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## THE OVAL KITE RUNNER



Photo by David Greene

A YOUNG LADY takes off with her kite during the annual Winterfest celebration at Williamsbridge Oval Park last Saturday, Jan. 19. More from the Winterfest on p. 9.

# **DOE Plans to House Two Small** Schools Inside Clinton H.S.

By BRITTNEY JACKSON

The tremendous outpouring of support by the students, staff and alumni of DeWitt Clinton High School appears to have paid off after the Department of Education said it would not close the struggling school. A week later, however, the DOE said it would be lowering Clinton's enrollment and co-locating two new smaller schools within Clinton's building.

The DOE threatened to close the school after it was served its second consecutive "F" grade on the 2011-2012 progress report. The department gave the school a "B" on College and Career Readiness, but an "F" in student progress, student performance, and school environment.

"Based on the feedback from the community as well as a thorough review of multiple types of school data, the DOE decided that developing an action place will lead to the best outcome for current and future students," DOE spokesman David Pena wrote in an e-mail.

"I'm very pleased that it will remain open, but we don't know in what fashion," said Gerald Pelisson, a former Clinton teacher and co-author of a book about the high school. "Just hoping the Department of Education will keep it as one school, as one building."

Last week, the DOE said it planned to open two new

small schools inside of Clinton that would share common spaces with the larger school. Those schools would begin enrolling ninth graders in the fall. The plan still must be approved by the DOE's Panel for Education Policy, which rarely rejects a DOE proposal.

**Ed. Note:** The DOE will hold a public hearing on the proposal in Clinton on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. The Panel for Education Policy will vote on the plan at its Monday, March 11 meeting in Brooklyn Technical High School, located at 29 Fort Greene Pl., at 6 p.m.



**DEWITT CLINTON** High School may have two new roommates come fall.

# **Double Murder Shakes Norwood**

By ALEX KRATZ

A man and a woman, relatives who lived at different ends of the Bronx, were found murdered last week inside of a car on Perry Avenue in Norwood. It marked the third and fourth killings in the area, all from gun violence, in the past three months.

Just after midnight on Jan.16, after receiving a report of a person shot, police say they

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discovered both Jason Rivera, 30, and Jennifer Rivera, 20, with gunshot wounds to the head. They were both inside a vehicle in front of 3328 Perry Ave., which is about a block south of East Gun Hill Road.

That morning, police blocked off Perry Avenue as investigators collected evidence. By 10:30 a.m., a police van still blocked off the street, and a couple of detectives milled around the area, but a crime scene unit vehicle was leaving after being there since 4 a.m. A handful of blue plastic

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# **Board Sets Stage For Armory Talks**

By ALEX KRATZ

Community Board 7 voted unanimously last week to approve a draft of a community benefits package that will be used to negotiate an agreement with the development group that wins the bid to redevelop the Kingsbridge Armory.

The package, which includes wage guarantees, local hiring requirements, job training programs, as well as funding for community space, local programs and park improvements, totals more than \$20 million.

But community board members were quick to point out that they were aiming high and hoping to come away with an agreement that includes at least some of the key ingredients.

"No, we're not going to get all of it," said Board Chairman Paul Foster toward the conclusion of the meeting. "But this gives us something to work with."

Working with representatives from the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance (KARA), a grassroots community group born out of the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, and lawyers from the Urban Justice Center, the board crafted the outlines of an agreement earlier this month.

Over the past couple of weeks, the partnership worked to hone it with input from board members. At the board's general meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Bronx Library Center, the board spent an hour discussing the draft agreement and then put the final product to a vote.

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## Races Take Shape as Candidates File Fundraising Reports

Candidates running in city elections this year were required to file campaign finance reports this week, giving us a pretty good idea of who the leading contenders for a handful of open Bronx seats will be. Of course, it's still early and candidates will continue to emerge over the coming months, but those who filed this week are already off and running. Here's a look at the most interesting City Council races in the Bronx and who's leading the fundraising game in the 11th, 15th, 16th and 12th districts, which should all be competitive this year.

