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HUD PROMISES \$10 MILLION IN EMERGENCY FUNDS TO HA



At Ground Zero HUD Secretary Mel Martinez, center, with (left to right) Office of Public and Indian Housing Assistant Secretary Michael Liu, NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez, Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. and General Manager Douglas Apple before visiting 90 Church St.

By Eileen Elliott

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced last month that it will give the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) \$10 million in emergency funds to offset losses following the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center. The money will be used for extraordinary expenses incurred in the administration of NYCHA's programs because of the loss of access to its two Central Office facilities after the attacks.

As many NYCHA residents know, the Housing Authority temporarily lost access to 250 Broadway and 90 Church Street, along with their computer and telephone systems, as a result of the attacks. Though 250 Broadway is now fully operational, much remains to be done before the 90 Church Street facility can be reoccupied.

HUD Secretary Mel R. Martinez visited NYCHA's administrative offices at 90 Church Street on November 2 to get a first-hand look at the building, which is structurally sound though it has suffered serious water damage.

It was Mr. Martinez's second visit to New York City since the attacks. He was accompanied

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New Deadline For NYCHA's Rent Amnesty Program

The deadline for applying to NYCHA's Rent Amnesty Program has been extended to January 31, 2002 because of the World Trade Center disaster.

The Rent Amnesty Program allows New York City Housing Authority residents and Section 8 participants who have not accurately reported their income and assets to "come clean" without fear of criminal or civil prosecution.

Based on the newly submitted information, NYCHA will determine the correct rent or subsidy and will allow those who qualify to pay that amount without any interest, penalty or legal fees. Participants in this program will not have their tenancy or subsidy terminated unless they are otherwise ineligible, and will not be arrested and charged with a crime as a result of their failure to report income information.

Everyone who applies for rent amnesty and provides the necessary documents, then pays back all the money, will receive rent amnesty, with the exception of individuals who are under criminal investigation or have criminal charges related to tenant fraud pending against them. Individuals who have helped others commit this type of fraud are also ineligible.

Even though the Amnesty Program office was forced to relocate, NYCHA is confident that it was able to recover the applications that were already filed. Just to make sure, NYCHA is sending confirmation letters for those applications it has, to go out no later than December 31. If you do not receive a confirmation letter you must file a new Amnesty Program Application by January 31, 2002. If you never filed

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Fifth Annual Domestic Violence Conference Focuses On The Elderly

By Allan Leicht

The Fifth Annual Domestic Violence Conference might have seemed untimely in a stricken city, a mourning nation and a world at war. But New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Deputy General Manager for Community Operations Hugh B. Spence and Safe Horizon Chief Executive Officer Gordon Campbell, along with their social service specialists, made it clear that cruelty and terror, whether communal or individual, is exactly what the Domestic Violence Conference is all about, and that was all the more reason that it should not be cancelled.

As NYCHA General Manager Douglas Apple affirmed in his welcoming remarks at the New York Academy of Medicine in Manhattan, "We must use our strength to move forward."



NYCHA General Manager Douglas Apple



NYCHA Social Services Deputy Director Nora Reissig-Lazzaro

morning's formal program, which was followed by an afternoon of workshops. Mr. Campbell praised the partnership between NYCHA and Safe Horizon, which is the nation's leading nonprofit victim assistance and advocacy program.

"Seniors are often forgotten," said Mr. Campbell, who promised the audience that they would leave the day's proceedings, "more grounded, better informed and better equipped to deal with the issue of elder abuse."

Executive Director of the Mayor's Commission to Combat Family Violence Angela Albertus recommended steps to counteract domestic violence.

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Safe Horizon CEO Gordon Campbell

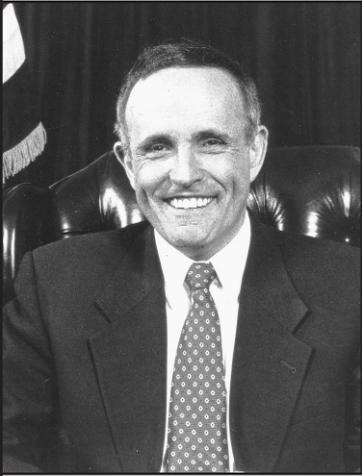
Happy Thanksgiving!



Message From The Mayor

**Electing A New Mayor
And Approving Charter Reform**

New Yorkers turned out at the polls on Election Day to set the future course of our City. In electing a new Mayor and approving five new Charter proposals, we have committed ourselves to building upon the progress and successes of the past eight years: an unprecedented 57% decline in overall crime, the shift of more than 640,000 people from welfare to work, and the creation of a record 450,000 private sector jobs. I am confident that



Mike Bloomberg will carry on these accomplishments. Mike's understanding of economic issues and his success in creating jobs makes him the right man to lead our City right now, and I strongly encourage all New Yorkers to unite behind him to move our City forward in these difficult times.

I am also pleased by the across-the-board approval that our Charter proposals received from voters. These Charter reforms will help to make our progress permanent.

