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Photo by Adi Talwar

**A BATTERED TREE** lies along Mosholu Parkway in the days after Hurricane Irene. Downgraded to a tropical storm by the time it hit New York on Aug. 28, Irene still managed to bring down trees, flood the banks of the Bronx River and cause power outages for thousands across the city.

## The Making of a Liberal Politician: Part I

### *State Senator Gustavo Rivera's Journey From Puerto Rico to the Bronx*

By ALEX KRATZ

**Ed. Note:** This is the first in a series of articles about State Senator Gustavo Rivera who was thrust into the spotlight after defeating the controversial Pedro Espada, Jr. last fall. Rivera represents the entire Norwood News coverage area.

Just 10 months into his new job as a state senator representing the northwest Bronx, Gustavo Rivera is a relative newcomer to elected office. But Rivera, a Puerto Rican native who moved to the Bronx 13 years ago, is not new to his party's liberal ideology. He grew into it through years of study and an unexpected discovery during his early years in

New York City.

Much like the vast majority of Puerto Ricans, Jose Gustavo Rivera's parents, Lydia and Jose Manuel Rivera, exercised their right to vote on election days. (Rivera and his brothers, Jose Manuel, Jr. and Jose Javier, all go by their middle names.) But they were not in any other way political.

Both parents grew up in the center of the Caribbean island country without their fathers. Each became the first in their families to attain high school and college degrees and preached the value of education to their three sons.

"Both his mother and myself, we  
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## Parks Dept. Brings Oval Skaters to a Halt

By RONALD CHAVEZ

Giovanni Martinez, 14, has been skateboarding at Williamsbridge Oval Park for about a year. He and his friends, a pack of teens who've become regulars at the Oval, use the concrete, foot-high ledges that surround the park's trees and walkways to grind and perform tricks.

But last week, the Parks Department halted the tricks by installing small metal wedges that protrude from the ledges, intended to stop the wheels on a skateboard.

"We have nowhere to skate now," said Giovanni. He said he and about 10 other skaters, his friends, were shocked when they found the wedges, which they call "stoppers." On a recent afternoon, the group had already succeeded in removing four of them, and hammered away on a fifth.

A skate park had originally been included in the renovation plans for Oval

Park in 2008, but one never materialized. The Parks Department said Community Board 7 had voted for using the funds towards other improvements (the park boasts two brand new playgrounds, which opened this summer).

Even without an official, sanctioned skate space, some of Giovanni's friends have been riding at Oval Park for years. Now, they say their options are limited. There is a relatively new skate park by Yankee Stadium, but skaters are constantly being robbed in that area, they said. The group considered the Bronx High School of Science campus, but were reluctant to walk all the way to the Bedford Park school. They may make the mile-long trek to the skate park at Bronx Park East in Allerton, they said, but they're more likely to just make do at Oval Park.

"We'll just keep skating here without the ledges," said Bryant De la Rosa, 14.

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## Op-Ed

### Ten Years After 9/11, the Last Word is Love

By COLLEEN KELLY

I was at a conference at Fordham University this past May entitled "Moral Outrage and Moral Repair — Reflections on 9/11 and its Afterlife." The title interested me, as it seemed to accurately describe large portions of my existence this past decade.

My brother, Bill Kelly, Jr., died in Tower 1 on September 11th. He wasn't supposed to be there. He didn't work at the Trade Center. Ironically, Bill's prior visit to Windows on the World was in December 2000 to receive an employee recognition award. Who knew that the one-day conference Bill was attending on September 11th, the conference he persuaded his boss into letting him attend, would be an event from which he would never return.

Moral outrage — certainly. At the extremists that murdered my brother. At the twist of fate that led him to be at the

wrong place at the wrong time. At a humanity that allows for violence as a means to make a point, state your case, right perceived wrongs. At anyone who dared exult in the agonizing smoke and fire.

Then came feelings of confusion — at my country, now planning to bomb others a world away. Didn't we — yes, we — just live through terror and horrific violence? So then how could we — yes, we — be the cause of similar harm to others? Confusion, also, with my church. What is a just war exactly? Why does the justification to injure others seem so hypocritical ... and human? And how does one truly live out the gospels—or are they simply a collection of beautiful stories?