In District 11 (Riverdale, Kingsbridge, Woodlawn, Norwood), candidates Andrew Cohen (\$66,002), Ari Hoffnung (\$79,066), and Clifford Stanton (\$46,203) have each shown signs of considerable financial support. Cohen and Stanton have already declared their candidacy, while Hoffnung, a former deputy comptroller for John Liu and a past candidate, has not announced whether he is running again this year. Meanwhile, fellow candidate Chervl Keeling, a local businesswoman and high school track coach who recently threw her hat into the ring, has only raised \$1,150.

Stanton, a business owner and school activist, was the first to announce his intentions to run early last year and has also spent the most of any candidate so far (\$20,819), followed by Cohen (\$10,825), a lawyer and politically-active member of Community Board 8, and then Hoffnung (\$9.770). Keeling hasn't spent any money vet, according to the report.

In District 15 (Fordham, Crotona), where Joel Rivera will be departing after three terms, as many as 15 people are said to be considering a run, but only three filed financial disclosure reports: Rivera's chief of staff, Albert Alvarez, former 14th District candidate Yudelka Tapia and William Rivera (not related to Joel).

Tapia is off to a fast start, having raised \$16,122 in the past couple of months. She's only spent \$837 of that money, mostly on a fund-raising event in Washington Heights. She's getting some notable love from Assemblyman Nelson Castro (\$250 contribution) as well as State

Conchita Cruz (\$25).

Alvarez has raised \$2,395 so far and spent \$116, while William Rivera has brought in just \$300 and hasn't spent anything. It will be interesting to see what Joel Rivera does with his war chest. He's

Senator Gustavo Rivera's chief of staff sitting on a balance of \$183,796 and hasn't indicated any political plans as of vet. He can contribute up to \$2,750 of that money to an individual candidate.

> The next opportunity for candidates to disclose funds is March 15.

> > —Reporting by WES SPEROS



Photo by Adi Talwar

**NEW ASSEMBLYMAN** Mark Gjonaj gives blood at North Central Bronx Hospital.

## **Gjonaj Takes Office**

Mark Gjonaj, the new Assemblyman in the 80th District, which includes parts of Norwood, Bedford Park and Morris Park, held his unofficial swearing-in ceremony at Christopher Columbus High School on Sunday, Jan. 13.

Clocking in at more than three hours in length, Gjonaj said he wanted to give everyone who supported his campaign an opportunity to share in the moment during the ceremony. In addition to the long roster of elected officials, ambassadors from Albania and Kosovo also attended the ceremony. Gjonaj said he understands that he might be the only person of Albanian descent to be elected to state

The next day, on Monday, Gjonaj took a bus full of family and friends up to Albany to share in his official swearingin. He was hoping to ride back with everyone, but was forced to spend the night upstate as Governor Cuomo pushed hard for both the assembly and the senate to pass new gun control legislation, which they did.

On Thursday, Gjonaj was at North Central Bronx Hospital in Norwood, giving blood in a mobile van. One of Gjonaj's plans is to buy an RV and turn it into a mobile district office.

"If people can't come to the district office," Gjonaj said," then we need to bring the office to them."

## So Far, So Good for Klein's Governing Coalition in Senate

Following the passage of gun control legislation considered to be one of the toughest in the nation, Bronx State Senator Jeff Klein declared victory for his Independent Democratic Conference's governing coalition with Senate Republicans.

"This was the first important test of the new coalition government," Klein said in an interview.

The legislation passed with the support of all 26 Democrats and Klein's conference. The only "no" votes came from Republicans.

State Senator Gustavo Rivera hailed the legislation as an important step toward curbing gun violence, but said it was a "special case" and not indicative of the coalition's ability to pass progressive legislation, which Klein says he will pursue.

"The very strong hand of the governor made [gun control] happen," Rivera said. He added, "I still don't know how [the coalition government] is going to work."

Rivera pointed out that many aspects of the new laws were included in separate bills introduced by Democrats who have fought for tougher gun control laws

for years.

Klein said Democrats will continue to get a "fair shake" on any issues they put forward in Albany. "We are more than happy to work with Democrats and that's what we'll continue to do," Klein said.

