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Photo by Alex Kratz

HUNDREDS OF school supporters came out to the Panel for Education Policy meeting in Brooklyn last week to urge its members, who are mostly controlled by the mayor, to vote against plans to close 22 city schools and co-locate new schools inside many more.

Panel Votes to Shrink DeWitt Clinton

Decision Could Mean End for 115-Year-Old School

By ALEX KRATZ

DeWitt Clinton High School boasts a deep roster of famous alumni that includes comedians, athletes, authors, judges, politicians, Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winners. But when it came down to it just before 1 a.m. on March 12 inside the cavernous auditorium at Brooklyn Technical High School, a total of five supporters, three teachers and two parents, stuck it out until the bitter end.

That's when the Panel for Education Policy, which must approve major policy and school changes proposed by the Department of Education, voted 8 to 4 to shrink 115-year-old Clinton to about half the size it was just a few years ago and open up two new small schools inside the building known as the Castle on Mosholu Parkway.

Though Clinton is not new to major changes — it only began accepting girls 30 years ago — most people involved with the school believe this decision will mean the beginning of the end for one of the city's most storied schools.

"I'm afraid it is," said Principal Geraldine Ambrosio before leaving the hearing at about 10:30 p.m.

Since 2004, the DOE has shuttered or started to phase out 22 high schools in the Bronx and replaced them with multiple smaller themed schools. It's only a matter of time, Clinton supporters say, that their school will be among those lost to the small schools

movement.

Just 13 years ago, Clinton was named one of the top 100 high schools in the entire country. But since Mayor Bloomberg took over the school system in 2002, Clinton's performance statistics have seen a steady decline.

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HEARTBREAK FOR EVANDER



Photo by Adi Talwar

Evander Childs senior Rushane Constable hides his emotions at the end of the Tigers' 85-82 overtime loss at home to McKee/Staten Island Tech in the quarterfinals of the PSAL playoffs. More photos and local sports coverage at norwoodnews.org.

Bedford Park Woman Killed Crossing Parkway

By DAVID GREENE

A 63-year-old Bedford Park woman died Sunday after being hit by an out-of-control car while walking on the grassy divider in the middle of Mosholu Parkway — a field where a large group of children were playing football just a day earlier.

Cops and paramedics were called to the parkway at 3:45 p.m., on Sunday, March 17, to find the victim, Bedford Park resident Sook-Ja Kim, suffering from life-threatening injuries after apparently being hit from behind.

Emergency Medical Services reported that Kim suffered "severe trauma to the chest," and was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital, where she later died.

Police officials said a 22-year-old Hispanic male was driving a 1997 Honda Accord that was traveling southbound on Mosholu Parkway "when it entered the park area and struck the victim."

NYPD spokesman Detective Joseph Capitolo, "There were no summonses issued and no arrests, but we're still investigating."

Numerous sources report that the driver was taken to the 52nd Precinct for questioning before he was transported

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World Traveler Back in the Bronx

30 Years Later

By SARA REGALADO

Sometime toward the middle of a record-breaking journey by foot through the Americas three decades ago, George Meegan found himself walking up Perry Avenue in the Bronx. Now, some 30 years after his 19,019-mile walk from Tierra del Fuego in Argentina to Alaska's Point Barrow, which earned him global notoriety, Meegan is back, stopping through on what has become a lifelong trek.

Meegan is in New York trying to drum up buzz for a documentary he 's working on. Looking for a place to stay, he called up Norwood native Evan Camp, whose family became friends with Meegan on his journey years ago.

"I'm back where I am," Meegan said. "And this all connects with the longest journey, in fact, because I came up Perry Avenue, and of course, was in this park," he says, pointing to Williamsbridge Oval Park.

Now in his 60s, Meegan walks with sturdy, brown shoes. He has a long stride and moves quickly with his head up. He has an eager smile, laugh lines, small eyes that disappear

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BREAKING BRONX

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By ALEX KRATZ

Detailed Crime Stats Bill Gets Hearing

Bronx Councilman Fernando Cabrera's proposed legislation to make detailed crime statistics more widely available, which has evolved since its inception nearly two years ago to take advantage of new mapping technology, is getting close to making it onto the floor for a vote.