Finding a group of 9/11 family members who had these and similar concerns was a true blessing. In February of 2002, we formally became an organiza-

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# In The Public Interest

By JEANMARIE EVELLY

## Cabrera Crusades for Prayer in 9/11 Memorial Service

Bronx City Councilman Fernando Cabrera is petitioning Mayor Bloomberg to include prayer in next week's ceremony commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks — joining a chorus of the city's religious leaders criticizing the mayor for excluding them from the memorial service.

During a radio broadcast last month, Bloomberg said the ceremony will feature a small group of current and former elected officials who will read pre-selected, nonreligious poems or texts.

Those scheduled to participate include: President Barack Obama, former President George W. Bush, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, former New York Gov. George Pataki, former mayor Rudy Giuliani and Bloomberg himself.

"There's an awful lot of people who would like to participate, and you just can't do that," Bloomberg said.

A spokeswoman for the mayor's office told the *Wall Street Journal* and several other news outlets that there are no plans to amend the ceremony, and that religious rituals have never been included in any of the yearly memorials.

"It has been widely supported for the past 10 years and rather than have disagreements over which religious leaders participate, we would like to keep the focus of our commemoration ceremony on the family members of those who died," said spokeswoman Evelyn Erskine.

But Cabrera, himself a pastor at the New Life Outreach International Church on Morris Avenue, is personally crusading against Bloomberg's stance. He's gone on a number of television news shows over the last few weeks to discuss the issue and started an online petition (at press time, it had some 700 signatures).

"During 9/11, the faith community served as pillars for many New Yorkers coping with the tragedy. As a pastor during the tumultuous aftermath, I know firsthand that it was a time where people were searching for meaning and things bigger than themselves," Cabrera said in a statement. "People's faith helped fill this void and continues to serve as spiritual and emotional support."

## DOE Announces 9/11 Curriculum

With the start of a new school year arriving just days before the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Department of Education unveiled a new classroom curriculum last week to help students understand the history and emotional weight of the event.

The curriculum, developed by the DOE and the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, includes lesson plans for each age group and classroom materials that teachers can download off the DOE's website.

"The 10th anniversary will be an emo-

tional, difficult time for many New Yorkers, so it's important that our students understand what happened that day," said Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott. "With the help of the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, we've created a guide to discussing these events with students in a meaningful way that is also academically rigorous."

Lessons focus on subjects like the history of the towers, the efforts of the first responders and how the city has since memorialized the tragedy. Kindergartners, for example, can learn about the Search and Rescue Dogs that helped sort through the Ground Zero rubble in a lesson called "Furry Heroes."

Schools will also have access to special counseling resources should students or staff members need it, the DOE said.

## Investment in Infrastructure Will Bring Jobs, Engel Says

As President Barack Obama prepares to deliver his much-hyped "jobs" speech this Thursday night, Bronx Congressman Eliot Engel says that investing in transportation construction is the key to creating more jobs.

In a statement released last week, Engel urged his colleagues in Congress to cooperate with President Obama to pass a federal transportation bill that funds roads, railways and transportation construction, something the president

has been pressing as one solution to the nation's high unemployment rate.

"The best way for us to create immediate jobs is to rebuild our infrastructure," Engel said in a press release.

"It is a win-win for America," he added. "For example, the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities says that a \$50 billion investment in school renovation could create half a million jobs in one to two years. If we fail to reauthorize the transportation bill, we would lose 4,000 jobs instantly, \$1 billion in revenue in the first 10 days, and approximately one million jobs in the first year."

Engel said he recently toured his district — which includes parts of the Bronx and Westchester — to survey the damage caused by Hurricane Irene.

"Bridges were knocked down and entire chunks of pavement were washed away, leaving municipalities with hazardous conditions, massive cleanup and logistical nightmares," Engel said. "This just proves that we need to pay much more attention to our national infrastructure than we have in recent decades."

Obama has said he is committed to rebuilding the nation's infrastructure as a means of reigniting the nation's stalled economy, and is expected to address this in his speech to Congress Thursday night.

The unemployment rate in the Bronx is the highest of any county in New York, according to the Department of Labor, at 12.3 percent in July.

