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SUPER BALL IN THE SNOW



Photo by Adi Talwar

BEFORE THE SUPER BOWL last Sunday on Mosholu Parkway, center Owen Murphy prepares to snap the ball to quarterback Arthur Aucoin, with halfback Arushi Talwar ready to run and receiver Chris Harwood in motion. According to reports, everybody won.

Armory Talks Revolve Around Ice Group

By ALEX KRATZ

Negotiations are heating up for what could be a landmark benefits agreement between a grassroots community group and a developer looking to take over the Kingsbridge Armory. But both sides are playing their cards close to their vests as the city negotiates with both of the finalists who want to redevelop the Armory.

For the past month, the Economic Development Corporation, which is handling the Armory project for the city, has said they are in the “final stages” of negotiations with the two development groups — Young Woo & Associates, a Manhattan design firm, and the partners for the Kingsbridge Armory National Ice Center (KNIC), headed by former Deutsche Bank executive Kevin Parker.

Last week, representatives from the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance (KARA), a melding of community groups born out of the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, and KNIC met face-to-face twice to work out a binding community benefits agreement that would be in addition to whatever deal the developer works out with the city.

After an initial meeting at the Bronx Library Center, the
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Seeking Safety at Oval Park

By WILL SPEROS

Temperatures were below freezing on the morning of Saturday Feb. 2 as Jay Shuffield, a member of local advocacy group Friends of the Oval, showed a reporter around the Williamsbridge Oval Park, Norwood’s most heavily-used open space.

Shuffield was pointing out the various safety concerns that he and other local residents have, citing the lack of signage at the intersection of Holt Place and Reservoir Oval East as a major problem. Then a collision almost happened.

Shuffield, an urban planner by training, explained how the speed bump on Reservoir Oval near Wayne Avenue actually causes most drivers to speed up towards the approaching park entrance, putting pedestrians in danger. Inadequate lighting and sightline obstruction by street parking are also major grievances mentioned by Shuffield and his fellow FOTO members.

But the largest complaint of all, Shuffield and others said, has been the Department of Transportation’s continued tendency to do nothing.

“They’re supposed to be the professionals and the experts, and all they’ve done so far is say, ‘no,’” Shuffield said. “And they’re slow even to do that.”

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Before Big Show, H.S. Students Warm Up With a Legend

By ALEX KRATZ

Melissa Manchester, the Grammy-winning singer who has her name etched into a sign on the Bronx Walk of Fame, walked into a rehearsal hall at Lehman College last Thursday morning, the day before she was to perform at the Grand Central Terminal Centennial Celebration at the iconic Manhattan train station.

The northwest Bronx native — she grew up on 196th Street and Jerome Avenue — was there to meet and practice with her latest collaborators, the Celia Cruz Bronx High School of Music Show Choir, which is continuing to build on its reputation as one of the best high school singing groups in all of New York City.

Before they began rehearsing, Manchester went up to every member of the choir, shook their hand and introduced herself.

Lisa Gwasda, the choir’s director and a big fan of Manchester’s, was in awe. But not just because she was in the presence of greatness.

“She was so humble,” Gwasda said afterward.

Just a few days earlier, following a little homework assignment from Gwasda, many of the young singers discovered Manchester for the first time and found they would soon be sharing the stage with a living legend.

Maybelline Roman, 16, is a Celia Cruz sophomore who lives about 20 blocks south of where Manchester grew up on Jerome Avenue. Once she found out more about Manchester, the aspiring professional singer, said she “got really excited” about the prospect of singing with her.

“Singing with Melissa is really exciting,” she added. “Lots of good nerves.”

John Moro, a resource room teacher at Celia Cruz, took advantage of a break in his schedule to check out
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Photo by Adi Talwar

MELISSA MANCHESTER on stage at Lehman College with her high school collaborators in the background.

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BREAKING BRONX

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By ALEX KRATZ

Mayoral Hopefuls Hit the Bronx

John Liu, the seemingly ubiquitous New York City Comptroller and a graduate of Bronx High School of Science, has not formally announced his intention to run for mayor.

But, well, he's running for mayor.

So is Council Speaker Christine Quinn. She hasn't officially announced either.

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, on the other hand, has officially announced his candidacy.

Another Democrat, Bill Thompson, announced he was running relatively soon after losing the last general election to Michael Bloomberg four years ago.

Meanwhile, former Democrat and Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion is throwing his hat in the ring too and hoping Republicans or the Independence Party gives him the nod.

All have been starting to make their rounds in the Bronx.