Earlier this month, the City Council held its first hearing on Cabrera's legislation, which was inspired by reporting and editorials by the *Norwood News* about the availability of neighborhood crime statistics, commonly known as "sector stats."

While the police department regularly publishes precinct-wide crime statistics, it also produces more detailed statistics, which it doesn't make public, that apply to each sector, or neighborhood, within each precinct.

Originally, Cabrera's legislation required the NYPD to provide the sector stats to each community board on a regular, periodic basis. But Cabrera felt that methodology might create a "bottleneck" at the community board. Besides, he says now, "we have the technology to do something better and make everything public information."

Cabrera's new proposal would require the Department of Information Technology to create an interactive map that would display crime complaints down to the street where the crime occurred. This way, anybody in the city could see how many and what types of crimes are occurring on their own block. Similar maps have been created in cities like Baltimore and Chicago.

At the hearing, representatives from

DoIT said the technology would be relatively easy to create — they have done essentially the same thing for 311 complaints — it would just be a matter of getting hold of the data. The DoIT reps said the NYPD already inputs the information into a computer. They would just need to store it in a "data warehouse" where DoIT could access it.

The NYPD, which didn't appear at the hearing and is notoriously cagey with information, is neutral on the plan, Cabrera says. Paul Browne, the NYPD's chief spokesperson, did not return requests for comment.

"It's all about being able to target our resources more efficiently," Cabrera says. The NYPD uses these stats, he says. So should elected officials, nonprofits and other agencies.

Clergy Leaders Press Klein on Progressive Minimum Wage

A group of Bronx clergy leaders held a rally last week at Bronx Borough Hall to demand that the New York State Senate adopt an Assembly-approved plan to increase the state's minimum wage to \$9 an hour and make the rate tied to inflation.

The group is specifically calling on Senate co-leader Jeff Klein, a Bronx Democrat whose Independent Democratic Conference shares power with Republicans, to push for the indexed wage increase, which passed in the Democrat-controlled Assembly and is supported by the 27 Democrats in the Senate. Klein's group includes five Democrats.

Anna Durrett, a spokesperson for Klein, says the co-leader is immersed in negotiations about minimum wage and other budget talks and that he's on record saying he supported a higher minimum wage that is tied to inflation. But, she said, Klein was working to come up with a bipartisan compromise on minimum wage and that the most important thing was to pass some kind of a wage hike now.

"It's most important that [the legislature] actually do something [to increase the minimum wage]," Durrett said.

Durrett said a compromise might include tax breaks for businesses to help

off-set some of the cost increases that would come with a minimum wage hike. She said the base amount of the hike had yet to be determined and noted that Governor Cuomo, also a Democrat, had not included an inflation index in his own budget plan.

Rev. Que English, co-founder of the Bronx Clergy Roundtable, directed her comments at Klein who lauded the passage of gun control regulations earlier this year as proof of his coalition's effectiveness. "What is there to negotiate? If you can pass gun control laws, surely you can raise the minimum wage to \$9 per hour with indexing."

Bedford Park Woman Killed Crossing Parkway

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and evaluated at a local hospital.

One witness, a 26-year-old local resident who would only give his first name, Roberto, said he was traveling with his family, including a young child, when the accident took place.

After showing an investigator where the unidentified driver turned into oncoming traffic at Van Cortlandt Avenue East and then into the grassy median, Roberto said, "You would think you're safe crossing in the middle of the parkway, but that's the way the world is, it's messed up like that."

Roberto said the investigators thought the driver may have suffered a seizure, causing him to lose control of his car.

A second witness, Norwood resident and single dad Marcelino Hernandez, said, "I saw the car cross the highway and driving in the wrong direction. He was going like 100 miles-per-hour, yes. The guy was sick or something was wrong with the young driver."