## **Public and Community Meetings**

- COMMUNITY BOARD 7 committee meetings will be held on the following dates at the board office, 229A E. 204th St. at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: Education & Libraries, Thursday, Jan. 24: Youth, Public Safety and Quality of Life, Monday, Jan. 28 at St. James Recreation Center, located at 2530 Jerome Ave.; Economic Development, Wednesday, Jan. 30; Land Use/Zoning, Thursday, Jan. 31. For more information, call (718) 933-5660 or visit www.BronxCB7.info.
- The 52ND PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL will meet on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at Serviam Gardens, 323 E. 198th St. All are welcome. For more information, call (718) 220 5824.
- The BEDFORD MOSHOLU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 400 E. Mosholu Pkwy. So. Apt. B1 (lobby floor).

# **Double Murder Shakes Norwood**

(continued from p. 1) gloves littered the street.

The parking place in front of 3328 Perry Ave. was empty, aside from bits of trash, including random car parts. A next door neighbor declined to speak with a reporter on the scene. Others who did talk said they didn't recall hearing gunshots during the middle of the night, although many said they woke up from all the police activity.

Inspector Joseph Dowling, the commander of the 52nd Precinct, said the two victims were cousins, but declined to comment further because the investigation was still in its infancy. Other news reports said the two victims had an uncleniece relationship.

Jennifer Rivera's address was listed as being on Boynton Avenue in Soundview, near the Bruckner Expressway. Jason Rivera's residence was listed as being on East 194th Street, near Briggs Avenue. That's the heart of the 52nd Precinct's most crime-ridden neighborhood, otherwise known as Sector G (or George).

The Daily News reported that detectives were investigating Jason Rivera's lengthy criminal past, which included arrests for drug possession and shooting his own brother. He spent time in prison for assault and weapon possession after stabbing a man in 2005.

It's unclear what they were doing in Norwood. Recently in the same area, on Decatur Avenue, just two blocks east of the

crime scene, two people were murdered in separate incidents toward the end of last year. One of the murders was considered narcotics related, while the other remains a mystery to friends and family of the victim, 46-year-old Gary Rodriguez.

Police said Jason Rivera was taken to Jacobi Hospital and Jennifer Rivera was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital. Both were pronounced dead on arrival.

Their murders mark the first homicides in the 52nd Precinct in 2013. Last year, the precinct didn't record a murder until May.



Photo by David Greene A PHOTO OF one of the victims, Jennifer Rivera, was posted to a makeshift memorial near where she was killed on Perry Avenue.

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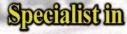


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### **Editorial**

### What 'Seis' Says About The Bronx

When a mustachioed and smiling man with a large camera dangling around his neck tucked a beer into his jacket pocket and emerged from the gaggle of people surrounding the Bronx Documentary Center, I knew we had arrived at the most happening corner in the Boogie Down on an early Saturday night.

The gaggle and the dozens slowly moving around inside the Documentary Center, at the corner of 151st Street and Courtlandt Avenue, were there for the opening night of the new photography exhibit, "Seis Del Sur" (Six From the South [Bronx]), which is garnering loads of positive attention for the artists and the center.

There may have been music playing. I couldn't tell. It was too loud with boisterous conversation and laughter and activity and people photographing the photographs and people making iPhone movies of people photographing the photographs.

This was the Bronx at its best and it bodes well for the future of the borough.

For one, the content of the exhibit is spectacularly beautiful in its intimacy and display of sheer talent. The six photographers whose work is shown are



Puerto Ricans who mostly grew up and became adults in the South Bronx during the 1970s and 1980s. Each has enjoyed artistic and professional success over the years. (I say "mostly" because Angel Franco, a longtime photographer for the New York Times, says his family were gypsies who moved around a lot and it would be inaccurate to pigeonhole him to just one borough.)