Two weeks ago, Quinn came up to Riverdale to endorse District 11 Council candidate Andrew Cohen and maybe shake a few hands.

Following his announcement, de Blasio embarked on citywide tour that made a stop on Fordham Road.

And Liu stopped by an old stone house across from Williamsbridge Oval Park for a chat with the local nonprofit community newspaper.

As always, Liu appeared calm, confi-

dent and comfortable talking about a buffet of city issues, despite a highly-publicized criminal trial coming up for his former campaign treasurer Jenny Hou and one of his primary donors, Oliver Pan.

They stand accused of illegal fundraising on Liu's behalf. (Liu has not been implicated in the case.)

Liu said he was shocked and dismayed by the charges, particularly because he's "very proud of the way we've conducted

our fundraising." He added that, contrary to public perception, his campaign has held to a "higher ethical standard" by not taking money from groups that do business with the city.

"I'm very happy that this trial is starting," he said. He may have to wait a few more days. Recently, Pan was involuntarily admitted to a mental hospital and his competency for standing trial is now in question.



Courtesy Bill de Blasio Campaign

PUBLIC ADVOCATE Bill de Blasio kicked off his candidacy with a stop on Fordham Road in the Bronx.

Seeking Safety at Oval Park

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Over the course of the last few months, outcry in response to the lack of cooperation by the DOT has reached new heights, as local residents and elected officials alike are growing impatient.

Shuffield said the DOT has continued to "deviate from federal guidelines" during this process, drawing up questionable measurements and ignoring protocol.

The DOT claims that crosswalks and stop signs cannot be installed because their tests concluded that pedestrian and auto traffic was too low to receive federal warrants.

However, Shuffield pointed out that these studies the DOT cites are unreliable because they were performed on Nov. 10 and 11, when the Oval was closed due to damage from Hurricane Sandy and traffic of any kind was virtually nonexistent. At a recent community "workshop," the DOT agreed to do more studies.

As the process to increase safety is now more than halfway through its third year, there may finally be reason for cautious optimism thanks to the involvement of community members and Assemblymen Jeffrey Dinowitz and Mark Gjonaj.

Both assemblymen are eager to rally the community in support of their plan to convert the area confined within the border of East Gun Hill Road, Webster Avenue, East 204th St. and Bainbridge Avenue into a Slow Zone.

According to the DOT's website, Slow Zones reduce speed to 20 miles per hour in mostly residential areas with strong

boundaries. The area within this space meets all the necessary criteria, which is why the assemblymen are working to get support from local residents and business owners by March, when the Slow Zone application can be filed by the community board — in this case, Community Board 7.

Office Space

Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson is setting up new bi-weekly office hours inside Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, 3450 DeKalb Ave. (at Gun Hill Road) in the Bronx. She joins Councilman Oliver Koppell and Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz who also have office hours at MMCC. On Wednesday, Feb. 6, and every other Wednesday after that, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hassell-Thompson will have a staff member on site ready to assist anyone in need.

Hassell-Thompson took over all of

While Shuffield is skeptical about how helpful the DOT or Borough Commissioner Constance Moran will be in the coming months, he does feel confident that the Slow Zone will be beneficial for the area, as long as those involved continue to make resolving the problems surrounding the Oval a priority.

Norwood and most of Bedford Park in January after new district lines were drawn last spring.

Apart from the new periodic site, Hassell-Thompson can be reached at either of her two district offices — at 959 E. 233rd St. in the Wakefield section of the Bronx and the second at 250 South 6th Ave., Doles Center, in Mount Vernon. To make an appointment at the Mosholu site, or for more information, call the Bronx district office at (718) 547-8854. The Mount Vernon district office number is (914) 665-2400.

—SARA REGALADO

Public and Community Meetings

- **COMMUNITY BOARD 7** will hold its general meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the Tracey Towers Community Room, 40 W. Mosholu Pkwy., So. For more information, call (718) 933-5660 or visit www.BronxCB7.info.
- **COMMUNITY BOARD 7** committee meetings will be held on the following dates at the board office, 229A E. 204th St. at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: **Health & Hospitals**, Monday, Feb. 11; **Senior Services**, Wednesday, Feb. 13; **Housing**, Wednesday, Feb. 20. For more information, call (718) 933-5660 or visit www.BronxCB7.info.
- **MONTEFIORE MEDICAL CENTER** is commemorating the 10th Annual National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on Friday, Feb. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 111 E. 210th St. Education, counseling, testing, music, and guest speakers will be featured. For more information, call (718) 231-3296.