About a month ago, near the exact same spot around Bainbridge Avenue, an Access-a-Ride van transporting patients to a local hospital crashed, but no one was injured. A little more than a year ago, a teacher named Justin Bravo crashed his motorcycle on the parkway just a few blocks away underneath the Jerome

Avenue overpass.

"I cross here all the time with my kids," Hernandez said about the parkway. "It's not safe. You're not supposed to play there. Nobody should be there. This roadway is very dangerous."

Kim lived on Bedford Park Boulevard, just a few blocks from where she died. Neighbors say Kim was a kind woman who worked at a nail salon and had lived in the area for more than a decade.

At press time, Kim's family was said to be finalizing plans to fly in from South Korea to prepare her funeral arrangements.



Photo by David Greene

A WITNESS shows an investigator where the car came from before it fatally struck Bedford Park resident Sook-Ja Kim.

Public and Community Meetings

- **The 52ND PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL** will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at the Bedford Park Senior Center, 243 E. 204th St. For more information, call (718) 220-5824.
- **The CROTON FACILITY MONITORING COMMITTEE** will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at the DEP office, 3660 Jerome Ave.
- **The BEDFORD MOSHOLU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** meets at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, at 400 E. Mosholu Parkway So., Apt. #B1 (lobby floor).
- **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: Community Relations/Long-term Planning, Thursday, March 21; Land Use/Zoning, Thursday, March 28; Youth/Safety, Thursday, March 28 (St. James Rec Center, 2530 Jerome Ave.). All Community Board meetings are open to the public. For more information, call (718) 933-5660 or visit www.BronxCB7.info.

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Panel Votes to Shrink DeWitt Clinton

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Last year, the school received an “F” on its school progress report and only graduated about half of its students in four years.

Ambrosio and others said the school’s woes coincided directly with the DOE’s emphasis on creating new, smaller schools. Clinton began seeing more and more “over-the-counter” students — students who didn’t apply to other schools or were kicked out of other schools. Last year, Clinton’s population included 20

percent English Language Learners and 19 percent special education students. Both types of students struggle to graduate on time.

In her testimony at the hearing, Clinton math teacher Kate Martin-Bridge broke down the numbers for the Panel, saying the school suffered from overcrowding and an influx of unprepared students. Just four or five years ago, she said, Clinton was operating at 168 percent capacity. This fall’s freshman class, she

said, contained 649 students who didn’t meet state standards on eighth grade tests.

“We will educate anybody,” she said. “It doesn’t matter to the teachers where the kids are, but you use those statistics to beat us.”

DOE officials countered that the schools slated for closure or co-location, like Clinton, were compared to other schools with similar populations and were given ample time and assistance, through the “engagement process,” to improve.

“When it doesn’t work, we have a responsibility to do something about it,” said deputy chancellor Marc Sternburg, who repeatedly talked about his experience opening up a successful small school, Bronx Lab, on the Evander Childs campus.

But when asked if the DOE provided any additional help or resources to help the school improve, Ambrosio said simply, “No.”

English teacher Alan Ettman, Clinton’s chapter leader for the United Federation of Teachers union, said the DOE is supposed to engage with the school through its Network leader, which works with the School Leadership Team. But Ettman said that hasn’t been the case. He doesn’t even know who his Network leader is.

The school community came up with a plan to help turn around Clinton without shrinking its size or adding two new small schools, but it was never seen by anyone at the DOE, Ettman said.

Ettman and others said it’s the students who will lose out when Clinton is forced to cut programs and teachers.

“DeWitt Clinton has a proud tradition,” said Councilman Oliver Koppell who spoke earlier in the evening. “Don’t doom it to failure by putting two new schools in that you don’t even have a plan for.”

As night turned into morning in Brooklyn, Martin-Bridge, Ettman and science teacher Harry Brandt huddled together near the back of the auditorium as if bracing for impact. The Panel has never voted against a DOE proposal and many speakers tried to shame members into voting against the plans. It didn’t do any good.

A few rows over from the three teachers, were parents Abdool Abdool, a parent of a former Clinton student, and Nana Obeng, whose son is a freshman at Clinton.

