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## Torres, the Freshest of New Faces in Bronx Politics



Photo by Ruvi Lopez

**RITCHIE TORRES**, center, talking to his campaign staff on primary night, became the first openly gay candidate to win a major Bronx election last Tuesday. With his victory in the general election all but assured, Torres will replace Joel Rivera as councilman in the 15th Council District and become the borough's first gay elected official in January.

By ALEX KRATZ

As midnight approached outside of Ritchie Torres' campaign headquarters in Belmont, a half dozen political soldiers basked in the dim, orange light, happily drinking, smoking and trading war stories. After an exhaustive Democratic primary campaign in the Bronx's 15th District that ended in success last Tuesday night, there was nothing left to do but relax and enjoy the moment.

More than an hour earlier, with the results heavily tilting toward Torres, the 25-year-old former housing director for east Bronx Councilman Jimmy Vacca and his team declared victory in one of the wildest Bronx City Council races in recent memory.

While some of his campaign staffers and supporters, celebrated — all of them giddy, some of them drowsy — Torres hustled around the room like he just drank a Red Bull, displaying the "youthful energy" he says will help him serve the Belmont, Fordham-Bedford, Tremont, West Farms and Crotona areas he will represent once the formality of the general election is out of the way in November. (Democrats out-number Republicans 11-1 in the Bronx, making the primary the de facto election night.)

In the wake of his win over five opponents, including the current Councilman Joel Rivera's chief of staff, Albert Alvarez, another candidate named Joel Rivera, and a woman who gave birth on the campaign trail, Torres paused and reflected.

"It feels like an honor," Torres said. "I feel like one of the big problems in the Bronx is that we've seen politicians treat elected office as if it's a property right. I won't do that. I'm on

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## Hockey Legend to Head Armory Ice Complex

By ALEX KRATZ

In 1994, when Mark Messier helped lead the New York Rangers to the team's first Stanley Cup title in 54 years, he was given the loftiest of nicknames: "The Messiah."

Now, after recently becoming the CEO of the Kingsbridge National Ice Center, which is poised to open inside the Kingsbridge Armory in 2017 as the largest ice sports complex in the world, he may need a new nickname: The Messenger.

Starting with the city's land use review process — which began with a public hearing and Community Board 7 voting 22 to 5 in favor of the plan on Tuesday night at Lehman College — Messier will be sending a message to city officials, the public and investors that a massive ice center in the Armory will be a huge boon for kids, the local community, the Bronx,

the greater New York City area and ice sports in general.

"He's going to be the face of KNIC," said one of the group's partners, Jonathan Richter, who will shepherd the

project through the land use review process, which includes stops at Community Board 7, the Bronx borough president's office, the City Council and, finally, the mayor's office.

Richter and Messier aren't expecting to encounter much resistance during the review process, which must be completed because the Armory is owned by the city.

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Photo by Adi Talwar

**THE DEWITT CLINTON** Governors football team (2-0 record) pulled off an incredible 30-28 comeback victory at home against Port Richmond on Sunday, capped by this diving 2-point conversion by sophomore quarterback Brandon Harris in double overtime. For more photos visit [norwoodnews.org](http://norwoodnews.org).

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# 2013 Primary Election Results

*The Board of Elections released preliminary results for all of the primaries held on Sept. 10. Below are preliminary results in selected Bronx and citywide race. The results should be certified in the coming days or weeks. Winners were declared in each race, except for the 86th Assembly District, which was too close to call. A recount of all ballots in the district, which includes University Heights, Morris Heights and Mt. Hope, is under way.*

### Mayoral Democratic Primary

Bill de Blasio: 260,473 votes (40.33%)  
William Thompson: 169,451 votes (26.23%)  
Christine Quinn: 100,020 votes (15.49%)  
John Liu: 44,972 votes (6.96%)  
Anthony Weiner: 31,874 votes (4.93%)

### Mayoral Republican Primary

Joe Lhota: 29,807 votes (52.51%)  
John Catsimatidis: 23,108 votes (40.71%)  
George McDonald: 3,851 votes (6.78%)

### Comptroller Democratic Primary

Scott Stringer: 287,798 votes (51.98%)  
Eliot Spitzer: 265,866 votes (48.02%)

### Public Advocate Democratic Primary

Letitia James: 175,080 votes (35.93%)  
Daniel Squadron: 161,541 votes (33.15%)  
Reshma Saujani: 73,358 votes (15.05%)  
Cathy Guerriero: 63,479 votes (13.03%)  
Sidique Wai: 13,855 votes (2.84%)

### Bronx Borough President, Democratic Primary

Ruben Diaz: 58,505 votes (83.80%)  
Mark Escoffery-Bey: 11,313 votes (16.20%)

### N.Y. Assembly District 86, Democratic Primary

Victor Pichardo: 1,195 votes (22.70%)  
Hector Ramirez: 1,123 votes (21.33%)  
Yudelka Tapia: 1,000 votes (18.99%)  
Haile Rivera: 885 votes (16.81%)  
Melanie Johnson: 469 votes (8.91%)  
Elizabeth Ortiz: 400 votes (7.60%)  
Kenny Nunez: 193 votes (3.67%)

