



# Journal

## 'SPAY DAY' FOR NYCHA PETS



**CARING FOR ANIMALS** At Washington/Lexington Houses in Manhattan are, from left: Marianne Dikeman of NYCHA's Compassionate Action Team (CAT), Center for Animal Care and Control (CACC) volunteers Carl Spall and Robin Brecher, CACC Field Specialist Jermaine Young, CACC Adoption Supervisor Michelle Falcon, CACC Vet Dr. Jenny Ripka, and Wash/Lex Manager Sabu Varghese.

By Eileen Elliott

Gigi trembled wildly in her owner's lap, her bulbous brown eyes nervously scanning the Community Room at the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA's) Washington/Lexington Houses in East Harlem. She sensed somehow that something was about to happen to her that she wouldn't like. What Gigi didn't know was that the surgical procedure she was scheduled for — spaying — would not only prevent her from giving birth to a litter of puppies that could end up homeless (as she once was), but it would also reduce her risk of cancer and just might prolong her life.

Gigi, a six-year-old Chihuahua, was just one of 15 NYCHA pets who had an appointment to be spayed or neutered at Washington/Lexington Houses on February 23. Out at Marlboro Houses in Brooklyn, another 15 pets were scheduled for the same procedure, and before the day was over there would also be a surprising 20 walk-ins at the Marlboro site.

The event was initiated at NYCHA by Alice O'Neil, who is founder of the Compassionate Action Team, or CAT, and works in NYCHA's Department of

Modernization. CAT is made up of NYCHA employees who are dedicated to improving the lives of animals.

Most of the animals would also be implanted with a tiny microchip for identification purposes, and receive vaccinations. *And all of it, for free*, thanks to the Center for Animal Care and Control (CACC) who performed the services in their specially outfitted, operating-room vans that were stationed outside of the developments.

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## Dyckman Houses Sailor Responds To Terrorism

By Allan Leicht and Roland Ortiz

Marcelo Almonte of Dyckman Houses in Manhattan is far from home today aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis somewhere in the Arabian Sea. Petty Officer 3rd Class Almonte has been in the Navy for almost a year-and-a-half, and last November he and the 5000 sailors of the Stennis shipped out from San Diego to join in the international campaign to destroy terrorists' ability to operate from Afghanistan. They are among the forces of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"When he went to join the Navy, I cried — my only son," said Marcelo's mother, Evelyn Trinidad, who is still a resident of Dyckman. "I was devastated," she continued, then added proudly, "but now I have a whole wall of his certificates and pictures."

Petty Officer Almonte keeps in touch with his mother, his father, and his sister, Amy Velasquez, via e-mail when his duties allow. "He can't tell us where he is," says Ms. Trinidad. "He can't even tell us what the weather is." Apparently, even the weather is military information.

The aircraft carrier bearing the graduate of P.S. 52 and Borough Academy High School in Manhattan joined an armada of seven surface ships, two submarines and more than 70 aircraft to make up the Stennis battle group.

Petty Officer Almonte is essential to the operation which places his ship in what is known as "forward deployment." In forward deployment Almonte and his crew are frequently the first on the scene, performing a wide range of missions — from peaceful diplomacy to combat operations — without need of support from other countries.

The 21-year-old explained, "It's important for the Navy to deploy its vessels because it lets

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## JPMorgan Chase Sports And Arts Mid-Winter Festival



**PAR FOR THE COURSE** Children from the Astoria Houses Community Center in Queens joined (left to right, back row) NYCHA Board Member JoAnna Aniello, Chairman Tino Hernandez, Astoria Community Service Aide Hector Estrada, Chase Sports and Arts in Schools Executive Director Jim O'Neil and Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence on the driving range at Chelsea Piers.

By Eileen Elliott

On a spring-like February 20th morning, New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Chairman Tino Hernandez arrived at the Chelsea Piers Sports and Entertainment Complex in Manhattan, flanked by NYCHA and JPMorgan Chase Sports and Arts in Schools executives to experience first-hand the fifth annual JPMorgan Chase Sports and Arts in Schools Mid-Winter Festival.