“They’re all sychophants,” Obeng said as he awaited a decision. “I want to see that it’s true, that they’ve already made up their minds before they got here.”

When the vote came down, all five Clinton supporters quietly got up and left the building.

World Traveler Back in the Bronx 30 Years Later

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with his growing grin, and a full, salt and peppered beard.

Ostensibly, Meegan’s here promoting a documentary project titled, “The Lynching of Santa Clause: A True Story,” based on the account of a 1927 bank robbery in Texas. But he’s also here meeting, talking and connecting with people, which is what he does best.

While staying with the Camps, he spent time at the Mosholu Library, spoke at a Bedford Mosholu Community Association meeting and managed to set up his next adventure, fighting for native rights in Ecuador.

“I believe I can guarantee (native cultural groups) their future survival,” he says. “Every two weeks, another indigenous group has vanished off the face of the earth with their language, and the reason is the educational system doesn’t value their culture, their language, their history, or their health.”

During his famous walk, Meegan developed the dream of reforming the world’s vision of health and school systems.

At 16, Meegan left behind his village in England and signed on as a merchant seaman in the British Merchant Marines. He traveled through 60 countries before he was ready to devote nearly five years of his life to the walk, which began in 1977 while he was in his mid-20s.

“Physical journeys, if you let them,

become spiritual ones, too,” Meegan says.

Though the walk made him famous — he was featured in *People*, interviewed by Larry King and the Today Show — it didn’t make him rich. That was by design.

“I count every single penny,” Meegan says, adding that he doesn’t ask for money because of his code.

Meegan explains: “Like, let’s say in Colombia — they’re tremendously helpful in Colombia if they don’t kill you first — they would say, ‘Can we give you money?’ and I’d say, ‘No, I’m okay.’ But if they said, ‘can we help you on your way?’ Well, yeah, of course! I didn’t want to be seen as using my adventure background for an illusion of personal gain.”

Meegan finances his life similar to the way he financed his trip across the Western Hemisphere — with a little bit of luck, a lot of goodness from people, and by being “in harmony” with the world as it is.

Inside the empty children’s playground in the Oval, Meegan points down at the pale green and pink, concrete floor — it’s a world map. With his finger, Meegan draws an imaginary line, tracing his “longest journey.”

“The journey was the dream of all people,” Meegan says. “I could do nothing, totally useless of everything, but at least I could *move*. So I took my carcass down there and moved on the wings of the dream. And that’s the magic of your life.”



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RENOWNED TRAVELER George Meegan is back in the Bronx 30 years after a record-breaking journey took him here.

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Be Healthy!

Stepping Up for Health

By CLARKE ILLMATICAL

A new effort in the Bronx wants to pay you to use staircases for exercise.

Lawrence Murphy and Alvin Niere, the duo responsible for the fledgling Bronx Steps Up program, see the initiative tackling two goals: promoting exercise and healthy living to combat obesity and, at the same time, raising money to renovate a deteriorating borough trea-

sure, the Bronx's street steps.

The project was conceived when Murphy, an architect at Montefiore Medical Center, noticed the number of dilapidated staircases during morning commutes on the 4 train.

"The Bronx is very hilly," Murphy says. "They needed these stairs to get from one side to another, wherever you were going. It's funny because that is one

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of the unique characteristics of the Bronx.” But now, he says, “They’ve been deteriorating for 30 years, no love given to them.”

Murphy began thinking of ways to beautify the staircases and get more people to use them, eventually creating the urban design and health initiative.

The need for both is glaring, Murphy says. The stairs are crumbling and some 70 percent of Bronxites are considered overweight leading to high rates of diabetes and heart disease.

Niere, also an architect for Montefiore, is on board to introduce social media technology and develop a GPS-based app that tracks participants as they navigate each staircase. Walkers using the app would get credit or money to put in their bank accounts or to a worthy cause or back into the maintenance of the stairs.

“Through the app, we would create incentives for those who walk the steps to either personally gain from these incentives or to give back to the community,” Niere says.

