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HISTORY, FULL OF VICE AND SPICE

**Richard Zacks discusses his book, *Island of Vice*, Teddy Roosevelt
as NYC Police Commissioner**

Bronx, NY, August 31, 2012— On September 13th at 7 p.m. Richard Zacks will discuss his widely praised book, *Island of Vice*, on Teddy Roosevelt's tenure as New York City police commissioner as part of Bartow-Pell's Local Author Spotlight series.

Zacks - - a Pelham resident - - got his book-writing start specializing in lewd and offbeat history. His *An Underground Education* and *History Laid Bare* are classics of their kind. More recently, he is the author of *The Pirate Hunter: The True Story of Captain Kidd*, chosen by *Time* in 2002 as one of the five best nonfiction books of the year; and *The Pirate Coast* (2005). His writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Time*, *Life*, *Harper's*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Village Voice*, and other publications. He writes in a small office overlooking Union Square in New York City.

The Washington Post calls *Island of Vice* a "jaunty and beautifully researched portrait of New York at the close of the 19th century" What better place to hear the details than in the 19th century comfort of the Bartow-Pell mansion?

There will be a booksigning and reception after the presentation. Registration requested. Cost \$10 adults; \$7 seniors and students; *members free*

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is located at 895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, New York. To reach us by public transportation, take the #6 Lexington Avenue Local subway to Pelham Bay Park station, followed by the Westchester Bee-Line #45 bus direct to the mansion gate. For driving directions, please visit www.bpmm.org. The mansion and carriage house are open to the public for guided tours on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The gardens and grounds are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to dusk. Mansion admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students; free for children under six. Visiting the garden and grounds is free.

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