### City Council District 11 (Northwest Bronx including Kingsbridge, Riverdale)

Andrew Cohen: 7,306 votes (67.75%)  
Clifford Stanton: 3,477 votes (32.25%)

### City Council District 12 (Wakefield, Edenwald, Baychester, Co-op City)

Andy King: 8,336 votes (57.16%)

Pamela Johnson: 4,700 votes (32.23%)  
Lenford Edie: 822 votes (5.64%)  
Adeyemi Toba: 725 votes (4.97%)

### City Council District 14 (Northwest Bronx including University Heights, Kingsbridge Heights)

Fernando Cabrera: 3,873 votes (74.99%)  
Israel Martinez: 1,292 votes (25.01%)

### City Council District 15 (Fordham-Bedford, Belmont, East Tremont, Bathgate.)

Ritchie Torres: 2,589 votes (36.07%)  
Joel R. Rivera: 1,519 votes (21.16%)  
Cynthia Thompkins: 1,487 votes (20.72%)  
Albert Alvarez: 665 votes (9.27%)  
Raquel Batista: 524 votes (7.30%)  
Joel Bauza: 393 votes (5.48%)

### City Council District 16 (Highbridge, Morrisania, Mount Eden, Melrose)

Vanessa Gibson: 4,284 votes (43.40%)  
Pedro Alvarez: 1,659 votes (16.81%)  
Carlos Sierra: 1,436 votes (14.55%)  
Daryl Johnson: 767 votes (7.77%)  
Naaimat Muhammed: 659 votes (6.68%)  
Carlton Berkley: 596 votes (6.04%)  
Bola Omotosha: 470 votes (4.76%)

## New Face of Armory Ice Complex

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The mayor's office and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. have supported the project from the beginning. It was only after KNIC officials said they were interested in the Armory that the city's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) issued an RFP for the long-vacant landmark.

Local Councilman Fernando Cabral, then-Community Board 7 Chairman Paul Foster and members of the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance (KARA) all endorsed the project after KNIC entered into a community benefits agreement with KARA and signed a letter of intent with the city back in late April.

The board and borough president's role in the review process is advisory. Only the City Council and the mayor's office have the power to shut a project down.

In 2009, the community board approved a proposal to turn the Armory into a giant shopping mall, although its approval was contingent upon the developer, The Related Companies, signing on to a community benefits agreement. Related wouldn't agree to pay workers at the proposed mall a living wage, so a benefits agreement never got off the ground.

The borough president's office and KARA launched a campaign in opposition of the shopping mall project and it died in the City Council. It marked the only time in Bloomberg's tenure as mayor that the Council voted against a land use project he supported.

On top of its nine ice rinks, 5,000-seat arena and 450 parking spaces, the ice center proposal and benefits agreement includes 270 permanent living wage jobs, 50,000-square-feet of rent-free community



Photo courtesy KNIC

**HOCKEY LEGEND** Mark Messier, the new CEO of the Kingsbridge National Ice Center, talks to the media at Lehman College.

space and revenue sharing that will be pumped back into the local economy. Experts have said the benefits agreement is the strongest and most ambitious in New York City history.

Messier, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2007, understands all of that. But he is more concerned about how it will impact the kids in the community. He can't wait to get them out on the ice.

For the past four years, Messier had worked for the Rangers as a special assistant to the general manager. In June, Messier interviewed for the team's va-

cant head coaching position, but the Rangers went in a different direction. A couple of days after the team announced its new coach, Alain Vigneault, Messier resigned.

Although it was assumed that Messier felt slighted and wanted out, Messier claims he wasn't bitter, saying in a statement, "I am resigning my position with the team to pursue an opportunity to expand the game of hockey in the New York area by developing the Kingsbridge National Ice Center (in the Bronx)."

In an interview last week, Messier said he wanted to use the Armory to build a buzz around the game of hockey, just like there was after the Stanley Cup title in 1994.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for me to take an incredible experience that I had in 1994 in New York, turn it around and create something that is sorely missing in this city — ice space."

Messier, who grew up in Edmonton in Canada, said his father is an educator who has coached youth hockey for most of his life and continues to do so in Connecticut at the age of 77. Often, Messier said, he trained the most disadvantaged of kids.

"That's what we want to do here in the Bronx," he said. "Inspiring kids who may never have had the opportunity and getting them to play hockey."

### Public and Community Meetings

- COMMUNITY BOARD 7 Youth Services/Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee meeting will be held on Friday, Sept. 27 at St. James Recreation Center, 2350 Jerome Ave., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (718) 933-5650 or visit bronxcb7.info/calendar.

- The 52nd PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL will hold a meeting at St. James Episcopal Church, 2500 Jerome Ave., on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call (718) 220-5824.

