



# Journal

## OVER 900 NYCHA RESIDENTS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE BRONX ZOO



**SOUNDS OF AFRICA** The NYCHA Youth Chorus, led by Director Larry Matthew, sang "Lift Every Voice" and an African Swahili song at the Dancing Crane Cafe during Black History Month at the Bronx Zoo.

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) joined forces with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and the Bronx Council of the Arts to celebrate the achievements of African-Americans on February 18th, in honor of Black History Month. Altogether more than 900 NYCHA residents, most of them children and seniors from 28 Bronx Community Centers and seven Senior Centers, gathered at the world famous Bronx Zoo for a day of activities that included visits to the World of Birds, Jungle World, the African Exhibit, and an Ethiopian Reserve/Somba Village. Residents from two NYCHA developments in Manhattan also attended.

Sunlight streamed through the many windows of the zoo's Dancing Crane Cafe, where everyone gathered to start the day with greetings by WCS Program Director Charles Vasser, followed by a powerful rendition of "Lift Every Voice" by the NYCHA Youth Chorus.

NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez, Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Jr., African Burial Ground Project Director Dr. Sherrill Wilson, Bronx Council of the Arts Development Director Kim Hamilton-Shikir, and NYCHA's Edenwald Community Center Executive Director Ken Mercer all encouraged everyone to take advantage of the many educational opportunities the day had to offer.

These educational opportunities included a slide show on the

African Burial Ground, which was unearthed in 1991 during an excavation to build a new government building at Foley Square in lower Manhattan. Needless to say there was also a wealth of information at exhibits on the Congo, an Ethiopian Reserve/Somba Village, the World of Birds and others.

Staff from NYCHA's Harborview Arts Center, as well as the Bronx Council of the Arts and Bronx Zoo volunteers assisted with individual drawing instruction, as the children sketched the animals they saw on their travels.

Lunchtime brought more entertainment by the NYCHA Youth Chorus performing a traditional African song, and P.S. 176 F.E.G.S. Beacon Program African

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### RECYCLING OF GLASS TO RESUME IN APRIL: A GOOD TIME TO CHECK YOUR APARTMENT TO REMOVE OLD JARS AND BOTTLES

By Anthony Solomita  
NYCHA Recycling Coordinator

Recycling of all glass articles such as bottles and jars will resume in April. For NYCHA residents, no extra effort is required. As of April 1st, simply drop bottles, jars and other glassware into a container designated for other recyclables such as empty milk and juice cartons, plastic bottles or jugs, rinsed soda and food cans, aluminum foil, old pots and pans and wire clothes hangers.

This might also be a good time for you to survey your apartment to see if you have accumulated any other clutter which could be removed — you'd be surprised how quickly "stuff" can pile up. For example, if you concentrate all your paper goods in one or two areas, you're almost sure to find stacks of junk mail, old newspapers, letters, and magazines you'll probably never

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**AS OF APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**NYCHA Will Have A NEW EMERGENCY SERVICE NUMBER for Maintenance Emergencies that occur after 4:30PM and before 8:00AM on weekdays, and around-the-clock on weekends and holidays:**  
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## Groundbreaking For the New Addabbo Family Health Center In Far Rockaway

By Eileen Elliott

Led by the Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center Executive Director Dr. J.R. Peter Nelson, executives and staff from the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and Addabbo joined elected officials past and present at the corner of Beach Channel Drive and Beach 62nd Street on the morning of February 20th to break ground for a brand new Addabbo Health Center. Upon its completion (estimated for Spring 2005), the \$10 million, 21,000-square-foot center will house health care services along with education and job training services for more than 1,800 families of NYCHA's Ocean Bay Apartments and other residents of the Far Rockaway community.

NYCHA has committed \$1.5 million in HOPE VI funds to the new Addabbo Family Health Center as part of its \$180 million commitment to the Ocean Bay HOPE VI Revitalization Plan. Initiated in 1992, the federal HOPE VI Program was created to rehabilitate severely distressed public housing developments. Central to the revitalization of the Rockaways has been the modernization of NYCHA's Arverne and Edgemere Houses, newly named Ocean Bay Apartments last October.

NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez, Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., Board Member JoAnna Aniello and Deputy General Manager for Capital Projects

Joseph Farro represented NYCHA at the event.