Franco won a couple of Pulitzer Prizes and his work has appeared in galleries all over the world. Times journalist David Gonzalez is known more for his words, but now edits the Lens Blog on the Times' website. Ricky Flores now works as a staff photographer for the Journal News and boasts a vast archive of old school

Bronx photographs. The dapper Edwin Pagan is a successful filmmaker and the founder of Latin Horror, a website dedicated to the under-appreciated genre.

It also includes some local northwest Bronx connections. Contributors Joe Conzo and Francisco Reyes, no slouches themselves, now live in Norwood.

All of them deliver the goods in this show. It's simply great insight into the lives of Bronxites during the infamous "Bronx is Burning" days because the images aren't focused on burned-out buildings (though they do make for some vivid backgrounds). Instead, they're focused on people, families, young people, old people, black, brown and white people. Just people. Living their lives. And, of course, wearing funny clothes.

Conzo explains what people who weren't there don't understand about the Bronx during those days:

"You can't miss anything you've never had," Conzo says about life in the Bronx. "I didn't miss backyards, the private schools and white picket fences 'cause I never had that. But I had my St. Mary's Park, People's Park, the abandoned buildings to run and play in, Johnny on the Pony, the pumps, and the multiple fires to entertain me."

Much kudos to the nonprofit Bronx Documentary Center for providing the perfect space for the Seis, who had been nosing around for the right gallery space for a couple of years.

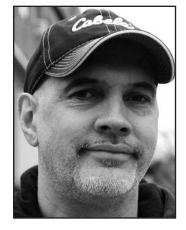
Founded by award-winning war photographer Michael Kamber, the center opened its doors in 2011 with a mission "to create an engaging environment for local and international photojournalists, artists, filmmakers, critics and educators committed to innovative methods of nonfiction storytelling."

They are doing it by just being there. And by showing off the borough's established talent who are telling the Bronx story through their own eyes, they are helping to inspire the next generation of success stories. —ALEX KRATZ, editor

# **Inquiring Photographer**

By DAVID GREENE

## After several recent violent incidents in the area, Norwood residents were asked about current crime trends and if police are doing enough.



We need more police around here, especially at night. They're here in the morning, but after school there's not too many. We need more police in this area because I've been living here for 12 years. It's a little better now, but they can do better.

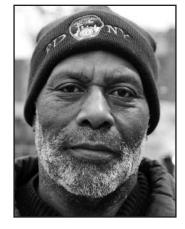
Jerry Arocho

lived here 35 years and it's changed so much. No, they are not doing what they are suppose to, getting these people dealing drugs. There are terrible things going on now. No, I come out at night, I'm not afraid, not at all. But there's too much crime around here

Norwood is horrible. I've

**Christina Sisti** 

lately.



(Commissioner) Kelly should put more patrols on the streets. If we had walking patrols like he has in Manhattan, he could end some of this crap right now. If you go to Fordham you'll see walking patrols. But 204th Street is just as much a commercial district as Fordham or Jerome Avenue, so he needs to put more people here in the 52nd Precinct as a show of force and let people know that they are secure and they can be safe here.

Sim Binnum



I think it's worse. I've lived in the area for like five or six years and I think it's getting worse. There's a lot of guns in the area and a lot of gang members and the police don't do anything. We are hard workers, but the guys here try and rob you and do something bad to you because sometimes we come home late and there's a lot of gang members on the street. **Victor Ruiz** 



It's about the same, nothing has changed. The police don't spend time around this area. The police come after something happens, for example if someone gets shot or someone's fighting in the street. I don't know where the police are now, I'm not sure.

**Antonio Simeon** 



# Rates of Glaucoma in the Bronx Among Highest in U.S.

By ALEX KRATZ

An estimated 2.2 million Americans have glaucoma, an eye disease that affects the optic nerve, resulting in elevated pressure within the eye that leads to gradual vision loss. Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness in the United States and the majority of people with the condition are not aware they have it because there are often no symptoms. Rates of glaucoma in the Bronx are among the highest in the country, indicating the need for extensive public education.

"Glaucoma gives few warning signs until permanent, lasting damage has occurred," says Anurag Shrivastava, M.D., glaucoma specialist in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at Montefiore Medical Center. "We urge everyone to regularly visit their doctor and check their eye health."