Chelsea Piers was just one of ten sites in Manhattan and five sites in Brooklyn that hosted activities for a total of 22,000 children between the ages of 6 and 14 during the three-day event which began on February

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## B'Ball Clinics For NYCHA Girls



**LADY LIBERTY** On the early evening of January 30, 2002, approximately 100 NYCHA girls from Two Bridges Houses in Manhattan attended the St. John's University vs. Rutgers's University Women's College Basketball Game at St. John's in Queens. WNBA star Teresa Weatherspoon (center), of the NY Liberty, led a clinic before the game.

# HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!

**Message From The Mayor**

**Every Child Deserves A Home**



Who better than the residents of New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments can appreciate the importance of being able to provide a decent and loving home for their children? Every child deserves to grow up in a safe and stable environment and to know that they will have a permanent home and family.

New York City's Administration for Children's Services (ACS) has made record-breaking strides in finding permanent adoptive homes for children, finalizing over 22,000 adoptions over the past six years, but there are still many children who need homes. Now with the ACS's new interactive Web site, called *Meet Our Kids*, it's easier than ever for potential adoptive parents to familiarize themselves with the adoption process, and to "meet" the children who need homes. The site, which can be accessed at [www.nyc.gov/adopt](http://www.nyc.gov/adopt) is a searchable database of photos and stories of children who are waiting for a permanent family.

Of the almost 28,400 children currently in foster care, ACS estimates that as many as one-fourth will eventually need an adoptive home. While many of these children live with pre-adoptive, foster families, there are currently about 800 children who are available for adoption. Hopefully, by using the latest technology to reach out to a larger audience, many of these children will be matched with a family of their own. During January 2002, the first month that *Meet Our Kids* was operational, there were 1,000 visitors to the site.

There is not much of a difference between children who are in foster care and other children. These boys and girls range in age from babies to teenagers, and some have siblings that are also available for adoption. They come from varied and diverse backgrounds and different circumstance have led them to the foster care system. One thing that they all have in common is that, for some reason, their parents are unable to care for them.

As most *Journal* readers know, caring for and raising a child is an enormous undertaking and not one to be taken lightly. The prospect of adopting a child raises many questions for the prospective parent. I have taken the opportunity to address a number of these questions below, using information from ACS's Web site.

First, you don't have to be married to adopt. Both single and married people can adopt, however, you must be 21 years of age. Many people want to know if they can adopt a child of a different race. The answer is yes. The ACS and the agencies it works with do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual-orientation, or age. Many people want to know if they will need to pay for adoption services. There are no fees when adopting a child through the City of New York, and financial assistance is often available to cover legal fees. And you don't need to make a lot of money to be eligible to adopt, either. Better yet, adoption subsidies and income tax credits may be available to help you with the costs of raising a child. What if you already have children but don't have an extra bedroom? Children of the same gender may share a bedroom until the age of five.

For more information about adopting or becoming a foster parent you can access ACS's Web site, listed above, or if you don't have Internet access, call the ACS Parent Recruitment Hotline at (212) 676-WISH (9474). The hotline is operational Monday — Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and is staffed by trained foster care and adoption representatives who can answer questions in English and Spanish. Prospective parents can also call the hotline to find the location nearest them where they can view a hard copy of the New York City Family Album, a printed photo album of children that includes biographies and demographic data.

*Michael R. Bloomberg*

**Dyckman Houses Sailor Responds To Terrorism**

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other countries, whether friend or foe, know that we are there. It also sends the message that we control the seas."

Petty Officer Almonte serves on the USS Stennis as a fireman, maintaining the ship's propulsion by operating various types of engineering equipment and keeping them in optimum working order — quite different from the duties he once had as a Summer Youth Worker for two years at Dyckman Houses.

"He was one of the best workers," said Ms. Trinidad. "Everybody knew him in the development." That devotion to duty is now finding its place in world history as Marcelo and his shipmates meet the challenges of keeping a pair of nuclear reactors in battle-ready condition. But that is not Marcelo's greatest challenge.

"The most challenging aspect is trying not to feel homesick. It's really hard to be away from your family and still manage to stay focused on your duty," Marcelo said.

He does stay focused, however, serving on a ship with a 257-foot-wide, 1,092-foot-long flight deck supporting the most sophisticated aircraft in military history. This air wing can destroy enemy aircraft, ships, submarines, and land targets hundreds of miles away from the ship. It is awesome evidence of America's power and resolve. The F/A-18 Hornet and E-2C Hawkeye are two of the many types of aircraft that take off from the flight deck almost daily. It is a floating air base with global range.