## Public and Community Meetings

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# Looking Back on What Matters After 17 Years at *Norwood News*

By JORDAN MOSS

In 1998, four years after I became editor of the *Norwood News*, I was staying at a bed-and-breakfast in Kingston, NY. After introducing myself to another guest at breakfast, I told him where I worked. He laughed and told me he previously worked at the School Construction Authority (SCA), which was then independent of the Board of Education. "We used to fear getting that paper in the mail every time it came out!" he said.

For more than two years, the *Norwood News* had highlighted the rash of problems and delays in completing PS 20 on Webster Avenue and later PS 15 on Andrews Avenue — two badly needed schools in vastly overcrowded District 10. We submitted Freedom of Information Law requests that uncovered problems in the laying of the foundation at PS 20, and for quite a while ran a countdown clock on the front page counting the days until the latest scheduled completion date.

The school eventually got built and has been serving local residents for almost 15 years, as has PS 15. Our coverage resulted in other newspapers highlighting the SCA's problems and led to local residents organizing and putting pressure on the agency. The SCA finished the next batch of local schools and additions on time and got its act together.

This is only one example of the critical role community journalism can play and has played in this part of the Bronx. It's why hyper-local news is so important. There are dozens of TV, radio stations and newspapers that focus on citywide, statewide and national issues, and they occasionally touch down in our north-west Bronx neighborhoods. But only good community papers are dedicated to relentlessly covering issues that so directly affect residents.

Newspapers like this one, by being so familiar with the operation of, and players in, the local civic machinery, can hold government and its representatives accountable and make sure that our communities receive our fair share of taxpayer-generated resources.

Being able to have this kind of impact by editing a newspaper that gave our neighborhoods, too often neglected by decision makers, a voice is why I came to work every day.

The week of Aug. 29 was my last at the *Norwood News*. I'm grateful to have been able to spend the last 17 years (and two years before that as a freelancer) doing this work. I want to thank everyone who works, and worked, at Mosholu Preservation Corporation (MPC) — including former executive director Dart Westphal, who hired me — for their incredible commitment and hard work, without which publishing the paper would be impossi-

ble. MPC, a nonprofit support corporation of Montefiore Medical Center, is a rare nonprofit organization that publishes a real community newspaper widely respected by its readers.

I also want to thank all those in the community who answered my questions again and again, alerted me to news, and took the time to teach me about issues they are experts in. And, needless to say, the paper would not exist without the support of its advertisers.

I'm happy to pass the torch to longtime managing editor Alex Kratz. This work

will continue in his capable hands.

I expect to continue being a journalist largely focused on the Bronx. I'll let you know where I end up when I get there.

In the meantime, keep reading, sharing your stories and standing up for your neighborhood. The most important thing I've learned is that your participation, amplified by coverage in your community newspaper, matters — big time.

*Jordan Moss was editor-in-chief of the Norwood News from 1994 until last week. He can be reached at jordanmoss.bx@gmail.com.*

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# The Making of a Liberal Politician: Part I

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stressed the importance of education on them,” says Rivera’s father. “It doesn’t matter what they want to do. But you need to have an education. It will always be there.”

After earning undergraduate and master’s degrees in biochemistry in Puerto Rico, Jose Rivera went to Wisconsin to pursue a PhD. But the pursuit was cut short when his first son, Gustavo Rivera’s older brother, Jose Manuel, Jr., began showing signs of what is now known as autism. Determined to help his son succeed, the elder Rivera turned his attention to studying up on this mysterious developmental disability. Now a high-functioning autistic who was diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome, Gustavo’s older brother makes a living translating books into Braille.

Jose Rivera, of course, wanted badly for his middle son, Gustavo, to go all the way with his education and earn his doctorate.

“Gustavo was always an extremely curious guy,” his father says. “He wanted an answer for everything. Always wanted to know the why, what and whom. It got him in trouble with some of his teachers.”

As a child, Gustavo’s mother called him “Papa con ojos” or “Potato with eyes” because of his oval-shaped head and enormous eyes. He was a mature conversationalist at a young age and felt as comfortable speaking with adults as he did with his peers, his father says. In secondary school, his father says young Gustavo was “very peculiar; he chose his friends very carefully.”