For example, the Administration for Children's Services, which we transformed from a poorly managed brand of the Human Resources Administration, will now be a permanent independent agency. ACS has proven its effectiveness by processing a record 21,000 adoptions, collecting over \$2 billion in child support, and becoming the nation's model child welfare agency.

Likewise, the Office of Emergency Management, which played a crucial role in the rescue and recovery efforts following the September 11th terrorist attacks, will now have a permanent role in helping to protect New Yorkers from natural and man-made disasters.

New Yorkers and all Americans now have a newfound sense of the importance of protecting public health. One of the approved Charter revisions increases the number of medical experts appointed to the Board of Health. This will allow the City to draw upon a wider range of medical perspectives in making informed public health decisions, while the merger of the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health into the new Department of Public Health will allow for greater coordination in this crucial area of municipal government.

In addition, the voters approved strong steps such as banning gun sales to those under 21, creating an organized crime control commission, and improving school safety, which will ensure that New York City will continue to move forward and build upon our successes. We have learned many important lessons on what policies and practices best serve the people of this great City, and voters have decided to preserve those agencies and methods that have yielded overwhelmingly positive results.

On another note, I want to extend my thoughts and prayers to the families of those on American Airlines Flight 587 and all of those affected in the Rockaways, where the airplane went down on the morning of November 12. This proud community suffered tremendous losses in the attacks on the World Trade Center because so many of its sons and daughters work in the Fire Department and the Financial Industry. Now they have been called upon to bear yet another heavy burden. Our hearts go out to them. We are being tested yet again. But I have every confidence that we will meet this challenge and emerge even stronger.

Rudy Giuliani

Fifth Annual Domestic Violence Conference

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**Mayor's Commission to
Combat Family Violence
Executive Director
Angela Albertus**

reluctant to bring family members to justice, Ms. Albertus encouraged those who work with victims to get them to cooperate with the courts. And she was greeted with applause when she said that the appropriate response to domestic violence is not removing the victim from the home, but removing the abuser.

The Honorable Judge Matthew J. D'Emic, of the New York State Court of Claims assigned to the Supreme Court, opened the program with an address entitled, "Domestic Violence, an Experiment in Compassionate Justice." Judge D'Emic described his court as a model for cases that range from stalking to murder and said its mission was to be "no longer reactive, but active...to protect the victim." He likened the batterer to "a terrorist who seeks total control or destruction."

Judge D'Emic's examples were vividly depicted with tape recordings of chilling phone calls in which the abusers were "violent in thought and voice if not action — yet." On the specific issue of elder abuse, the judge advocated adjustments in the rules of evidence and other procedures that could be modified for courts throughout the state.



Judge Matthew J. D'Emic

NYCHA Director of Social Services Michelle Pinnock-Clerk introduced the keynote speaker, Executive Director of the Institute for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly Suleika Cabrera-Drinane. Ms. Cabrera-Drinane described domestic violence as an issue that

is still in many ways "taboo, one of the best kept family secrets. And so," she said, "abusive circumstances often go unlabeled and unrecognized."

Abuse of the elderly is particularly difficult to identify because, as Ms. Cabrera-Drinane described, "a parent who is abused may have guilt...for raising a child who is an abuser and does not want to send his or her own child to jail."

Caregivers can be abusers, she said, and the elderly can be easy prey to con-artists and strangers who take advantage of them. "It does not have to be physical abuse. We must be alert for emotional, sexual, psychological and financial abuse and get the victims to take action."



**Institute for the Puerto Rican/
Hispanic Elderly
Executive Director Suleika
Cabrera-Drinane**

Many of these issues were brought to life with the dramatic performances of three compelling short plays entitled, "Stage of Life, Scenarios about Elder



**NYCHA Social Services
Director
Michelle Pinnock-Clerk**

Abuse," presented by Plays for Living. Analysis by a panel of professionals followed, each providing insight from their specialized perspective.

The professionals addressed ways in which NYCHA employees and others in the field can handle similar situations they may encounter. In addition, the program aimed to foster an awareness of how social workers and senior resident advisors can work together in handling cases.

Seven workshops, each focusing on a different aspect of elder abuse, were held after lunch.

And so, in the midst of crisis the Fifth Annual Domestic Violence Conference took place as scheduled. As was often said, in the anguish we have felt as a city and as a nation, the pain of the individual can never go unnoticed, and never be postponed.

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1-800-621-HOPE**

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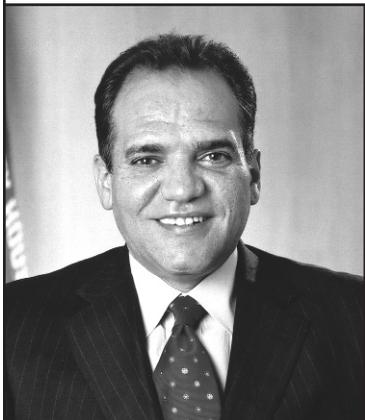
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Message From The Chairman**Giving Thanks For Our Freedoms**

Thanksgiving is unique. It resembles holidays in other countries and cultures which observe autumn harvest festivals, days of tribute and seasons of gratitude; but Thanksgiving in America is truly a come-as-you-are day that includes all cultures and adapts willingly to all traditions and a great variety of observances. Thanksgiving does more than accept the diversity of America, it celebrates



America as a multi-cultural nation of immigrants.