"Addabbo is the largest health care provider in this area," said Dr. Nelson. "The role of Addabbo is to supply a safety net for this community. Last year there were 63,000 medical visits, 16,000 WIC visits and 5,000 social service visits." (WIC stands for the federal Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.)

The visits the Dr. was referring to were at Addabbo's current site on Central Avenue in Far Rockaway, which opened in 1987. Its namesake, Joseph P. Addabbo, a lifelong resident of Queens, was

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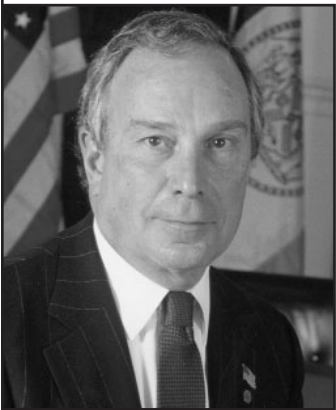
(left to right) Dr. Peter Nelson, former Queens Borough President Claire Schulman, and Tino Hernandez at the groundbreaking. At right, a rendering of the new Addabbo Center.



# March Is Women's History Month

Message From The Mayor

New Pilot Program Will Deliver State-of-the-Art Forensic and Counseling Services To Rape Victims At Public Hospitals



Late last month I announced a groundbreaking pilot program that will deliver state-of-the-art forensic and counseling services to every sexual assault victim seeking treatment at any Bronx public hospital within one hour of a victim's arrival.

trained forensic examiner and a rape crisis advocate quickly. The rapid one-hour response time will minimize the risk that critical evidence will be lost, damaged, or overlooked.

The new Bronx Sexual Assault Response Team will allow our hospitals to deliver critical services to victims more quickly and efficiently than ever before. The result will be less trauma for the victims, better forensic evidence, and more certain justice for the predators who commit these despicable crimes.

Currently, every rape victim who seeks treatment at a City hospital receives a forensic examination designed to collect physical evidence. However, not all victims are examined by dedicated, specially trained Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) and many are not examined within one hour. The longer the wait, the more difficult it is on the victim and the more likely that valuable evidence will be lost.

The Bronx SART will be the City's first mobile sexual assault response team. It will consist of a group of 12 to 14 SAFEs whose activities will be coordinated by a dedicated project director working out of North Central Bronx Hospital. Its team members will be available 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week to provide high-quality forensic examinations to every rape victim presenting at all three Bronx public hospitals.

The members of the Bronx SART will also be available to testify as expert witnesses in criminal prosecutions involving their patients. In order to enhance the effectiveness of their testimony, team members will undergo an intensive training program designed and implemented by the Bronx County District Attorney's Office.

The Bronx suffers from a disproportionate number of rapes. While the borough contains 16% of the city's population, it has 26% of the rapes. As with all criminal justice initiatives, SART is focusing on problem places and devoting resources where they are needed most. The Bronx SART will be funded by a Crime Lab Improvement Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice and a Violence Against Women Act grant administered by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

We want women in New York to know that violence against them simply will not be tolerated. Call 911 or 311 and we'll be there for you every step of the way.

Michael R. Bloomberg

BRONX ZOO

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Drummers and Dancers. There was even a scavenger hunt.

Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence and Bronx Borough Director Deidra Gilliard were also on hand to join in the fun.

The Bronx Zoo is the flagship of the largest network of metropolitan zoos in the country and is home to the Wildlife Conservation Society, which also maintains the Central Park, Queens and Prospect Park Zoos.

Groundbreaking

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elected to Congress to represent the 6th district in 1960 and was reelected 12 times. He is known for having supported legislation that aided seniors, veterans, education, small business and economically depressed areas. Mr. Addabbo's son, Joseph Addabbo, Jr., represents the Rockaways on the City Council.

"All of us in the community want the same things," Dr. Nelson continued, "to raise families, to have security, opportunity and respect. Our institutions — schools, health care — are very much a part of establishing that way of life."

In addition to providing health and social services, the three-story facility will also house classrooms, a day care, commercial establishments, and a program to encourage homeownership, as mandated by the HOPE VI grant.

On the count of three, everyone dug, tossing heaps of dirt into the air for the symbolic beginning of the building's construction.