Police Report

By ALEX KRATZ and DAVID GREENE

In Morris Heights, police arrested and charged a 17-year-old boy with throwing a 9-year-old boy off the roof of an apartment building. Emergency workers originally thought the boy, Freddy Martin, had fallen from his 3rd story window. But police said Freddy, who is in critical condition with multiple broken bones and internal injuries, told them during the ride to the hospital that a neighbor, Casmine Aska, had pushed him off the roof.

Police say Casmine, a student at Harry S. Truman High School, first told detectives he had nothing to do with the child's fall, but later admitted he was on the roof and that the child accidentally fell.

Last month, on Jan. 10, Malcolm Williams took a painful .380 caliber bullet to the knee during what police

described as a gang-related confrontation inside of 2608 Creston Ave., an apartment building near St. James Park. Later, police would arrest and charge George Caratinni, 19, with 14 separate counts, including attempted murder, in connection with the shooting.

Police are looking for help in identifying a suspect they believe is responsible for four burglaries on the Grand Concourse last November. They described the suspect (pictured, right) as being a Hispanic male, 35 to 40 years old, 5-feet-6-inches to 5-feet-8-inches tall, weighing 130 to 160 pounds. He has a short haircut, wears glasses and carries a dark book bag. Police say the suspect forced his way into apartments through the front door, usually during the day, and stole cash, jewelry and electronics. He hit apartments on Nov. 8, 17, 19 and 28.



Photo courtesy NYPD

POLICE SAY this man is wanted in connection with four robberies on the Grand Concourse last November.

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rehearsal.

"It's a fabulous, incredible group of young people who have a passion for music and entertainment," Moro said about the students. He added, "And for them to meet Melissa Manchester, a living legend, it's a great opportunity."

After the rehearsal, Manchester gave the kids a treat, singing her biggest hit, "Don't Cry Out Loud." When she finished, her future collaborators burst into cheers and applause.

Manchester, who lives in Los Angeles,

called the opportunity to work with young people in the Bronx "fantastic," saying, as a graduate of Performing Arts High School in Manhattan, she loved seeing a specialized, music-based school in her home borough.

Gwasda took a back seat during rehearsal as Manchester ran the show. But before taking control, the ever humble Manchester asked if it was okay if she warmed up the students.

Gwasda said, "I'm sorry, you have Grammy awards, you can do whatever you want."

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Op-Ed

Helping the ‘Washeros’

By ZELNOR MYRIE

Growing up in the Bronx, one of the most exciting portions of an otherwise unbearable day with my father running errands was our inevitable trip to the car wash. I would ask for us to stay in the car as the conveyor belt carried us through the huge wipers and brushes. I never gave much thought to the men who manually dried the car once we exited this fantastical vortex of water and soap however. But these men, in all likelihood were either undocumented immigrants, underpaid, overworked, or all of the above.

Even though they work just as hard as their citizen counterparts and contribute to our local economy, they are unfairly treated and work under unacceptable conditions. This is wrong. Stronger regulation on business owners who break the law, greater protection for workers who unionize, and increased solidarity across low-wage industries will help these “washeros” and immigrant workers like them in their struggle to be treated fairly under the law.

Make the Road NY, New York Communities for Change, and car wash workers across the city have launched a campaign to demand protections for workers in the industry. In September, a Queens carwash voted to join the Retail, Wholesale, and

Department Store Union; making them the first of the city’s estimated 200 car washes to unionize. And in the Bronx, Webster Car Wash voted to do the same this past October. The fight to unionize has continued throughout the month of November as well. Recently, washeros at Sunny Day Car Wash on Third Avenue went on strike for unpaid wages, winning the right to continually protest in front of their car wash from a Bronx Supreme Court judge.

Enforcement agencies also play a role in ensuring fair treatment. This past summer, New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman successfully prosecuted a car wash owner in Mt. Eden to pay \$150,000 in restitution to workers and serve jail time with three years probation. The owner was paying his workers an illegal \$4 an hour with no overtime for 12-hour days and six-day weeks. We need similar efforts by our respective labor and law-enforcement agencies to ensure that business owners who break the law know that they cannot do so with impunity.

Solidarity is another important part of the puzzle. Other industries with high percentages of immigrant workers who use car washes frequently, like cab drivers, can exercise some of their consumer power and not patronize car washes that mistreat their workers. Framing this issue as an attack against all low-income

immigrant workers might encourage other organizations to join the campaign and pool much needed resources to put collective pressure on car wash owners using illegal business practices.

