Torres, the Freshest of New Faces in Bronx Politics

By ALEX KRATZ

As midnight approached outside of Ritchie Torres’ campaign headquarters in Belmont, a hundred 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 bustled 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 Alvez, 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 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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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 races. 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: 261,620 votes (40.33%)
William Thompson: 189,451 votes (28.23%)
Christine Quinn: 100,020 votes (15.49%)
John Liu: 44,972 votes (6.96%)
Anthony Weineter: 31,974 votes (4.93%)

Mayoral Republican Primary
Joe Lhota: 29,867 votes (52.51%)
John Catsimatidis: 25,108 votes (40.71%)
George McDonald: 3,851 votes (6.78%)

Comptroller Democratic Primary
Scott Stringer: 287,798 votes (51.98%)
Elliot 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: 61,479 votes (13.03%)
Sidique Wai: 13,855 votes (2.84%)

Bronx Borough President, Democratic Primary
Ruben Diaz: 56,505 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%)
Yudelika Tapia: 1,000 votes (18.99%)
Haile Rivera: 885 votes (16.81%)
Melanie Johnson: 400 votes (7.60%)
Kenny Nunez: 193 votes (3.67%)

City Council District 11 (Northbridge 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: 4,790 votes (22.23%)
Lenford Edie: 822 votes (5.61%)
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: 2,586 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 Baza: 393 votes (5.48%)

City Council District 16 (Highbridge, Morrisania, Mount Eden, Melrose)
Vanessa Gibson: 4,284 votes (43.40%)
Pedro Alvarez: 1,693 votes (16.81%)
Carlos Sierra: 1,436 votes (14.35%)
Daryl Johnson: 767 votes (7.77%)
Nasimat Muhammad: 659 votes (6.68%)
Carlton Berkeley: 596 votes (6.04%)
Bola Omotosho: 470 votes (4.76%)

Hockey Legend
Mark Messier, the new CEO of the Kingsbridge National Ice Center, talks to the media at Lehman College.

Photo courtesy KNIC

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 Cabre -
ra, 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 $15 an hour, 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 included 270 permanent living wage jobs, 50,000-square-feet of rent-free community 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-
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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 party favorite Andrew Cohen 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 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 mayor.

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 (72 votes) over Hector Ramirez.

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

Haile Rivera, were both within six percentage points of Pichardo. Pichardo’s opponents claimed massive 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 alleged 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 $375,412 on pro-Cohen efforts and $86,176 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 $287,321 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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The pair alerted someone on the maintenance staff who called for an ambulance.

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

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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 fever 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 misinterprets 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-ventilated 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 vaccine 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.”

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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.

Don’t Try Our Youths as Adults - By Reverend Que English, Op-Ed

ZANY ZUCCHINI

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.

GRAND CONCOURSE APARTMENTS

The Postgraduate Center for Mental Health has applications available to persons with limited income for studio apartments located at 2950 Grand Concourse in the Bronx. Income qualifications will be based on Federal Low Income Guidelines.

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Interested persons may obtain an application by writing to:

Property Management Department

c/o PCMH

158 East 35th Street

New York, NY 10016

Applications may also be picked up at:

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Completed applications must be sent by REGULAR mail (NOT registered or certified mail) to the address indicated with the application.

Call 212-889-5500 x204 with questions.
Inquiring Photographer

This week we asked readers what they felt were the top issues in the upcoming race for mayor:

It's a very important thing to vote. You have to keep the country going. You have to keep the country strong and your vote counts, even though you might not think it counts, but it does.

Michael Drewery

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 DeLgiudice

We need more jobs for the people out of work, and we also need more affordable housing. Those should be the top priority of the next mayor.

Roberto Alicea
Bronxwide Town Hall

The Social Action Ministry will hold a “Responsibility and Accountability” Town Hall meeting, Sept. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Gethsemane Baptist Church, 771 Fairmount Place (between Prospect Avenue and East 175th Street; off Tremont Avenue). It will be attended by elected officials and community leaders. For more information, call (718) 284-7129 or (917) 226-7960.

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 MMC Bronx East, 2300 Westchester Ave.; Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to noon, at MMC 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 B). Workshop for chronic kidney disease will be held Sept. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at MMC Greene Medical Arts Pavilion, 3405 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, school fair where families can learn about health, child-life programs, and nutrition, 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 Lincoln 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

City Parks Foundation offers free yoga instruction and fitness walking in Pelham Bay Park, Soundview Park, and Van Cortlandt Park/Woodlawn, to New Yorkers 60 and over, and from Sept. 23 to Nov. 1, which will take place twice a week for one hour at each park. Schedule is subject to change. For more information or a detailed schedule, call (718) 760-6899.

Senior Art Program Volunteers Sought

The Bronx Council on the Arts seeks NYC artists-in-residence to participate in their SPARC (Seniors Partnering with Artists Citywide) program to work at senior centers. Artists will receive a stipend and access to workspace in senior centers in exchange for the creation and delivery of arts programming for seniors. Applications are due by Sept. 30. For more information, call (718) 931-9500.

Free Breast Cancer Screening

The American-Italian Cancer Foundation offers free breast cancer screenings to women over 40 with NYC mailing addresses 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

The Riverdale Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture, 4459 Fieldston Rd., presents International Peace Day and Rededication of Our Peace Pole, free, on Sept. 22, featuring “Breaking Walls,” a special program at 11 a.m. followed by the ceremony at 12:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. This program is about teens reaching out internationally to teens to work towards understanding. For more information, call (718) 548-4445.

Obamacare Meeting

The Northwest Bronx for Change hosts a meeting concerning those without healthcare coverage, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. at the Tibbett Towers Community Room on the first floor, 3130 Irwin Ave. (between West 231st and 232nd streets). Learn how the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) could mean improved health, monetary savings and even life-saving medical attention. For more information, call (718) 884-4269.

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Onstage

Lehman College, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd. W., presents Eddie Palmieri & Friends, the Mambo Legends Orchestra, and flutist Dave Valentín, Sept. 28 at 8 p.m., at Lehman Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are $45 to $60. For 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 supertitles. 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 Bardeleva 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.

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 (718) 862-7546.

The Bronx Volunteer Coalition (BxVC) is a group of Bronx organizations with a mission to increase volunteerism in the Bronx. We act as a hub for Bronx residents to give back to their community by helping people connect with volunteer opportunities in their neighborhood.

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Editor’s Pick

Ibrahim Gonzalez Tribute at Jerome-Gun Hill BID Festival

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.
Family Arts Projects:

For more information, call (718) 817-8658.

Wednesdays through Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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The Bronx Council on the Arts invites

The Bronx County Historical Society’s Bronx
Archives Building, 3313 Bainbridge Ave.,
presents free lecture, “Story 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.,
golf begins 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.

The Bronx County Historical Society’s Museum of Bronx History at the Valentine
Historic House, 3266 Bainbridge Ave., presents
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Bronx, through Oct. 20. For more information,
call (718) 881-8900.

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<td><strong>The Bronx Documentary Center, 614 Courtlandt Ave., presents Refugee Hotel, Sept. 28 to Dec. 1, Thursdays to Sundays, 2 to 7 p.m. (open 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.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>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.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The Mosholu Library, at 285 E. 205th St., offers for seniors and adults: Knitting Circle: Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.; Wii Program: Tuesdays at 3 and Wednesday 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) 882-8329.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>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.</strong></td>
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