"I think this is a good thing," said Leonard Smalls, who was one of the observers. Mr. Smalls is an Addabbo employee and lifelong resident of Arverne Houses. "It will bring jobs to the community."

Also present at the event were Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, Congressman Gregory Meeks and his wife Simone Meeks, and Primary Care Development Corp. Executive Director Rhonda Kotelchuck.

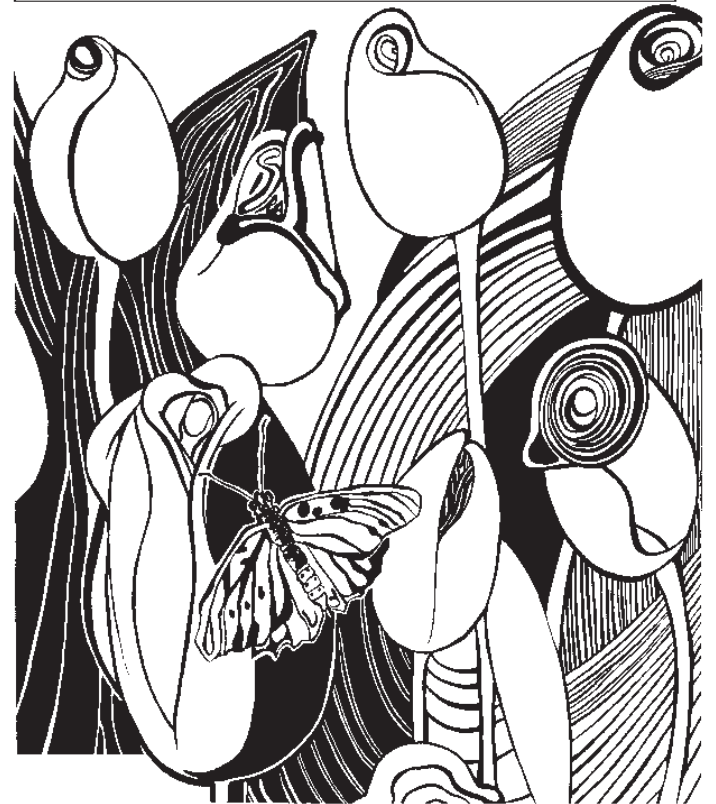
Following the groundbreaking, a celebratory luncheon was held at the nearby Beach Club. "I can't believe we're here," said former Queens Borough President Claire Schulman. "This health care center was on our agenda for many years. I hope to be here and help you cut the ribbon. Many thanks to everyone. The current borough president, Helen Marshall, has much to be proud of."

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## The NYCHA "Not Wanted" List

In this issue we continue our editorial policy of publishing the names of individuals who have been permanently excluded from our public housing developments. Listing the proscribed persons is part of the effort to keep residents informed of NYCHA's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers in public housing and to allow the peaceful and safe use of our facilities. Here follows a list of the people excluded after hearings were held on January 29, and February 5, and 15, 2003. **REMEMBER, IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR THE POLICE! THIS LIST IS PROVIDED TO ALL POLICE SERVICE AREAS.**

### Prohibited as of January 29, 2003

Abel Barroso Case 150/03 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 130 Humboldt Street, Borinquen Plaza Houses, Brooklyn.

Luis Tirado Case 126/03 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 1115 F.D.R. Drive, Riis Houses, Manhattan.

Jermaine Armstrong Case 56/03 formerly associated with the second floor of 710 Euclid Avenue, Cypress Hills Houses, Brooklyn.

### Prohibited as of February 5, 2003

Romell Davis Case 228/03 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 305 Fountain Avenue, Cypress Hills Houses, Brooklyn.

Edward Martinez Case 2574/03 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 327 East 112th Street, Jefferson Houses, Manhattan.

Malisha Blyden Case 3398/03 formerly associated with the ninth floor of 1348-50 Webster Avenue, Butler Houses, the Bronx.

Bernard Mercedes Case 164/03 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 1410 Park Avenue, Carver Houses, Manhattan.

Jason Mendez Case 165/03 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 310 East 102nd Street, Metro North Plaza Houses, Manhattan.

Jose Sauri Case 166/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 510-512 East 156th Street, Bronxchester Houses, the Bronx.