Just because a worker is undocumented, does not mean that they are not entitled to protection under the law. Immigrant workers not only wash our cars, they provide an array of food services, take care of our children, and clean our

schools; all of which keeps our communities running on a daily basis. As fast-food employees throughout the city also move to have their rights recognized, let’s continue to support our immigrant workers who deserve equal legal protection.

Zellnor Myrie is an Urban Studies graduate student at Fordham University, former City Council aide, and current executive board member for the Bronx Young Democrats.

Letters

Helping Unite the Community

Thank you for writing and following the life of such a beautiful person. I began to read about the Warrior Princess from November 2012. This story did more than touch my heart. It united me to the community. I wanted to go visit Nena, I wanted to know her personally. I wanted to hug her mother. In your last story, “On the Death of Young Children” (Dec. 27, 2012-Jan. 9, 2013) I cried as I sat inside a yellow school bus. I was on my way to the museum with my daughter’s class from P.S. 46. You said that journalists are not supposed to get so personally attached to their stories but I think you did an awesome job. I think you united this community a little more through this

story. I also appreciated that you shared from a father’s perspective. I used to keep to myself a lot but now I talk to other parents, offer my help and pray for my community. As a result of this story I have embraced *Norwood News* as my community newspaper. God bless you and thank you.

Deborah Bonilla

Credit to NCBH

To give credit to [North Central Bronx Hospital] for making rooms available for 12-step programs — we save lives and turn people’s lives around. North Central really helps the community. We really see people change their lives for the better.

Juan E. Rivera, Van Cortlandt Village

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two sides met again at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. They were scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at an undisclosed location that changed last-minute on Tuesday morning.

Neither side is divulging details about the talks, but KARA has made it clear a final agreement should contain wage and community space guarantees, local hiring benchmarks, funding job training and other community programs, as well as environmental protections.

A spokesperson for KNIC wouldn’t answer specific questions about negotiations and reiterated that they “look forward to continued dialogue with the community and City, and will remain open to suggestions for additional community benefits that are within reason and allow us to move forward with our grand vision for this iconic landmark.”

Desiree Pilgrim-Hunter, who participated in the talks for KARA, wouldn’t talk about the specifics of the negotiations, but did say she thought they were going well. She said the secrecy would hopefully ensure productive negotiations with the developer and lead to an “historic agreement.”

KNIC has been lobbying the city to reopen the Armory, vacant since 1994, for nearly two years. Their interest in the landmarked building sparked a formal request for proposals that Mayor Bloomberg announced in his State of the City address early last year.

After receiving a load of political support in August from Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and other local officials, it appeared KNIC had the inside track to win the bid. At the time, the EDC was expected to make a decision by the end of September.

Meanwhile, Councilman Fernando Cabrera, whose district includes the Armory, stayed neutral while encouraging both developers to work out a community benefits package. Ultimately, Cabrera will play a large role in determining whether the project is approved by the Council.

Young Woo, which created the popular Chelsea Market, inserted itself into the conversation with its vision of the Armory as “Mercado Mirabo,” a mixed-use, flexible market that would also offer retail, recreation, entertainment and business incubator space.

Adam Zucker, a Young Woo partner, said he has seen a copy of the draft community benefits agreement that KARA is using to negotiate with KNIC, but KARA has not initiated any face-to-face talks with his company.

Zucker added that his firm already agreed to KARA’s community benefits principles (although not in writing) and has been in steady dialogue with the EDC over terms for the Armory.

He said the EDC has told them, “It’s you, it’s [KNIC] or it’s nobody.”

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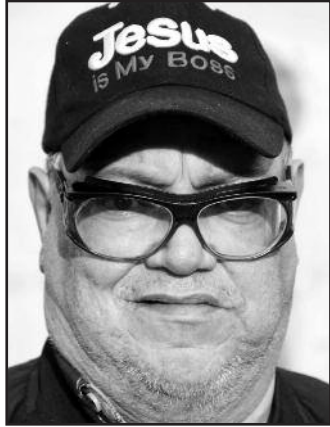
By DAVID GREENE

This week we asked readers if they thought lawmakers would pass immigration reform legislation in 2013.



I'm pretty sure that they are going to do it. This country was built on immigrants. They shouldn't deny anything that immigrants come here for. Again, it's a free country, so it should pass.

Joub Pupo



I've been with a lot of [immigrants]. I see them and you ask them questions. They don't care, they say, 'American is wonderful,' because America takes care of them and I think that's wrong. They should be first looking for a job. Now education for them? Yes, give them education, train them for anything and take care of the kids.