The program is for people of all ages, but the “primary focus” is on children 10 to 19 years of age. “Prevention is good medicine,” Murphy says. “It’s a no brainer. You pay them early to stay healthy.”

Lawrence Fauntleroy, another Montefiore employee and youth basketball coach, said the health benefits of using the stairs are numerous. “Endurance, strength and conditioning, those are the main things,” said Fauntleroy.

His Riverside Hawks basketball team participated in the initial Bronx Steps Up test run a couple of weeks ago.

For Murphy, improved health, means improved lives. “The healthier one feels, the more likely chance that they will feel better about their lives and about themselves,” he says.

Murphy is hoping to raise money through a series of fundraising walks, internet funding platforms and collaboration with New York’s medical community.

Editor’s Note: For more information about the program, email thebronxstep-sup@gmail.com.

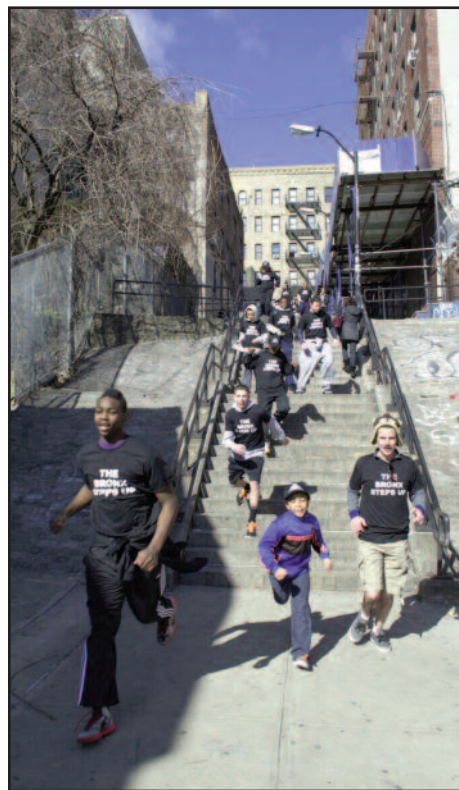


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Business Beat

After Fire, Nicky's Reopens

By CLARKE ILLMATICAL

After being closed for six months due to a fire, Nicky's Coffee Shop, a beloved diner on Bainbridge Avenue in Norwood, reopened last week with a sleek new look, expanded hours and a saintly presence.

"Feels very good," said Nicky Manias, who opened the shop over 28 years ago. "This is my second house. All my family works here — two kids and my wife. This is a family restaurant. Same customers every day."

Nicky's son George, 28, who was living in Greece at the time of the blaze, said the fire devastated his family.

"My mother was crying for like a week, my father was trying to be strong," said George, who left his job overseas to help get Nicky's back up and running.

A month after the fire, repairs were halted due to a problem with the new exhaust system. The family, which is Greek Orthodox, turned to St. George for help.

"We made a promise, if everything goes good, we're going to put St. George in our store," George said. "We begged St. George to help us. We said, 'we're going to put you in the store!'"

A solution for the exhaust system was found and now the diner includes a painting honoring St. George. A local priest also blessed the shop before it reopened.

Nicky says he financed the renova-

tions mostly out of his own pocket. "Insurance, very few, very small!"

George said people wondered about the need for an upgrade. "Is it worth it? For this neighborhood? Look at the places all around you, why are you doing all of this? Fancy lights, painting and wood," said George, offering a simple explanation. "We're Greek and we like to see nice things."

Along with the new look, Nicky's has new hours. Instead of 5 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nicky's will now stay open until 9 p.m. "I want to see how it goes," Nicky says.



Photo by Adi Talwar
AFTER BEING CLOSED for six months, Nicky's reopened last week.

Neighborhood Notes

Norwood Food Co-op

Join the Norwood Food Coop (share prices vary according to family size) and choose from fresh organic vegetables, fruits, milk, eggs, cheese and yogurt, from June to November, all for less than green market prices, in exchange for a few hours' work with other coop members. The coop accepts SNAP/EBT/food stamps and has installment payment plans. Registration deadline is April 26; discounted registration is March 27. For more information or to register, visit www.norwoodfoodcoop.org.