Growing up in a middle-class neighborhood in the capital of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Rivera says he was “not



Photo by Adi Talwar

**STATE SENATOR GUSTAVO RIVERA** gets his groove on during the Fordham Road Renaissance Festival last month.

wealthy but didn’t lack for anything.” He attended private schools until eventually matriculating at the public university in San Juan, the University of Puerto Rico.

Although it may be hard to imagine now, given his signature shaved head and sharp suits, Rivera entered college looking like a “long-haired skater dude,” he says.

Unlike his math-loving father, Rivera drifted toward the social sciences. He settled on political science with an eye toward law school. “Then I talked to people going [to law school],” he says, “and hated them.”

He ultimately decided to continue pursuing political science on the graduate level and applied to three schools in the United States — the University of Pittsburgh, Georgetown University and the

City University of New York. CUNY ended up being the only school to accept him. Though he had never been to New York City, he decided to give it a shot.

The mere thought of gritty Gotham made Rivera a little nervous. “I thought every corner would be like ‘Braveheart,’ Aaagh!” Rivera says now, seated comfortably at his own personal Seinfeld diner, the New Capital restaurant in Kingsbridge Heights.

Although he came to New York thinking about a career in academia, it didn’t take long for Rivera to find himself knee-deep in an election. In 1998, one of his classmates decided to run against powerful Brooklyn Councilman Angel Rodriguez, who was later sent to prison after pleading guilty to bribery charges in 2003.

He jumped in with both feet, banging on doors in some of the most dangerous, rundown projects in the city where, he says, he “got a gun pulled on me a couple of times.” His candidate got destroyed in the primary, but Rivera learned a couple of valuable lessons from the experience.

For one, Rivera saw first-hand the depth of poverty in a big city like New York. On one visit at one of the worst buildings on his Brooklyn tour, Rivera says everything “came into focus” for him. After walking up a particularly dirty staircase and down an equally filthy hall, he knocked on one of the doors on his list. A man opened up to reveal “a nice home” — clean, organized — an oasis among the wreckage.

After that visit, Rivera says he realized the people in these projects were all inherently good people who were hampered by their situation and surroundings. It’s difficult to emerge from this type of poverty even if you do keep your own living space in pristine condition, he thought, even if you manage to make it to school or work every day.

A conservative would say anyone can succeed and overcome their surroundings if they try hard enough. A liberal would say that might be true, Rivera says, but some people have it harder than others and it’s the state’s job to make it easier.

That encounter “turned me into a liberal,” Rivera says now as state senator representing the Bronx. “It’s the state’s responsibility to give people more access, not less” to the tools they need to succeed.

**Ed. Note:** Look for Part II of this series on 33rd District State Senator Gustavo Rivera in the next edition of the Norwood News, which comes out Sept. 22.

## Parks Dept. Brings Oval Skaters to a Halt



Photo by Ronald Chavez

**A GROUP OF** skateboarding teens at Williamsbridge Oval Park say they feel shafted by the Parks Department’s placement of metal “stoppers” on the park’s concrete ledges, to keep them from skating there.

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A Parks Department spokesman said they installed the stoppers after receiving complaints from residents. The skating is also damaging a park that wasn’t designed to be skated on, the spokesman said.

A large concrete slab from one of the ledges had fallen off, sitting on the ground next to the space it used to occupy. Jean Colladon, 19, says the Parks Department blamed them for removing the ledge, but he insists they aren’t the culprits.

The teens contend that they aren’t doing anything wrong. Not robbing people, and not getting into fights.

The stoppers aren’t just peeving the teens who ride there, but their parents too.

“When my son called me yesterday, I was upset,” said Lisa Martinez, mother of Giovanni, adding that the boys cause no trouble. “My kids were raised in this park.”

Doug Condit, a member of Friends of Williamsbridge Oval, an advocacy group for the park, brings the skaters water and soda when he walks his dog. It was Friends of the Oval that had originally recommended an area for skateboarders

at the park.