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Alex Pitre Case 280/03 formerly associated with the twelfth floor of 1020 Trinity Avenue, Forest Houses, the Bronx.

### Prohibited as of February 12, 2003

Kenneth Anderson Case 272/03 formerly associated with the twelfth floor of 180 Powell Street, Seth Low Houses, Brooklyn.

Andre Sumpter Case 303/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 1250 Sutter Avenue, Cypress Hills Houses, Brooklyn.

Lavar Moore Case 316/03 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 2525 Linden Blvd., Cypress Hills Houses, Brooklyn.

Edwin Medina Case 391/03 formerly associated with the sixteenth floor of 20 Catherine Slip, Smith Houses, Manhattan.

## What's happening in ... the Bronx?

In an effort to keep NYCHA residents informed about improvements in their developments, the *Journal* runs a regular column on recently awarded modernization contracts.

### New Steam Heat System for Marble Hill Houses

A new underground steam heat distribution system will be installed at Marble Hill Houses in the Bronx under a \$1,047,000 contract. The contract was awarded to Maric Mechanical, Inc. and is expected to take six months to complete once work begins.

"This work is necessary to ensure that the 3,433 residents of Marble Hill will continue to have heat in their homes when needed during the cold winter months," NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez said. "It is in keeping with our overall goal of constantly improving all of our 346 developments so they continue to provide safe, decent and affordable housing for future generations," he added.

Marble Hill Houses, completed March 3, 1952, consists of 11 buildings, 14 and 15-stories tall. The 16.64-acre complex with 1,682 apartments is bordered by Broadway, Exterior, West 225th and West 230th Streets.

### Major Electrical Upgrade At Polo Grounds Towers

A major electrical upgrade is set for Manhattan's Polo Grounds Towers under a recently awarded \$3.4 million contract. The new electrical system is the latest step to end problems that have plagued Polo Grounds Towers since August 2002 when feeder cables providing power to the development failed because of overloading.

Temporary emergency generators were used to supply adequate power to the complex while four existing transformers were replaced. However, the new transformers did not increase available power to the development. To overcome the problem, Con Ed provided four new sets of feeder cables — one for each building — to replace the two damaged lines. Since then, NYCHA has installed four additional transformers and new switchboards to control the updated power supply which will more than double the available current to each building.

Stasi/Dallas Electrical Contracting, Inc. was awarded the contract which is expected to take one year to complete once work begins. Under the contract, a new transformer building will be built and Con Ed underground vaults and feeder cables will be extended to each of the four buildings.



## RECYCLING...

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look at again. Bundle them up and deposit them in your development's paper recycling container.

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What's more, when you recycle all your glass, metal and paper, you'll be saving expensive space in landfills for refuse that cannot be recycled. You'll also be helping to preserve our natural resources such as trees and metals.

So you see, when you recycle, everybody wins. Also, did you know that recycling is the law?!

## ARRESTS

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his Whitestone, Queens home.

From February 1, 2002 until September 1, 2003, NYCHA paid Vaccaro a total of \$18,484 in rent subsidies for Mateo's rent. At the same time he received NYCHA money he had also rented the apartment to another individual who was not a Section 8 tenant, for \$900 a month.

These arrests are part of an ongoing Citywide crackdown by the NYCHA OIG, the DOI, and the District Attorneys which since 1995 has resulted in the arrests of 297 NYCHA residents.

"The City will not be deceived by those who do not qualify for scarce subsidized housing. These defendants have learned the perils of greedy behavior. Housing scams do not work. DOI will continue to investigate housing fraud so that tax payers' money is not wasted and so that those who do need and qualify for affordable public housing will receive it," said DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn.

