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## RAPID RESPONSE TO KING AVENUE FIRE

By KAREN NANI



Photos by RICK DeWITT

Firefighters, including those from City Island's Ladder 53 and Engine 70, brought a house fire at 723 King Avenue quickly under control on Feb. 4, 2012.

A rapid and sizable response to a residential fire at 723 King Avenue on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, enabled firefighters to contain the damage to one house. There were no injuries, as the family was not at home when the fire began.

King Avenue resident Diane Earl was going out for a walk in the unseasonably mild temperatures of the winter of 2012. As she locked her door, she smelled smoke and ran to see where it was coming from. "I saw the smoke coming from the house around the corner, but when I tried to run back into my house to call 911, I was so nervous I kept dropping the keys," she told *The Current*. Instead of delaying, Ms. Earl ran to her neighbor Sal Merante, who immediately called 911 at 2:24 p.m.

Ten fire companies and 50 firefighters responded to the 911 call, including the first on the scene, City Island's Ladder 53 and Engine 70. Firefighters went to work immediately and had the fire under control in 20 minutes. Although they made fast work of dousing the blaze, it was no easy task maneuvering all the equipment on one of the narrowest sections of King Avenue at the northern tip of City Island. The

houses around King Avenue and Terrace Street are very close together, so neighbors were grateful for the quick containment.

According to FDNY Battalion Chief Dan Willis, the one-alarm fire started in and was confined to the kitchen of the two-story, renovated bungalow. This surprised onlookers because smoke was pouring from the upstairs windows.

The owners of the house, Derek and Jen Maroney, had left that morning to take their three small children to the Bronx Zoo for the day. Upon hearing the fire engines, their neighbor and friend Julietta Antelmi called them frantically on their cell phone to make sure they weren't in the house. She eventually reached them at the zoo, and they headed home immediately.

Firefighters had to break through the front door and windows using their Halligan tools and ventilate the house to get the fire under control. They doused the blaze with water, and the exterior of the house was mostly undamaged. At least one City Islander, Walter Henning, was involved in the firefighting effort.

Unfortunately, the interior of the home was severely damaged. When the Maroney

family returned from the zoo, they were shocked by the extent of the smoke and fire damage in such a short time.

However, they were met by neighbors and friends who were ready to pitch in and help, one of the hallmarks of the City Island community. Ms. Antelmi scooped up the Maroney children and took them immediately to her house so they could play and not see the damage. While Derek and Jen surveyed the damage, Bob Kraemer and Paul Nani helped screen the many adjusters and contractors who began appearing while the firemen were still putting away the hoses.

Off-Island support came from the Red

Cross, which offered the Maroneys food and shelter, and an officer from the 45th Precinct was immediately placed on duty to safeguard the property.

The Maroneys are extremely grateful for all the quick action and support they received from friends and neighbors. They stayed off the Island with friends the first night after the fire and then with Craig and Julietta Antelmi for several nights as repair work began on the house. As *The Current* went to press, they were finalizing an agreement to rent an apartment on City Island, since repairs could take up to six months to complete.

## BELLINSON APPOINTED TO WATERFRONT BOARD

By VITO SIGNORILE



Photo courtesy of JAMES VACCA

Susan Bellinson with Council Member James Vacca on the Catherine Scott Memorial Promenade near the City Island Bridge.

Island resident Susan Bellinson was appointed to the New York City Waterfront Management Advisory Board on Monday, Feb. 20, 2012. Her nomination to the 12-member board was put forth by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and approved by the City Council at the recommendation of Council Member James Vacca.

The Waterfront Management Advisory Board provides an important forum for cooperation among city, state, federal and civic partners to advance shared goals and initiatives for the optimal balance of waterfront and waterway uses. The board members represent the maritime industry, labor unions, transportation companies, real estate and hospitality businesses, and environmental and civic organizations.

Mr. Vacca said: "I have known Susan for over 20 years. Her advocacy for a better environment and protecting our natural resources was one of the reasons I asked the Mayor to consider her for this city-wide advisory role. She is committed to protecting our waterfront and will well serve our borough and city in this important role."