Enrique Ramirez



I feel it's very likely that it shall get passed. However, it's somewhat offensive to people who had their parents or grandparents come here the legal way and work very hard to achieve the American dream. As a Bronx resident, it's very difficult because I know people who are on both sides of that fence and I feel for them.

Eric Gonzalez



Yes, I think that they should let them in here, but I don't think that they should get the chance to vote. I don't think that they should allow that.

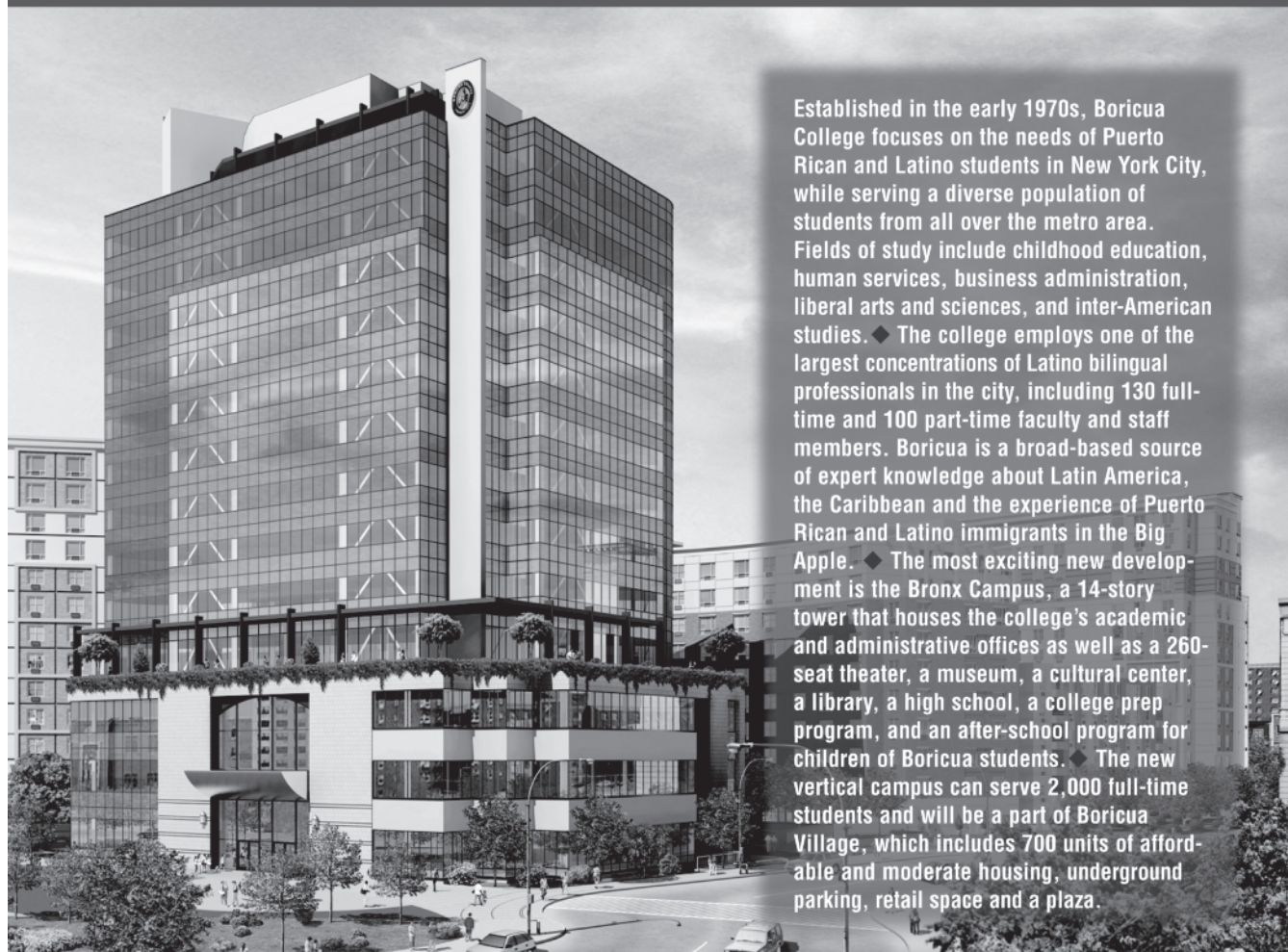
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I'm not too much into government stuff. But if they want to be here, let them pay taxes and let them be legal, that's the only way. Like everyone else, I'm born here, I've got to pay taxes. They come from another country and don't pay taxes? They're working and they're making money.

