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Photo courtesy of Yi-Ching Lin

Have you been hearing about us on [WNYC](#) lately? Several stories that were recorded on 34th Ave Open Streets as part of our Open House New York Weekend program have recently aired on WNYC's [Food Memoirs series](#), which asks New Yorkers to share stories behind favorite family recipes.

If you have holiday plans coming up, we highly recommend these family recipe stories for travel companionship, including stories about [sugar cookies and taking time for traditions](#), [finding joy in dough, honey, and family](#), [the sweet mystery of childhood meatballs](#), and more! 🗣️🍪🍯

📍 **December Oral History Features a Veteran Talent Executive** 📍

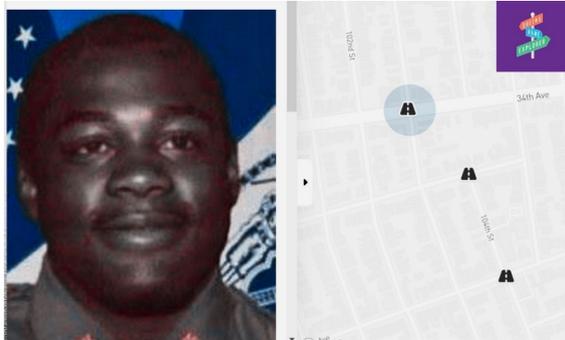


Rob Prinz is a veteran talent executive and the founder of his own talent agency, MLB Booking. After graduating from Jamaica High School, Prinz pursued his undergraduate studies at Queens College. As a Queens College student, he had short stints in the band and as an engineer at the radio station before ultimately finding his passion as a member of the Concert Committee. In 1977 and 1978, Prinz served as the Concert Chairman for the College Union Program Board, a role that enabled him to recruit talent (e.g., Meatloaf, Hall & Oates, Peter Allen, etc.) to be showcased on campus.

[In this interview](#), Prinz recalls his childhood in Queens and his student days on campus, including the Concert Committee activities that laid the foundation for his successful career in entertainment. He recounts signing some of the biggest talents in the business – from Rodney Dangerfield to Madonna to Jerry Seinfeld to Celine Dion – and running departments at all four of the top major agencies before founding his own.

Many thanks to Sara Kahan for conducting the interview.

💡 **Queens Name Explorer Spotlight on: Detective Myron Parker Way** 💡



“What resonated with me was how dedicated Detective Parker was to protecting people. Even though he was off duty, he still stopped to assist and prevent a worse accident from taking place.”
— David Engelman

[Detective Myron Parker](#) (1961-1987) was an NYPD police officer from North Corona who was assigned to the Bronx Narcotics Unit. On August 20, 1987, while off duty, he stopped to assist at the scene of an accident near Yankee Stadium and was killed by a drunk driver. He was 26 years old.

The intersection of 103rd Street and 34th Avenue in North Corona is named in his honor and is located near where he lived at the time of his death.

This post was written and curated by David Engelman - one of our Name Explorer Researchers / Writers.



📅 **Upcoming Events** 📅

December 19 – Join us online for [Learn More About the Queens Memory Project](#), an opportunity to hear about the work we do with volunteers and community partners across the borough. The Queens Memory team will provide an overview of our programs and cover the many ways you can help as a volunteer and contribute to the Queens Public Library's archival collections. Hear about opportunities to record interviews with Queens residents, contribute photos and other materials, assist with transcription and audio editing, and help with our outreach and programming. Register [here](#). We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. **This program is not recorded.** (12 - 1 pm ET)