Those who perished so tragically in the fiendish attacks of September 11 represented every race, religion and nationality. Some were New York City Housing Authority residents, and some were friends and relatives of residents. We must remember all of them, along with the courageous, fire fighters, police and emergency workers who tried to save them. We must also remember their grieving families. And now, the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 on November 12 has brought us even more tragedy, more lives to grieve. Yet, we can still derive strength from and be thankful for the support of family, friends and neighbors.

Isn't it amazing how cultures come together and yet remain distinct — in America in general, and especially in New York? We must be thankful indeed that we are a nation of immigrants who commemorate our harvest season with mutual respect and tolerance.

America's diversity is something to be cherished and defended. And so it is also fitting that in November we also commemorate Veteran's Day. The armed services of the United States are today defending our way of life and we are proud that NYCHA residents are among them: From Fort Washington Consolidated in Manhattan, Julia Polanco's son, Ramon Samper, 22, is in the Army, and Lillian Carrero's daughter, Seaman Recruit Angelina Pena, 23, graduated from Navy basic training this past July. At East River Houses, Virginia Cotton's daughter, Kelley Cotton, is serving in the Army. Another Manhattanite, Petty Officer Matthew Fenner, son of Marjorie Fenner of Manhattanville Houses, serves in the U.S. Navy. From Harlem River Houses, Charlotte Perry's daughter, Sharmaca Perry, 20, is also in the Navy. Tarkeema S. Lewis of Drew Hamilton Houses in Manhattan has been serving in the Air Army National Guard for the past two years. From Berry Houses on Staten Island, Harriet Lorenzo's son, Frank Lorenzo, 20, is in the Navy, and at Todt Hill, Yolanda Maranda's daughter, Taralyna Maranda, 21, is in the Reserves.

May all who serve our country at home and abroad in this perilous, heroic season of Thanksgiving remain safe as they keep us strong.

Tino Hernandez

SPEAK OUT AGAINST FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

If you or anyone in your family is aware of any fraud or corruption being committed against the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") by any NYCHA employee, contractor, vendor or resident, we urge you to call the NYCHA Inspector

General at 212-306-3355. The IG is supervised by the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"). Although the DOI and the IG initiate and develop their own investigations, they encourage and rely upon NYCHA employees, tenants, people who do business with NYCHA, and the public at large, to report fraudulent and corrupt activity they see or hear.

TO REPORT FRAUD AND CORRUPTION, CALL THE IG AT 212-306-3355, OR THE DOI AT 212-3-NYC-DOI OR 212-825-5959.

HUD

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by HUD's Office of Public and Indian Affairs Assistant Secretary Michael Liu, Acting Secretary Representative for New York and New Jersey Mary Ann Wilson, NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez, Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. and General Manager Douglas Apple.

The money will be used to cover expenses that are not reimbursable from insurance policies, such as computer system clean-up and repair, rent and furnishings for temporary office space, temporary telephone service, overtime salaries, salaries for temporary staff, and repairs and remodeling of permanent office space.

Because the Housing Authority has Applications Offices in virtually every borough, it was possible to resume the work of processing applications and conducting interviews just two weeks after the attacks. Unfortunately though, the computers at the Applications Office's central location, 90 Church Street, were inaccessible for five weeks following the attacks, making it impossible to retrieve information when applicants attempted to check on their status. The Central Applications Office has since been relocated to 350 Livingston Street in Brooklyn.

"Even though HUD itself has been directly impacted by this disaster, it still went out of its way to help us," said NYCHA General Manager Douglas Apple, referring to HUD's Inspector General's Office which was located at Six World Trade Center, and their main office at 40 Federal Plaza. "It's part of Washington's overall commitment to New York City."

Another part of that commitment is a \$700 million grant from HUD to be used to stimulate the City's long-term economic recovery. The \$700 million is part of HUD's Community Development Block Grant program, and is the largest grant in the program's 27-year-long history.

"This is a critical investment in helping New York City recover from the events of September 11," Mr. Martinez said in announcing the grant on November 2. "HUD is committed to supporting the businesses and citizens of New York during this unprecedented time and the announcement of this money is another step in that direction."

HUD has also granted NYCHA time extensions on some deadlines, and waivers of certain requirements because of the attacks.