Frank Conte

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Magnolia Helene Sibley-Wilson (March 20, 2011—Jan. 27, 2013)

Magnolia Helene Sibley-Wilson, beloved daughter of Kendra Sibley and Sasha Wilson and sister of Delphinium Sibley-Wilson, died in her sleep on Jan. 27 at the family's home in Kingsbridge Heights. According to her parents, Magnolia loved stairs, swinging at the park, turning on lights, wearing other people's shoes, climbing her neighbor's stoops, and reading. She provided so much joy and light in the lives of her family and many others during the 22 months of her life, and is desperately missed. Magnolia's

parents lived in Norwood before moving to Kingsbridge Heights and have taught in the northwest Bronx for most of their professional lives. Last Thursday evening, the family held an emotional memorial service for Magnolia at the Amalgamated Houses. To honor Magnolia and her love of books, her family has set up a fund at the New York Public Library that will be used to buy children's books for libraries in the Bronx. Donations can be made in her name at www.nypl.org/Magnolia.

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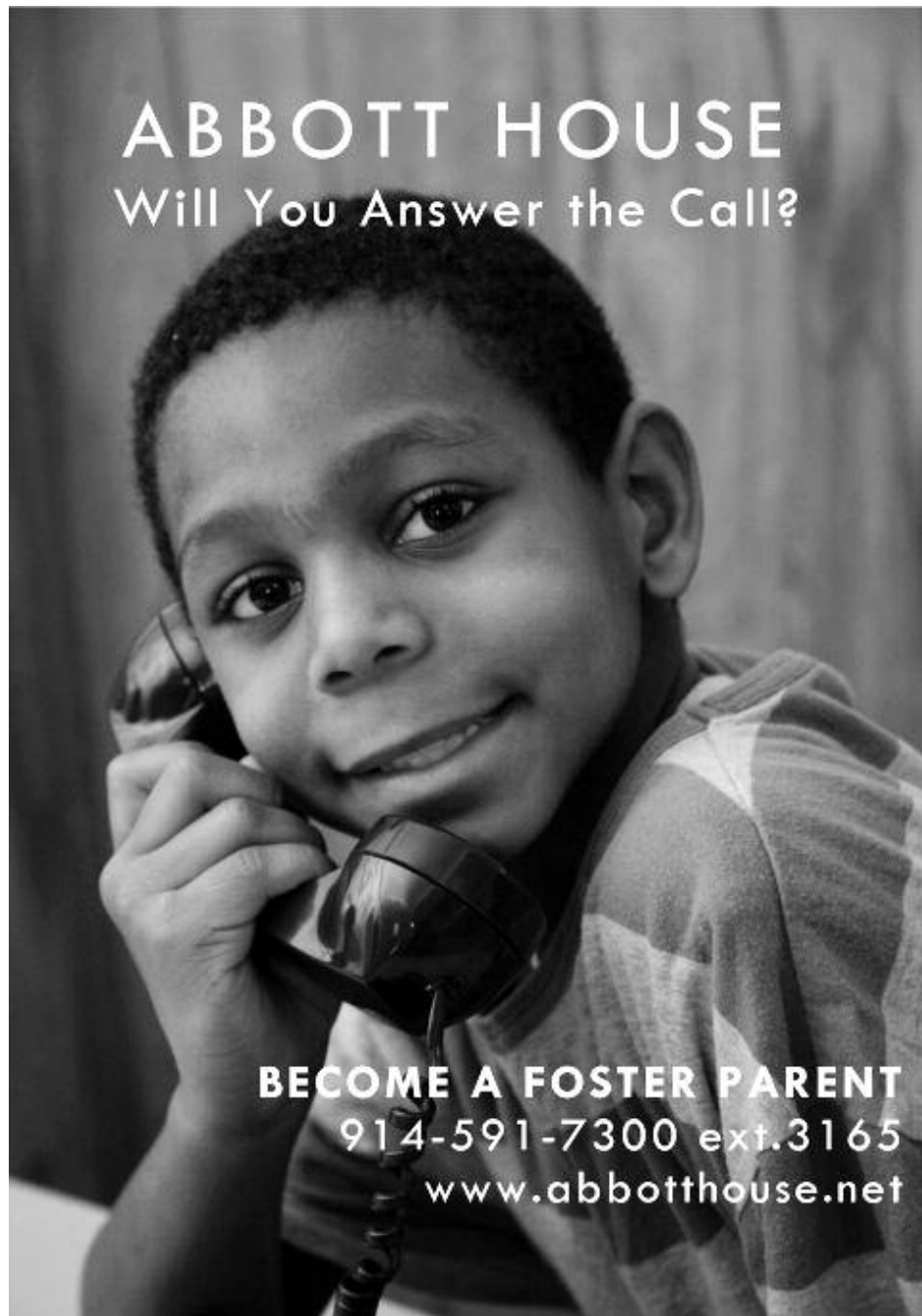
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Free Tax Prep Help

