27 reported that the fire was contained to the attic space.

**THURS, OCT. 18th, 6:25 p.m.** – 2427 Webster Ave. The crew of Engine 48 did not have too far to travel from their station when they smelled smoke near East 187 St. The smoke-eaters found a working fire in an apartment on the third-floor of a seven story dwelling. Other nearby fire units responded to assist Engine 48 as water was being poured onto the flames. Battalion 19 indicated that the fire was serious and additional units were dispatched before the blaze was declared under control.

**FRI, OCT. 19th, 2:20 a.m.** – 2462 Valentine Ave. Emergency personnel were required to assist residents at a multi-story apartment house near East 188 St. Within the five-story building the main stairwell collapsed between the first and second floors. Police officers from the 46th Pct., Emergency Service Squad, and firefighters responded to assist stranded residents.

**MON, OCT. 22nd, 6:10 a.m.** – 3042 Perry Ave. Firefighters were slightly delayed in locating a burning building. Units responding to the fire were informed that the incident was located up near East 207 St. A search was conducted by the firefighters but no fire was located.

As they were responding to the original call, the crew of Engine 88 was directed to check Perry Ave. South of East 204 St. Engine 88 crew found the blaze and the rest of the fire companies were directed to the new location. The blaze was located in a three story dwelling on the first floor. Officials reported that a resident of the building was slightly injured. By 6:55 a.m., the fire was declared under control. Taking part in the operation were Engines 48, 62, and 79 along with Ladders 32, 37, and 56.

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## Hurricane Sandy

Dear Editor,

I grew up, like most of my generation, with the ever present underlying fear of nuclear war. I never imagined that specter would almost entirely retreat with the collapse of the Soviet empire; only to be replaced by a more insidious threat - global warming.

I've observed the changes going on over the decades but it never penetrated my psyche full blown, until Hurricane Sandy hit.

Aside from summer after summer making ever greater heat records, as well as having little or no snow for entire winter seasons, and flowers that normally bloom once going through second and even third bloom, and leaves not turning and falling but rather hanging on trees to nearly Thanksgiving - the full impact of environmental derangement I still hadn't experienced and felt directly, until now.

Likewise, it would never have entered my mind that something that a teacher might mention in passing, back in the 1960s at the Bronx HS of Science, that being the "greenhouse effect" from atmospheric carbon dioxide, would someday contribute to heat build-up so instrumental in causing damage to the environment that it would become common parlance and the concern of whole societies and governments.

Little could I imagine that even the occasional tornado, you would hear about on the news, which always seemed relegated to Kansas, would someday be reported almost routinely as "dozens spawning" at a time within a "supercell," not to mention their occurrence in the Northeast, and even in Queens no less!

To paraphrase Governor Cuomo - "the storm of the century now occurs every two years."

Carbon dioxide from the burning of fossil fuels is the most significant factor in contributing to global warming; with one of its consequences being more frequent and more powerful hurricanes.

This, most powerful weather condition, is ultimately heat driven. The buildup in heat results in more oceanic water evaporation into the atmosphere, which rises and condenses to release its energy kinetically as rain and wind with the liberation of stored heat. In doing so it generates a self-augmenting spiral motion.

Consider the following comparison: The energy released by a hurricane in just 10 seconds is 1 megaton which is the equivalent of 50 atomic bombs of the magnitude of the one that was dropped on Hiroshima at the end of World War II.

If you multiply that by the total amount of time that a hurricane is taking place, which can easily be in hours for any given location, one can then deduce that a hurricane carries the impact of literally many thousands of atomic bombs.

Of course, I wouldn't suggest that a hurricane is in any way to be regarded as a nuclear blast intended to kill. Hurricanes, as bad as they might be, are a function of na-

ture and are worsened by largely man-made global warming.

Also, the radiation factor is missing in hurricanes and fortunately the energy of a hurricane, as furious as it may be, is dispersed over a huge area as well as over time.

What I would say is that individuals, communities, nations, governments and industry need to seriously deal with the ever increasing consequences of global warming, and make a grand and sustained effort to turn this around.

With every new disaster, new records are set. We are playing a risky craps game with our only life-sustaining home; that being earth.

Human civilization with its political and social infrastructure, and ultimately our very survival as a species is at risk.

What's most amazing is that as smart as we are, we could perish due to the waste from the very combustion that serves us in so many positive ways.

What a pathetic contradiction.

George Zulch

## Gas pains at the pump

Dear editor,

It's been nearly two weeks since Hurricane Sandy affected the tri-state area and ever since, NYC has been suffering endless gas shortage. Somehow I and others (neighbors & friends) find something suspicious going on.

The critical question is: why is it NYC continues to have a shortage of gas, but Westchester County, who was hit just as bad by Sandy if not worse, do NOT have a gas shortage problem? IN fact, I've spoken to the same friends & neighbors here in the Bronx who said they've been going to Westchester County to gas up and not go through the

hassle of hunting for available gas here in the borough. And many of us find that the mayor is behind all this post-Sandy chaos.

He already has earned the reputation of being a control freak and a nasty individual when pressed with legitimate critical questions, a spitting image of his predecessor Rudy Giuliani.

Add to that his constant advocating people: "Leave your cars at home, use Mass transit!"

Hence it's very suspicious that he is somehow purposely depriving the proper supply & delivery of gas within the five boroughs just to force NYC residents to comply with his wishes, which I find to be a blatant violation of our civil rights and prying into our personal business as to our usage of our vehicles.

Is it any wonder he did not want President Obama in NYC touring and observing Sandy's damage, let alone the people possibly getting a chance to talk to the president?

Is he afraid of NYC residents talking to the president, possibly telling him the truth of what's going on here and expressing our concerns, hurricane related or not?

Again, there needs to be answers as to how in the world NYC residents, particularly Bronx residents, cannot have a proper supply of gas at gas stations to simply go and fill up their vehicles, but yet have to take a 15 to 30 minute drive to Westchester County to gas up as normal as back in the days BEFORE Sandy!

Even back in 2003 after the controversial blackout we didn't have gas shortage this long!!

I urge the press to question the mayor about this and if necessary, contact NYS Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, or even US Atty General Eric Holder, if this is indeed a federal issue.

Michael S. Wilbekin

## Credit Silver Beach

Dear Editor,

Last week's Bronx Times Reporter gave me some credit for the fantastic effort my friends and neighbors in Silver Beach undertook in providing bus and truck loads of supplies to families devastated by Hurricane Sandy in Staten Island and Queens.

I must correct the record.

I provided one of the buses to transport the supplies.

All the credit must go to the members and officers of the Silver Beach Association who mobilized an entire community on very short notice and achieved such a fantastic outpouring of support.

I tried my best, throughout my district, to be there during this terrible time. But credit must be given where credit is due. It was the many members of this association who came forth that made the drive such a success.

I was proud to have played a supportive part.

City Councilman Jimmy Vacca

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# Boro home to largest solar panel building

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

With Hurricane Sandy knocking out power to more than 60,000 Bronx ratepayers, alternative ways of tapping into natural resources to create power have come to the forefront.

Just days before the storm, the Bronx officially became the home of what may be the largest solar roof panel installation on a commercial building in the borough and city.

Officials held a ceremony at GAL Manufacturing near Yankee Stadium for the installation of 988 solar panels on its roof, with company officials estimating it will save \$50,000 annually on its energy costs with the 237-kilowatt system.

The company, which manufactures elevator equipment, held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new panels Oct. 25.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation president Marlene Cintron were among the dignitaries on hand to congratulate GAL owners Herb Glaser Jr. and Walter Glaser, and employees, at the 100,000 square foot manufacturing facility at 50 East 153rd Street.

"This is proof that the Bronx continues to be a leader in embracing green technologies and the green economy," said Diaz. "More than 30% of all solar energy, and solar panels, in five boroughs are being installed right here in the Bronx, helping reduce the city's carbon footprint and putting our energy consumption on a more sustainable path."

Diaz said that he was proud of the progress being made in the borough to cre-

ate a greener, cleaner New York and that the borough, with about between 15-to-20% of the city's population, continues lead in many of these efforts.

As a further boost to promoting both solar energy and manufacturing, Diaz said it is his dream that panels like those being installed at GAL will be made in the Bronx by locally trained workers. Diaz said that many here are already trained in solar technologies.

A combination of federal, state, and city tax credits and incentives helped GAL management install the panels.

"Going solar not only makes financial sense, it also has a positive effect on our local Bronx community," said Paul Seifried of GAL Manufacturing. "We're excited to be a pioneer in New York City, and we hope



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Borough President Diaz (c) cuts a ribbon on a new 988 solar panel installation at GAL Manufacturing in Highbridge on Thursday, Oct. 25. The ribbon is being held by GAL owners Herb Glaser Jr. and Walter Glaser.

other companies will take advantage of the opportunity to go solar, save money, and use cleaner energy."

Davetta Thacher, project manager for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, the state's program for larg-

er commercial businesses has already allocated about \$66 million in awards for solar, in addition to around \$107 million currently available for those businesses.

Francis Murray Jr., president and CEO of NY-SERDA, said that "Commer-

cial building owners like GAL who install large scale PV systems play an integral part in the state's efforts to meet its NY-Sun goals, expand its diverse renewable energy portfolio, and help businesses reduce their energy costs."

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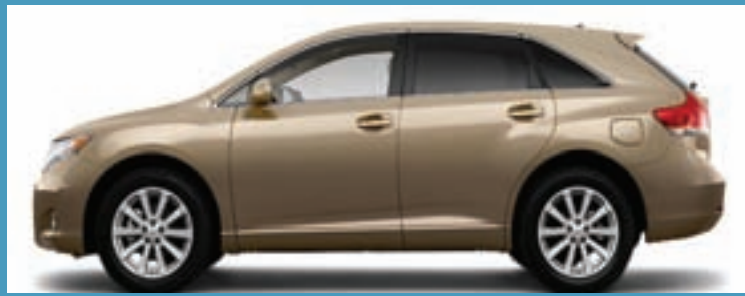
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# Confusion on Election Day

BY ERIN BRODWIN,  
MEREDITH ROSENBERG  
AND BOB KAPPSTATTER

Besides long lines and unfamiliar voting machines on Election Day, an executive order from Governor Cuomo allowing write-in paper ballots because of Hurricane Sandy, wreaked some major confusion in the Bronx.

Poll workers were unsure who could use the affidavit forms and voters worried the paper votes wouldn't be counted in the Nov. 6 election.

But city Board of Elections Bronx representative J.C. Polanco said on Tuesday that the write-in votes would be valid - after a review against registration lists now underway, with a final tally expected in "a few weeks."

Gov. Cuomo's order allowed voters displaced by Sandy to sign a sworn statement at any polling place, verifying they were registered and fill in the ballot.

But the order did not specifically exclude those unaffected by Sandy.

In Hunts Point at the

School of Performing Arts, site coordinator Altagracia Cruz said, "It doesn't matter where you're coming from, we're letting everyone vote."

Some voters at PS 108 in Morris Park, including Christine Dente, 56, said the new electronic vote machine gave her the error message that she scanned too many votes for the local assembly race, but counted it the second time she scanned it.

The voting process was seamless for many other voters leaving the poll site. Rushing past, Michael Schwartz, 37, said, "The language on the ballot was very clear, I had no problems at all."

Meanwhile, at the Bronx House polling site on Pelham Parkway, the voting process was more orderly.

"It was very fast and smooth, much smoother than four years ago," said Dennis Monks, 29, after casting his vote in the afternoon.

"I thought it was going to be longer but in this place it was very fast and organized," said Yvette Savante, 43. "It took less than ten minutes."

Voters did not appear deterred by the optical scan machines.

Many who turned out at MS 80 in Norwood questioned whether the written forms would be counted equally with the new ballots.

"It was a little too easy," said Lauren Millilo as she exited the polling site. A resident of Rockland, N.Y., Millilo filled out an affidavit ballot.

"I'm proud of my vote," she said, but remained conflicted about the merits of the affidavit system. "I'm worried it won't count," she said.

Others found the affidavit process helpful.

"I was so afraid I wouldn't be able to vote," said Dayana Nunez, 33, a math teacher at MS 80 who lives in Mahopac.

Nunez said she'd been staying with her mother-in-law since Sandy struck last week.

With additional reporting by Rachel Bryson-Brockmann, Kathleen Caulderwood, Kathleen Culliton, Jillian Eugenios and Matthew Perlman

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# Applebee's grand opening in Parkchester

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

See you today!