The rewards of serving on such a ship are enormous, but for Marcelo Almonte one of these is very personal, especially after what New Yorkers experienced at the hands of terrorists on September 11. "The most rewarding aspect of my job is the positive feeling I get when young kids look up to me and think I am a hero," he said. "For instance, I have a fourth-grade class in New York that wrote me about 25 cards, thanking me for saving the world. That was an overwhelming feeling — it made me feel important."

Nowhere is Petty Officer 3rd Class Marcelo Almonte more important than at Dyckman Houses. "Last night I sent him tuna fish and a can opener," Ms. Trinidad said. It is interesting that a state-of-the-art nuclear-powered aircraft carrier lacks can openers, but its greatest power is a crew of sailors united by the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment. Ms.



(Left) Marcelo Almonte in September 2000, the day he graduated from the Navy's Boot Camp, and (right) preparing to report for duty on the USS Stennis in San Diego. That's Marcelo's sister Amy, on the left and his mother, Evelyn Trinidad on the right.

Trinidad has overcome her initial fears and is now a full-fledged Navy mom, delighted that her son plans become an officer and a Navy pilot.

"I went out to San Diego last June for a month to visit Marcelo," she said. "To see what he was doing, how he loves it. He really is a hero — it was so wonderful."

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**Message From The Chairman****Celebrating Women's History**

I hope that all New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents were able to enjoy the Black History Month festivities hosted by your Resident Associations last month. Since my appointment as Chairman, it has been my pleasure to attend many events in our Community Centers and I am always invigorated by the enthusiasm and creativity with which NYCHA residents celebrate important occasions. I'm sure that your tribute to Black History Month was no exception.

March, as Women's History Month, brings more opportunities for more celebrations, more reflection. And just as I dedicated last month's column to famous African-Americans for whom NYCHA developments have been named, I would like to take this opportunity to dedicate my March column to those women who have shaped our country's history, and are also namesakes for NYCHA developments.

Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955) was the daughter of former slaves, and the 15th of 17 children. McLeod-Bethune was an educator who sought improved racial relations and educational opportunities for African-Americans. In 1935 she founded the National Council of Negro Women and served as special advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1940 she became Vice President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Mary McLeod Bethune Gardens, completed in March 1967, is a single, 22-story building on Manhattan's Upper West Side that is home to an estimated 230 seniors.

Mariana Bracetti (1825-1903) is believed to have crafted the first Puerto Rican flag, known as the Boricuas Latin Cross. It was designed by Ramon Emeterio Betances and remains a symbol of Puerto Rican revolution and independence. Bracetti Plaza is a seven-story building on Manhattan's Lower East Side that is home to some 312 NYCHA residents.

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) was a niece of President Theodore Roosevelt and the wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. As a lecturer, newspaper columnist, and as First Lady, she worked for political and social reform, constantly fighting for the rights of African-Americans, youth, the poor, and the unemployed. A U.S. Delegate to the United Nations, she was made Chairwoman of the Commission for Human Rights in 1946. Roosevelt Houses I and II, completed in 1964 and 1966 respectively, are home to a combined 2,773 residents in the Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn.

Sondra Thomas (1927-1983) was committed to the idea of collective action and devoted her life to organizing people. Her focus was on labor, education and housing. She fought to find affordable housing for people who were displaced by the massive West Side Urban Renewal program, and eventually found affordable homes for 2,000 families in their own neighborhood. The Sondra Thomas Apartments on Manhattan's Upper West Side are home to 89 NYCHA residents.

Lillian Wald (1867-1940) was a nurse, social worker, public health official, teacher, author, women's rights activist, and the founder of American community nursing. After receiving her nursing degree in 1922, Wald volunteered her services to the immigrants and poor living on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, visiting the sick and the elderly in their homes. She is famous for organizing the Henry Street Settlement, also known as the Visiting Nurse Society of New York, in 1893. In 1922 Wald was named one of the 12 greatest living American Women by *The New York Times*. Over 4,500 NYCHA residents live in Wald Houses' 16 buildings on the Lower East Side.

All of these women were driven to make changes to improve the lives of the people around them. Their strength of character and their dramatic accomplishments make them wonderful role models. But we don't need to look to the past for our role models; there are many caring, dynamic and dedicated women all around us. Perhaps you're one of them.