**Deborah's Diary**

By Deborah Williams

A Community Comes Together — In the aftermath of the World Trade Center tragedy on Tuesday, September 11, everyone wanted and felt they needed to do something to help the victims and their families inclusive of the residents of Building 12-420-422 East 169th Street, Webster/Morrisania Houses in the Bronx. They could not get to Ground Zero to offer solace to the families but they could offer prayer. And they did just that. On September 13, 2001 from 8:00 p.m. through 10:00 p.m., a service was held and over 50 candles were lit in memory of the loved ones who died on that horrific, unforgettable day and for the families left behind. I'd like to extend NYCHA's gratitude to the residents as well as the organizers of that prayer vigil: Katherine Ash, Janie Rogers, Hattie DeChamp, Jo Ann Gray, Shirley Rhone, Dorothy Allen, Clara McBride, Nini Carmichael, Dennis Atkins, Constance Stubbins, Kim Hampton, Robert Ferguson, and Ms. Ermma. As you so eloquently wrote in your letter, "UNITY IS OUR STRENGTH."

Rescuers — The children of Breukelen Houses in Brooklyn thought this summer would be no different from the others — *BORING* — each day like the one before. According to the Breukelen Resident Association, "children under the age of 12 have no structured activities to while away the long summer days, whereas youths over that age have basketball teams and other activities to make their days relatively productive." When this startling information made its way to Canarsie AWARE, a local youth agency, they, along with the Breukelen Residents Association, combined their efforts to give these youth a three-point shot towards a more recreational and enjoyable summer. These youth were rescued and emerged from boredom with team names such as: Trojans, Celtics, Blazers, Bulls, and Arabias, and were given a jump start into a basketball league that gave them not only something to do, but an association with a structured group. NYCHA would like to thank Anthony Barnes, President of the Breukelen Group and Mary Salogub, Chairperson of the Board for AWARE, for collaborating on this effort and bringing a much-needed sport to the children of Breukelen Houses.

Scholars in Progress — At Queensbridge South Houses in Queens, the Blakely family doesn't mess around when it comes to their education. Education is something they take very seriously. "It's very hard keeping children focused and academically oriented when you live in a neighborhood with many deterrents. All you can do is try your best to keep your children away from all that," said Ms. Paulette Blakely. And that's exactly what she did. Her daughter, Latrice Blakely, a student at Felecian College in Lodi, New Jersey, is majoring in Sports Medicine and made the Dean's List with a 3.8 G.P.A. Latrice is also a member of the Basketball Team and has aspirations of one day playing pro-ball. "I have seen Latrice play and beat many of her male opponents on the court here at Queensbridge," said a chuckling Ms. Blakely. In addition, if you think Latrice is doing well academically there's another child who is just beginning to show her own academic potential. Little seven-year-old Omara Brock, a student at P.S. 76, has been placed in the accelerated second-grade class for reading on the third-grade level. Omara plans to one day have a career as a veterinarian because she loves animals. Although she only has a fish for a pet right now, I know that if she becomes a veterinarian as she hopes she will have an entire array of pets. For now, I'd like to congratulate both of you on your achievements and wish you all the best in your future endeavors. You girls have made your mom proud and deserve something special. So for you Latrice, I have a special **HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUT!** I hear you will be turning 19 on November 24. I wish you lots of birthday happiness. You and your sister Omara deserve recognition so keep up the good work. I know I will be hearing more about you girls in the future.

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 August 30, September 6, September 20 and September 27. **REMEMBER, IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR THE POLICE! THIS LISTING IS PROVIDED TO ALL POLICE SERVICE AREAS.**

Prohibited as of August 30, 2000

Jermaine Castle Case 3415/00 formerly associated with the third floor of 340 Morris Avenue, Patterson Houses, the Bronx.

Jamel Baskin Case 3419/00 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 456 Beach 40th Street, Beach 41st Street Houses, Queens.

Prohibited as of September 6, 2000

Eugene Brown Case 3387/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 545 East 146th Street, Betances Houses, the Bronx.

Barshon McCall Case 5302/00 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 51-45 Almeda Avenue, Edgemere Houses, Queens.

Lawrence McGirt Case 4430/00 formerly associated with the second floor of 10 Paladino Avenue, Wagner Houses, New York.

Umar Hardy Case 2238/00 formerly associated with the eighteenth floor of 107 Wayne Terrace, Markham Gardens Houses, Staten Island.

Ernest Stevens Case 3412/00 formerly associated with the ninth floor of 241 Hoyt Street, Gowanus Houses, Brooklyn.

Walter Johnson Case 3442/00 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 730 East 165th Street, Forest Houses, the Bronx.

Prohibited as of September 20, 2000

Lakai Gustus Case 3573/00 formerly associated with the first floor of 62 Roxbury Street, Mariner's Harbor Houses, Staten Island.

Angel Perez Case 3587/00 formerly associated with the second floor of 110 Humboldt Street, Borinquen Houses, Brooklyn.

Arnold Blunt Case 3640/00 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 244 West 114th Street, Randolph Houses, New York.

Prohibited as of September 27, 2000

Shashone Blake Case 3708/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 981 Waring Avenue, Pelham Houses, the Bronx.

Levell Miller Case 3715/00 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 2719 West 33rd Street, Gravesend Houses, Brooklyn.

Charles Chauncey Case 3650/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 41-07 Vernon Blvd., Queensbridge Houses, Queens.