The fifth Applebee's in the borough - with its familiar "See You Tomorrow" motto - is now open in Parkchester in a move that should give the community the dining options it craves, its owner promises.

The restaurant, at 75 Metropolitan Oval, was officially dedicated with a ribbon cutting on Friday, Nov. 9.

It is the fifth location in the borough to be opened by Apple-Metro, a chain of Applebee's in New York City, Westchester and Rockland.

Joining in the ribbon cutting were Apple-Metro CEO Zane Tankel, Apple-Metro president Roy Raeburn, Councilwoman Annabel Palma, and Bronx Chamber of Commerce CEO Lenny Caro.

"I think this is a perfect location to have a restaurant like Applebee's," said Palma. "I've traveled outside of the community to personally visit Applebee's. To have it here is going to be exciting, and it is emotional to see the workers inside from the community and the commitment Applebee's has made to the community."

The Parkchester restaurant should employ as many as 200 workers engaged in everything from serving customers to preparing food to managing inventory, said Tankel, add-

ing that the employees are people who live in the local community.

"We try to go into under-served communities," said Tankel. "When I drove around and saw that there was not much choice for Parkchester, I began looking for locations."

Negotiating the lease for the location proved to go beyond the more common 60 to 90 days, and the building required extensive renovations to host one of the premier American restaurant franchises.

"We put several million dollars into rehabbing this location," said Tankel.

Apple-Metro was founded in 1993 and with this opening it now owns and operates 34 Applebee's restaurants.

The other Bronx locations are in Co-op City, near Fordham Road, at the Bronx Terminal Market, and outside Riverdale at W. 225th Street, said Tankel.

Applebee's Parkchester regular business hours will be from Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight. To-go service will be available for Applebee's signature favorites. The restaurant promises to feature great service and an affordable place to eat.

According to Tankel, Apple-Metro is always looking for new locations for expansion.

(Right) Apple-Metro CEO and owner Zane Tankel (c) cuts the ribbon on the Parkchester Applebee's along with Apple-Metro president Ray Raeburn, Councilwoman Annabel Palma, and Bronx Chamber of Commerce CEO Lenny Caro on Friday, Nov. 9.



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# TJ Maxx commits to new Shopping Center

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

While some neighbors are grumbling they're being left in the dark over its development, TJ Maxx has become the second major tenant for the Throggs Neck Shopping Center.

The clothing and ladies footwear department store has signed a lease for 28,417 square-feet of space in the shopping center being constructed at Lafayette Avenue and Hutchinson River Parkway in Ferry Point. Completion of the shopping center is scheduled for early 2014.

According to a spokesman for Simone Development, one of the shopping center's developers, TJ Maxx will be the junior anchor for the new development, which will also feature a 165,000+ square foot Target department store - the third in the borough.

The shopping center will feature over 285,000 square feet of stores and restaurants on two levels, and have parking for 900 cars in both covered and uncovered spaces.

Once completed, the developers envision about 30 local and national retailers joining Target and TJ Maxx, according to a spokesman.

TJ Maxx is a national retailer who offers discounted designer and brand name fashion for women, men, kids and babies.

But the development is not necessarily going over well in the community of homes in blocks near the mall, said Ferry Point Community Advocates president Dotti Poggi.

"We really feel that we have no control and no input," said Poggi. "We did give some input to Com-

munity Board 10 in letter form, but have never been to a meeting where we could speak to Simone and Target directly."

Poggi said that the community's concerns over the construction of the Throggs Neck Shopping Center have so overwhelmed it, that there is little way to coordinate with the Throggs Neck area on other concerns, as is usually the case.

The mall's construction is one of the factors that has led to the first steps being taken to form a Business Improvement District along East Tremont Avenue in Throggs Neck, according to Throggs Neck Merchants Association president Steve Kaufman.

Merchants are nervous the mall will pull shoppers away from the E. Tremont shopping strip.



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An artists rendering of the Throggs Neck Shopping Center, which will have a TJ Maxx, as well as a Target department store.

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# Bronx Times Reporter editor a Sandy evacuee

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

As someone who has lived a good part of my life on City Island, I've seen storms come and go.

I weathered Hurricane Gloria as a wee lad in 1985 (all I can remember is masking tape on windows) to Hurricane Irene in 2011.

I thought I could ride out any storm, with Superstorm Sandy no different.

But for the first time, the entire island was declared an A evacuation zone.

I began making plans to leave shortly after noon Sunday, Oct. 28.

Shortly after Mayor Bloomberg called for evacuation, people were wheeling suitcases down the street. Neighbors were loading up a SUV as fast as they could. I moved to a family member's house in Country Club.

I worked Monday morning, reporting on the approaching Sandy in Harding Park with Councilwoman Annabel Palma.



PATRICK ROCCHIO

Working Tuesday afternoon on the storm's impact got my mind off thinking about what it might have done to my home.

A cop who had encouraged people to evacuate City Island on Sunday told me of one woman who said that if the floodwaters came up high, she could always go to her attic.

Given the tragic destruction on Staten Island and in the Rockaways, those words later hit home.

Of course, as I was wading in water up to my ankles along a street in

Harding Park, it began to dawn on me that this storm was going to be a lot different than Hurricane Irene.

Displacement is never an easy thing, but I made the best of it, and was only in a C Evacuation Zone, a major improvement. Even without cable or other comforts of home, it was nice spending time with a family member.

I could get Facebook on my cell phone. I saw photos of Tony's Pier Restaurant burning, uploaded by fellow City Islander and Senator Jeff Klein staffer John Doyle.

If firefighters hadn't gotten that blaze under control, it could have spread to nearby businesses and houses. I thought of my lifelong friend Andrew, a very brave firefighter in Manhattan.

In the days that followed, it appeared the damage to the island was relatively minor, aside from Tony's Pier and the loss of



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Tony's Pier Restaurant is one of City Island's casualties from Superstorm Sandy.

what we are calling in the office "Larry the Lobster" - a giant neon lobster on top of the Lobster House on Bridge Street. That - and many docks and wooden jetties were lost, as well as people's dream boats that broke loose from their moorings.

It took a week for another friend, Seth, to get power back at his apart-

ment at the Pickwick Terrace on the eastern end of Pilot Street.

Luckily, damage to my home was minimal, just some tiles blown off the roof and a giant tree branch down in front.

Sadly, some people in Harding Park lost their homes.

But absent the death and destruction seen else-

where, Bronx folks living in Zone A's like City Island and parts of Locust Point, Throggs Neck, Edgewater Park, and Harding Park escaped fairly unscathed.

But I'm sure they are rethinking their relationship with nature.

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## Congressman Serrano: citizens show they are true national leaders

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

South Bronx Congressman Jose Serrano, who represents a major portion of the Hispanic population in the borough came away happy with two particular results of Tuesday's national election.

Serrano said the elections results "show that Americans want to continue to move forward on many different issues. They were asking to continue to move the economy in the positive direction that it has been moving for the past 31 months, and asking for progress on other issues."

Two key issues that the South Bronx representative said impressed him were immigration reform and the statehood referendum issue for Puerto Rico.

"I believe that there was a clear mandate for comprehensive immigration reform. Any party that stands in the way will continue to suffer the electoral consequences, as the pro-immigrant voting bloc continues to expand and flex its muscle at the voting booths," he said. "We cannot put the dreams and aspirations of a whole community on hold for any longer. The time has come to move forward on this important issue."

He said he was also "particularly impressed with the outcome of the 'status' referendum in Puerto Rico."

"A majority of those voting signaled the desire to change the current territorial status. In a second

question an even larger majority asked to become a state.

"This is an earthquake in Puerto Rican politics. It will demand the attention of Congress, and a definitive answer to the Puerto Rican request for change. This is a history-making moment where voters asked to move forward," he said.

"Yet again our citizens have shown that they are the true leaders in this nation. They have shown us the direction that they want the country to move. Now those of us who have been honored to hold public office have the responsibility to carry that out," said Serrano. "We will continue to move the nation forward. That's what Americans voted for yesterday."

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# Bronx beat

## BCA Fall Creations workshop

The **Bronx Council on the Arts** (BCA) and the Huntington Free Library (HFL) present a family-friendly, hands-on "Fall Creations" craft workshop with Denise Shelley on Saturday, November 17, from 12:30 to 3:00 pm at the Huntington Free Library (9 Westchester Square, next to the Apple Savings Bank). This workshop is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

In this fun-filled workshop, artisan Denise Shelley will use all of the colors of a fall rainbow to help you will create crafts ranging from beautiful centerpieces to silly googly-eyed turkeys using new and re-purposed materials to make fantastic, one of a kind keepsakes.

Denise Shelley has always found joy doing anything that unleashes her creative energy. After surviving the trag-eddy of 9/11, Denise Shelley embraced the healing mechanism of creativity and began sharing her love of crafting with others by conducting various workshops. This native New Yorker's artwork has been featured in local galleries and exhibits.

The family craft workshop series continues on December 15th when BCA presents Holiday Ornaments with Gail Sharbaan. Create your own holiday ornaments! Plenty of glitter, glue and cheer available. Please bring family, friends and the desire to be creative. See you then!

This workshop is the final in the 2011-2012 series of Third Saturday Family Craft Workshops presented by BCA and HFL at the Huntington Free

Library. Visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) regularly for updates on the 2012-2013 Saturday Family Craft workshop series as well as other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

Admission to all workshops is free, but space is limited. For information, call 718-931-9500 x33 or 718-829-7770, or visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org).

James Landy, Chairman of Hudson Valley Bank, recently announced that Charles Flynn, Jr., President of the **College of Mount Saint Vincent**, has joined the Bank's Business Development Board.

The College of Mount Saint Vincent is a four-year liberal arts college, founded by the Sisters of Charity of New York in 1847. The Mount combines nationally recognized liberal arts programs with a rich array of professional studies.

Flynn earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College and a Master of Arts degree and Ph.D. from Duke University. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities and Chair of the President's Council of the Skyline Athletic Conference. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Grace Institute, located in New York, NY.

"Flynn will be an asset to the Bank as we continue to grow and expand throughout the metropolitan area, particularly in our service to high schools, colleges and other not-for-profit organizations. We are pleased to have him as a member of our Business

Development Board," Landy said.

Dr. Concetta Tomaino will be guest speaker at the November 28th luncheon meeting of the **Serra Club of The Bronx & Westchester**. Dr. Tomaino's topic will be Music as a Therapy.

The Serra Club is an international organization whose mission is to foster and promote vocations to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life and through this ministry, fosters and affirms the members' common Catholic faith. Luncheon meetings are held at noon at the Eastwood Manor at 3371 Eastchester Road [corner of Eastchester and Boston Roads] in The Bronx.

The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00. Please call (718) 798 - 7176 for additional information and to make reservations by November 26.

The 28th annual **Bronx Veteran's Parade** will be held on Sunday, November 18. The parade will kick off at noon on E. Tremont Avenue at Lafayette Avenue and continue on E. Tremont making a left at Randall Avenue to Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park. A ceremony will be held at the park immediately following the parade, honoring veterans, Grand Marshals and Honorary Grand Marshals.

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## Charged with murder of girlfriend/daughter

District Attorney Robert Johnson announced the indictment of a 21-year-old Manhattan man, Eligido Lind, for allegedly murdering his ex-girlfriend and their one month old daughter.

The grand jury has charged Lind, of 42 East 129th Street, Manhattan, with one count of Murder in the first degree, two counts of Murder in the second degree, two counts of Manslaughter in the first degree, and one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the fourth degree.

The most serious offense, Murder in the first degree, is a Class A-1 felony offense punishable by a

maximum sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

The charges in the indictment are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

An additional felony charge of Arson in the third degree is still pending before the grand jury.

It is alleged in court papers that Lind caused the death of Luisa Rodriguez, 32, by "repeatedly stabbing her with a sharp object or objects" in her head, neck, arms and torso. Lind allegedly also caused the death of, Angela Rodriguez-Lind, his daughter," by inflicting blunt force trauma" to the

infant's head and neck.

The bodies of the mother and newborn child were discovered on Thursday, October 25, 2012 when firefighters went to an apartment at 3034 Albany Crescent, the Bronx in response to a fire that the defendant allegedly had set.

Lind is scheduled to be arraigned on the indictment before State Supreme Court Justice Judith Lieb on Friday, December 7, 2012 in State Supreme Court, Part H-73.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Birnbaum, Trial Counsel of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

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# NYBG Annual Holiday Train Show

BY DAVID CRUZ

Where can you find Yankee Stadium, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the Empire State Building all under one roof? At the New York Botanical Garden!