Easter Egg Hunt

Tender Tots, 3322 Decatur Ave., invites the public to bring a basket and join its Easter Egg Hunt, March 29 from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (718) 324-1052.

Free Soccer Club

Children ages 10 to 12 can join a soccer club to learn and/or refresh soccer skills, Mondays at 3 p.m., starting April 1. Free bottled water will be provided. Meet at the Devoe Park entrance on West Fordham Road and Sedgwick Avenue by the BX 12 select bus stop, next to the small playground. For more information or to register, call Mr. Passaro at (646) 438-1826 by Friday, March 29.

Impact Grant

The We Are the Bronx Fellowship (WATB) is awarding a grant of up to \$1,000

to a Bronx-based organization that fosters community stability through initiatives pertaining to anti-violence, supportive housing, and/or arts and culture. Application deadline is Wednesday, April 3 at 5 p.m. To download an application form and for additional information, visit www.communityuplink.net/WATB2013APP.doc.

Get in Shape

Shape Up NYC offers free fitness classes for ages 50+ at the following locations: Mosholu Montefiore Senior Center, 3450 DeKalb Ave. (Senior Fitness), Fridays at 10:30 a.m.; St. James Recreation Center, 2530 Jerome Ave., (Zumba), Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m.; and Poe Park Visitor Center, 2640 Grand Concourse, (Cardio Sculpt), Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. (through April 13). No registration is required. For more information, call 311 or visit www.nyc.gov/parks.

Health and Wellness Summit

The Bronx Health and Wellness Summit will be held April 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fordham University, 441 E. Fordham Rd. and will feature CBS medical reporter, Dr. Max Gomez, as the keynote speaker. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register, visit www.bronxboropres.nyc.gov.

For more Neighborhood Notes online, go to www.norwoodnews.org and click on "Neighborhood Notes."



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Out & About

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Onstage

■ The Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd., W., presents **Slask Song and Dance Ensemble of Poland**, March 23 at 2 and 7 p.m. (tickets are \$25 to \$45); **Lehman Jazz Combos With Special Guests**, April 7 at 2 p.m. in the Music Building Hearth Room (free); and **Dance Brazil**, April 7 at 6 p.m. (tickets are \$25 to \$40; \$10/12 and under). For more information, call (718) 960-8833.

■ Pregones Theatre, 571-575 Walton Ave., presents **Grados Inefables**, featuring pianist performing contemporary classical music, March 23 at 8 p.m.; and **The Harlem Hellfighters on a Latin Beat**, concert featuring jazz, ragtime, and danza, March 30 at 8 p.m. For more information, call (718) 585-1202.

■ Casita Maria, 928 Simpson St., presents

a **hip-hop poetry performance**, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. (free). For more information, call (718) 589-2230 ext. 6193.

■ The Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance (BAAD), 841 Barretto St., 2nd floor, presents **Sole Sisters**, featuring contemporary dance followed by an opening night party, March 23 at 8 p.m. (\$20). For more information, call (718) 842-5223.

Events

■ The Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance (BAAD), 841 Barretto St., 2nd floor, presents **Love and Sex at All Stages of Life**, a celebration of Freda Rosen, March 28, with a dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a panel and film (free); **Lucky**, documentary of a young Bronx lesbian, March 29 at 8 p.m. (free); and **Stud Life**, film of friendship between black lesbian and white gay man, April 4

EDITOR'S PICK

Free Music at NYPL

The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents **Nylon Wound**, classical guitar duo performing original compositions, March 23 at 2:30 p.m.; and **A Latin Jazz Concert**, featuring the Papo Pepin Quartet, March 30 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

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■ The New York Botanical Garden presents **The Orchid Show**, in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, featuring a viewing, music and complimentary cocktail with admission, Saturdays, March 23, April 6, 13 and 20 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. (tickets are \$20/members; \$30/non members). For more information, and to reserve, visit www.nybg.org.

