



## Achievements

### Thanked in the Times

Eight Port Authority staffers were among 2007's "principals for a day" recognized in a full-page advertisement in the New York Times on January 11.

The eight are **Tom Bosco, Jack Buchsbaum, Al Graser, Tom Groark, Warren Kroepfel, Frank Lombardi, Frank Mirovsky, and Bradley Rubinstein.**

The ad was placed by PENCIL – "public education needs civic involvement in learning" – a nonprofit organization created in 1995 to improve student achievement in New York City public schools by creating and supporting partnerships that leverage the expertise, talents, commitment, and resources of school and business leaders.

## Business Briefs

### WTC Retail Plan Approved

The Port Authority Board of Commissioners this month approved an agreement with the Westfield Group to jointly develop and operate 488,000 square feet of world-class quality retail at the World Trade Center, featuring an array of eateries ranging from casual dining to full-service restaurants, as well as local, national, and international specialty shops.

Chairman **Anthony R. Coscia** said the partnership "will allow us to create a new, vibrant shopping and dining atmosphere at the World Trade Center, while generating new revenue that can be reinvested in the region's transportation system. It will provide a major boost to the local economy, and will enhance the quality of life for those who live, work, or visit downtown."

The Port Authority will provide approximately \$825 million and Westfield will provide approximately \$625 million toward the \$1.45 billion retail project.

Westfield net leased the World Trade Center retail prior to 9/11, when it was one of the highest-grossing shopping areas in the nation.

## PA Wins Platinum Awards

**T**he Port Authority has won two Platinum Awards and two Gold Awards from the Association of Marketing & Communications Professionals for "best concept, writing, and design of marketing and communication programs, and print, visual, and audio materials."

The PA's 2006 Comprehensive Financial Report and its Strategic Plan informational materials won the Platinum Awards, while its 2006 Airport Highlights report, and the police recruitment external communications campaign won gold.

Collaborators in the award-winning campaigns and communications materials included **Linda Bentz, Candace Bexell, Khamali Brissett, Caroline Conejero, Jessie Dobrin, Michael Dombrowski, Mark Duffy, Mary Lee Hannell, Rae Ann Hoffmann, Karen Kahn, Kevin**



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*With the Port Authority's four awards are the team members who participated. Kevin Kirchman, Carol Maresca, Lysa Scully, and Michael Valenti are not pictured.*

**Kirchman, Carol Maresca, PAPD Lt. Thomas Marten, David McGrath, Connie Nardella, John Olberding, Wilson Pacheco, PA Police Officer Natalie Rivera, Lysa Scully, PAPD Deputy Chief Michael Valenti, and Charlene Whitney.**

## It's a Bird... It's a Plane...

**I**t was a bird. More specifically, it was a male red-tailed hawk, but Newark Liberty International Airport Building & Grounds Attendant **John Grogan** didn't learn that until later.

Mr. Grogan spotted the bird on the patrol road east of Runway 4R, and since birds and other wildlife can present problems for aircraft operations, he immediately notified Operations Services Supervisors



Nick Humen

*From left, Vincent Ferraiuolo, John Grogan, and Michael Vukosa.*



**Vincent Ferraiuolo** and **Michael Vukosa**, who were on runway patrol.

They were joined by Staff Public Services Representative **Nick Humen**, an ornithology enthusiast, and together, the

four caught the hawk and had it transported by the Newark Humane Animal Society to the Raptor Trust in Millington, NJ, which specializes in rehabilitating all types of birds.

# Employee Profile: Cristina Kiley

*Title:* College Programs Manager, Human Resources.

*Residence:* Westfield, NJ.

*Joined the Port Authority:* August 2007.

*Previous job:* Career Advisor to students at Baruch College.

*Duties:* "To bring all of the agency's college programs under one umbrella. These include the Leadership Fellows, Engineering Trainee, Accounting/Audit, and Summer Intern programs. We're in the recruitment phase, so I've been developing relationships with colleges, creating a presence on campus, and crafting a message and other materials that reflect this exciting time at the PA. Next we'll begin work on our selection process and the orientation programs that will serve to foster the success of



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our new hires."