The annual Holiday Train Show kicks off Saturday, Nov. 17, running through the holiday season until Jan. 13th.

For \$20, Bronxites can feel like giants strolling about the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, where miniature replicas of some 140 New York City landmarks - composed entirely of Mother Nature's twigs, bark and nuts - are on display.

Along with buildings, model trains snakes through the sprawling tiny metropolis. Trains like Thomas the Tank Engine whizz by replicas of the Apollo Theater, Penn Station and the New York City skyline.

Visitors will also take a look at

some buildings new to this year's show, including it's newest addition - the Macy's flagship store in Herald Square, complete with it's traditional display windows. Coming in at four feet tall, the Miracle on 34th Street chain will be the first building visitors will notice before entering the enormous exhibit.

Engineers carefully planted these iconic structures in a way only NYBG can.

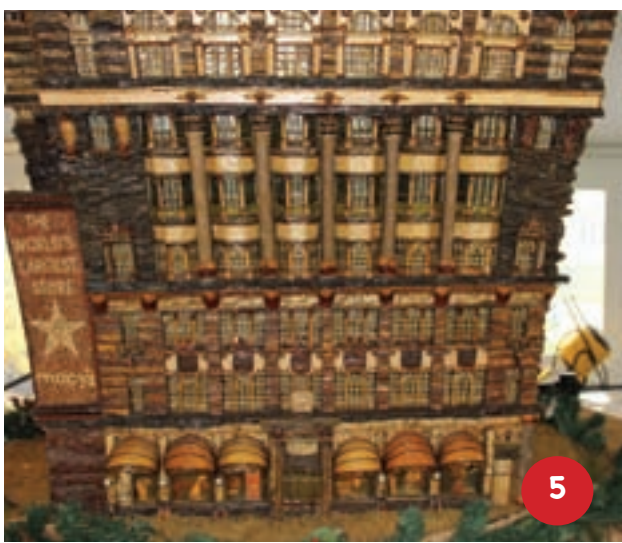
The work is the brainchild of artist Paul Busse, whose NYBG roots stretch back to 1992 when he first created the show. He's tasked his Kentucky-based team at Applied Imagination to bring NYC to the NYBG.

Along with the main exhibit, NYBG organizers decided to bring back The Artist's Studio following demand by visitors.

For a second straight year, visitors can see how artists took a piece of bark and made it into a landmark building. They can get a behind-the-scenes look the show in a PBS documentary airing December 30.

For more information go to [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org).





**1** - There are no above ground trains next to Harlem's real Apollo Theater but you'll find one zipping by this model at the Holiday Train Show. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

**2**- Leslie Salka and Paula Edwards haul Manhattan's Park Avenue Armory to its designated place inside the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

**3**- Days before the unveiling, The Bronx Times took a tour of the Holiday Train Show where we found engineers Bradley Daniel and Jason Busse setting down a replica of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

**4** - NYBG staffer Bill Clark carefully aligns this moving train onto its track running through Manhattan Bridge. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

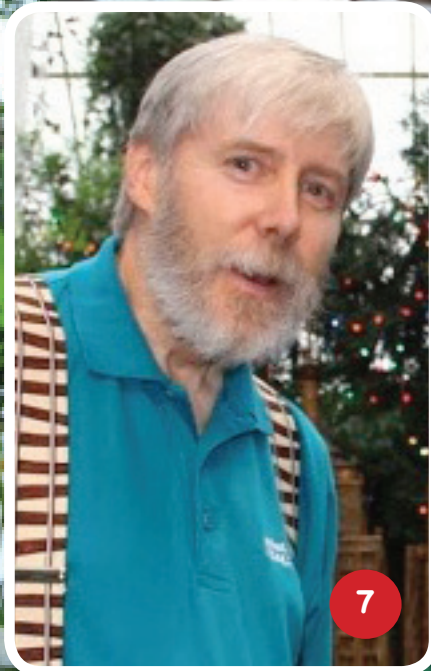
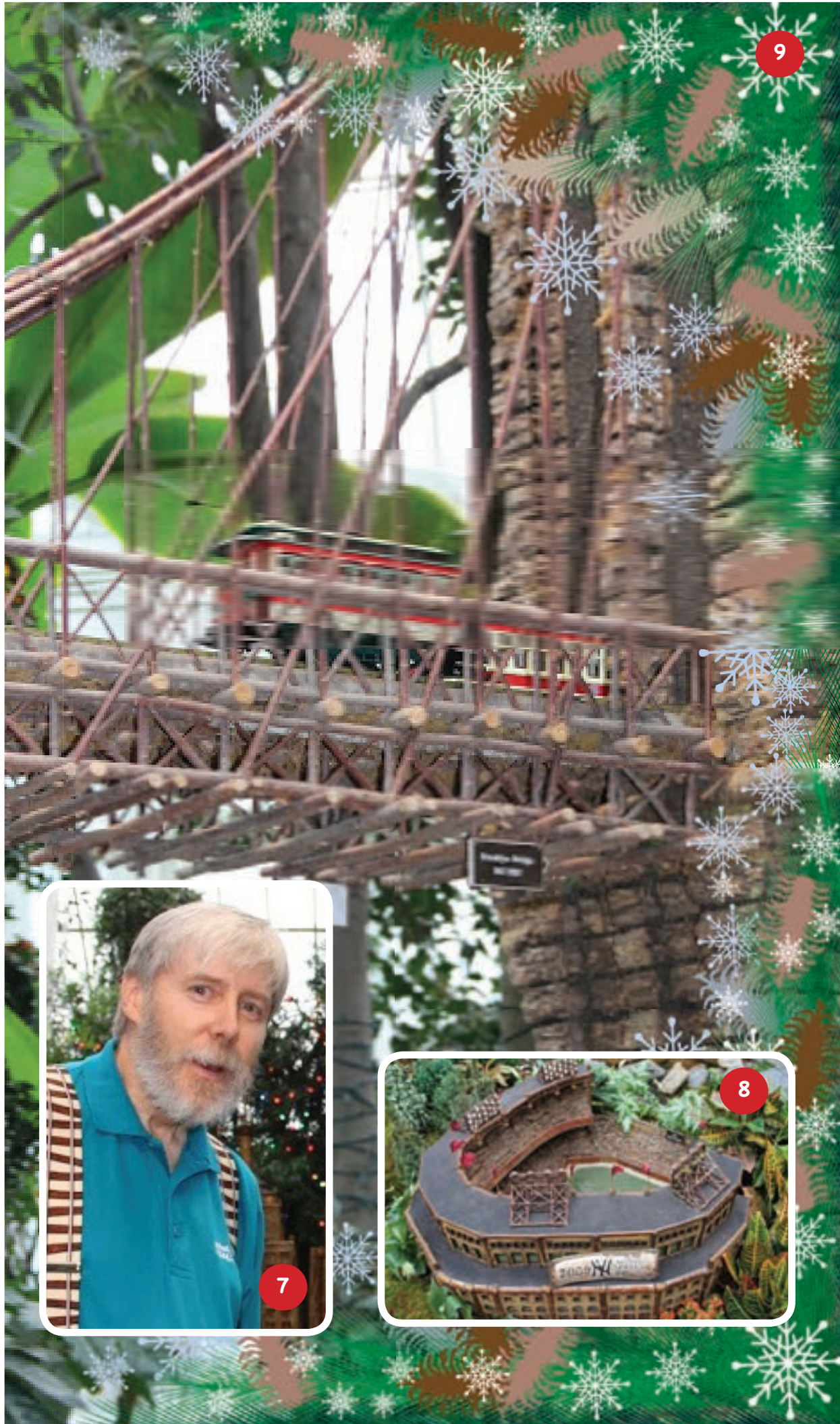
**5** - The newest feature at the Holiday Train Show is Macy's Department Store at 34th Street. Attention to detail was definitely paid at The World's Largest Store with its familiar display windows featuring cutout displays. Photo by Josiane Bauke

**6** - Visitors will take a look at this Statue of Liberty model at the Holiday Train Show, composed of green plants. Photo by Josiane Bauke

**7** - Longtime artist Paul Busse is the brainchild of this visual masterpiece, launched in 1992. Photo by Josiane Bauke

**8**- What would the Holiday Train Show be without Yankee Stadium?! As usual, the original House That Ruth Built is part of the Holiday Train Show. Photo by Josiane Bauke

**9** - Inside the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory one will find The Brooklyn Bridge running from end to end. Here an old school trolley shoots through the near 130-year-old bridge. Photo by Josiane Bauke



# Hurricane Sandy Cleanup



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low-interest loans.

The center's main priority is really to get victims into the system, said Lepore. "We got to them into the process."

Getting FEMA help

FEMA officials have opened another center in the Rotunda at the Bronx County Building on the Grand Concourse and 161st Street.

The public can also call 1-800-621-6632 or [disasterassistance.gov](http://disasterassistance.gov) to apply for FEMA assistance.

Homeowners have been asked to list all of their damaged items, though the challenge has been overwhelming for John Pache in Harding Park.

"They don't want you to throw anything away until they see it," he said.

Books and dolls now considered debris has been piled up in front of his home at Underhill Ave. and Q Street. The home belongs to his mother Joanne, now temporarily staying with her daughter.

"I have to stay with my daughter," she said. "Otherwise I'm homeless."

Sandy completely tore into Joanne's one-story home, seeping into every nook and producing a rancid odor.

Down the street, homeowner Monique Augusto has seen small traces of everyday life come back to Harding Park.

But even with a list of damaged property, Augusto was still waiting on FEMA as of press time.

"I haven't gotten any feedback yet," said Augusto, who remembered seeing her basement and SUV completely soaked by Sandy's surge.

FEMA officials did stop by the Harding Park Homeowner's Association on Friday, Nov. 9, double-checking with homeowner's to see if they needed assistance, according to neighbors. Some came. Some didn't.

**Locust Point cleanup**

Over in Locust Point, volunteers and elected officials showed up in t-shirts,

jeans and work gloves on Saturday, Nov. 10 to clear an entire perimeter of the Locust Point Civic Association damaged by Sandy.

"This was an unbelievable show of community effort," said LPCA board member Chrys Napolitano, who led the massive cleanup effort with help from John Marano, chair of Community Board 10.

It was Marano who had got a call from Felicia Desanto of Diamond Dolls Girls Softball Team, whose players begged to do something for the community.

Seeing LPCA as a much-needed spot for cleaning up, Marano worked the phones, calling Ben Randazzo, chief of staff for Assemblyman Mike Benedetto, with both stopping by to lend a hand.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca did his part, coordinating a pair of private garbage trucks to the site, where they cleared pounds of debris. Vacca also got his hands dirty, with staffer Richie Torres pitching in.

Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio and his community affairs coordinator Paula Caquias helped serve breakfast. Community Board 10 district manager Ken Kearns and board member Pat Caruso doled out lunch. Firefighters from Ladder 50 were called in to saw a telephone pole that had drifted ashore.

Members of the Community Supported Agriculture group, including Mary Jane Musano, Mike and Pat Singer, and Chris Jardin, swept and shoveled debris. By early afternoon, all the debris in front of the LPCA was carted away, a huge sigh of relief for Napolitano.

"It's one thing to donate clothes," said Napolitano. "It's another thing to see the effects of your help."

The next phase of the cleanup project - the actual city-owned LPCA headquarters - is now on a holding pattern since officials have not yet determined what to do with the house, which badly damaged from the storm.