*Tino Hernandez*

**Spay Day**

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The CACC is a six-year-old not-for-profit organization that rescues, cares for and finds homes for homeless animals. Each year over 1.5 million dogs and cats are abandoned in the United States. New York City's shelter system receives over 200 homeless and abused animals every day, and the CACC, which has a shelter in each of the five boroughs, takes in over 60,000 animals a year.

One cat or dog who gives birth and whose babies give birth can be responsible for 50 to 200 offspring a year! Having an animal spayed or neutered is the most effective way to eliminate animal overpopulation. Spaying (for females) and neutering (for males) are surgical operations that serve as birth control for animals.

CACC Veterinarian Dr. Jenny Ripka, who performed the operations at Washington/Lexington, was enthusiastic about the collaboration with NYCHA. "This is fantastic. This is a high need area. We're very excited."

NYCHA recently reversed its long-standing policy of not allowing pets in public housing. For those residents that do have pets, spaying and neutering isn't optional, *it's mandatory*. The Housing Authority is in the process of finalizing its pet policy, which will require all pet owners not only to register and vaccinate their pets, but also to have them spayed or neutered.

Washington/Lexington Manager Sabu Varghese said he thinks Spay Day will catch on in other developments. "I already got a call from the Manager of Campos Plaza asking if CACC could send a van out there," he said, referring to the Lower East Side development.

As it turned out, Gigi didn't get spayed after all. An examination by Dr. Ripka revealed that she had a dental infection and a hernia which would have to be looked after before she could undergo the operation. She did get her shots and was microchipped, making her an official member of the Microchip Pet Recovery System.

The microchip, which is no larger than a grain of rice, was implanted between Gigi's tiny shoulder blades through the tip of a needle. If she should become lost, a quick scan would reveal her identity and steps would then be taken to reunite her with her owner.

Please contact your manager if you would like a van to come out to your NYCHA development. For more information on the CACC, please call 1-888-SPAY-NYC.

**Deborah's Diary**

By Deborah Williams

**Woman Of Achievement** Patricia Lockhart, a 41-year-old resident of Staten Island's Berry Houses, has a passion for children and for helping the needy that started early in her life and has manifested itself in countless ways. She never let obstacles keep her from her goals. Even when she became a single parent, Ms. Lockhart continued to do volunteer work in her community while attending the College of Staten Island in Willowbrook, where she earned an Associate's Degree, specializing in childcare. She went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in psychology and elementary education, and a Master's Degree in education. After working for a time as a paraprofessional assigned to students with multiple handicaps at P.S. 52 in Dongan Hills, Ms. Lockhart became a second-grade teacher at P.S. 57 in Clifton, in 1994, and continues to teach there. But her accomplishments outside of the classroom are as impressive as her academic and professional achievements. She is President of the Staten Island Chapter of the national Tough Love program, which is a crisis treatment center for parents who have trouble controlling their children. Her work with Tough Love led Ms. Lockhart to campaign for passage of a revised New York State PINS (Person In Need Of Supervision) Law. Through lobbying, letter writing and telephone calls, she helped to get the age of a "PIN" raised from 16 to 18-years-old, so that a parent can have their out-of-control teen arrested and be guaranteed that the arrest will not show up on the teen's record after he or she has undergone treatment. She attributes her drive in part to her mother, who always expected her to do well in school and taught her early to fight for what she believes in, and in part to her faith. (She was raised Catholic.) Last year, Ms. Lockhart was named the "2001 Advance Woman of Achievement," by the *Staten Island Advance*. **Ms. Lockhart, you are a real asset to Berry Houses, to the New York City Housing Authority, and to your community. Thank you for all of your hard work and for caring so much about the people around you, and thanks to the Staten Island Advance for the information in this story.**

**College Bound** Congratulations to Annerys Morales of Tilden Houses and to Tanica Meade of Van Dyke Houses, both in Brooklyn. These young women have participated in the St. John University's Educational Talent Search Program (ETSP) since 1998, and all of their hard work has paid off! The goal of ETSP is to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in the college or university of their choice.