Edgardo Rivera Case 2089/00 formerly associated with the fourteenth floor of 185 Wortman Avenue, Linden Houses, Brooklyn.

Freddy Harry Case 3713/00 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 224 West 114th Street, Randolph Houses, New York.

From The Chief's Corner

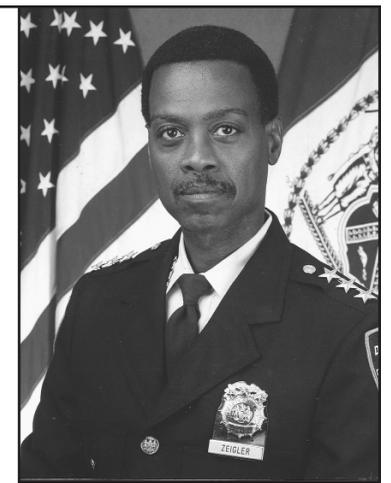
HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The NYPD Housing Bureau sends its prayers and condolences to NYCHA residents and employees who have lost loved ones in the World Trade Center tragedy. We would like to reassure you that the Housing Bureau is still providing needed services to the community during these difficult times.

With the Holiday Season already upon us, the Housing Bureau wants all NYCHA residents to have an enjoyable and safe holiday season. By taking a few simple precautions when making holiday plans and shopping, we can protect our loved ones and ourselves from becoming victims of crime. As in past years, Housing Bureau Police Service Areas will distribute crime prevention literature to promote holiday safety. *In addition, NYCHA residents are encouraged to follow these safety tips:*

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times. Criminals often confront people who are distracted.
- Do not give donations for the World Trade Center tragedy or any other cause to someone who comes to your door dressed as a firefighter or police officer. Con artists are using uniforms such as these to trick people into donating. Any person coming to your door, calling or sending mail requesting donations should be turned away. Donations should be made to reputable charities directly. Check with the New York State Department of Law Charities Bureau at 518-486-9797 or at website www.nyc.gov for a list of valid charities.
- Whether driving, walking, or using public transportation, plan your trip in advance. Know how to travel to your destination by the safest route. Travel on populated, well-lit streets. If possible, travel with a friend.
- ALWAYS lock your car and check the back seat before getting in to make sure no one is hiding there.
- When driving, keep your doors locked and your windows closed. Make sure your gas tank is full and maintain your car in good working condition in order to avoid breakdowns.
- NEVER stand near the edge of the platform if you are traveling by subway. Look for the red or green lights outside the entrance before entering the system. A green light means the entrance is open and a token booth clerk is present. A red light means that you cannot enter the subway system at that location. If possible, stay in view of the token booth clerk or stand in designated waiting areas while waiting for the train.
- Plan your purchases in advance and carry only the amount of cash necessary to make those purchases. If you must carry a large sum of money, divide the cash between your purse, pockets and wallet.
- Record the numbers of each credit card you own in case the cards are lost or stolen.
- Carry your purse close to your body. When carrying a shoulder bag, wear it loosely over your shoulder or crossed over your shoulder and neck.
- If you are carrying a wallet, carry it in the breast pocket of your jacket or in the side pocket of your pants. The rear pants pocket is one of the easiest to pick.
- When in a restaurant, DON'T leave your handbag or packages unattended.
- NEVER leave packages unattended in the passenger compartment of your car. If you must place packages in your car, put them into the trunk and make sure the trunk is locked. A cylinder guard plate should be installed to protect the trunk lock.
- Don't wait until you have reached your front door to look for your keys. Have them ready in your hand.
- If a stranger is standing near your door, it may be a good idea not to open the door but to go to a neighbor's door.
- Lock your front door immediately after entering your home.
- Be wary of CON ARTISTS. Follow your instincts and remember, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Con artists use a number of ploys to scam you for your money or property. One may divert your attention while another picks your pocket. Some pose as utility workers or trades people to gain access to your home. Some conduct scams that are elaborate involving several con artists.

The Housing Bureau wishes you a happy, healthy and **SAFE** Holiday Season!