# Hurricane Sandy Cleanup



**1** - Volunteers Annette Cicio, Teresa Morian, and Al Belfiore heave a large piece of driftwood off the Locust Point Civic Association's parking lot, walloped by Superstorm Sandy. Photo by Edwin Soto

**2** - It was a true team effort for Diamond Dolls volunteers, just some of dozens of helpers cleaning up the Locust Point Civic Association, beaten down by Sandy. It happened Saturday, November 10. Two hours later the outside of LPCA was spotless. Photo by Edwin Soto

**3** - Eddie Toth hauls off a tire that came washed ashore to the Locust Point Civic Association. Photo by Edwin Soto

**4** - New York's bravest lend a hand in the cleanup efforts at the Locust Point Civic Association. Here, guys from Ladder Company 50 chop down this broken telephone pole that came ashore LPCA's headquarters. Photo by Edwin Soto

**5** - When in doubt, throw it out! Assemblyman Mike Benedetto and Community Board 10 chair John Marano slide this thick piece of wood to the throw-out pile. Photo by Edwin Soto

**6** - On Tuesday, November 6, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and City Council Member James Vacca organized 80 Bronx volunteers and supplies, sending them to Staten Island. Here, Borough President Diaz and Council Member Vacca help load one of three buses with supplies for the trip. Photo courtesy of the Bronx Borough President's Office

**7** - Yankee pitcher Joba Chamberlain lent a hand in Sandy's recovery efforts, greeting who donated items for Sandy victims on Thursday, November 8 at Yankee Stadium's Gate 2. Chamberlain unpacked items with donor Robert Dempsey (l) and Griffen Frankel who donated a large bundle of clothes. Photo by Josiane Bauke

**8** - Fences, tires, and garbage bags are what was picked up during the massive cleanup job at the Locust Point Civic Association. Photo by Edwin Soto

**9** - Daniella Velez picks up the pieces after Superstorm Sandy. Her Harding Park home was partially flooded, leaving her with no heat and hot water for days. Photo by Patricio Robayo

**10** - Floyd Coleman of Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice in Soundview gets together meals ready to be taken to Bronx families without power. The donated meals were made possible by food company Goya and Salsa Caterers. Photo by Patricio Robayo



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# Bronx Veteran's Day 2012



(Above) Pat Devine of the Korony Post stands atop the steps of Winged Victory in Pelham Bay, delivering a speech commemorating Veterans Day on Sunday, November 11. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Left) On Veterans Day Sunday, November 11th, members from the East Bronx History Forum led veterans to Van Nest Memorial Park to pay tribute to veterans. Pictured in front of the park's grand monument are Tom Vasti, vice president of the East Bronx History Forum and Richard Vitacco, forum president. Also honoring veterans is Bernadette Ferrara, vice president of the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

(Right) World War II veteran John Rogalewski (r) never forgets his fellow soldiers on Veterans Day. He stands with his son-in-law John Belino in front of the memorial on Meade Street and Unionport Road on Sunday, November 11. Photo by Silvio Pacifico





Coleen McCarthy and Joe Recuppio place a wreath during the Veterans Day ceremony in front of Pelham Bay Park's Winged Victory statue. Veterans from all over the borough were honored for their courage and service to country.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



(Top left) Veteran soldier Ron Watson opens the Veterans Day ceremony at Pelham Bay Park's Winged Victory with a salute to his fellow soldiers. Watson joined the American Legion, AmVets, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America and local Veterans of Foreign War posts for the laying of the memorial wreath at the sprawling park. The morning ceremony drew dozens of Bronxites paying tribute to veterans. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Above) Well-known World War II veteran Joseph Garafalo never forgets his fellow soldiers, stopping by Peace Plaza in Pelham Parkway during a Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, November 11. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Above Middle) The Bronx County American Legion Military Ball was in full swing at the Villa Barone Manor on Friday, November 9. County Commanders for the American Legion club banded together to celebrate the anniversary of the American Legion. During the ball, the county honored members of the American Legion in the Bronx. Pictured are (back row l-r): John Lanci, Ted Danson, Ray DePhillis, Lou (front row l-r): Sean Hannon, Henry Pang, Joe Goonan, Pat Devine, Colleen McCarthy, Tom Hansen, and Joe Mondello. Photo by Laura Stone

(Right) The Bronx Chamber of Commerce and phone company AT&T paid their respects to Bronx veterans with the Annual Recognition Luncheon on Monday, November 5 at Maestro's Caterers. The ceremony also honored several folks for putting their country first. President of SUNY Maritime College Ret. Navy Rear Admiral Wendi B. Carpenter spoke at the ceremony.

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## Wildlife Conservation Society hosts REEL WILD

The Wildlife Conservation Society is hosting REEL WILD, a single-day film festival showcasing the best in wildlife filmmaking – including the world premiere of Snow Leopard of Afghanistan, a new documentary from Nat Geo WILD in advance of its broadcast premiere on December 9, and the U.S. premiere of Wolves and Buffalo: Cold Warriors from Thirteen/WNET series Nature.

The REEL WILD festival will be held at The Picture House, a classic

90-year-old single-screen movie house in Pelham, N.Y. on Sunday, November 18 from noon to 8 p.m.

The day-long festival will feature family-friendly wildlife films; film shorts highlighting some of the work being done by WCS conservationists around the globe; and the premiere of documentaries from the Thirteen/WNET series Nature and Nat Geo WILD.

“We have designed this program to bring the most important films on wildlife and conservation

to our neighboring New York communities,” said John Calvelli, WCS executive vice president of Public Affairs. “The films will give an inside look into some of the front line conservation issues and will provide great infotainment for families with children.”

Tickets to REEL WILD are \$15 for an all-day pass and include all films, discussions with WCS field conservationists, and a reception.

REEL WILD film festival schedule:

Koala Hospital (family friendly) noon to 1 p.m.. A dramatic, uplifting, behind-the-scenes look at Australia’s Koala Hospital where sick and injured koalas are given a second chance at life before being returned to the wild.

An Original DUCKumentary (family friendly) 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Take to the skies and dive into the water with a wondrous variety of ducks — the unique abilities and extraordinary behaviors of these complex animals that may surprise you.

Wildlife Conservation Society Short Film Showcase 3 to 4 p.m.

Four short films highlight WCS’s conservation efforts, from saving wild

tigers to combating the illegal wildlife trade.

- Caught in the Crosshairs (17min)
- Hunt for the Tiger Slay-ers (6min)
- 25 Years with Tigers (17min)
- Wild Haven of Cambodia (7min)

Snow Leopard of Afghanistan (Nat Geo WILD World Premiere) 4:30 to 6 p.m. Afghanistan, one of the most dangerous places on earth, is also home to a population of endangered and elusive snow leopards. Nat Geo WILD joins the Wildlife Conservation Society and an international team of experts, including expert big cat tracker Boone Smith, as they set out on a mission in the

middle of a war zone to find, capture, and collar a snow leopard and release it back into the wild. Followed by Q&A.

As the kick-off program for Nat Geo WILD’s third annual Big Cat Week, this film will have its broadcast premiere Sunday, December 9, at 8 p.m. ET/PT. REEL WILD Reception to 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Wolves and Buffalo: Cold Warriors (Thirteen/WNET-Nature U.S. Premiere) 6:30 to 8 p.m. The ancient relationship between wolves and buffalo is captured in thrilling cinematic glory by a lone filmmaker who has followed them for more than 20 years. Followed by Q&A.

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# Wave Hill November events

The Holiday Train Show returns to The **New York Botanical Garden** for a 21st year of model trains, New York City landmark replicas all made from plant parts, and programming for all ages. This year's show will run from November 17 through January 13, 2013 with extended hours during the holiday weeks.

A Macy's replica is a new addition this season, and this year, cable cars will travel over vignettes in the Conservatory's reflecting pool. Back by popular demand for its second year, The Artist's Studio, which provides an insider's look at how the replicas are constructed, now includes trains re-imagined in plant materials, as well as replicas of national and international sites and landmarks.

For more information visit: [http://www.nybg.org/press\\_releases/NYBG\\_Holiday\\_Train\\_Show\\_2012\\_press\\_release.pdf](http://www.nybg.org/press_releases/NYBG_Holiday_Train_Show_2012_press_release.pdf).

**Wave Hill**, the scenic 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades continues to offer the public a variety of programs involving in horticulture, education and the arts.

Programs are free with admission to the grounds unless otherwise noted. For a listing of programs, go to [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org).

Wave Hill is open all year, Tuesday through Sunday and many major holidays, March 15—October 31. Admission is \$8 adults, \$4 students and seniors 65+, \$2 children 6—18. Free Saturday mornings until noon. Free all day on August Tuesdays. Free to Wave Hill Members and children under 6.

**The Bronx Arts** presents pianist GREGG KALLOR and violinist and BAE 2012 Young Bronx Artist winner MADELEINE MANASSE at the home of Bill and Paul Caplan, 761 West 231st Street on Sunday, November 18 at 3 pm. Music will include Gregg Kallor's SHORT STORIES (violin and piano) and FOUND FOR PIANO, VIOLIN, CELLO, OBOE AND CLARINET as well as Brahms' VIOLIN SONATA NO. 1 IN G MAJOR, Saint-Saëns' INTRODUCTION AND RONDO CAPRICCIOSO and Prokofiev's FIVE MELODIES FOR VIOLIN/PIANO. Tickets are \$25 and include intermission refreshments. For tickets or more information, visit [www.bronxartsensemble.org](http://www.bronxartsensemble.org) or call 718.601.7399.

World-renowned jazz pianist, composer and educator Dr. Valerie Capers will perform a special free concert at the **Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture** in the South Bronx at 450 Grand Concourse

on November 20. The concert, co-sponsored by Hostos, is part of the Bronx Music Heritage Center's (BMHC) popular Bronx Living Legends series, which celebrates artists who are held in the highest regard by their musician peers, their students and their community and who have distinguished themselves as musicians, educators or advocates.

Capers has headlined at Jazz at Lincoln Center, the Monterey Jazz Festival, the Clifford Brown Jazz Festival and at venues internationally, including the Grande Parade du Jazz (Nice), Les Rendez-vous de l'Erdre (Nantes), and the Blue Note in Athens. She has performed with jazz greats Dizzy Gillespie, Mongo Santamaria, Paquito d'Rivera, Ray Brown, and Tito Puente and has given jazz workshops at, among other institutions, Stanford University and the Mozarteum University of Salzburg. A lifelong Bronxite, Capers' compositions and performances have been recorded on five albums. Capers' generous spirit, compassion, and dedication to music education have made her a loved Professor at Bronx Community College and mentor to many other young musicians. Maxine Gordon, jazz archivist, researcher and writer will open the show by interviewing Dr. Capers, who will then perform a set with her 5-piece band.



Photo courtesy of Wave Hill

Flower Garden at Wave Hill post-Hurricane Sandy.

## Temple Hatikva Salute To Israel

Temple Hatikva will be saluting Israel at the Shabbat Service, Friday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. The evening will feature an Israeli-themed Oneg Shabbat directly after the services, stocked with Israeli goodies including chumus, falafel, tehina, pita, Israeli salad and other tasty goodies!

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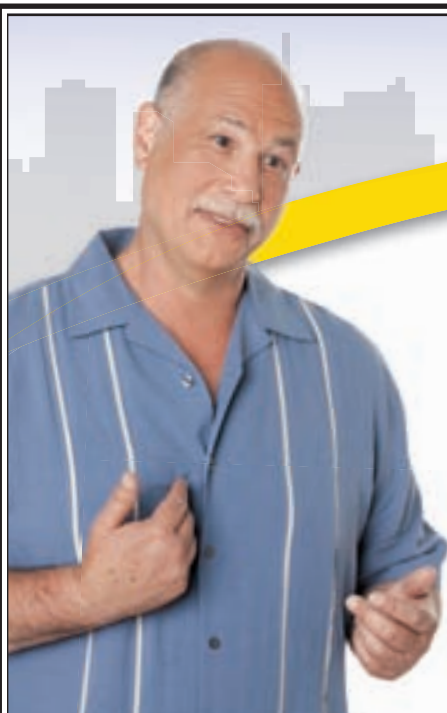
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The Temple Hatikva Adult Education Program, sponsored by the Shalom Jewish Funeral Home, will continue on Sunday, November 18 at 10 a.m. The Adult Ed course is titled

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# Lehman Center Salsa Palooza

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts celebrates its 32nd season with the return of SALSA PALOOZA, featuring three renowned Salsa singers - LA INDIA, TITO ROJAS and FRANKIE NEGRÓN - performing hit after hit from their spectacular careers on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 8pm. Grammy® Nominated La India brings her stunning Latin vocals to the Lehman Center Stage, alongside salsa crooner Tito Rojas and pop vocalist Frankie Negrón for one night only.

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West, Bronx, NY 10468. Tickets for SALSA PALOOZA featuring La India, Tito Rojas and Frankie Negrón on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 8pm are \$60, \$55, and \$45 and can be purchased by calling the Lehman Center box office at 718-960-8833 (Monday through Friday, 10am-5pm, 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 available for \$5.