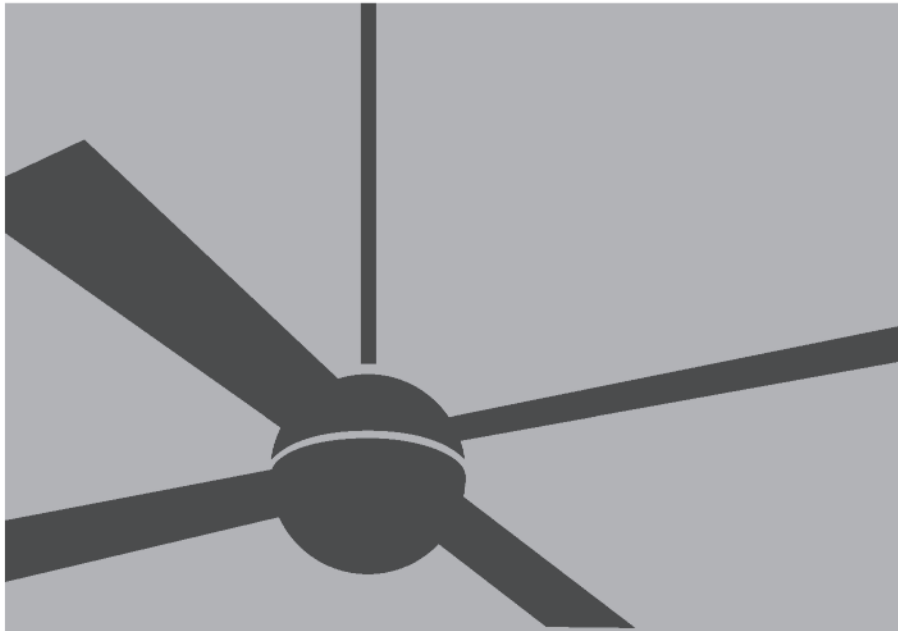
Condit called the teens “clean cut.” He said they even show up in the morning with brooms to clean up the park. They shovel snow in the winter.

He was so displeased with the installation of the stoppers, he said, that he e-mailed Deputy Parks Commissioner Liam Kavanagh on the teens’ behalf. He said Kavanagh told him the department would look into finding a low-cost way to let the skaters ride.

Giovanni argues there’s also an element of danger to the newly-installed stoppers: skaters speeding across the ledges could snag their boards on them, and be sent flying. He knows the dangers skaters face, personally — while his friends wore thick-padded skate sneakers, he wore a boot. He’d recently fractured his right foot while skating around his building.

Oval Park has long been a popular spot for skaters in the area, said 12-year-old Matthew Singh, who estimated the park would see up to 50 skaters at a time during the summer. Their numbers dropped precipitously just days after the stoppers were installed.

Now, Matthew says, his group of friends is the last of the pack.



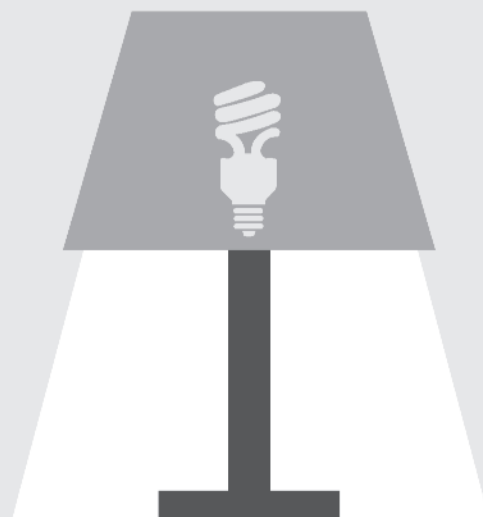
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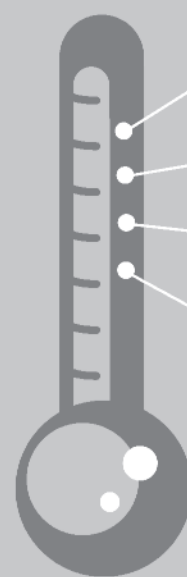
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## Huge Turnout for Muslim Holiday Event



Photo by Jasmeet Sidhu

Several hundred Norwood-area Muslims gathered in Williamsbridge Oval Park on Tuesday Aug. 30, to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, the holiday marking the end of Ramadan.

The outdoor ceremony, which was organized by the North Bronx Islamic Center, was the first of its kind in the Norwood area.