Dr. Shrivastava offers the following information about glaucoma's impact on the community, how it is detected and available treatment options:

Who is at highest risk for glaucoma? African-Americans and Hispanics, who make up the majority of the Bronx population, have much higher rates of glaucoma than the general population. Regular eye exams for these two groups, especially for those over age 60 or with a family history of glaucoma, are extremely important. People of East Asian descent also are at higher risk, as are those who take steroids for inflammatory conditions such as asthma or rheumatoid

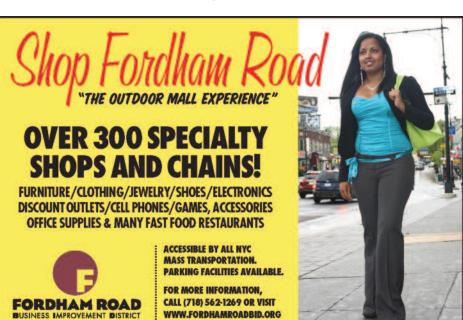
What are the symptoms? Glaucoma is asymptomatic until the disease is advanced. People tend to lose peripheral vision very slowly and are able to compensate by eye and head movements. When their central vision is affected and the vision loss is more obvious, it is often extremely late in the disease.

How is glaucoma diagnosed? During a routine eye exam, glaucoma is diagnosed based on the appearance of the

optic nerve, and how a patient performs a visual field test. Glaucoma screenings are performed in the community routinely by various organizations. Optical stores staffed by an optometrist can provide a basic eye exam; however, complete ophthalmic examination, including dilation and field testing, by an ophthalmologist is recommended for glaucoma.

Is there a cure for glaucoma? There is no "cure" for glaucoma, only treatments. Medical therapy comes in the form of eye drops taken daily to reduce pressure, and surgical therapy includes laser and incisional procedures, also to reduce pressure. Surgical procedures are usually performed only if medical therapy fails.

How can I protect my vision? Maintain a healthy lifestyle, first and foremost. This includes being tobacco-free and wearing UV protection when in direct sunlight. Regular screenings with a qualified eye care professional will help detect many cases of glaucoma and other eye diseases. Early detection and treatment can preserve vision for a lifetime; delayed diagnosis is the one of the top indicators for a poor prognosis.



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The Refuge House, 2715 Bainbridge Ave., will host free tax filing which is available from Jan. 23 to April 10 on select Wednesdays 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (no walk-ins) for individuals and families whose gross income in 2012 was less than \$56,000 with dependents, or \$25,000 without dependents. E-file and Direct Deposit options are available for fast and accurate preparation. For more information and an appointment, call (718) 933-2539.

The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd. (718) 579-4244, and the Grand Concourse Library, 155 E. 173rd St. (718) 583-6611, are assisting with filing taxes, free, for those who qualify, from Jan. 30 through April 15. For qualification information and a detailed schedule, visit www.nypl.org/taxhelp, or call 311 for free tax preparation assistance.

#### **Community Project Grants**

The Bronx Library Center at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., room C22, will hold a grant information session on Jan. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information or for required RSVP, call (212) 822-9568. Citizens Community for New York City is award-

ing \$500 to \$3,000 in grants to resident-led groups to work on community and school improvement projects from East Tremont in the Bronx to West Brighton on Staten Island. Apply online and create significant change in your town by supporting nutrition awareness programs, building a community garden, or even focusing on youth education and physical fitness. Application deadline is Jan. 31. For more information, call (212) 822-9580 or visit www.citizensnyc.org/programs/grants.

#### **Homeless Survey 2013**

The NYC Department of Homeless Services seeks volunteers to help conduct its Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) survey the night of Monday, Jan. 28. Volunteers will be surveying the streets, parks, and subways and must be 18 years of age or older. Training will be held the night of the survey. For more information and to register, visit www.nyc/gov/dhs, or call 311.

#### **Become a NYC Lifeguard**

The NYC Department of Parks seeks summer lifeguards, ages 16 and older who qualify for its lifeguard school. Those selected will receive free training. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov and check out the "Qualifying Test" and "Lifeguard Training Program" to see if you qualify.