La India, born in Puerto Rico, grew up in the South Bronx listening to recordings of Celia Cruz and Ella Fitzgerald. Discovered at age 15, she reached #1 on the Billboard Dance charts with hits like "Love and Happiness." In 1992, Eddie Palmieri came to the studio to hear her for himself. When they recorded the amazingly popular Llegó La India via Eddie Palmieri, "The Princess of Salsa" had arrived in the world of Latin music. In 1994 she released her record-breaking album Dicen que soy, which went quadruple platinum in the US and Puerto Rico and resulted in four #1 Billboard Tropical singles and six Top Ten hits. With three GRAMMY® nominations and two Latin GRAMMY nominations, La India per-

formed on Jazzin', the hit album with Tito Puente and the Count Basie Orchestra, and La combinación perfecta, featuring her duet with Marc Anthony. The 2007 Latin Billboard Awards honored her with Best Female Tropical Album of the Year for Soy diferente and Latin Dance Club Play Track of the Year for "Solamente una noche." In 2010 she released her ninth studio album, Unica, and her single "Estúpida," released on iTunes, hit #1 on the tropical Billboard charts. In 2011, she released "Tacialacateo" as a collaboration with DJ Peppe Citarella. "Tacialacateo" peaked at #13 on the Billboard dance chart.

Tito Rojas known as "El gallo salsero" (the salsero rooster), was born in 1955 in Humacao, Puerto Rico, and began his professional music career in the 1970s, recording his first album with Pedro Conga y su Orquesta Internacional. He became lead vocalist with Conjunto Borincuba, led by Justo Betancourt, releasing "Con Amor" in 1978. Embarking



La India, Tito Rojas and Frankie Negrón

on a solo career that year, Rojas recorded with the Fania All-Stars and released a couple of solo albums and the hit song "El campesino" before forming his own band, Conjunto Borincano. As lead vocalist for the Luis Ayala-led Puerto Rican Power, he scored hits with salsa versions of ballads "Noche de bodas" and "Quiéreme tal como soy." In 1990 Rojas resumed his solo career and released the salsa romantica-styled Sensual, followed by Condename in 1992, and A Mi Estilo in 1994. He reached superstardom in 1995 when Por Derecho Propio sold double platinum, and he was awarded both Puerto Rico's Paoli prize for "Best Salsa Artist" and New York's ACE Award from entertainment critics. His success continued with the 1996 hit album Humildemente which included a track in memory of his friend, musical director Sammy Torres, and the following year

with Pal' pueblo, featuring the hit song "Lloro." 1999 saw the release of three hit albums, and in 2002 Rojas and his band recorded Tito Rojas Live: Autenticamente En Vivo in Las Vegas with special guest Roberto Roena on bongos. His 2007 album Sin Commentario and 2009 album Vida are beloved by his fans. His most recent album Independiente was released in 2011.

Frankie Negrón, born in Newark, New Jersey of Puerto Rican descent, debuted in 1997 with the album Con Amor Se Gana, scoring a hit with the single "Inolvidable." After making his Broadway debut in Paul Simon's musical "The Capeman" Negrón, also an accomplished songwriter, resurfaced in 1998 with No Me Compara, followed a year later by Lo Que Llevo por Dentro. Although he owes his musical career to the genre of tropical music, his most recent productions,

Por Tu Placer, nominated for a GRAMMY® Award for "Best Salsa Album" in 2001, and Inesperado, stray slightly from the pure salsa format, vying for some mass market appeal by including a distinctive pop sound to his electrifying salsa groove. His three previous records, Con Amor Se Gana, No Me Compara and Lo Que Llevo Adentro have sold over a million copies worldwide for WEA Latina, the record company that first signed him. He holds four Platinum Record awards, one Gold Record award, one GRAMMY nomination, and two "greatest hits" albums, and his music dominates the airwaves of every Latin American country. His latest album, 2009's Independence Day, received critical acclaim from the New York Times. Negrón has been featured on ABC's "One Life to Live," and sang his Spanish hit "Holding On to Love" on the popular show.

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# Empire City Casino gives a helping hand

New Yorkers know about giving back – and giving each other a helping hand.

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Empire City Casino has continued to do its part, and a few November activities and promotions take it a step further.

On Sunday, November 11, Empire City celebrated Veterans Day with a free lunch buffet for all veterans in the Good Time Room from 11 am-1:30 pm.

The Annual Charity Coat & Toy Drive begins on Friday, November 23, continuing through Sunday, December 9.

Visit the Gotham Palace promotions booth to donate a gently used or new toy or coat. All proceeds will be donated to Catholic charities.

Empire Club members will get the chance to literally "shop right," as existing members will receive \$10 ShopRite gift cards by visiting the promotions booth on either November 8 or 15.

New Empire Club

members will receive \$5 gift cards by visiting the promotions booth the day they sign up. One gift card available per Empire Club

**Empire City celebrated Veterans Day with a free lunch buffet for all veterans.**

member while supplies last.

A Great Grocery Give-away also takes place on the aforementioned dates, as each date presents Empire Club Members the opportunity to be called every 15 minutes to win a \$100 ShopRite® Supermarket Gift card. Empire Club Members must be playing any slot machine with their Empire Club Card inserted at the time of the drawing for a chance to win.

Lucky Ladies Promotions return for all Tues-

days in November, as each eligible female Empire Club member can swipe their Empire Club card at any promotions kiosk to receive one \$7 Free Play voucher and one 10% discount Food and Beverage coupon (excluding alcohol). The Ladies promo continues into the evening in the Entertainment Lounge from 5pm – 9pm. There is a Ladies 2-for-1 drink special and Karaoke starting at 7:30pm.

Stay youthful with the "Forever Young" promotion on all Wednesdays in November. All Empire Club members age 55 or older will have the chance to earn 10 Empire Points on Wednesdays to receive \$10 free play, \$5 food coupon and free valet. Comedy Nights also return every Wednesday in November at 8pm in the Good Time Room. Doors open at 7 pm, and shows begin at 8 pm. Admission is \$5 for Empire Club members, and \$15 for non-members. Elite members will be admitted free. All attendees receive a FREE drink ticket.

## Bronx musician releases recording

Jazz / Pop vocalist and musician Mister Fred has recently announced the release of his full length recording Golden Age.

Renowned for his smooth soulful voice and versatility as a musician, the album displays his abilities both as a singer and songwriter.

The songs vary in style, from a classic soul vibe.

Produced by Andy Bassford and including performances by Grammy Award nominated guitarist Gil Parris; banjo player Eric Weissberg (theme from the movie Deliverance "Dueling Banjos"); tenor sax player Joel Frahm and vocalist Mala Waldron, Gold-

en Age is a gift for music lovers searching for great new songs and music.

The album features thirteen original songs including the rocking R&B tune "Betty ( A Place To Sleep)"; "Green Impala," a swing tune driven by Mister Fred's upright bass; an inspirational folk anthem "Face Of The Dream" and "With You", a swinging big band duet with Mala Waldron.

Mister Fred started writing songs at age nine and sang lead and played guitar at gigs when he was 12.

He has played with the Cornell Jazz Ensemble, the Cornell Symphony and a variety of gigs as a free-

lance bassist.

After 9-11 the bottom fell out of the music world in New York, and after moving to the Bronx, he continued playing with the Bronx Symphony, The Harlem Renaissance Orchestra and freelancing with jazz groups as called.

Over the years, he played with some greats, from masters to younger musicians like Jeb Paten, Joel Frahm, Bruce Edwards, Houston Person, Linda Presgrave, Julian Pressley, and Andy Bassford.

For more information go to: [www.misterfred-music.com](http://www.misterfred-music.com). The CD is also available at: <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/misterfred>.

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# Stroke Awareness – Know the Risks

BY SCOTT SEGAN, MD,  
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In the United States, stroke is one of the leading causes of death. It is also a leading cause of disability in adults. While stroke tends to affect older people, it can strike people of any age.

What is a stroke?

A stroke is a sudden disruption of the brain's blood supply. This causes brain damage which can result in the loss of a person's ability to speak, or paralysis. There is emergency treatment which can significantly reduce the damage and resulting disability, but it is

greatly under used. This is because the treatment has to be given within the first few hours, and people often wait until it is too late. New York State has designated Stroke Centers where this treatment can be given, and St. Barnabas Hospital was the first in the Bronx to be certified.

Warning Signs:

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body
- Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye
- Sudden loss of speech, trouble talking or understanding what others are saying

- Sudden, severe headache
- Unexplained dizziness, unstable walking or falling

If you or anyone you know has any of these symptoms, call 911 immediately to get treatment; don't wait until it's too late to treat. Remember: "Time lost, is brain lost". Act FAST!

Risk Factors:

- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- High cholesterol
- Heart disease
- Smoking
- Previous stroke or TIA

Talk with your doctor about the risk factors for stroke and learn what you can do to avoid having one.

## Fall Depression: Tips/Expert Advice to Get Over Seasonal Sadness

As the fall weather ramps up and the temperatures start to plummet, many people start to feel the effects of the change in seasons in a very physical AND emotional way. The end of the summer can cause huge mood swings and shifts in a person's outlook on the day...and how they go about treating the ones they love. Many caregivers, who are already stretched thin, are even more vulnerable to the season's encroaching darkness. Some may find that the activities that made the summer so enjoyable, whether by themselves or with a loved one, just aren't options this time of year.

So, what kinds of things can you do so you don't "fall" into depression?

The Visiting Nurse Service of New York can offer specific behavioral health experts and nurses to talk about some of the ways your readers can prevent that fall into darkness.

Here are a few sugges-

tions to get the conversation started ...

- Be the squeaky wheel.

If you sense you might be getting depressed, research shows it helps to talk about it. According to a depression fact sheet from NYU's Langone Medical Center, people suffering from depression during this time of year actually receive more support from family and friends. Take advantage of social gatherings to reach out to others, stay connected and get the help you need.

- Do half of what you are supposed to do.

It just might be impossible to accomplish all the things you set out to do. Cut yourself some slack and understand that it is okay if you cut your workload in half to compensate for your declining mood.

- Do good.

Take your mind off your own troubles by helping others in need. If you can manage to squeeze it in,

spend a few hours volunteering at a soup kitchen, or take up a collection of canned goods, second-hand clothes or toys, or round up some friends and go volunteer at a nursing home or children's hospital. The old adage says, "give until it hurts," and sometimes altruism can be the best medicine.

- Eat well.

There is nothing as enticing as a colorful row of holiday cookies and treats, but all the sugar and carbohydrates they contain can zap your energy and then your spirits—especially if combined with too much alcohol. Try to stick to healthy eating patterns, lean meats, leafy vegetables, whole grains and good fats, and keep indulgences to a minimum.

- Get some down time.

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In addition to working twelve-hour shifts beginning at four o'clock in the morning and ending at four o'clock in the afternoon, enduring marathon work periods of sometimes a dozen and a half hours or longer, responding to emergency situations, patrolling devastated neighborhoods in order to prevent looting, and refereeing arguments at fuel-depleted gasoline pumps, New York City's Finest have been issuing a steady stream of valuable information and practical disaster relief advice to New Yorkers throughout these difficult days of hurricanes, "nor-easters," and the aftermaths thereof. Having received via e-mail a host useful bulletins from the N.Y.P.D.'s Community Affairs Bureau, I have culled what I hope will be the handiest of tips for folks still struggling in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and the subsequent snowstorm.

For home and business owners who have a house or a store to straighten up, it is essential that protective clothing be worn. Protective clothing should cover one's hands, arms, feet, and legs. If cut on the hands or any other part of the body, immediate cleanse and protect all wounds with clean bandages in order to preclude any contact with water or debris. One should take proper caution, such as wearing a face mask or other covering over the mouth and the nose to avoid inhaling harmful odors or fumes while cleaning up. Even those with no known risk factors for mold should wear filtering face masks and gloves if intending to do anything more than survey a site.

Caution should be exercised in terms of not stressing one's body. Avert lifting by bending over from the waist in favor of picking up by bending one's knees. Hydrate regularly and do not neglect eating meals. Substitute healthy foods in favor of fast and/or junk foods. Proteins and carbohydrates are preferable to fatty foods of those with high sugar content. Rest on a regular basis and listen to the body. It will let one know when it is time to quit

and to take a break.

Many Bronxites undoubtedly have need to apply for disaster relief aid. In order to do so, contact the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency at 800-621-3362. Those who are hearing-impaired may utilize the telephone number 800-462-7585. These telephone numbers, both toll-free, are available seven days a week until further notice from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. Those who have the capability to go online can use the e-mail address "DisasterAssistance.gov." Smartphone users can visit "m.fema.gov."

Among the types of disaster relief assistance that impacted individuals and family can access through F.E.M.A. are the following:

- Rental payments for temporary housing for people whose homes are in an unlivable condition. At least at first, assistance may be provided for up to three months for homeowners and at least a single month for renters. Additional aid may be extended if requested after the initial period based upon a review of the particular applicant's requirements.