"In this neighborhood, it's the first time we're doing it in a park," said long-time mosque attendee Nurul Haque. "After 30 days of the fast, sacrifice, mercy, discipline...you get to cele-

brate yourself along with others."

Moinul Hussein, a 24-year-old college student, said he was hoping the outdoor prayer would help dispel myths about the Muslim community.

"I want people to see us, what we do. There's nothing crazy going on. Just like how people go to the church and pray, we go to the mosque and pray. We follow an Imam, they follow a priest."

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# Neighborhood Notes

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## Personal Finance Training

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## Seniors Partnering With Artists Citywide

The Bronx Council on the Arts is seeking artists to participate in Seniors Partnering with Artists Citywide, a program that places artists-in-residence at senior centers across the five boroughs. Selected artists are granted workspace in senior centers and a stipend in exchange for the creation and delivery of arts programming for seniors. To download an application form, visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) or for more information, call BCA at (718) 931-9500 ext. 23. Deadline is Sept. 30.

## Children Sought for Behavioral Research Study

The Division of Behavioral Sciences at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University is recruiting typically developing children, aged two and a half to three and a half, for a research study to observe behavioral differences between typically developing children and those with autism. The study involves a two and a half hour visit, for which you will be compensated \$50. For more information, call (718) 430-2463.

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# Ten Years After 9/11, the Last Word is Love

*(continued from p. 1)*

tion, September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows. We have been working together to break cycles of violence ever since, and our members are "the best friends I never wanted to know."

I have learned that moral repair will take a lifetime, and then some (I believe). September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows is a large part of this process for me. Bill is gone; and safe; and no longer in pain. I also like to believe he is surrounded by love. My faith tells me so.

But I learned another lesson in moral repair at Fordham, from one of the speakers — a rabbi named Irwin Kula. He pointed out a truth that I desperately believe in: the most important and sacred value in our very fragile human lives is love. In the months following 9/11, Rabbi Kula became fascinated with the last words of those killed on September 11th. After reading a few stories in the paper, he began seeking out the last words and sentences of anyone he could find who was killed that day.

And you know what he discovered? Not a single person said "Kill them." "Get those \*\*\*\* back." "Avenge my death." No. Last words were not about hatred; they were sometimes about fear, but ultimately, and overwhelm-

ingly, the last words of those killed on 9/11 were about love. "Tell mom and dad I love them." "Tell the kids I'll miss them and I love them." "Julie, it's bad, but know that I love you."

So what do these last words tell us? I like to think they teach a lesson. There's a time for righteous moral outrage, just as there's a time for accountability, and justice. Peaceful Tomorrows helps with these vital goals. But in the end, it's about love, and my brother Bill. How much he loved and was loved. How much I miss him. And how much I want the world to be a place where last words are never the end result of political violence, but instead reflect a full and just life, well lived.

*Shortly after losing her brother, Colleen Kelly, inspired by decades of non-violent response to deadly conflict, met several other like-minded people who had lost family members on 9/11. This group of people eventually formed September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, which took its name from the Martin Luther King, Jr. quote, "Wars make poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows." The group has over 200 family members and has twice been nominated for the Nobel Peace prize. You can learn more about the group at [www.peacefultomorrow.org](http://www.peacefultomorrow.org).*

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# Out & About

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## Onstage

■ The Bronx Library Center, located at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd. off Fordham Road, presents **Classics for a Late Summer Afternoon**, by the Bronx Symphony String Quartet, Sept. 10 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46 or visit [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org).

■ The Bronx Museum of the Arts presents **Summer Garden Festival** featuring **Urban Nights of Cinema, Music and Fashion**, with live retumba music (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.), film (8:45 p.m. to midnight), and art; at the Andrew Freedman

Home, 1125 Grand Concourse, Sept. 9, 23 and 30. Admission is \$20; \$15 for Bronx Museum members. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, call (718) 681-6000.

## Events

■ The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Cuba Tours and Travel, and The Center for International Policy of Washington, D.C. invite the public to examine the new White House policy permitting licensed **travel to Cuba** by U.S. citizens at a **Workshop Symposium**, Sept. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the museum's 2nd floor north wing, 1040 Grand Concourse. The symposium will

discuss travel opportunities available under the new rules, will conclude with a question-answer session and will be followed by a reception. For more information or to RSVP, call (718) 681-6000 or email [lclick@bronxmuseum.org](mailto:lclick@bronxmuseum.org).