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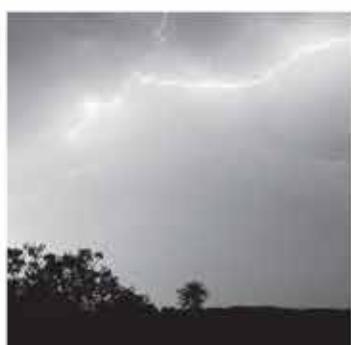


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# Torres, the Freshest of New Faces in Bronx Politics

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the path to becoming this district's representative in City Hall and I will treat that responsibility as the central vocation of my life."

Sitting in his wheelchair outside the campaign office, supporter Ronn Jordan, a longtime grassroots activist with the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition who has butted heads with the Bronx's most powerful politicians over the years, said Torres would breathe fresh air into the borough's political scene.

"He's the future of Bronx politics," Jordan said. "He'll be a champion for justice like we've never seen before."

Torres, who is the first openly gay candidate to win a high-profile Bronx political race, was one of three Democratic candidates who are poised to take over Bronx Council seats being vacated by term-limited members.

In the 11th District, which includes Norwood, Bedford Park, Riverdale, and parts of Kingsbridge Heights, Woodlawn and Wakefield, party favorite Andrew Cohen breezed to victory over businessman and activist Cliff Stanton by a 2-to-1 margin.

In the 16th District, which includes Highbridge, Morrisania, Mt. Eden and Melrose, former assembly member Vanessa Gibson easily defeated her six opponents.

Meanwhile, Council incumbents Fernando Cabrera, Andy King, Melissa Mark-Viverito, Annabel Palma and Maria del Carmen Arroyo all withstood primary challenges.

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz,

Jr. easily held off a late charge from businessman Mark Escoffrey-Bey.

On Monday, a week after the primary, Diaz's pick in the Democratic mayoral race, Bill Thompson, who finished second on primary day, conceded to first place finisher Bill de Blasio. With de Blasio tallying just over 40 percent of the vote, which is the threshold for an outright victory, Thompson had said he would wait to see if a recount in his favor would force a runoff between the top two candidates.

But on Monday, after mounting pressure from fellow Democrats, Thompson

## In the 86th Assembly District race, opponents claimed massive irregularities in the voting process.

said he would step away from the race and throw his support behind de Blasio. Later on Monday, Diaz followed suit and endorsed de Blasio, who is the current public advocate for the city. De Blasio will face off against former MTA Chairman Joe Lhota, who won the Republican primary.

In the 86th Assembly District, which includes University Heights, Morris Heights and Mt. Hope, Victor Pichardo, a DeWitt Clinton High School grad who most recently worked for State Senator Gustavo Rivera, emerged from the primary with a narrow lead of about 1 percent-

age point (72 votes) over Hector Ramirez. Two other candidates, Yudelka Tapia and Haile Rivera, were both within six percentage points of Pichardo.

Pichardo's opponents claimed massive irregularities in the voting process in the district, including at least one broken machine that only had one working lever for an 86th Assembly District candidate — Pichardo. They were also upset that Pichardo's mother was assigned to and worked at the PS 33 polling site on Jerome Avenue, which is one of the district's busiest sites.

Ramirez, Rivera and their supporters held a rally last Friday to protest the allegedly shoddy results and place blame on the Board of Elections and the Bronx Democratic Party, which has influence at the BOE and supported Pichardo.

"This community deserves clean and fair elections," Haile Rivera said in a statement. "I firmly believe there's enough evidence to conclude that Pichardo's campaign, including his former boss State Senator Gustavo Rivera and the Bronx Democratic Party, went above and beyond the law to make sure their candidate wins."

As of press time on Tuesday, the Board of Elections was still in the middle of doing a manual recount of all the 86th Assembly ballots. A full recount isn't expected to be completed until later this week.

The 11th and 15th Council District races were also touched by controversy.

In the run-up to primary day, both races were heavily influenced by the enormous spending of the Jobs for New York Political Action Committee (PAC), which

is spearheaded by the real estate lobby and had spent nearly \$7 million on city elections as of Aug. 30, the last reporting deadline. The winners in both of those districts — Cohen and Torres — benefited from its spending.

Jobs for New York had spent \$175,412 on pro-Cohen efforts and \$46,176 against Stanton in the 11th District race. In total, the money nearly doubled the sum both candidates spent on the race themselves.

In the 15th District, Jobs for New York used \$267,212 on behalf of Torres and \$110,655 in attacks against his closest rival, Joel R. Rivera.

Cohen and Torres were widely endorsed by unions and other Bronx elected officials and say they will be progressive on housing issues in their districts. Both say they will not be influenced as Council members by the real estate lobby.

Back in Belmont, Torres said the PAC money didn't win the race for him. "I truly believe, no amount of mailings made the difference," he said. "It comes down to hard work and we knocked on doors every single night to bring our message to the voters."

Inside the campaign office, Janice Walcott, the president of the Allerton Coops, a major housing complex in the district, was barely keeping her eyes open and her ride was leaving. On her way out, she had a few nice words for her candidate, calling him "a great guy."