- Grants for home repairs and the replacement of essential household items not covered by one's insurance in order to render damaged dwellings safe, sanitary, and functional again.
- Grants to replace one's personal property and to help address one's medical, dental, funeral, transportation, and other crucial disaster-related needs that not included in one's insurance policies or Federal, State, Municipal, and local charitable aid programs.

- Unemployment payments up to 26 weeks for those workers who temporarily lost jobs because of the hurricane and those individuals, such as the self-employed, who do not qualify for benefits afforded by the State of New York.

- Low-interest loans to cover residential losses not fully compensated by private insurance. Loans may be secured for up to 200,000 for one's primary residence and up to \$40,000 for one's personal property, including one's renter losses. Loans may be obtained for up to two million dollars for business property losses not

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completely compensated by the owner's insurance.

- Loans up to two million dollars for small businesses, and most private, not-for-profit organizations of all sizes that have suffered disaster-related cash flow trouble and that require funds for working capital in order to recover from the disaster's adverse economic impact. Said loans, in combination with monies obtained via a property loss loan, may exceed a total of two million dollars.

- Crisis counseling for those traumatized by the disaster; income tax assistance for filing casualty losses; and advisory assistance for legal, Veterans' benefits, and Social Security issues are some of the other relief disaster benefits that are available from F.E.M.A.

In order to register for disaster relief, the following items are mandatory:

- Social Security Number: One must provide one's Social Security Number. If one does not have one, a household may still be eligible to receive assistance if there is a minor child in the household who is a United States Citizen, a Non-Citizen National, or a Qualified Alien with a Social Security Number. If an owner registering for a business, (s)he must enter the Social Security Number of the responsible party for the business. The Social Security Number serves only as an identifier.

- Insurance Information: One will be asked to identify the type(s) of insurance coverage (s)he has.

- Financial Information: One must submit his/her family's gross total household income at the time of the disaster.

- Contact Information: Along with the address and telephone number of the site where the damages occurred, one must give accurate contact information to F.E.M.A. so that the agency can get in touch. It is very important that one provide F.E.M.A. with the proper and current mailing ad-

dress, telephone number(s), mobile phone number(s), and e-mail address at which one can be contacted.

- Electronic Funds Transfer (E.F.T.) Direct Deposit Information): If one is judged eligible for assistance, one can opt that funds for disaster aid be transferred directly to one's personal account. Individuals choosing this option will be asked for all current banking information, including the name of one's banking institution, the type of one's account as well as said account's routing and account number.

Individuals and families seeking disaster assistance must complete a DECLARATION AND RELEASE FORM (O.M.B. Form #009-0-3) and mail it to:

United States Federal Emergency Management Agency, Individuals and Households Program, National Processing Service Center, Post Office Box #10055, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782-8055 or fax said form to 1-800-827-8112. Assistance in filling out this document can be obtained



by telephoning the F.E.M.A. Helpline at the toll-free number 1-800-621-3362.

The City of New York has also taken several important and practicable steps in helping those afflicted by Hurricane Sandy. Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg this week inaugurated "N.Y.C. RESORE," a comprehensive, new initiative designed to provide one-stop locations for Municipal Recovery Services as well as for Federal Disaster Relief. By going to the Municipal Website at "nyc.gov," or by calling "3-1-1," New Yorkers can ascertain where N.Y.C. Restoration Centers are located; obtain help in getting F.E.M.A. disaster aid; learn where prepared food is available; see where there is an overnight shelter; locate a daytime warming center; see a list of medical van locations; be informed of school closure information; learn about F.E.M.A. workshops being offered for not-for-profit (N-F-P) institutions; and get the schedule for ferry service to and from the Rockaways. New York City is also spon-

soring a program called "N.Y.C. RAPID REPAIRS," another novel program to assist in making one's home safe for return, under which the City works with contractors in order to assess damage to a home due to Hurricane Sandy and to undertake the necessary repairs so that an individual or a family can safely return home. It is a program for property owners. Further, the New York City Department of Buildings (N.Y.C.D.O.B.) is available to supply information about making repairs and restoring power to one's home. Said information, along with that pertaining to "N.Y.C. RAPID REPAIRS," is available thru the website "nyc.gov" or by calling the Municipal Non-Emergency Information Hotline at "3-1-1."

At times such as this, we need good citizens and good neighbors to see our way through tragedy. In this vein, we are all capable and can all do are share. Let's be generous in doing so.

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## Hurricane drop off at Salesian

Salesian High School in New Rochelle today announced it is now an official drop off center for individuals to donate needed items for the American Red Cross relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Sandy.

In conjunction with American Red Cross, Salesian High School is accepting donations of canned

goods, non-perishable items, clothing and cleaning supplies, which are currently in high demand. If you would like to donate, just stop by school. Your donation provides critical support to those in need.

Salesian High School will collect the donated items and then forward them on to the American

Red Cross distribution hub that is based in Staten Island.

Salesian students are also in the midst of the NHS Thanksgiving Food Drive through November 20 to collect canned goods, cereal items and other non-perishable goods for families in need. Financial donations are also being accepted.

## Co-op City College/Career Fair

Questioning what you want to be when you grow up? Head over to the Co-op City Operation College and Career Fair.

Co-op City, Riverbay Fund will sponsor the First Annual College and Career Fair.

The fair, the first of its kind in the Bronx, will be held at 177 Dreiser Loop Auditorium on Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The appeal to elementary students is due to the new emphasis placed on college and career readiness for all students through the Common Core State Standards which are to be implemented in schools this year.

According to Evelyn Turner, Riverbay Corporation Board Member, "Co-op City is the largest residential development in the U.S., created through the Mitchell-Lama program to serve middle and upper middle income families and individuals of diverse backgrounds. Located in

the Northeast section of the Bronx, Co-op City has more than 50,000 residents many of whom have children attending grades 3 through 12 that deserve a fair chance to gain better access to stellar academic advice and financial resources to help them succeed in the future."

Preparing students for higher education opportunities is a necessary focus for parents, communities and all schools.

The Co-op City Operation College and Career Fair will offer one-on-one educational advice and informational resources to help students and their parents navigate the educational system and better compete beyond high school.

Students and parents will have the opportunity to interact with college representatives, certified admissions counselors and qualified test preparation advisors.

There will also be concurrent interactive workshops for students covering

College Saving Plans, Scholarships, Grants, and Financial Aid. Also available will be free 2013 High School and Specialized Schools Directories.

A partial list of the nations' best higher learning institutions participating are: Bethune-Cookman University, Johnson C. Smith University, Dillard University, (New Orleans, La) North Carolina Central University, Morgan State University, Harvard, Wellesley, Hunter Bellevue School of Nursing, Monroe College, College of New Rochelle, Ithaca College, Mercy College, William College, Kingsborough Community College, Lehman College/CUNY, Hartwick College, Bronx Community College, Berkeley College, The College of Westchester and more.

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# Bronxites reach out to neighbors

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from his 13th district, and supplies, to the hardest hit areas.

“It was a very rewarding experience for the people we sent, and I think that people here in this neighborhood - we went through inconvenience and we have issues, no doubt - but in comparison we were lucky because the way the storm ended up hitting, the Bronx was spared,” said Vacca. “We are the kind of neighborhood where people come out in droves to help.”

Diaz also visited Staten Island on Monday, Nov. 12.

“It was extremely heart wrenching to see firsthand the damage left by Hurricane Sandy on Staten Island,” he said. “It is a scene of immeasurable devastation, with homes completely destroyed, in addition to widespread flooding.

“I walked through areas where residents were still clearing debris and

standing among ruins while putting on extra layers of clothes to battle the cold. This is the time where New Yorkers need to stand together to provide much needed support to one another.”

Diaz said the Bronx was the least hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy and urged the people of the borough to support Staten Island as brothers and sisters by volunteering their time or even making a small donation.

## SHIP HOME FOR FEMA WORKERS

At SUNY Maritime, the school's training vessel Empire State VI has become home to Federal Emergency Management Agency workers, including doctors and nurses, members of urban search and rescue and K-9 teams.

Most of their relief work was mainly on Staten Island, said school spokeswoman Jane Bartnett.

“Despite its own damage and difficulties, the

campus has become a beacon for hundreds of recovery workers and disaster response personnel,” said SUNY's chancellor Nancy Zimpher, “opening its facilities on both land and sea to provide them with food, shelter, and safety.”

SUNY Maritime Admiral Wendi Carpenter said that she was proud that the school community was doing its part to aid during the Sandy cleanup.

## DISPLACED STAY AT BORO SHELTER

The Franklin's Avenue Women's Shelter has become home to 500 displaced families, many from Far Rockaway.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, Morrisania Assemblyman Eric Stevenson, The Salvation Army's Major Foley, Peace Island Institute, the Bronx Pakistani community, as well as other elected officials and their representatives delivered some 500 hot meals, clothing, toiletries and blankets there.

“We want them to be



Photo courtesy of Borough President Diaz's office

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. joins several volunteers unloading a truck of supplies provided by the American Red Cross at a relief center on Staten Island's Midland Beach.



Photo courtesy of St. Barnabas

Hospital staff from St. Barnabas fanned outside the Bronx to help in Sandy recovery efforts. Here, Dr. Paul Chu and Dr. Sherrill Fay help put back a home in the Rockaways, Queens.

as comfortable as possible with this crisis” said Stevenson.

The shelter normally houses about 200 women.

“Instead of feeding just the displaced, we will feed the entire shelter,” said Stevenson

Stevenson was joined by Congressman Jose Serrano, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, Councilwoman Letitia James, and mayoral candidate William Thompson Jr.

Also in attendance were members of the Volunteers of America and New York Lawyers Legal Assistance Group.

## PS 71 DRIVE

Margherita DiSalvo and Kendra Larson, fifth grade teachers at PS 71 at 3040 Roberts Avenue, are hosting a drive to collect cleaning supplies, school supplies, toiletries, medical supplies like bandages and gauze pads, and baby products for victims of Superstorm Sandy.

Family and friends can bring supplies to the inner courtyard of the school from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17. The community is welcome to bring their own donations. No food on this drive.

## PITCHING IN

Even though the island was pretty battered itself,

the City Island Chamber of Commerce graciously donated \$100 to the Red Cross to help with Sandy relief.

## TEMP HOME AT LEHMAN COLLEGE

The APEX gym and athletic facility at the college was opened up during Superstorm Sandy, to become temporary home to about 200 people who had been evacuated from the Rockaways in Queens and other locations.

Many were still there as of Tuesday, Nov. 13.

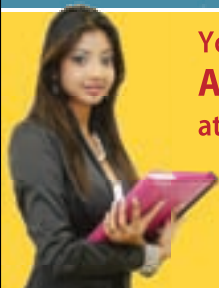
Among those staying at Lehman College are residents of an assisted living facility in Rockaway.



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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the removal of spray-on fireproofing at Roberto Clemente State Park, Bronx, New York, will be received by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) - New York City Region at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building at 163 West 125th Street - 17th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10027 until **2:00 p.m. local time, December 11, 2012** when they will be publicly opened and read. Each bid must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a certified check, bank check, or bid bond in the amount of:

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David Brito, Deputy Regional Director (212-866-2794)  
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There will be a pre-bid meeting on **November 27, 2012 -10:00 a.m.**, within the Conference Room at the Activities Building - Roberto Clemente State Park. **All RFI's are due by 2:00 p.m. on November 29, 2012** (RFI's received after this date will not be processed).

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Schervier Nursing Care Center team.

# Schervier Nursing Care team walks to end Alzheimer's

Bon Secours New York Health System, Schervier Nursing Care Center, in the Riverdale section of The Bronx, participated in the 2012 Walk to End Alzheimer's with a dedicated team of 38 employees, friends and family members. Held on Sunday, October 21, 2012, in Manhattan, the walk which is the nation's largest event to fight Alzheimer's disease raised \$810,000 to support the Alzheimer's Association, raising awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care and research.

Unified in customized green t-shirts marked "Providing Good Help for Lasting

Memories," the Bon Secours New York team walked the two mile course together and raised more than \$800 for the cause.

"As a long-term care facility, we see the effects of Alzheimer's in our residents and friends, and know firsthand how devastating and challenging the disease can be for everyone involved," said Stephen Kazanjian, director of Mission at Schervier Nursing Care Center. "We're dedicated to helping those in need, both locally in our community, and on a global level as well. With a worthy cause so close to our hearts, we look forward to walking

in solidarity with our neighbors and participating in this event for many years to come."