■ The Church of the Mediator, located at the corner of 231st Street and Kingsbridge Avenue, will hold a **flea market**, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a variety of items for everyone's taste. For more information, call (718) 548-3312.

■ Woodlawn Cemetery offers a **walking tour**, Woodlawn and the Civil War, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m., to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Revisit tales of combat and perhaps hear a speech or two. Fee is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students, and free for ages under 6. Meet at the Jerome Avenue entrance, near Bainbridge Avenue. For more information or to RSVP, call (718) 920-1470/1469.

■ JASA Van Cortlandt Senior Center, located at 3880 Sedgwick Ave., hosts **Opera and Broadway concert**, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. preceded by dinner at 5:30 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 9. For more information, call (718) 549-4700.

■ The New York Botanical Garden presents **Mario Batali's Edible Garden**, through Sept. 25 featured in the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden, which includes cooking demonstrations. Chef Mario will appear Sept. 24-25 to offer samples, activities, and seasonal treats prepared fresh for visitors. Also at the Garden will be **Cooking for Your Health**, Wednesdays through October at 12:30 p.m., near the Visitors Center reflecting pool. Grounds-only admission is free all day Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information, call (718) 817-8700.

## Exhibits

■ Lehman College's Art Gallery, located at 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd. W., presents **Sticks and Stones**, through Jan. 6, 2012, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reception is Sept. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (718) 960-8731.

## Library Events

■ The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd. off Fordham Road, presents programs for kids including **Preschool Story Time**, Sept. 8, 15 and 22 at 11 a.m.; **Family Time**, reading aloud and crafts for ages 3 to 6 (pre-registration required), Sept. 10 at 11 a.m.; **Toddler Story Time**, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m.; and **Film Day**, Sept. 14 and 21 at 4 p.m. Programs for adults include **Interest: The Key to Finance**, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m.; **Saturday Movie Matinee: West Is West**, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m.; **History of the Latino in the Bronx**, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m.; and **Cell Phone Buying Guide**, Sept. 22 at 11 a.m. English Language Learners can register for **English Classes for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46 or visit [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org).

■ The Moshulu Library, at 285 E. 205th St., offers a free Intermediate Level **English Conversation Program** for speakers of other languages (ages from 16 years), Tuesdays through Nov. 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (registration and testing is on Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m.); **Knitting Circle at 3 p.m.**, Sept. 8, 15 and 22, for adults; **Lab Works**, Sept. 13 at 4



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### Remembering 9/11

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■ Fordham United Methodist Church, 2543 Marion Ave., Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. - A Special Service of Remembrance of 9/11: Ten Years Later will take place not only to remember those who lost their lives, but also the first responders who risked personal safety to help others, and to learn patience, kindness, compassion and forgiveness. For more information and to confirm the time, call (718) 367-9347.

■ Bronx Community College, Meister Hall lobby, 2155 University Ave., Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - The program will feature speakers from campus reflecting on their personal connection to 9/11. For more information, call (718) 289-5193.

■ Lehman College, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd. W., at the College Walk outside Shuster Hall in front of the campus 9/11 memorial, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. - The program will include a song by children from Lehman's Childcare Center and "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful" sung by the Lehman College Community Chorus, as well as speakers, and the playing of "Taps" as the finale. For more information, call (718) 960-4992.

■ The Moshulu Library, at 285 E. 205th St., Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m. - A film screening of "Beyond 9/11: Portraits of Resilience" features stories from the World Trade Center and stories of the only four survivors above the south tower's 78th floor, to Washington, D.C., and Iraq. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.

p.m., for ages 5 to 12; and **Wii Program**, Tuesdays at 3 p.m. for seniors and adults. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.

■ The Jerome Park Library, at 118 Eames Place, offers programs for children including **Arts and Crafts**, Sept. 12 at 4 p.m.; **film**, Sept. 19 at 4 p.m.; **Lab Works**, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. (ages 5 to 12); and **Toddler Story**

**Time**, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

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