"I'm tired," she said, when asked how it felt to win. "But I'm high."

She added, "Now I'm gonna hold his feet to the fire."



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**POLICE HEAD** into St. Brendan's Church after a man shot himself in the chest in the sanctuary.

## Man Survives Suicide Attempt at St. Brendan's

By DAVID GREENE and ALEX KRATZ

Call it divine intervention.

A 53-year-old man who shot himself in the chest inside the sanctuary at St. Brendan's Church in Norwood on a recent Friday morning is expected to survive, police said.

The unidentified man, who wasn't recognized by church leaders as a member or frequent visitor, is being treated at St. Barnabas Hospital.

Inspector Joseph Dowling, the commander of the 52nd Precinct, said the wounded man was discovered by two people who were coming into the sanctuary to pray on the morning of Sept. 6. The pair alerted someone on the maintenance staff who called for an ambulance.

The man apparently turned a gun into his own chest and fired. Investigators are treating the case as a suicide attempt, Dowling said. The man may have hid in the sanctuary the night before shooting himself. A police spokesperson said, "It appears that he hid himself before it was closed."

Dowling said they don't know the man's address and believe he may be homeless. Although the man did have an arrest history, Dowling said there wasn't anything "major" on his record.

Father George Stewart, the pastor at St. Brendan's, declined to comment. The Archdiocese of New York didn't reply to a request for comment.

"It's a minor miracle," said one church member. "The fact that he did it in a church means he's a believer." The elderly woman, who did not want to give her name, added, "Now he has a second chance."

## Woman Murdered, Boyfriend Charged

Police charged a Norwood man with murdering his girlfriend in the early morning hours of Sept. 11.

At around 12:30 a.m., police say someone called in a report of a female shot inside of 5676 DeKalb Ave. They discovered Cleopatra Lovelace, 30, unconscious and unresponsive with a bullet wound in the back of her head. She was declared dead at the scene.

Also at the scene was Lovelace's boyfriend, Frederick White, 42. Police took him into custody and eventually charged him with second degree murder and criminal possession of a weapon.

Few people knew the couple, who only moved into the building a few months earlier.

"I was in complete shock," said one resident of the quiet building, who declined to be identified. "They would come and go, but no one had time to get to know them."

—DAVID GREENE

## Police Seek Webster Shooting Suspect

Police have released a photo of a suspect wanted in connection with the daytime shooting of a victim at East 204th Street and Webster Avenue on Sunday, Sept. 1.

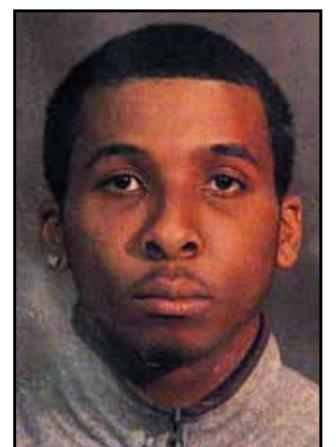


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**SUSPECT JONATHAN RUIZ**

Jonathan Ruiz, 21, whose last known address was 3150 Decatur Ave., is described as a Hispanic male, 5-foot-6, 165 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

According to the flyer, Ruiz should be considered, "armed and dangerous."

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## Fall Tips for Asthma and Allergy Sufferers

As summer comes to a close, with kids back in school and preparation for fall begins, don't forget to consider fall allergies. An estimated 35 million Americans suffer from seasonal allergies, which in the fall begin in late August and peak in September.

For those with fall allergies, three triggers typically occur — ragweed, indoor allergens and infections.

"During the summer, people experience the lowest incidence of allergies and asthma so they feel better and stop taking their allergy medications. But they should start taking them again in early September to prevent symptoms before they start," said David Rosenstreich, M.D., director of the allergy and immunology division at Montefiore Medical Center.

One of the biggest culprits for fall allergies is ragweed. In the fall, ragweed releases pollen into the air and this continues until frost kills the plant closer to winter. Most prevalent in the Eastern and Midwest states, ragweed causes an allergic reaction commonly called hay fe-

ver and results in symptoms that include itchy eyes, nose and throat, sneezing, stuffy or runny nose, tearing or dark circles under the eyes.

An allergy symptom is the result of the immune system overreacting. It mistakes the pollen or other allergy trigger as a foreign invader and attacks it, which leads to the release of chemicals called histamines into the blood. The histamine travels through the blood and latches onto histamine receptors on other cells, causing them to swell. This inflammation causes many familiar allergy symptoms.

Another trigger for allergies during the fall is due to people staying indoors more and they are therefore exposed to allergens like pet dander, dust and mold. Several precautions to consider include:

- Maintain an allergen free environment at home.
- Focus on your bedroom: Keep your pets out, eliminate the rug because it collects dust and avoid feather pillows.
- Make sure the fireplace is well-venti-

lated and be careful of any leakage.

- Keep basement and bathroom dry to avoid mold growing in these damp areas of the house.