The Refuge House, 2715 Bainbridge Ave., will host free tax filing which is available to April 10 on select Wednesdays 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (no walk-ins) for individuals and families whose gross income in 2012 was less than \$56,000 with dependents, or \$25,000 without dependents. E-file and Direct Deposit options are available for fast and accurate preparation. For more information and an appointment, call (718) 933-2539.

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Out & About

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Onstage

■ The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents **Circle of Haunts**: a ghost opera/dance theater by Xoregos Performing Company, Feb. 16 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

■ The Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd., W., presents **A Chorus Line**, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. (tickets are \$25 to \$45); **China National Symphony Orchestra**, performing classical music, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. (tickets are \$25 to \$40); (fee for ages 12 and under for each show is \$10); and **Charlie Zaa**, featuring bolero music, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. (tickets are \$99.50/includes meet/greet; and \$45 to

\$65). Also scheduled is **Lehman Chamber Players**, free, in the Music Building Recital Hall, Feb. 13 at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 960-8833.

■ The Bronx Arts Ensemble presents Latin jazz pianist/vocalist **Willie Rodriguez and His Ensemble** performing Latin music, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture, 4450 Fieldston Rd. (tickets are \$20; \$15/seniors/students; includes refreshments). For more information, call (718) 601-7399 or visit bronxartsensemble.org.

■ Pregones Theatre, 571-575 Walton Ave., presents **Innaviews**, to celebrate hip-hop pioneers and breakdance stars, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. For more information and tickets, call (718) 585-1202.

Events

■ The New York Botanical Garden presents **Tropical Paradise**, a collection of tropical trees, flowers, and foliage in its Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, through Feb. 24. Docent-led tours are held daily at 12:30 p.m. Children can participate in a scavenger hunt that begins in the Conservatory and continues in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden. For more information, call (718) 817-8700.

■ The Bronx County Historical Society presents **A Retrospect of Bronx Imagery**, a free lecture and illustrated presentation by Bronx artist Daniel Hauben at the Bronx County Archives, 3313 Bainbridge Ave., Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. For more information, call (718) 881-8900 or visit www.bronxhistoricalsociety.org.

■ The Bronx Council on the Arts presents **Puppet Making**, part of its free series of Third Saturday Family Craft Workshops, Feb. 16 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Huntington Free Library, 9 Westchester Square. For more information, call (718) 931-9500 ext. 33 or (718) 829-7770 or visit www.bronxarts.org.

■ Friends of the Woodlawn Cemetery presents **Woodlawn Is for Lovers**, a walking

tour followed by a concert by the Bond Street Euterpean Singing Society performing music for Valentine's Day, with hot cocoa in the Woolworth Chapel, Feb. 10 at 12:30 p.m. (\$20/tour/concert; \$15/members; \$15/tour or concert only; \$10/members). Also offered are **Social Media Week at Woodlawn**, Feb. 18 to 22 including on Feb. 18, to take part in the #instaWoodlawn Photo Contest using your Smartphone for free membership; and follow Friends on Twitter and Facebook all week to learn everything about Woodlawn. For more information, call (718) 920-1463 ext. 225.

■ Wave Hill, a Bronx oasis at 675 W. 252nd St. in Riverdale, offers **Family Arts Projects**: Hearts and Flowers, to make flowerful and lacy Valentine's Day cards, Feb. 9 and 10; and A Desert Under Glass, to sketch and paint desert dwellers, then make a desert mirage, Feb. 16 and 17; both in the Ecology Building, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition, there is **Arty Afternoon**, to join an array of creative art projects for families with children ages 5 to 10, free admission all day, Feb. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Ecology Building. Grounds admission is free Saturdays until noon. Special programs are geared to families with children ages 5 to 10 during Presidents Week and grounds admission is free for Bronx residents during this 10-day period, Feb. 16 to 24

EDITOR'S PICK

Tax Help at Bronx Library Center

The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., offers tax help on the following dates: Feb. 7 at 10 a.m., Feb. 9 at 4 p.m., Feb. 11 at 10 a.m., Feb. 12 at 5 p.m., Feb. 14 at 10 a.m., Feb. 16 at 4 p.m., Feb. 19 at 5 p.m., and Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. For more information and a detailed schedule, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

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■ The Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, presents **1040 Lounge**, to celebrate and promote the arts in the Bronx, featuring artist talks and performances, Feb. 8 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in its north wing lobby (drinks will be served); **Family Affair: All About You and Me**, featuring art- and food-making activities for children 12 and under, Feb. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m.; and **Bronx Stories**, featuring storytelling, poetry and music inspired by art and the Bronx, with an open mic, Feb. 15 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. For more information, call (718) 681-6000.