**Housing Bureau Police
Chief Douglas Zeigler**

NYCHA's Emergency Services Complaint Number

(212) 289-8000

**for emergencies from 4:30 PM to 8:00 AM weekdays
and around the clock on weekends.**

NYCHA PET POLICY OVERVIEW

- **Dog/Cat:** A household may own either **one** dog or **one** cat.
- **Other Pets:** Reasonable quantities of other pets such as small caged birds (parakeets, canaries), fish and small caged animals (hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs), maintained in accordance with the New York City Health Code, are permitted. NYCHA has always permitted these small caged pets and does not require these pets to be registered. A registration fee for these pets is not required.
- **Size limit:** There is a size limit for dogs. Dogs that are expected to weigh over **40** pounds when full grown, based on a veterinarian's estimate, are not permitted.
- **Pet Conduct:** Pets must be kept in a manner that will not create a nuisance, not create excessive noise, not create an unsafe or unsanitary condition, not cause harm or threaten other people, and not damage any property.
- **Dangerous Pet:** Animals that are vicious or threatening are forbidden.
- **Pet waste:** Pet owners must clean up after their pets and dispose of pet waste with the trash. Do not put pet waste in the toilet.
- **Dog Leash:** A dog must always be kept on a leash, **six** feet long or less, while in a public area.
- **Pet-Free Zone:** Pets must not be allowed to enter a "pet-free" zone.
- **Spay/Neuter:** Dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered.
- **Vaccination:** Dogs and cats must have a current rabies vaccination.
- **Dog License:** A dog must be licensed and must wear its license tag when in public.
- **Registration:** Dogs and cats must be registered with NYCHA every year at the time of the household's annual review. The registration includes a form signed by a veterinarian showing that NYCHA pet requirements are being followed.
- **\$25.00 Fee:** Dog and cat owners must pay a one-time, non-refundable pet registration fee of \$25.00.
- **Senior Citizens:** Dog and cat owners who live in a building designated exclusively for senior citizens do not have to pay the \$25.00 pet registration fee.
- **Service Animals:** Residents who submit doctor's verification showing that they need a service animal do not have to pay the \$25.00 pet registration fee and these animals are exempt from the size limit. *A service animal is defined as one that assists, supports or provides service to a person with disabilities. One example is a guide dog for a blind person.*



NYCHA has a new 24-Hour Dog Hotline, 1-888-895-3647. Residents can call this number to report vicious or threatening dogs within their development.

Places to Apply for Jobs!

The Civil Service Chief-Leader provides valuable information on where to apply for and pick up employment/examination applications. Using their material as well as information from the NYC Green Book, here is a list of some important places where examination and/or job applications may be obtained. We also list phone numbers where you can obtain further details about exams, vacancies and the application process.

City: In person 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, Application Center, 18 Washington Street, telephone (212) 487-JOBS. Forms may be downloaded from the Internet at [http://nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/exam forms.html](http://nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/exam%20forms.html). Mail requests for applications must be received at DCAS Application Section, 1 Centre St., 14th floor, New York, N.Y. 10007, with self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope, no later than seven days before the filing deadline. Applications must be returned by mail postmarked on or before the filing deadline. Filing fees range from \$30 to \$60, depending on title, and are payable by money order only.

State: In person, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, New York State Civil Service Department Community Outreach Center, 163 West 125th St., Manhattan, telephone (212) 961-4326, and at Labor Department Community Service Centers. Mail requests to Examination Information, New York State Civil Service Department, Building 1, State Office Building Campus, Albany, N.Y. 12239, (518) 457-6216. The filing fees range from \$15 to \$35.

Postal Service: Information about exams in Manhattan or the Bronx may be obtained, only when tests have been ordered, at the main Post Office, 380 West 33rd Street. For exams in Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island, information may be obtained, only when tests have been ordered, at any of the following locations: 78-02 Liberty Ave., Queens, telephone (718) 529-7000; 142-02 20th Ave., Queens; 45 Bay St., Staten Island. **PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FOR THE SPECIFIC JOBS LISTED BELOW.**

Good luck, keep on persevering and keep on using this paper as an aid to finding a job!

City Exams

Closes November 30

1044 Correction Officer
\$30,692

Closes December 4

1047 Revenue Equipment Maintainer
\$24.17 an hour

Postal Exams

Open November 5 to April 5

Automotive Mechanic
(Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island)
\$31,124

To apply call (866) 999-8777 and enter announcement No. 5547

Electronic Technician
(Manhattan and Bronx)
\$38,343

To apply call (866) 999-8777 and enter announcement No. 5545

General Maintenance Titles
(Manhattan and Bronx)
\$31,272

To apply call (866) 999-8777 and enter announcement No. 5544

Maintenance Mechanic
(Manhattan and Bronx)
\$31,875

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DEBI Prepares Resident Business Owners To Bid



Resident contractors join NYCHA staff for meeting in LIC. Left to right, standing, Supervisor of Painters Brian Case, DEBI Business Development Coordinator Michael Jacocks, Emilena Brown, DEBI Business Development Specialist Milton Stubbs, Cephass Suber, Earl Cooper; left to right, seated, Michael Steward, Contract Inspection Unit Assistant Coordinator Helmut Tomisser, Tracy Simmons, and Jason Price.

By Eileen Elliott

Six New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents who are independent contractors received Certificates of Achievement at the Housing Authority's Long Island City warehouse on October 30, for completing the Department of Economic and Business Initiatives' (DEBI's) program in Stairwell Resurfacing. The certificates were presented by DEBI's Business Development Coordinator Michael Jacocks, who along with Deputy Director Stephen Johnson and Division Chief Ernst Louis, worked with NYCHA's Technical Services Department to organize the training.

DEBI's mission is twofold: to create partnerships with private businesses to generate revenue and employment opportunities for NYCHA; and to operate resident employment and training programs to increase residents' job skills and employment opportunities.

These small business owners are now qualified to work on contracts that will affect stairwells in some 325 of NYCHA's 365 developments. The stairwells, that were stripped of their paint after a spate of fires broke out in the middle-nineties, will be covered with a nonflammable, white, cement-based finish.