- Have your heating system cleaned to avoid dust mites when you first turn on the heat.

The third trigger is infections and the flu, which affect the body's immune system and cause it to release antibodies and histamines to fight them off. The flu vac-

cine is recommended to help reduce the risk of getting sick, but it's even more important for people who suffer from asthma or other lung conditions.

"There's no reason for people with allergies to suffer," Dr. Rosenstreich said. "As long as you take the proper precautions, you should be able to enjoy the beautiful fall weather and make the most of family time in your home."

**Source:** Montefiore Medical Center

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# Opinion

## Op-Ed

# Don't Try Our Youths as Adults

**By REVEREND QUE ENGLISH**

15-year-old Peter A. was sentenced to life without parole for felony murder. Peter had joined two acquaintances of his older brother to commit a robbery. He was waiting outside in a van when one of the acquaintances botched the robbery and murdered two victims. Peter said, "Although I was present at the scene, I never shot or killed anyone." Nevertheless, Peter was held accountable for the double murder because it was established during the trial that he had stolen the van used to drive to the victims' house. Life without parole.

DB's first touch with the Juvenile Justice system came at the age of 15. His tumultuous period of involvement with Family, Criminal and Supreme courts did not cause him to spend a lifetime in prison, but instead fueled his passion. He is currently a BSW student at Lehman College. He has participated in various social change coalitions and plans to create a non profit organization that will focus on providing alternatives to youth who have been involved with the Juvenile Justice system.

As co-founder of both the Bronx Clergy Roundtable and the New York City Clergy Roundtable, and president of the Bronx Clergy Criminal Justice Roundtable, I have the arduous task of encountering on a daily basis the injustices that teenagers face. One such injustice is the automatic prosecution of youth as adults when they turn 16. New York State is the only state other than North Carolina where 16-year-olds are prosecuted as adults -- and this is bad for public safety and it's bad for the almost 50,000 children a year who end up going through the adult system.

Studies have shown that children who are transferred

to the adult system have a much higher recidivism rate - approximately 34 percent more re-arrests than children who stay in the youth system.

Youth in adult facilities are at the greatest risk of sexual assault. And they are often beaten by staff, face emotional abuse -- a contributing factor to the fact that these young men and women are 36 times more likely to commit suicide in an adult facility than in a juvenile facility.

But too many of our elected officials have been silent in the face of this problem. Their silence has been a form of violence perpetrated against our young people. The children who end up going through the adult system, the majority of them of color, are stripped of their dignity, their dreams and their aspirations. Until we turn toward a more restorative and rehabilitative model, it will only get worse.

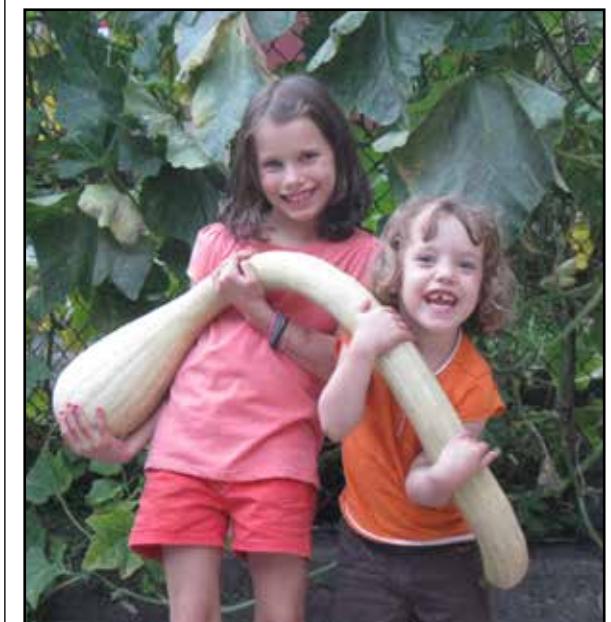
Children must be held accountable for their actions and we must offer help for both the victim's family and the perpetrator. But the adult system is punitive rather than rehabilitative, which opens the door to higher rates of recidivism. Neither justice nor public safety is being served by treating them as adults.

The brain science is clear -- adolescents respond well to interventions. And if children get the right interventions, they can set themselves on the right path.

These issues are not going to be fixed solely by raising the age at which youth are treated as adults. But it is an essential first step. I urge you to join me in calling on our elected officials to raise the age, doing your part to raise our youth, and finding ways to ensure that our children get the healing, direction, love, increased support systems, better education and safer communities they not only need but desire.

*Rev. Que English is the senior pastor at Bronx Christian Fellowship.*

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**SHOSHANA, 9, and Dalia, 4, Hirschmann** came home from vacation to their home on Putnam Place in Norwood to discover an out-of-control zucchini. No word yet on whether the zucchini was taking performance enhancing drugs.