The Walk to End Alzheimer's educated participants on the disease and offered information on local support groups. The event also featured several interactive exhibitors, including a Kids Korner with activities for the participating children, and the 2012 Doggie Dugout for the four-legged walkers. Participants also enjoyed the amenities, playgrounds, and dog runs in Riverside Park.

Striving to raise funds for research and to enhance support for individuals af-

ected, Schervier's team also aimed to create awareness of its Center for Alzheimer's and Dementia Care, in addition to promoting the importance of good health and exercise.

For more information on the Walk to End Alzheimer's, or to make a donation, visit <http://bit.ly/UMtotV>. To learn more about Schervier Nursing Care Center's other

community initiatives, or to learn more about the services Schervier provides, visit <http://www.scherviercares.org/>.

## Gjonaj assists in It's My Park Day

The Mark Gjonaj "yellow clad we care" campaign was at it again, this time in Bedford Park & Norwood, assisting in "It's My Park day."

Gjonaj joined with Northwest Bronx president Anthony Riviaccio and Bedford Mosholu Community Association president Barbara Stronzer and The New Friends of Mosholu Parkway Group to tag team and beautify Bedford Park and Norwood.

While the Bedford Park side of Mosholu Parkway was being swept, planted

with flowers, cleaned and maintained by over 50 people from Webster Ave to E. 204th Street, and the Norwood side, represented by long term resident Norma Jean Scully and a team of residents sweeping the north side from Webster Avenue to Bainbridge Avenue, the Gjonaj team took on the hardest park of the project; The Mosholu Parkway bridge.

Since June, members of NWB have indicated many long term problems of the neighborhood and Gjonaj in his capacity as a resident has delivered.

"Mark cares, and has shown this on many levels, including, on a temporary basis, replacing the just released Doe Fund based sanitation clean up crew with his "Gjonaj Cares sanitation crew" said Scully. "Norwood looks so much cleaner."

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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

## Hot Stove Thoughts

The Mets shouldn't consider going after Melky Cabrera. Even though I always liked him, I feel that a PED user needs a full year to get his body back- think Giambi.

I hope the Yanks sign Kuroda, Swisher, Martin, Soriano, and Pettitte while keeping an eye open for a starter who could eat innings.

### Week 9

Pgh (5-3) 24  
Giants (5-3) 20

The "Cardiac Kids" didn't do it this time. The Steelers were the team that had the 2nd half comeback.

In fact, the Giants only ran 9 plays (3 3&outs) in the 4th quarter for -18 yards. Pgh showed why they have the top-rated pass D- Eli had a QB game rating of 41.1. The team rushed for 68 yards making good on only 2 out of 10 3rd down situations. This also was a week where it was NY that blew a 20-10 lead in the 4th quarter. The Giants were terrible, terrible covering punts and kicks.

Put this game aside and move on.

### Were They Kidding

Thursday night's basketball game between the Knicks and the Nets was finally postponed Tuesday afternoon after a lot of back and forth.

Ian O'Connor (ESPNNY.com) had a good take, "Lives,

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# No repeat magic for Kennedy

BY JOE PANTORNO

It was far from a repeat of the regular season match up between Kennedy and Brooklyn Tech. There a last second goal line stand gave Kennedy a victory. The playoff meeting was not similar. Host No.8 Brooklyn Tech dominated No. 9-seeded Kennedy 36-0 in the opening round of the PSAL Championship division football playoffs Saturday.

"I thought we came in with the right plan, but the ball just didn't bounce our way," said Kennedy coach Danny Lanberg. "I guess if there was a day to melt down you didn't want it to be today but it happened."

Kennedy, which was shut out for the first time this season, could only muster 122 yards of total offense as mental lapses proved to be a huge problem. An interception and a fumble complimented a plethora of penalties on offense including three false starts on a single drive.

"There were so many times that we shot ourselves in the foot," Lanberg said. "It just felt like we were going backwards on offense."

The defense had plenty of problems of its own as Brooklyn Tech (7-2) found success in both the air and on the ground. Kennedy (5-5) allowed Tech's James Gales to rush for 159 yards and two touchdowns, one of them 92 yards as the senior left a wake of



Kennedy's Josue Luciano runs up field against Brooklyn Tech.

Arthur De Gaeta

broken tackles behind him.

Not only do we get our first playoff win, but it's against a team we narrowly lost to," Gales said. "It's definitely gratifying."

While the defense had problems, special teams did not provide much help either, allowing Tech's Kareem Ellis to return a

punt 61 yards for a touchdown.

"Special teams, which has been our strong point all season let us down too," Lanberg said. "Brooklyn Tech just exposed us when they could."

Despite the loss, Kennedy looks to bring back a majority of its team as a young core prom-

ises a bright future for a side that had a tough day in Brooklyn.

"I'm excited for the offseason, I'm excited to see these guys in the weight room," Lanberg said. "I'm looking forward to seeing our players build on this. This is a great experience for them to build upon."

## Thanksgiving games still on despite CHSFL postponements

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The CHSFL postponed its quarterfinal round in the Class AAA and AA playoffs a week for a second time because of teams having little to no practice time follow Hurricane Sandy and the recent snow.

"[Wednesday] was pretty much a drop dead date," league president Chris Hardardt said.

The CHSFL's Long Island schools did not practice for 10 days since the hurricane hit and the league and its principals felt it would not be prudent to have them play with just two days of

practice. The city schools also had limited practice time

The delay will not affect any games involving CHSFL teams on Thanksgiving Day. That includes Mount St. Michael vs. Cardinal Hayes, Xavier against Fordham Prep, St. Francis Prep taking on Holy Cross and Xaverian facing Bishop Ford. There was a thought of doing away with the games because of the circumstances, but the game's importance helped kept them being played.

"We want to preserve the tradition of Thanksgiving,"

Hardardt said. "We know how much it means to the schools and the league."

To makes things easier the Class AA brackets will be arranged so that if Mount and Hayes or Fordham Prep and Xavier win their first round contest then their traditional Thanksgiving game would also be the semifinals. If not the teams will play on Thanksgiving and then plays its semifinal game on a Tuesday at the best available site with lights if need be.

That could affect Holy Cross and St. Francis Prep, which are

playing for the first time on Thanksgiving, as they are playing in the AAA and AA playoff respectively. The five days in between games is the same teams face when playing in the championship and then playing on Thanksgiving. By state rule the football season needs to end by Dec. 1. Bishop Ford beat Cardinal Spellman 38-0 and Christ the King topped St. Peter's 28-20 in Class A semifinals in lone games played this week.

"We were trying to find away to make it viable for everybody," Hardardt said.

# Goalkeeper Camejo sends Clinton to first ever semifinal

BY MIKE MCAVOY

Goalkeeper Ziggy Camejo remained calm, cool, and collected as his Dewitt Clinton team headed to penalty kicks against John Adams.

Those three words could not describe his coach, Andrea Milsome, who sweated it out watching her team in the PSAL Class boys soccer quarterfinals on Randall's Island Sunday afternoon.

Camejo helped ease his coach's anxiety as he stopped three of the five shots he faced, including the final two, to give fourth-seeded Clinton a 3-2 win on penalty kicks over No. 5 John Adams, after playing to a 1-1 draw in regulation. The win moves Clinton (14-1-2) to semifinals for the first time in school history to face defending champion Martin Luther King.

"I've said it since the beginning," Milsome said. "He's one of, if not the best goaltender in the city."

Camejo, guessed which way Mamadou Balde's shot was heading on Adams'

final chance. He leaned to the right and the ball came right to him. As the ball bounced off Camejo, he attempted to run away from the joyous celebration. Unsuccessful, he found himself on the bottom of a dog pile, as yells of "One step closer," rang throughout field.

"I was just thinking, 'I got this' the entire time," Camejo said.

Through three playoff games, Camejo has only surrendered one goal, living up to the high praise from his coach. Early in the second half, he picked up a yellow card for jarring with a referee, but the senior goalie regained his composure in time.

Arcange Nemblin, Darren Harris, and finally Maximillian Ojeda scored the Governors penalty kick goals. With the penalty kicks knotted up a 2-2, Ojeda kicked one past Spartan's keeper Henry Gonzalez, into the lower right corner.

"I don't get nervous in front of the goal, especially

if it's that close," Ojeda said with a laugh. "It's all about placement and confidence."

Ojeda never doubted that Camejo would relinquish the lead that he gave to the Governors after his penalty kick.

"I told everyone on the sidelines not to worry, that Iggy had it," he said.

Rajay Miller scored the Governors goal in regulation. He received a one-timer from a corner kick, shot across the net and scored in the 30th minute. Ronald Castro David scored the Spartans (12-2-1) regulation goal in the first minute of play.

Confidence is echoing throughout the Governors. Milsome and her players have extended their goal now that they are in the semis. Clinton is thinking title.

"My goal in the beginning of the season was the semifinals," Milsome said. "In all honesty, that goal has moved forward. I believe we're a championship team."

# Columbia Prep upsets Riverdale, ends two-year reign as NYSAISAA champs

BY JOE PANTORNO

Utter shock and disbelief. That was the only way to sum up the look on the faces of the Riverdale girls soccer team. The two-time defending NYSAISAA champions were beaten in the quarterfinals on a free kick goal one minute from time as Columbia Prep came away with an improbable 1-0 victory in The Bronx Sunday.

"A number of things just didn't happen for us today," said Riverdale coach Orlando Osorio. "Luck wasn't on our side today."

Despite dominating possession for a majority of the game, Riverdale could not seem to break down the Columbia Prep (15-1-1) defense. They came close on a few occasions. A free kick pinballed around the box and hit the crossbar in the 11th minute and star midfielder Zoe Clark tried to will her offense to a win, but could not find the final ball. Riverdale

(11-4-1) out shot Columbia 9-6 and also had the advantage in corner kicks 5-0, but couldn't get the ball past Columbia Prep keeper Ella Rubin.

"We were outplaying them, but we were not playing as well as we normally do," Osorio said. "I don't know why, maybe because we haven't practiced as much [because of the hurricane]."

Clark, bound for the University of California next season, ends her career with an injury filled season that has plagued Riverdale all year. The last two seasons, both unbeaten campaigns had gone off without a hitch.

"She [Clark] is a player that comes around once every ten years or so," Osorio said. "But it was just a frustrating season to deal with all of these injuries."

Izzy Branco-Lo proved to be the hero for Columbia Prep as her touch on the free kick in the 80th minute sent the ball off the crossbar and

into the back of the net. The Lions lost to Riverdale in last years quarterfinals

"It was amazing, it was absolutely unreal," said Branco-Lo. "Riverdale has been our list since two years ago... something I've been dreaming of since pre-season."

Not only was the victory an upset, but for Columbia coach Andy Chappell, it was "the biggest win in program history."

While Columbia moves onto the semifinals, Riverdale is left with the sour taste of an early playoff exit for a year, but Osorio is proud of his team for their resilience.

"It was tough to overcome these injuries and to lose the first three games of the season," Osorio said. "These girls picked themselves up, dusted themselves off and took things one game at a time. It's really a testament to their winning spirit."

## Hurricane Sandy cancels NYUL Football game at Yankee Stadium

The New York Urban League and the New York Yankees have announced the cancellation of the 2012 Football Classic that was to be played at Yankee Stadium on Saturday, November 17.

Following discussions with the NYUL and participating schools, officials from each of the organizations felt that it was overly important for the Yankees, NYUL and the New York metropolitan area to focus on relief and recovery efforts in this time of challenges and suffering caused by Hurricane Sandy.

"On behalf of the New York Urban League Board of Directors and staff, we would like to thank the fans for their continued support and understanding in this matter," said

Arva Rice, New York Urban League President and CEO. "Though the decision to cancel this year's game was necessary, what remains unchanged is our commitment to providing scholarships to college hopefuls."

Fans with tickets for the 2012 Football Classic should visit [www.nyulfootballclassic.com](http://www.nyulfootballclassic.com) for instructions on how to receive a full refund.

"After speaking with the New York Urban League, it was apparent that we both reside in a metropolitan community that needs all of our attention and resources focused off the playing field," Yankees Chief Operating Officer Lonn Trost said. "The continued work of the New York Urban League with

our community youth is very important, but the decision to cancel this year's Football Classic was the appropriate one given the current need of our neighbors."

The New York Urban League exists to provide critical resources to underserved populations of color. The Football Classic has been one of their signature events for more than four decades. The annual game provides an opportunity for the community to come together to ensure that future generations have access to quality education. Since 1968, the NYUL has been able to assist more than 4,000 students of color with college expenses totaling over \$20 million through its Whitney M. Young, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

## Special boxing class held by NYPD Boxing team to promote fitness

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ilies of fallen officers and for their "Cops and Kids" program.

