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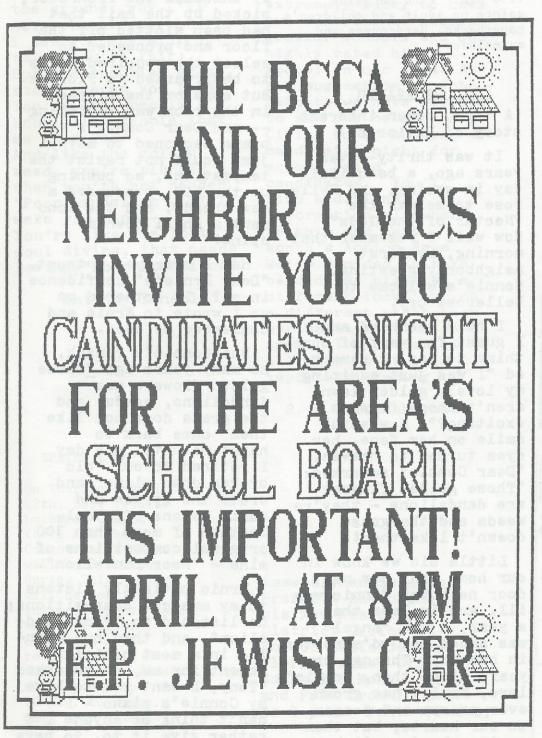


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#### IMPORTANT REMINDER

On Tuesday night, April 8 at 8 p.m. we will be cosponsoring a CANDIDATES NIGHT for all those seeking election to School Board 26. This will serve as our regular monthly meeting for April and will be held at the FLORAL PARK JEWISH CENTER, 26 N. Tyson. All of the candidates have responded favorably. The May election, though extremely important for all us, for our schools and for our neighborhood, usually results in low voter turnout. Let us demonstrate by our attendance that the people of this area DO CARE ABOUT THE KIDS WHO LIVE HERE, THE SCHOOLS THEY ATTEND AND THE VALUE OF THEIR HOMES. Please come join us on April 8. We are confident you will have both an interesting and rewarding evening.

Sincerely,
John Lamonte,

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# BELLEROSE LIBRARY NEWS

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION meets Tursday, April 17 at 10:30 a.m. THE STRANGER by Albert Camus.

ADULT DRAMA WORKSHOP
The second series of this workshop given by a professional instructor meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

TAX PREPARATION for Senior Citizens meets on Thursday afternoons from 1-5 p.m. until April 10.

VASCULAR DISEASE - Mon-day, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Jon R. Cohen, M.D. from Long Island Medical Center, Dept. of Surgery will speak on Vascular Disease: "What you Should Know About Your Arteries and Veins."

CHESS CLUB for players of all ages and levels meets Saturdays from 11 am to 1 pm

SPACE HAPPENINGS '86
Astronomer, Dr. Dinah Moche author of many books on astronomy and professor at Queensborough Community College will show slides of pictures taken in space and speak on developments in the coming year on April 21 at 7 pm. All are welcome.

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Picture Book Hour meets Tuesays at 1:30 p.m. for prep-registered members.

Pre-school films for 3-5 year olds are shown on Fridays at 3:30 p.m.

# SPECIAL EVENT FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Read the Book-See the Film: The Lilith Summer

by Irwin Hadley. Combined Book-Film Discussion for Young Adult and Junior groups on April 17 at 3:30 p.m. Find out how a teenager and an older woman get along when they spend the summer babysitting each other.

ONCE-A-MONTH Used Book Sale First sale day, Monday, April 28 from 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Find bargains galore on adult and children's paperbacks, hardcovers and magazines.

## Poor Dandelion

(A true, human interest story of Bellerose)

It was thrity-seven years ago, a beautiful day in spring, and Bellerose to me was the "Nectar of the Gods". How well I remember that morning, my first neighborly greeting, Connie's welcome to Bellerose cry.

I held her hand and
I guess for want of something to say, I remarked "I was just admiring
my lovely golden lawn,
aren't those flowers
exciting?" A wistful
smile on her face, her
eyes turned to heaven,
"Dear Connie" remarked;
"Those golden flowers
are dandelions - they're
weeds and the grass
doesn't like them!"

Little did we know in our home that our next door neighbor Connie was ill, and in less than a year, a new "angel" was added to God's roster in heaven! Through the years since then, Connie's love, Ernie, has grown ever nearer and dearer to our hearts, but then again, who doesn't know and love Ernie Schwabe?

Because Ernie made yearly extended winter visits to Florida, we were asked to oversee the care and maintenance of his home, and forward certain important mail to him; this we did and still do.

Bellerose was a fairy land in white, that snowy wintry day, when I slowly unlocked the frontdoor, picked up the mail that had been slotted off the floor and proceeded to select the required items to be forwarded to Florida. But somehow the silence in the room was deafening -- and "Dear Connie's" piano beckoned to me! just could not resist the temptations, so pushing up the lid, I pounded a few chords, and the echo sent a chill down my spinel

Had I betrayed a trust, "Dear Ernie's" confidence in me? It bothered me so I wrote to Ernie and confessed my deed.

But Connie's remark, so many years ago "Those golden flowers are dandelions, weeds, and the grass does not like them" came back to haunt me until one day I retired to our "old broken down piano" and wrote the lyrics and music to one of a collection of more than 300 original compositions of mine - "Poor Dandelion".

Ernie patiently listens
to my musical compositions;
he listened to "Poor Dandelion", and then one morning in a most nostalgic
moment for me, he remarked
"Tony, I want you to have
my Connie's piano - I
can't think of anyone I'd
rather give it to, to have
and enjoy!"

So, after a veritable lifetime. My Dear Connie, your piano that once thrilled you, still sends chords of love your way, often in this song you inspired, "Poor Dandelion"

"Poor Dandelion", you're made of gold, They pluck you from the ground, why I'll never know! I see you there, I think you're fair: But the troubled grass, stops you as you pass. You're like people I know, like people lost as they go; And like the golden weed, you're plucked when you're not needed! "Poor Dandelion", I'll make you mine -You're like the lost soul divine, that needs loving, "Poor Dandelion"

Anthony Iandola

School Board

In May there will be an election for school board members from this district. Generally such elections don't get too much publicity and a very small number of people vote. We are extremely lucky to have two exceptional public grammar schools and one highly rated high school in our area. At the suggestion of John LaMonte we have decided to ask our neighboring Civics to co-sponsor a candidates night for school board candidates. You'll find additional information elsewhere in this and next month's Action News. We've decided to make candidates night at a different location, on a different night than our usual meeting in April. I hope you'll all stop in at this important evening.

R. C. Hellenbrecht

SPRING SALE

On Thursday, April 17th, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (87th Ave. and Commonwealth Blvd.) will hold its annual Spring Sale. There will be boutique, white elephant, cards, napkins, plants, cakes and more. Plan to drop in and have refreshments mid-day while you shop. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mark your calendar!

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FLEA MARKET

On Saturday, April 5th there will be a Spring Flea Market held at Gregorian Hall, St. Gregory's School, 87th Ave. and Cross Island Parkway Service Road. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. you will be able to shop under one roof from a variety of over 70 vendors to supply you with items for Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, graduations, confirmation, First Communion and just every day needs. Admission is free and there will be raffles and refreshments.





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