Annerys graduated at the top of her class, making her valedictorian of the Acorn Community High School in Brooklyn, and so far she has been accepted to Hunter College and to the New York City Technical College. She has also received a scholarship from the Los Padres Scholarship Fund for her undergraduate years. Annerys was involved in all of the ETSP programs, including tutorial services at the community center, college trips, SAT workshops, and informational assistance with college applications and financial aid forms.

In 2001, Tanica Meade graduated from John Jay High School in Brooklyn. She now attends Queens College. At John Jay Tanica always participated in class and made the honor roll for English. Like Annerys, Tanica worked with ETSP for three years, participating in free SAT workshops, and taking tours of various colleges. ETSP will continue to provide free services to Tanica to assist her with the completion of her Bachelor's Degree.

The following Brooklyn developments participate in the ETSP program, in addition to those mentioned above: Hope Gardens, Ocean Hill Houses, Tilden Houses, and Albany Houses. Residents from other NYCHA developments however are eligible to apply. To find out more call (212) 306-4015.

**Congratulations Annerys and Tanica! I wish you both every success in your college careers. I know that you will continue to make your families and the larger NYCHA community proud!**

Visit NYCHA's Web Site  
[www.nyc.gov/nycha](http://www.nyc.gov/nycha)

## 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 December 6, 20 and 27, 2000. **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 December 6, 2000

Alonzo Scott Case 4814/00 formerly associated with the second floor of 124 Brabant Street, Mariners Harbor Houses, Staten Island, New York.

### Prohibited as of December 20, 2000

Toshawn Edwards Case 4976/00 formerly associated with the third floor of 456 Richmond Terrace, Richmond Terrace Houses, Staten Island.

Lason Campbell Case 4170/00 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 1210 Sutter Avenue, Cypress Hills, Brooklyn.

Carl Snyder Case 4894/00 formerly associated with the third floor of 495 Columbia Street, Red Hook West Houses, Brooklyn.

Edgar Nazario Case 4926/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 220 Throop Avenue, Tompkins Houses, Brooklyn.

Ali Vasquez Case 4937/00 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 2007 Surf Avenue, Carey Gardens Houses, Brooklyn.

Tyiwan Parson Case 4942/00 formerly associated with the eleventh floor of 433 Lafayette Avenue, Lafayette Houses, Brooklyn.

Elijah White Case 4965/00 formerly associated with the third floor of 106-15 159th Street, South Jamaica Houses, Jamaica, New York.

Folarin Odumbo Case 4966/00 formerly associated with the first floor of 1075 Castleton Avenue, West Brighton Gardens, Staten Island, New York.

Ron Muhammad Case 4967/00 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 41-08 Vernon Boulevard, Queensbridge South Houses, Long Island City, New York.

Harmeil Shamblee Case 4971/00 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 79 North Oxford Walk, Whitman Houses, Brooklyn.

Alberto Mattei Case 4974/00 formerly associated with the first floor of 140 Moore Street, Bushwick Houses, Brooklyn.

Jose Guadalupe Case 4980/00 formerly associated with the eighteenth floor of 1385 Fifth Avenue, Taft Houses, New York.

### Prohibited as of December 27, 2000

Vincent Torres Case 5013/00 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 761 Manor Road, Claremont Consolidated, Staten Island.

## J.P. Morgan Chase Mid-Winter Festival

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19. Over 10,000 of those children came from NYCHA community centers in all five boroughs, making up the largest single group of festival participants.

There were over 40 activities for the children to choose from, ranging from rock climbing and ice-skating, judo, canoeing, baseball, jump rope, and fencing, to chess, wood building and African drumming. Each child received a Certificate of Achievement at the end of the program.

Joining Mr. Hernandez from the Housing Authority were Board Member JoAnna Aniello, Chief of Staff Natalie Rivers, Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence, Community Operations Deputy Director Christine Zeni, and Public and Community Relations Director Sheila Greene. They were accompanied by JPMorgan Chase Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation Executive Director James O'Neil, Development Director Bruce Kaufmann and Vice President for Operations Ian Walker.

The first stop was the driving range where the group met up with Community Center Staff and their young golfers-in-training.

"This is great," said Brooklyn's Farragut Houses Community Center Director George Price. "The Housing Authority picked the children up in buses, the Board of Education provided lunch and it doesn't cost us anything. Plus it's a way for the kids to learn sports they wouldn't normally learn in the developments." Queens' Astoria Houses Community Service Aide Hector Estrada agreed. "The children love it," he said. "The only problem is that it only happens once a year."