A flyer for the Montefiore Hospital Youthmarket. The background is a vibrant collage of various colorful fruits and vegetables. In the top left corner is the Youthmarket logo featuring a green apple and the words "Youthmarket", "HEALTHY", "FRESH", and "LOCAL". In the top right corner, text reads: "The Friends of Van Cortlandt Park thank the Partnership for a Healthier NYC and FreshConnect for their support!". The main title "Montefiore Hospital Youthmarket" is in large red font. Below it, "Montefiore Hospital, back entrance on E 210th St" is in black font. The market hours "Open Thursdays July 11th-November 21st 1pm-7pm" are listed. To the left of the hours is a blue-bordered image of a New York State EBT card labeled "BENEFIT". To the right of the hours is text about payment methods: "Cash, EBT/Debit/Credit and WIC & FMNP Checks accepted at this farmers market." Below this is a blue Twitter icon followed by the URL "twitter.com/NYCyouthmarkets". At the bottom, there's a "grow NYC" logo with the words "GARDEN · TEACH · RECYCLE" around a green apple, and the text "Healthy · Fresh · Local" followed by the website "www.grownyc.org/youthmarket" and the phone number "OR CALL US AT 212.788.7476". The bottom left contains the text "Brought to you by GrowNYC in collaboration with Friends of Van Cortlandt Park".

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By DAVID GREENE

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**Michael Drawery**



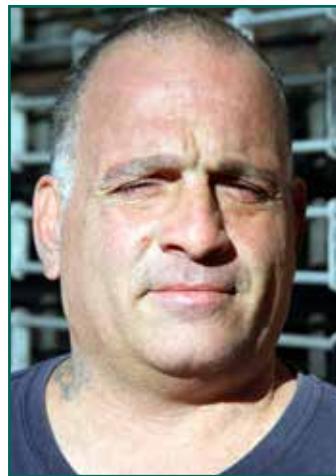
The libraries are a very important thing to these communities. We need more libraries, not less. So we need to keep the funding coming to keep them open for our young people and the old.

**James Holiday**



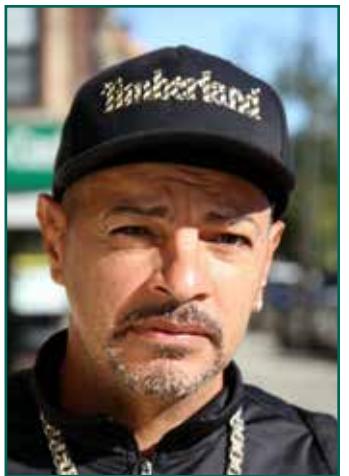
Stop-and-frisk is an important issue. We also need to keep the taxes low so people keep spending.

**Domingo Perez**



I'd like to earn more money, pay lower taxes ... and not get shot on my way home.

**John DeGiudice**



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## Free Health Workshops

Montefiore Care Management is offering free interactive workshops for patients and their family members and caregivers, as follows: For diabetes: Sept. 24, noon to 2 p.m., at MMG Bronx East, 2300 Westchester Ave.; Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to noon, at MMG Grand Concourse, 2532 Grand Concourse (2nd floor conference room); and Sept. 23, 2 to 4 p.m., at the Co-op City Community Center, 177 Dreiser Loop (2nd floor, room 8). Workshop for chronic kidney disease will be held Sept. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at MMG Greene Medical Arts Pavilion, 3400 Bainbridge Ave. For more information, call (800) 636-6683.

## Back to School Fair

The Children's Hospital at Montefiore, 3415 Bainbridge Ave., will host a back-to-school fair where families can learn about health, child-life programs, and nutrition, on Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the CHAM 2 lobby. For more information, call (718) 741-2357.

## Breast Cancer Support Group

Jacobi Medical Center, 1400 Pelham Pkwy. So., and SHARE (self-help group for women with breast or ovarian cancer) are hosting a support group for women recently diagnosed with breast cancer, are undergoing treatment, and those who have completed treatment. Meetings are from 1 to 2 p.m., on Fridays, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, and Dec. 20. For more information, call (718) 918-4318 or (866) 891-2392.

## MMC Health Events

Montefiore's Children's Hospital Tishman Learning Center, 111 E. 210th St., presents Sickle Cell Awareness Day, free, on Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grand Hall. Events include information on the latest pain management therapies, self-care strategies, a patient panel, as well as refreshments and arts and crafts for children. For more information or to register, call (718) 741-2342. Also scheduled are breast and cervical cancer screenings, free if you qualify, on Oct. 5 at MMC's Einstein Center for Cancer Care, 1695 Eastchester Rd., Montefiore Medical Park, Outpatient Medical Oncology, 1st floor, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to register, call (718) 920-7265.

## Mental Health Forum

Bronx Health Link presents its annual forum on "Perinatal Women and Mental Health in the Bronx: How Women Cope," on Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Lin-

coln Medical and Mental Health Center, 234 E. 149th St. in the Conference Center on the first floor. Issues concern women's mental health during pregnancy and the postpartum period. For more information, call (718) 590-2648.