Exhibits

■ Pregones Theatre, 571-575 Walton Ave., presents **Line vs. Color**, featuring paintings, in the lobby gallery, through Feb. 28. For more information, call (718) 585-1202.

■ Casita Maria Center for Arts & Education, 928 Simpson St., presents free, **Dále! (Hit It!): From Puerto Rico to the Galapagos Islands**, through Feb. 22. For more information, call (718) 589-2230/6190.

Library Events

■ The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E.

Kingsbridge Rd., presents programs for adults including **Film**: Alfred Hitchcock's "Rope," Feb. 9 at 2:30 p.m.; and **Understanding Your Social Security Benefits**: Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. Teens and young adults can join **ARTistic Teens at 3:30 p.m.**: Feb. 8 and 15. Children can enjoy **Brothers Grimm Tales**: (ages 5 to 12), including The Elves and the Shoemaker and others, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.; **Global Partners Junior at 4 p.m.**: (ages 5 to 12: phone or in-person registration required), Feb. 13 and 20; **Preschool Story Time at 11 a.m.**: Feb. 7, 14 and 21; and **Valentine's Day Card Making**, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

■ The Moshulu Library, at 285 E. 205th St., offers for seniors and adults: **Knitting Circle**: Thursdays at 3 p.m.; and **Wii Program**: Tuesdays at 3 p.m. Children can enjoy **Read Aloud at 4 p.m.**: (ages 3 to 12), Feb. 11; and **Toddler Story Time at 10:30 a.m.**: (ages 18 to 36 months), Feb. 7, 14 and 21. Speakers of other languages can attend free **English Conversation Program**: intermediate level, Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Feb. 12, 19 and 26. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.

■ The Jerome Park Library, at 118 Eames Place, offers **Arts & Crafts**: (ages 5 to 12), Feb. 11 at 4 p.m.; and **Toddler Story Time**: (ages 18 to 36 months), Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

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718.515.5003 | Mikey's Kids Clothing
Outlet Center
3451 Jerome Ave.
718.266.3145 | Sharon's Flowers
20 E. Gun Hill Rd.
718.798.8381 |
| CS 99 Cents & Plus
368 E. Gun Hill Rd.
347.346.5949 | Jerome Beauty Supply
3400 Jerome Ave.
718.994.3400 | Smile Beauty Salon
15 E. Gun Hill Rd.
347.393.7356 |
| C&N Liquors
6 E. Gun Hill Rd.
718.654.1831 | Jerome Beauty Supply Inc.
3469 Jerome Ave.
718.654.3346 | Sola Salon Systems
14 E. 208th St.
718.881.3350 |
| Cell City Communication
3439 Jerome Ave.
718.231.2115 | LeMed Pharmacy
159 E. Gun Hill Rd.
718.231.4040 | Too Hot Fashions
3466 Jerome Ave.
718.231.4766 |
| Cohen's Fashion Optical
3481 Jerome Ave.
718.325.3160 | MD Café Lounge
3489 Jerome Avenue
(347) 899-8300 | VK Nail & Spa
65 E. Gun Hill Rd.
718.654.2904 |
| D'Flor Salon Boutique
177 E Gun Hill Rd
718.324.4794 | Mosholu Optical
3490 Jerome Ave.
718.654.5860 | V.I.P.'s Café
131 E. E. Gun Hill Rd.
718.655.8500 |
| Drug Rite Pharmacy
3432 Jerome Ave.
718.231.1600 | My Dreams Photo Studio
250 E. Gun Hill Rd.
718.880.6526 | Valentino's Multi Service Party Supplies
347 E. Gun Hill Rd.
718.881.8401 |
| Eden Flower Shop
147 E. Gun Hill Rd.
718.798.5300 | National Bakery
3492 Jerome Ave.
718.231.3029 | West Mosholu Cards & Gifts
3417 Jerome Ave.
718.652.7338 |