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# **Board Sets Stage for Armory Talks**

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After going over the details and language with the Urban Justice Center, they are expected to present the agreement to the two finalists for the Armory project in the near future and begin negotiations.

The two finalists include the Kingsbridge National Ice Center, a mega ice sports complex with nine skating rinks and an accompanying youth program, and Mercado Mirabo, an futuristic and flexible town square-style market designed by Young Woo & Associates with recreational, business incubator and retail components.

According to a spokesman for the Economic Development Corporation, which is managing the Armory project for the city, the agency is still in the final stages of negotiations with the developers and hopes to choose a winning bid "soon."

Negotiations between the Community Board 7-KARA partnership and the developers on a community benefits agreement may have an impact on the winning bid.

Councilmember Fernando Cabrera, whose 14th District includes the Armory, has said repeatedly that a benefits agreement package must be part of the redevelopment of the Armory and his voice holds weight. The City Council killed the last project planned for the Armory three years ago and generally goes along with the wishes of the Council member whose district any given project resides in.

Recently, the partners in the ice center proposal have said they believe their pro-

posal is strong enough to win the bid without a community benefits agreement, saying it incorporates many of the community's desires, including guaranteed living wage jobs (\$11.50 an hour, \$10.50 an hour plus benefits) for all of the ice center's 175 potential employees.

"We look forward to continued dialogue with the community and City, and will remain open to suggestions for additional community benefits that are within reason and allow us to move forward with our grand vision for this iconic landmark." said a spokesperson for the KNIC partners.

Young Woo has pledged to produce at least 175 living wage jobs through its project and about 800 total. They have also agreed to put \$50,000 toward the development of a new school in the Armory's annex buildings, which are currently occupied by the National Guard.

Both groups have said they will use environmentally-friendly design practices and provide for community space two pieces that are included in the draft benefits agreement.

The draft agreement also calls for. among other things, the installation of a monitoring committee to oversee and enforce the agreement, \$500,000 for development of a new school, \$3 million for community groups, \$3,500,000 for park improvements, a small business incubator, free parking for church attendees on Sundays and new space for Community Board 7 offices.



FRIENDS OF OVAL PARK member Lorita Watson shows off her bike skills at the Winterfest event at Williamsbridge Oval Park on Saturday, Jan. 19. Outside organizations set up informational booths, while the Parks Department set up activities and performances. For more photos and details, visit us online at norwoodnews.org.





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### **Onstage**

- The Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd., W., presents African Children's Choir, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m., in celebration of Black History Month (tickets are \$15 to \$35); and A Chorus Line, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. (tickets are \$25 to \$45); (fee for ages 12 and under for each show is \$10); and Chamber Music Recital, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m., free, in the Music Building's Recital Hall. For more information, call (718) 960-8833.
- The Bronx Council on the Arts, 2700 E. Tremont Ave., presents free, **Community**Arts Tuesdays, Jan. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. featuring jazz bassist John Benitez.
  Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (718) 931-9500 ext. 22 or 33.

#### **Events**

- Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center, 260 E. 207th St. (between Bainbridge and Perry avenues), offers **free dance workshops** on Jan. 26 including a salsa social with a lesson and refreshments from 5 to 7 p.m., and belly dancing. For more information, call (718) 652-6256 or visit www.mind-builders.org.
- The New York Botanical Garden presents

  Tropical Paradise, a collection of tropical
  trees, flowers, and foliage in its Enid A.

  Haupt Conservatory, through Feb. 24.

  Docent-led tours are held daily at 12:30 p.m.

  Children can participate in a scavenger hunt
  that begins in the Conservatory and continues in the Everett Children's Adventure

Garden. For more information, call (718) 817-8700.