## Seniors Fitness Program

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## Free Breast Cancer Screening

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dresses who have not had a mammogram in 12 months. The Bronx YMCA New Americans Welcome Center, 2125 Glebe Ave. will hold a screening on Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call (877) 628-9090.

## Peace Day Ceremony

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## Obamacare Meeting

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more information and tickets, call (718) 960-8833.

■ Pregones Theatre presents **Dancing in My Cockroach Killers**, Sept. 19 to Oct. 13; Thursdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m.; and Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 1:30 p.m.; at the Puerto Rican Traveling Theatre, 304 W. 47th St. (between 8th and 9th avenues), in English with Spanish subtitles. For more information, call (718) 585-1202.

■ The Bronx Music Heritage Center Lab, 1303 Louis Niñé Blvd., presents **Bronx Rising! Music, Film & Spoken Word of the Borough**: Singer Jacqueline Flowers on Sept. 19 at 8 p.m.; film, "Salty Dog Blues," and Q&A on Sept. 20 at 8 p.m.; and **book presentation**, "Speak English: The Rise of Latinos in Baseball" on Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation for each is \$5. Programs are subject to change. For more information, visit info@bronxmusic.org.

■ The Woodlawn Conservancy presents free **Bardekova Ensemble Concert**, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m., featuring classical and contemporary music, at Woodlawn Cemetery's Woolworth Chapel, at the Jerome Avenue entrance. For more information, call (718) 920-1469.

■ The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents the **Sonido Costeño Trio in Concert**, Sept. 21 at 2:30 p.m. For more

information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org).

## Events

■ The public is invited to **The Bronx Native-American Festival**, free, Sept. 22 from noon to 4 p.m. at Pelham Bay Park's south picnic area, to celebrate the native cultures of the Americas, including music, storytelling, food and dance. For more information, call (718) 430-1891.

■ Manhattan College, West 242nd Street near Broadway in Riverdale, presents **author Mary Gaitskill**, Sept. 23 at 5 p.m., in Hayden Hall, room 100; and **annual Costello Lecture**, Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m. in Smith Auditorium. For more information, call (718) 862-7546 for author; and (718) 862-7129 for lecture.

■ Poe Park Visitor Center, 2640 Grand Concourse, presents a number of family events in September, including **Learn to Draw**, Sept. 19 at 3 p.m.; **Seasonal Crafts**, Fridays at 3 p.m.; **Arts and Crafts**, Wednesdays at 3 p.m.; and **Stretching and Toning**, Thursdays at 10 a.m. **ESL Classes** are offered every Saturday at 9 a.m. and **Poe Cottage tours** are held Saturdays and Sundays. A **printmaking workshop** for children ages 6 to 12 will be held Sept. 21 (seating is limited; register in advance). For more information or a detailed schedule, call



This Saturday, as part of the annual Jerome-Gun Hill BID Festival, there will be a free all-star Latin jazz/salsa tribute concert for the late Ibrahim Gonzalez, a multi-talented musician, artist and activist who lived in Norwood and passed away this past spring. The tribute starts at 2:30 p.m. It will be directed by Grammy-nominated percussionist Bobby Sanabria and includes a star-studded

ensemble of Gonzalez's friends and colleagues. The tribute highlights the street festival, which will be held on Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jerome Avenue between East Gun Hill Road and Mosholu Parkway. Other highlights include more concerts, a celebrity hoops game, food stands, chess and dominoes tournaments, free health screening, kiddie rides and over 100 vendors. For more information, call (347) 640-0104 or (718) 324-4946.



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■ Moshulu Montefiore Community Center, 3450 DeKalb Ave., senior citizens program, presents **Jewish Sizzlin' '60s at the Brownstone**, Sept. 19; **line dancing**, Sept. 25, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.; and **Oktoberfest at Platzl Brauhaus**, trip to Pomona, N.Y., Oct. 2 (leave at 9 a.m. and return by 5 p.m.; \$60). For more information, call (718) 882-4000.

■ Woodlawn Conservancy presents **monthly guided tour** at Woodlawn Cemetery: Full Moon (Sept. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m.; bring flashlight); and **walking tour**, Revolt of the Actors, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. Tours are \$15/adults, discounts for members/seniors/students; Enter at the Jerome and Bainbridge avenues entrance. For more information, call (718) 920-1469.

■ Visions' (services for the blind and visually impaired) Bronx Advisory Board invites the public to **Mix It Up**, to join "celebrity" bartenders as they display their mixology talents, Sept. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Tosca Marquee Rooftop Garden, 4034 E. Tremont Ave. (\$25 includes hors d'oeuvres and networking opportunities.) All proceeds will support Visions' free programs and services in the Bronx. (\$12.50/ticket is tax deductible; make checks payable to Visions). For more information or to RSVP, call (212) 625-1616 ext. 135.

■ The NY Botanical Garden presents its **Greenmarket**, farmers market at the base of the Library Allee inside the Moshulu Gate entrance, Wednesdays through Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (718) 817-8658.