*Most challenging aspects:* "I'm challenged by the fact that there is so much to do and I want it all to happen yesterday!

We've made great

progress in creating a Web site and recruitment materials that demonstrate that the PA is a first-class agency. But there is more to do. In reaching out to local schools, I've seen that the PA has a strong reputation and I want to build on it, while expanding our presence in other regions and across different academic disciplines. Building these relationships will take time and the effort of the entire agency."

*Personal interests:* "At this point in my life I have two passions. The first is

dancing. I'm not a serious dancer; I do it for fun and for exercise but I do secretly dream about appearing on 'Dancing with the Stars' one day. My other passion is my house. We just bought a handyman's special and I enjoy every minute of restoring it."

*Thoughts about the job:* "The students I meet on campus have a tremendous amount of energy, ideas, and passion. These are the folks who will keep this agency growing, and I'm excited to have the opportunity to enhance the programs that will develop this next generation of agency leaders.

"In my first months here I've met many smart people who have been most welcoming and kind, as well as proud and enthusiastic about their work. This is clearly a special organization."

## Calendar

### MLK Food Drive

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Food Drive ends tomorrow.

Drop-off locations are 225 Park Avenue South, lobby; One Madison Avenue, 7th floor security desk; PA Bus Terminal Manager's Office; SIB Administration Building, 2nd floor hallway; JFK Building 14, lobby; and LGA Hangar 7, 3rd floor.

Most needed are canned goods, pasta, rice, whole-grain cereals, and long-shelf-life milk.

## The PA & You

### Facility Tour Program

Human Resources' new Facility Tour Program provides staff with a behind-the-scenes look at PA facility operations and issues.

The next scheduled Facility Tour will be at PATH on Tuesday, January 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will include tours of the Hoban Control Center and the Harrison Car Maintenance Facility and a briefing by PATH Director/General Manager

**Michael DePallo.**

If you'd like to participate, click on the Facility Tours link on EmployeeNet's home page.

### Three Kings Celebration

The officers and members of the Port Authority Hispanic Society invite PA employees and friends to their annual Three Kings Celebration tomorrow, January 18, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Manhattan Penthouse, 80 Fifth Avenue at 14th Street. The cost is \$45. See Employee Bulletins for details.

### Jazz in New Jersey

The Dyad – retiree **Joe Frame** on acoustic guitar and Mike Durek on upright bass – will perform at the Old Bridge Library in Old Bridge, NJ, on Saturday, January 19, at 1:30 p.m. Visit [www.myspace.com/thedyadacousticjazz](http://www.myspace.com/thedyadacousticjazz) for more information.

## Retirement News

PAPD Captain **John Collins** is going back to school, as Chief of Police for the College of New Jersey in Ewing. You can join the farewell celebration on Friday, February 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Landmark, Route 17, East Rutherford. See Employee Bulletins for details.



## Employee Discounts

### Skiing, Anyone?

Working Advantage, the Port Authority/PATH Employee Discount Program partner, offers discounted ski tickets to your favorite mountains and resorts. Tickets are available for popular mountains nationwide, including Mount Snow (VT), Mountain Creek (NJ), Whiteface Mountain (NY), and many more.

To join the Employee Discounts Program, go to [www.workingadvantage.com](http://www.workingadvantage.com) and click on "Register Now" at the top of the Home Page. Using the PA's Member ID Number – 405042634 – create your personal account with a password of your choice. If you don't have access to a computer, call 800 565-3712, provide the PA member ID number, and ask for the printed order form.

For a complete list of ski tickets, visit <http://workingadvantage.com/products/subcategory.cfm?categoryID=1&subcatID=62>

## Trading Post

Want to buy a snowmobile? How about a timeshare in the Catskills? Visit Trading Post on EmployeeNet.