■ The Woodlawn Conservancy (formerly Friends of the Woodlawn Cemetery) offers **"Eighty Days,"** book talk and signing, March 24 at 1 p.m. For more information, call (718) 920-1463 ext. 225.

■ Wave Hill, a Bronx oasis at 675 W. 252nd St. in Riverdale, offers **Family Arts Projects**: Up Pops Spring, to make collages and mobiles, March 23 and 24; and Eco Fair, to make crafts from recycled materials, March 30 and 31; both from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ecology Building. Grounds admission is free Saturdays until noon and free Tuesdays 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.

■ Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, presents **Family Affair: Spring Has Sprung**, with art- and food-making activities for children 12 and under, March 30 from 1 to 4 p.m.; **Readings & Conversations**, author discusses his poetry, April 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the north wing lobby; and **First Fridays**, featuring the 6th annual collaboration with the Havana Film Festival, April 5, from 6 to 10 p.m.. For more information, call (718) 681-6000 or visit bronxmuseum.org.

Exhibits

■ The Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, presents **Joan Semmel - A Lucid Eye**, self portraits of a female aging through her 80s, through June 9. Also featured are **Honey, I Rearranged the Collection** (artwork from the museum's permanent collection) and **Bronx Lab: Style Wars** (featuring graffiti and its relation to style), both through June 2. For more information, call (718) 681-6000.

■ The Bronx County Historical Society's Museum of Bronx History at the Valentine-Varian House, 3266 Bainbridge Ave., presents **Hail to the Chief** and **Hooray for Our Side**, through April 14. For more information, call (718) 881-8900.

■ The Bronx Council on the Arts presents free, **In the Realm of Dreams & Fears** at Hostos Community College's Longwood Art Gallery, main gallery, 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, through May 11, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (718) 960-8731.

Library Events

■ The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents programs for adults including **Computer Classes at 2 p.m.** (in-person registration required): **Intro to Computers**, March 21; **Single Stop/Government Benefits at 9 a.m.**: March 21, 26 and 28; **Featured Database: Lawhelp.org**: (online registration required), offering a variety of legal help, March 25 at 2 p.m.; and **Mango Language Program**: (online registration required), to learn one of more than 40 languages, March 26 at 10 a.m. Children can enjoy **Global Partners Junior at 4 p.m.**: (ages 5 to 12: phone or in-person registration required), March 27 and April 3; **Preschool Story Time at 11 a.m.**: March 28 and April 4; **Films**: March 26 and April 2 at 4 p.m.; **The Frog Prince**: (ages 3 to 12): show with puppets and music, March 30 at 2 p.m.; **Bunny Basket Making**: March 21 at 4 p.m.; and **Flower Making**, April 4 at 4 p.m. Foreigners can attend free **English Classes**, March 25 at noon and 6 p.m. 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.; and **Wii Program**: Tuesdays at 3 p.m. Children can enjoy **Film**: (ages 5 to 12): "Wreck-It Ralph," March 25 at 4:30 p.m.; **Popsqueaks**: (ages 18 months to 5 years), featuring puppets, music, magic and more, March 26 at 11 a.m.; **Read Aloud at 4 p.m.**: (ages 3 to 12), April 1; **Toddler Story Time at 10:30 a.m.**: (ages 18 to 36 months), March 21 and April 4; **Baby Story Time**: (ages to 18 months), April 2 at 11 a.m.; and **Arts and Crafts**: (ages 8+), March 26 at 3 p.m. Teens/young adults can join **NakhaChitra: Create Art With Your Fingernails**: (all materials provided), March 21 at 4 p.m.; and **Test Strategies**: with Kaplan representative, April 4 at 4 p.m. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.

■ The Jerome Park Library, at 118 Eames Place, offers **Crafternoons**: (all materials provided), April 3 at 4 p.m.; and **Cooking at 4 p.m.**: March 21, 28 and April 4; both for teens/young adults. Also offered is **Pajama Party**: (ages 5 to 12), March 25 at 4 p.m.; and **The Frog Prince**: (ages 3 to 12), show with puppets and music, March 26 at 4 p.m. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

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