- The Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, presents **New Urbanism** in the Bronx, living, working and playing in this compact city, Feb. 6 starting with breakfast at 8:15 a.m. and an industry expert discussion at 9 a.m. For more information, contact www.bronxsummit.org.
- The Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse (165th Street), presents its free **First Friday** on Feb. 1 from 6 to 10 p.m., featuring film, art performances, music and other special events. For more information, call (718) 681-6000.
- Wave Hill, a Bronx oasis at 675 W. 252nd St. in Riverdale, offers Family Arts

  Projects: Give a Winter Bird a Home or a Feeder, to make a bird home or feeder using recycled materials and decorate it with natural materials, Jan. 26 and 27; in the Ecology Building, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free events include: Winter Workspace Workshops in the Glyndor Gallery, Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m: Nature Through Glass, to create a snow globe; and Preserving Flowers Through Art, to create collages and drawings (art materials are

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provided for both workshops; call ext. 305 to confirm). Grounds admission is free Saturdays until noon, and free Tuesdays in January all day. Glyndor Gallery **tours** take place Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m.; garden **walks** are held Tuesdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., from the Perkins Visitor Center. For more information and a schedule of events, call (718) 549-3200.

■ The public is invited to ride the Feb. 6 free Bronx Culture Trolley, which transports visitors on the first Wednesday of every month (except January and September) to Bronx hot spots, all featuring a variety of entertainment options and ends at Sweetwater's Bar & Grill for music, food and drink. Trolley night starts with a 5 p.m. reception at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse (at 149th St.). From there, the trolley departs at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. New attractions are added monthly; admission to most venues is free. Riders can get on and off at any scheduled stop and spend as much time as they wish at any or all of the featured venues. For more information and a detailed schedule, call (718) 931-9500 ext. 33 or log on to www.bronxarts.org.

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#### EDITOR'S PICK

## **Get Down With Marvin Gaye's Music**

The public is invited to groove to the music of the **Prince of Motown: The Music of Marvin Gaye**, performed by pop/jazz vocalist Cody Childs and His Trio, Jan. 26 at 2:30 p.m., free, at the Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

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- Casita Maria Center for Arts & Education, 928 Simpson St., presents free, Dále! (Hit It!): From Puerto Rico to the Galapagos Islands, through Feb. 22. For more information, call (718) 589-2230/6190.
- The Bronx Council on the Arts presents free, In the Realm of Dreams & Fears at Hostos Community College's Longwood Art Gallery, main gallery, Feb. 6 from 5 to 9 p.m. through May 1. For more information and a detailed schedule, call (718) 518-6728.
- Lehman College Art Gallery, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd., W., presents Contemporary Cartographies, expressing an array of ideas in various styles, Feb. 5 through May 11, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reception is March 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (718) 960-

## **Library Events**

■ The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents programs for adults including Free Computer Classes: Online registration required: MS Word 2010, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m.; Film at 2:30 p.m.: "Cry,

the Beloved Country," Feb. 2; Single Stop/Government Benefits at 9 a.m.: Jan. 24, 29 and 31; Tax Help: Jan. 31, Feb. 4 and 7 at 10 a.m., Feb. 2 at 4 p.m., and Feb. 5 at 5 p.m.; and Tax Tips for the Self-employed: Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. (register online). Teens and young adults can join ARTistic Teens at 3:30 p.m.: Jan. 25 and Feb. 1. Children can enjoy Film: Jan. 29 at 4 p.m.; Global Partners Junior at 4 p.m.: (ages 5 to 12: phone or in-person registration required), Jan. 30 and Feb. 6; Penguin Book Making: Jan. 31 at 4 p.m.; and Preschool Story Time at 11 a.m.: Jan. 24, 31 and Feb. 7. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

- The Mosholu Library, at 285 E. 205th St., offers for seniors and adults: Knitting Circle: Thursdays at 3 p.m.; Wii Program: Tuesdays at 3 p.m.; and Computer Lab: Jan. 30 at 10:30 a.m. (advance in-person registration required); Children can enjoy Baby Story Time at 11 a.m.: (ages to 18 months), Feb. 5; and Toddler Story Time at 10:30 a.m.: (ages 18 to 36 months), Feb. 7. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.
- The Jerome Park Library, at 118 Eames Place, offers Pajama Party: (ages 5 to 12), Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.; and Film: (ages 5 to 12), Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

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