Community Center Director of Eleanor Roosevelt Houses in Brooklyn, Abdul Malik, was the most enthusiastic of the three. "I think it's wonderful," he said, gazing out over the driving range girdled by dramatic 150-foot nets. "It gives kids a chance to say, 'Maybe I can be the next Tiger Woods.' Plus, it brings people together from different community centers and different organizations. It's a beautiful occasion."

The next stop was the Fieldhouse where children from Queens' Redfern Houses got some expert soccer coaching from NYPower Women's Soccer star Ronnie Fair. From there everyone headed over to Basketball City to meet up with Manhattan's Two Bridges Community Center Director James Bryant, Brooklyn's Unity Plaza Community Center Director Willie Mae Maxwell and NYPD Housing Bureau Detective

Phillip Hannah, who came out to the event with 250 children, most from NYCHA developments.

The mission of the Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation is to extend the public school day and year with wholesome, skill-building activities designed to improve children's self-esteem, motivation, character and values, attitudes toward school, attendance, academic performance and long-term employment activities. Their programs operate year-round in the New York public schools for youngsters between the ages of 6 and 14.

NYCHA was just one of many sponsors for this year's event. Others included the Board of Education, which provided free lunches for the children, Panasonic, the Professional Golfer's Association, ESPN Radio, *The New York Times*, the New York Junior Tennis League, and the City Council of New York.



NYPower soccer player Ronnie Fair with Chase Sports and Arts Executive Director Jim O'Neil talks about the benefits of sports with young NYCHA residents during Presidents' Week.

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## Ask Mr. Maintenance...

### HOT WATER GENERATOR (Tank) INSPECTION

Once a year, you will likely see a notice posted in your building telling all residents that hot water service will be interrupted for a period of time because of an inspection. Certainly this is an inconvenience, however it is a necessary one. We will explain in the article below how hot water is generated and delivered to your apartment and why this interruption occurs. Hopefully this will help make the inconvenience easier to live with, since the inspections are intended to ensure that you will continue to have hot water when you turn on the faucet.

New York City Department of Health Regulations require that domestic hot water, that is, hot water that comes from the faucet, shall be supplied between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 12:00 midnight. The policy of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) requires hot water to be supplied on a 24-hour basis, unless otherwise directed by Management. One of the reasons for the interruption of this service is to perform yearly inspections and repairs of the hot water generator, more commonly referred to as the hot water tank.

In order to supply hot water to NYCHA residents, most buildings have hot water generators located in the basement area of the building. The water in these tanks is heated by steam supplied from the development boiler room. When residents use the hot water stored in the tank, cold water enters the tank and is heated to the required temperature by the steam supplied from the boiler room. As part of NYCHA's preventive maintenance program, these tanks are inspected and repaired on a yearly schedule. Prior to the interruption of hot water service, notices are posted in the lobby and elevator of each building and in the management office. This notice will inform residents of the date and time of the service interruption.

The schedule for inspection of the hot water tanks will generally begin in the early spring of each year. On the evening before the inspection, the steam supply to the tank is shut down to allow the tank to cool for the morning inspection. The Heating Plant Technician will enter the tank, inspect the tank liner and heating coil, along with other associated equipment and make any required repairs. Once the repairs have been made, the Borough Heating Supervisor will inspect them to make sure they were done correctly, and will then allow the tank to be closed and placed back in service.

Preventive maintenance is required to ensure that the hot water tank functions properly and efficiently, and that it supplies NYCHA residents with the service for which it was designed. So this spring when your hot water service is interrupted for one day, don't think of it as an inconvenience; think of it as insurance that you will have hot water the rest of the year.

## Places to Apply for Jobs!

**T**he 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.

**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.

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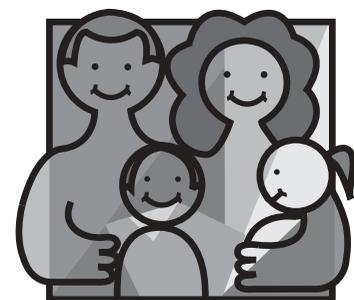


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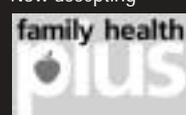


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