The business owners sat around a table as Contract Inspection Unit Assistant Coordinator Helmut Tomisser and Supervisor of Painters Brian Case explained some of the details associated with the work — filling out invoices, payroll reports, daily logs, inspections and job classifications, to name a few. Pretty dry stuff. But not when taken in the larger context of running your own business and being your own boss.

Three of these entrepreneurs had already been in business for anywhere up to nine years. The others recently started their businesses. Still, all appeared to be grateful for their education in stairwell resurfacing which was conducted by the technical services department at Ravenswood Houses in October.

One was Emilena T. Brown, owner of C&J Construction and long-time resident of Williamsburg

Houses in Brooklyn. Ms. Brown has been in the construction business for seven years and has an impressive list of credentials. She just received her business certificate for C&J, which is named after her two children, Catrina and Johnny, last July.

"I was working with a bricklayer as a laborer on a demolition crew and I just got tired of working for other people," Ms. Brown said. "I look at this as doing something to better myself. I want to help the community and let other women know they can do it as well."

Earl Cooper of Aries Construction at Pomonok Houses in Queens has been doing work for the Housing Authority for five years, which he admits has been mostly small jobs. "This is going to be new," he said, sounding hopeful about the prospect of winning some of the upcoming bids.

Jason Price of Velocity Home Improvement at Todt Hill Houses in Staten Island said that NYCHA's DEBI programs have been helpful to him through the years. He said he gets most of his work through the Housing Authority, works in all five boroughs, and has been in business for nine years. "We're surviving," he said. "We're working, keeping business going. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't going well."

Cephass Suber, owner of Top Choice Painting and Construction in Surfside Gardens, has been in business for five years. Mr. Suber stumbled into the DEBI program when he was visiting a friend who received a letter from the depart-

ment. He said there is no question that DEBI has had an enormous impact on his business.

Michael Steward of MD Home Improvement in Kingsborough Houses, Brooklyn, said he has always had a passion for home improvement. He started his business in September 2000, with co-owners Michael and Donald — the M&D in the business's name — Copeland. So far, Mr. Steward has relied on referrals for work, most of which come through his church, the Mount Sinai Church of God and Christ in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. With the help of DEBI's Small Business Division though, Mr. Steward hopes to win some bids from NYCHA.

"Mr. Jacocks gives us helpful input on how to go about getting jobs," he said. When asked if his business has improved since he began utilizing DEBI's services, Mr. Steward didn't hesitate before answering, "Absolutely."

Also attending the meeting was Tracy Simmons of Edgemere Houses in Queens, who partners with another Edgemere resident, David Joseph, as co-owner of Edged Out Contractors. Edged Out has worked on five contracts so far, at the Arverne and Edgemere Houses.

"Everybody in this room is here to make money," Mr. Case said, as the meeting came to a close, making no bones about the motivations of those attending and the reason for the program. "We have a job to do and we want to get paid for it."

'Operation Pumpkin' Brings Joy to NYCHA Children

By Allan Leicht

The school children of Schoharie County in upstate New York saw the pumpkins on farms there, unpicked — the thousands of pumpkins that are usually shipped down to farms on Long Island in early autumn, where they are picked up by children from New York City. They learned that the pumpkins were not being shipped to Long Island this year because the closing of the City's bridges and tunnels after the September 11 terrorist attacks made it impossible for the children to get out to the farms. And the trucks that might have brought the pumpkins into the City were needed for emergencies following the catastrophe.

The Long Island farmers, whose pumpkin crops are not large enough to meet the City's demand at this time of year, had told the farmers in Schoharie County not to send more pumpkins because there would be no one to come for them.

But the children of Schoharie County, members of the Future Farmers of America and Future Business Leaders of America, would not accept this.

And thanks to them, on October 29, truckloads of pumpkins rolled up to NYCHA's Melrose Community Center in the Bronx, Taft Houses in Manhattan, and Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn. From those three locations they were distributed throughout New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments, and the rest of New York City.

It started with Meghan Neary, 16, of Cobelskill, New York, who wanted to do something for the children of New York City in the wake of the World Trade Center disaster but was not sure what. She told her father, Kevin Neary, who is with the New York State Emergency Management Office. That's when the idea of "Operation Pumpkin" was born.

"The children initiated the idea," said John Adams, a farmer from Cobelskill, who was instrumental in coordinating the picking and trucking of almost 40,000 pumpkins during the week of October 2. "They are the elementary and high school children of the Cobelskill-Richmondville School District and they organized the pumpkins from nine different farms in the area."

The Cobelskill-Richmondville School District joined forces with Middleburgh Central School, Sharon Springs Central School and Jefferson Central School, all in farm country about 45 miles west of Albany. Debbie Fletcher, advisor to the Future Farmers of America, guided the students in "Operation Pumpkin."