The NYPD Boxing team has expanded to fighting other Police Departments in the United States as well as England, Spain, Hungary, Nicaragua and Canada. They also have a legendary battle of the badges yearly between NYPD and FDNY in the Madison Square Garden.

On Friday, November 2 at 7:30pm, Lieut. Dave Siev held a special boxing class at Jai Faith Fitness using a speed-bag, punch-

ing bag and putting the attendees through a serious workout.

The goal of the class was to spark interest in the Bronx community in fitness as well as instill excitement for community relations with the NYPD Boxing Team.

There is no other Boxing class in the Bronx being taught by the NYPD Boxing team.

For more information about the "NYPD Boxing Class" or any other fitness programs at Jai Faith Fitness, log onto [www.JaiFaith.com](http://www.JaiFaith.com).

# Rams avenge loss to Terriers

## Head to CHSAA city final

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Fordham Prep's regular season loss to St. Francis Prep has gnawed at them since the four-goal defeat in which it gave up six goals ended in early October.

"The whole team took that personally," Rams defender Paul Meara said. "It fueled the fire for the rest of the season."

It all culminated with Fordham Prep feeding off that feeling and holding the Terriers scoreless in a 1-0 win in the CHSAA Class AA intersectional boys soccer semifinals Sunday at St. John's University's Belson Stadium. The Rams, the defending CHSAA state, advanced to play Molloy in the final on Tuesday night. It lost to SFP in that game last season.

"We were focusing on this game for the rest of the season," Meara said. "It's nice to get revenge, but it's really nice to come out here and get to the final for the second year in a row."

Fordham Prep has the hot play of senior

forward Khalil Reid. He fed a cross to Pat Quirke to put the Rams up 1-0 in the 19th minute. Reid, who had two goals in an Archdiocesan final win over Regis, had a chance to put the game away early on a breakaway, but hit the cross bar in the 55th minutes. He didn't let it discourage him.

"He's at another level now," Fordham Prep coach Pete McNamara said... "He's been electric at times too."

Reid responded by finding the back of the net with a 20-yard blast to make it 2-0 in the 67th minute. The low diving shot is something he's been working on. The score came just after St. Francis Prep had a goal waved off because of a handball in the box.

To see the shot go at the keeper and dip under him was the greatest feeling after all that work," Reid said.

Terriers coach Franco Purificato felt his team beating Fordham 6-2 during the regular season was the best thing for the Rams



Fordham Prep's Jack Siebecker (r.) dribbles the ball.

Photo by Yinghao Luo

and the worst thing for his squad, which gave a flat effort. The Fordham Prep backline of Rob Horvath, Chris DiMarco, Peter Ciaccia, Meara and goalie Cam-

eron McGowan made scoring chances hard to come by.

"The back four played the best they've played all season," McNamara said.

In after a satisfying victory Fordham Prep knew it could not let up after getting some revenge on the Terriers. There is still the business of a city title at

hand. "We still got job to do," Meara said. "We are still going to come in strong for the final, hopefully get that win too."

# AFC Rapids soccer highlights and results

BY THE SHADOW

The delivery men from Loretta's served the pizza cold to Alfie's Place, 4-0. The tips were collected by Nicholas Apicella(2) and Lauren Catherall(2). There was a team effort pushing the "O" from Daniel Arciulo, Christos Argyros, Liam Tighe and Anthony Malgshti. The star of the match was Luke Mullane and Angel Cruz on defense.

The mariners from S & J Marine "torpedoed"

Lasting Impressions, 3-0. The three explosions hitting midship were sent in by the Von Kessel brothers, Chris(2) & Steven(1). Filling the tubes were Michael Crorkin, Angelo Gugliaro, Paul Mutze and Mark Panco. The "D" was supplied by Arty Claudio, Joe Leidy, James Altobelli, Pat Baumgardner, Charlie bGender and Greg Pollack. The shutout was pitched by Blaise Narcisco.

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but Schuyler Hill F.H. did not receive a refund, 1-0. Danae Dookie scored the lone goal with an assist from Emma Carrillo. Correcting the 1040 were Sita Kone, Sara O'Keefe and Nicole Carrillo. The erasers were Rebecca Cerini, Charlyann Casali and Nikki Spinola.

The sportsters from Side Street solved Advanced Solutions, 2-1. Both goalswere scored by Ralphie Pulitano. Top performers on offense were

Andrew Bulla and Hailey Badalato. Stellar defensive players were Asbrina Rocco and Skylar Leonard. The keeper, Dominick Del-franco mad a spectacular save on a point blank shot.

Isabella Carting "secured" Al-Boro Security, 2-0. Moving all the refuse was Danielle Brown with both goals. The support cast on the offense were Susle Malshyti, Steven Purcell, Jayleen Resto and Nataliy Coley. The wall on defense was formed

by Sara Vukic, Steven Ditanoso and Kayla Pagan. Lauren Colon had the shutout.

The pasta was delicious, as Macaroni Kid defeated Barino's Market, 5-0. The scoring was shared pretty evenly for the "Ronzone" men, Adonis Kurtovic(2), Arielle Justine(2) and Joseph Healy(1). Boiling the water were Grace Mutze, Christopher Schober, Aid-an Rodriguez and Rene Serrano. Setting the table

were Norysa Nelms, Kevin Killeen and Reina McNeil.

The Knights of St. Frances "buried" McNulty's F.H., 2-0. The knights that scored were Ryan Canela and Miranda Loughrey. The offensive squire was Jade Haney and defensive page was Gabrielle Connolly. For McNulty's the top performers were Jillian Barnett, Anthony Paraquelles, Joseph Lisant, Christian Perez, Cece Cullen, Madison Loggott and Kylie Dundon.

# Pipe Dreams: Interesting quote; replay rant

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homes and entire neighborhoods were destroyed in the storm, yet some voices out there suggested New Yorkers could use this opening night inside the brand new Barclays Center as a temporary sanctuary, a place to hide from the pain.

As if a traumatized family of Knicks fans from Breezy Point might feel a bit better after watching Carmelo Anthony jack up 25 shots against the Nets." After Bloomberg pulled the plug on the game, Brett Yorkmark released this statement, "'Our hearts go out to everyone affected by Hurricane Sandy. We know these are trying times for so many of you and our thoughts are with you."

"It would have been a terrible mistake to play Thursday's Nets season's opener in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. If your heart

was going out to everyone affected by the hurricane, Brett, why didn't you apply a little common sense and decency to the process and fight for the postponement of the game?" said O'Connor

That sound you hear in the background is the rumble of drums promoting the next Knicks-Nets meeting.

This rivalry is starting to form up to be one of great interest. The Knicks have started the season 3-0. But, I somehow doubt that they won't go 82-0.

### Interesting Quote

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) passed this along, "Brad Dickson of the Omaha (Neb.) World-Herald, after WWE rasserler C M Punk accidentally slugged a spectator: 'Ironically, this was the only fan who left the arena thinking that pro wrestling is real.'"

### Rant On Bloviating

The Sports Cur-

mudgeon, who is a fellow member of Grumps-R-Us, delivered this rant about Rex Ryan's hot air production (I wish it could be harnessed to heat some of Sandy's victims). "I have gotten tired of hearing Rex Ryan say after every Jets' loss - or even after some wins where the offense looked miserable - that he is sticking with Mark Sanchez because he is convinced that Sanchez is a great QB and gives the team the best chance to win. Since Ryan's job depends on the team winning, he will always use the QB that he thinks gives the team the best chance to win. To do otherwise would be to act in opposition to his self-interest and football coaches are not designed to do that. Football coaches may not be MENSA candidates, but they have mastered the art of enlightened self-interest. At the same time, Rex Ryan needs to take a deep

breath and get away from a microphone for a moment and think about the fact that he finds it necessary to make the statement that he is confident in Mark Sanchez and thinks he is a great QB at least a couple of times a month. Coaches do not have to do that for QBs who are actually great; QBs who are actually great let their play on the field make those kinds of statements most eloquently.

Mark Sanchez is not a great QB. In fact, he is probably in the Bottom 10 when it comes to starting QBs in the NFL in 2012. However, he is a better QB than his back-up, Tim Tebow, has ever shown himself to be. Therefore, Ryan should stick with Sanchez as long as Sanchez is vertical and taking nourishment and he should also stop with the bi-weekly (at least) affirmations that Sanchez is his starter and a great QB.

### Replay Rant

The Sports Curmudgeon talked about potential drawbacks of instant replays. "Do not even think about the idea of using instant replay for blocking/charging calls in basketball unless you want to have officials watching super slow motion replays about 20 times a game... That last comment also points to another liability that comes with instant replay. The games are meant to be entertainment. Each sport has a pace or a rhythm to it; basketball - outside the final two minutes - is a quicker game than baseball. That is not a value judgment; that is a fact. However, even the slowest baseball game ever played would become a terminal bore if the umpires had to leave the field to go view something on instant replay once every half inning."

**Not Cancelled  
By Sandy**

Greg Cote (Miami Herald) talked about the latest NHL cancellation. "The NHL canceled its Winter Classic, latest casualty of the ongoing lockout. Said the organizer of the Winter Classic: "It's like losing the Super Bowl." Said everyone else: "Um, no it isn't."

### BTW

Was it Mayor Bloomberg or the NY Road Runners Club who was responsible for the cancellation of the marathon?

### Late Night Conan Tip

Dwight Perry passed along this tip from Conan O'Brien: "The Lance Armstrong saga continues, with the IOC now saying Lance's bronze medal from the 2000 Olympics could be in jeopardy. 'A little tip for the IOC,' noted TBS's Conan O'Brien. "If Lance was on steroids and he came in third, you might want to take a peek at the guys with gold and silver.'"

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BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON

They may enhance your performance on the toss, but energizing sports drinks won't do the same for your winning smile, scientists say. Researchers found that some juices and energy drinks are so acidic that they can weaken the teeth after just a few mouthfuls. Taking regular sips during one day is enough to weaken the surface of a tooth, the scientists warned. The effects are even worse if you brush your teeth straight after taking a swig. Powerade, Gatorade, Vitamin Water, SoBe Life Water and Propel Fitness Water were all found to cause damage. The research now follows the rising popularity of energy drinks as well.

High in sugars and acids, these drinks are designed to replace minerals and liquid lost during exercise - and to boost the athlete's energy. But past studies have shown that many are more corrosive than cola. Their ingredients can be problematic - mainly the citric and ascorbic acid added to improve flavor and prevent the drink going "off." Acid erodes the tooth's enamel coating and trickles into the bone-like material underneath, softening the tooth. If left untreated it can cause severe damage - and even tooth loss, the New York University researchers found.

Professor Mark Wolff, who led the study, said: 'This is the first time that the citric acid in sports drinks has been linked to erosive tooth wear.' His team looked at the effects of a sports drink on cows' teeth, which close-

ly resemble human teeth. Half a tooth was dunked in a sports drink, the other half in water. 'Five teeth were immersed in each drink for 75 to 90 minutes to simulate the effects of sipping on sports drinks over the course of the day,' said Dr Wolff. When compared, the fragment exposed to sports drink had a 'significant amount' of erosion and softening, they told the annual meeting of the International Association for Dental Research, in Miami. Brushing teeth immediately after having a drink can make the problem even worse, as the softened enamel is much more vulnerable to abrasive chemicals found in toothpaste. In 2004, British dentists found that fizzy drinks double the chances of a 14-year-old suffering tooth erosion, which is more serious than tooth decay. Decay occurs when sugar reacts with bacteria in plaque to attack the areas between, or on top of, teeth. Erosion happens when the smooth, hard enamel is eaten away by acids, exposing dentine, the substance that makes up the bulk of a tooth, or even its root.

Lucozade Sport said: 'Sports drinks are functional drinks designed to keep people hydrated and refuelled during exercise. To avoid any dental issues we advise that it is not sipped or swilled around the mouth, but swallowed

# Dental Diary

quickly.' A spokesman for Gatorade's Sports Science Institute said: 'This study does not replicate real life as the teeth were studied outside of the mouth.' Ohio State University conducted a real-life study, the most comprehensive to date, and concluded that there is no relationship between the consumption of sports drinks and dental erosion.' You decide!

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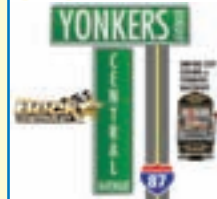


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