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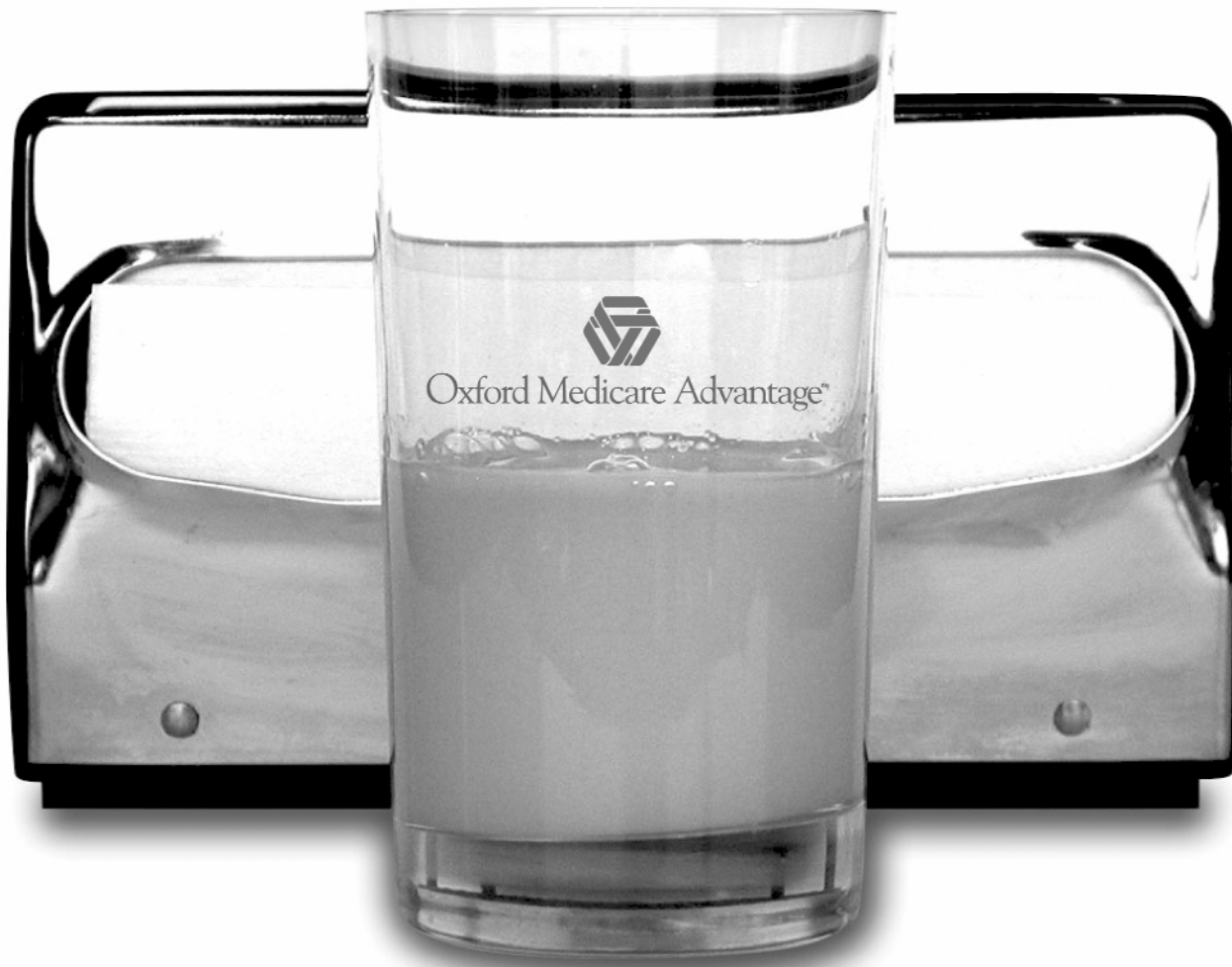
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<p><b>Bronx</b>                      April 9, 10:00 AM                      Charlie's Inn                      2711 Harding Ave.                      Cross St./Balcomb St.</p>	<p><b>Bronx</b>                      April 15, 10:00 AM                      New Royal Coach Diner                      3260 Boston Rd.                      Cross St./Gunhill Rd.</p>	<p><b>Bronx</b>                      April 20, 10:00 AM                      Paradise Restaurant <i>(Bi-Lingual)</i>                      243 East 149th St.                      Cross St./Morris Ave.</p>	<p><b>Bronx</b>                      April 21, 10:00 AM                      Land &amp; Sea Restaurant                      5535 Broadway                      Btwn. 230th &amp; 231st St.</p>	<p><b>Bronx</b>                      April 28, 10:00 AM                      Joe's Place <i>(Bi-Lingual)</i>                      1841 Westchester Ave.                      Cross St./Theriot Ave.</p>

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