■ Wave Hill, a Bronx oasis at 675 W. 252nd St. in Riverdale, offers **Family Arts Projects**:

Last Summer Sun Prints, to make silhouettes from leaves and other natural materials, Sept. 21 and 22; and Be a Bee, to wear wings, antennae, a pollen cup and a kazoo to buzz with, followed by a parade at 12:30 p.m. (weather permitting), Sept. 28 and 29; both at the Wave Hill House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grounds admission is free Saturdays until noon all year, and free until noon in September. Glyndor Gallery **tours** take place Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m.; garden **walks** are held Tuesdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., from the Perkins Visitor Center. For more information and a schedule of events, call (718) 549-3200.

■ The Bronx County Historical Society's Bronx Archives Building, 3313 Bainbridge Ave., presents free lecture, **History of the Bronx Latino**, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. (National Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 to Oct. 15); and **13th Annual Golf Outing**, Sept. 26, at Pelham Bay Park's Split Rock Golf Course, to support the Society: Registration and breakfast 10 a.m., shotgun start 11 a.m.; and cocktail reception and awards dinner 4 p.m. Fee is \$150/dinner only; \$350 per player includes golf and dinner. For more information, call (718) 881-8900.

## Exhibits

■ The Bronx County Historical Society's Museum of Bronx History at the Valentine-Varian House, 3266 Bainbridge Ave., presents **Pastimes & Pleasures: Having Fun in the Bronx**, through Oct. 20. For more information, call (718) 881-8900.

■ The Bronx Council on the Arts invites the public to its free **Governors Island Art Fair**, featuring works by Bronx visual artists,

Saturdays and Sundays in September in Nolan Park, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The free Governors Island Ferry departs from the Battery Maritime Building at 10 South St. adjacent to the Staten Island Ferry. For more information, visit [www.4heads.org](http://www.4heads.org) and [www.4heads.org/visitors](http://www.4heads.org/visitors). BCA also presents **Esther Pagan: My Colors of Cancer** and **In the Headlines: Latino New Yorkers 1980-2001**, opening Oct. 2, as part of BCA's First Wednesdays Bronx Culture Trolley, at Hostos College's Longwood Art Gallery, 450 Grand Concourse (at 149th Street), through Dec. 20. For more information, call (718) 931-9500 ext. 33 or (718) 518-6728.

■ The Bronx Documentary Center, 614 Courtlandt Ave., presents **Refugee Hotel**, Sept. 28 to Dec. 1, Thursdays to Sundays, 2 to 7 p.m. (opening reception is Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m.). Exhibition chronicles refugees during their first night in the United States and their lives in resettlement. For more information, call (718) 993-3512.

■ Visiones Culturales presents **Passages: A Collective Art Exhibition**, Sept. 26 to Oct. 10 (opening reception is Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m.), free, at the Andrew Freedman Home, 1125 Grand Concourse. The exhibition includes many cultural events and art workshops for the community, dance, and music. For more information and a detailed schedule, call (646) 281-3402.

## Library Events

■ The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents programs for adults including **Single Stop/Government Benefits at 9 a.m.**: Sept. 19, 24, 26, Oct. 1 and 3; **Heritage Arts & Crafts**: (advance in-person

registration required), Sept. 20 at 2 p.m.; **MS Word 2010 for Beginners**: Sept. 24 at 2 p.m.; **A Day of Inspiration**: To support our physically disabled veterans, Sept. 26 at 9:30 a.m.; and **Hispanic Film Festival**: Sept. 28 at 2:30 p.m., in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Teens/young adults can attend **Movies at 4 p.m.**: Sept. 19 and 26, and Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.; and **Chess at 4 p.m.**: Sept. 23 and 30. Children can enjoy **film**: Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.; **Preschool Story Time at 11 a.m.**: Sept. 19 and 26; **Puppet Making**: Sept. 26 at 4 p.m.; and **Reading Aloud**: Oct. 1 at 4. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org).

■ The Moshulu Library, at 285 E. 205th St., offers for seniors and adults: **Knitting Circle**: Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.; **Wii Program**: Tuesdays at 3 p.m.; and **MS Excel for Beginners**: Sept. 26 at 12:30 p.m. Children can enjoy **Reading Aloud at 4 p.m.**: (ages 3 to 12), Sept. 23; **Arts and Crafts at 3:30 p.m.**: (ages 5 to 12; all materials provided), Sept. 24; and **Toddler Story Time at 10:30 a.m.**: (ages 18 to 36 months), Sept. 19 and 26. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.

■ The Jerome Park Library, at 118 Eames Place, offers for children: **Kids' Active Health at 4 p.m.**: (yoga and zumba), Sept. 27; **Cooking**: Sept. 30 at 4 p.m.; and **Chess**: Oct. 1 at 4 p.m.; (all for ages 5 to 12). For teens, there is: **Cooking at 4 p.m.**: Sept. 19 and Oct. 3; and for adults: **Computer Basics at noon**: Sept. 19, 24, 26, Oct. 1 and 3; and **Microsoft Word for Beginners**: Sept. 25 at 1 a.m. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

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