To make the gift of pumpkins more special, hundreds of students from kindergarten through the 12th grade hand painted 5,000 of the 40,000 pumpkins donated by farmers in the area. Special shipments were designated for the children of the NEST PLUS M school on Manhattan's Lower East Side and P.S. 89 in Lower Manhattan who were displaced by the terrorist

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NYCHA's Deputy General Manager for Operations JoAnna Aniello, Kevin Neary of the NYS Emergency Management Office and Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence at Melrose, with pumpkins.

Goblins At Stapleton Houses



Stapleton Houses on Staten Island isn't haunted anymore, but on October 30 it was full of ghosts and goblins. They were good ghosts and goblins, though, because this was the Fifth Annual Haunted House for Halloween at the Stapleton Houses Community Center, scaring and delighting over a thousand NYCHA seniors, kids and visitors from the community.

All eight Staten Island community centers collaborated in decorating the Stapleton Haunted House under the supervision of Staten Island Community Operations Borough Administrator Andrew Miller and Stapleton Community Center Director Kamal Saleem, with each community center responsible for decorating a room. It was not just random creepy-crawlies, this was a Haunted House with a message — DRUGS KILL!

Chairman Tino Hernandez led ranking NYCHA executives on a tour of the scary premises, with Chief-of-Staff Natalie Rivers and Deputy General Manager for Community Operations Hugh Spence trembling at his side. However, Halloween and haunted houses are mainly for the young, and the children were rewarded for their courage with hot dogs, beverages, and trick-or-treat gift packages at the end of their eerie expedition.

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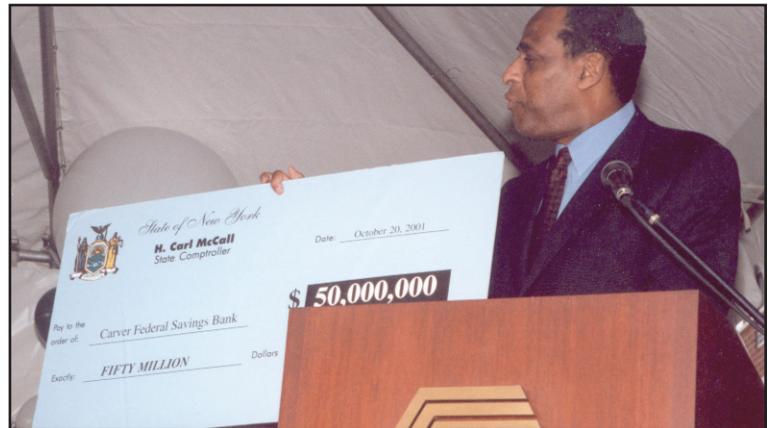
New Harlem Bank Sets Up Scholarship Fund For Students In The Area

By Allan Leicht

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. and the NYCHA Youth Chorus joined in the opening of a new branch of the Carver Federal Savings Bank on 117th Street in Harlem near Martin Luther King Jr. Towers on October 27.

New York State Comptroller H. Carl McCall made a deposit of \$50 million of state funds as Carver Federal established a new scholarship fund for area youth. Young NYCHA residents are expected to apply for the scholarships.

Deborah Wright, who has served on the Housing Authority's Board, is president of Carver Federal Savings, which continues its valuable commitment to New York neighborhoods and NYCHA communities.



TOP TO BOTTOM: Comptroller H. Carl McCall opens New York State's account at Carver Federal Savings located near Martin Luther King, Jr. Towers in Manhattan on Oct. 27. NYCHA Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., flanked by actor Ossie Davis (left) and Assemblyman Keith Wright. The NYCHA Youth Chorus.

AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS, PSA'S #1 & #3



Four officers from P.S.A. #3 received Law and Order Awards at the Floyd Bennett American Legion Post in Brooklyn on June 13, 2001. NYCHA's Chief of Special Investigations Unit Joseph F. DeFina (at microphone) read the heroic deeds for which the awards were given. Receiving awards were (front row, left to right) Sgt. Heidi Meier; Police Officer (P.O.) John Shippone, P.O. Michael Neal and P.O. Wilfredo Cruz (not present). Also attending the ceremony were: (back row, left to right) Asst. Chief Joseph Fox, Commanding Officer (C.O.) Patrol Bureau Brooklyn South; Captain John LaVelle, C.O. P.S.A. #1; Capt. Barry Buzetti, Exec. Officer, 60th Pct.; Housing Bureau Police Chief Douglas Zeigler, NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez and Chief of Dept. Joseph Esposito. Mr. DeFina is Law and Order Chair of the Kings Co. American Legion.

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attacks.

Mr. Neary got in touch with NYCHA's Department of Operations Deputy General Manager JoAnna Aniello and Department of Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh B. Spence, who coordinated the three main drop-off sites for the caravan of trucks that carried the pumpkins to the city, and the means to distribute them. It took teams of NYCHA staffers to coordinate the distribution effort, including Community Operations Borough Directors, caretakers, and staff from the Borough Management offices. "I can't say enough about the NYCHA guys," said Mr. Neary, "they have been out delivering pumpkins all over the city."