Ms. Bellinson has lived on City Island since 1984, when she became a member of the City Island Civic Association and started an environmental committee to bring one of the city's first recycling programs to the community. After growing concerns about the former Pelham Bay Landfill, in 1987, Ms. Bellinson also started a group called the Coalition for a Clean Long Island Sound, which shortly after became known as SoundWatch. The coalition served as an environmental advocacy and education group for Long Island Sound.

Through SoundWatch, Ms. Bellinson and other volunteers educated countless

school students and community members about stewardship through classroom presentations, beach cleanups, shoreline walks and community lectures. The group also successfully sued the city to clean up and cap the landfill, which was leaking hazardous waste into the Sound.

From 1988 to 1995, Sue Bellinson also sat on the board of the Long Island Sound Study, which was funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help study and clean up Long Island Sound. She remains a member of the Civic Association, for which she once served as chair of the Zoning Committee to help reduce density and maintain the character of City Island.

"I have loved being around water since I was a child," Ms. Bellinson said. "As a member of the Mayor's Task Force, I hope to be able to help shape the future of New York City's waterfront so that more people will be able to enjoy more of our 500 miles of the city's beautiful shoreline."

## CORRECTION

The caption angel was not looking out for us in the January-February issue of *The Current*. Please note the following corrections: Page 1, the caption for the photo at the lower right should, of course, read P. S. 17, not P. S. 175. Page 5: The caption for the photo at the upper left should have identified Yolanda Cirulli as the person at the right and Lia Albo and Tilly are at the left. Page 7: The upper left photo was taken by Rick DeWitt and the bottom right photo was taken by Daniel Michael Smith.

**BRIEFLY...**

**P. S. 175 CARD PARTY FUND-RAISER.** Under-funded federal and state mandates have jeopardized basic educational as well as enrichment programs, so the P.T.A. is holding its largest fund-raiser of the year, a Card Party at the Lido Caterers on March 23, with the theme "Peace, Love and P.S. 175." At this event, donated prizes will be raffled off to raise money to provide the funding needed for programs that have become seriously threatened by budget cuts. For more information, call the Card Party chairpersons, Brenda Prohaska (646-286-5594) or Jenny Geros (212-729-4282).

**PHOTOS OF NEW YORK HARBOR** taken by Richard Sadler will be exhibited at the City Island Nautical Museum in honor of his father, Captain Edward Sadler, opening on Saturday, March 24. Richard's work with the New York Water Taxi affords him many opportunities to get the most unusual and beautiful views of the harbor in which his father piloted a fireboat for over 30 years. There will be a reception on March 25 from 1 p.m. at the museum, which is located at 190 Fordham Street. The museum has been closed for the winter months but will reopen to the public on Saturday, March 17, and will be open on weekends from 1 to 5 p.m. or by special appointment.

**THE NOT-SO-PERFECT DRESS:** The City Island Theater Group's production of Alan Ball's comedy "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" will open at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street, on Friday, March 2, and will run for two weekends. Performances on March 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 will be at 8 p.m. There will be a matinee performance on Sunday, March 4 at 3 p.m. The play is directed by City Island resident Maria Provenzano and features a cast of favorite CITG players: Emily Bendler, Tee Cotter, Christina Drake, Elizabeth Paldino, Susan Rauh and Steven Bendler. For tickets call 718-885-3066 or e-mail [tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com](mailto:tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com).

**6TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S GALA DINNER DANCE** will be held at St. Mary Star of the Sea School on March 10, 2012, from 7 p.m. to midnight. There will be a live six-piece band, "Good Clean Fun;" a corned beef and cabbage dinner; shepherd's pie; homemade Irish soda bread; Irish coffee and dessert, with complimentary draft beer, soda and setups; BYOB. Cost: \$45 per person. Please call for reservations by March 5: Margaret Knapp at 718-885-1048, Judy DiMaio at 718-885-0546; Vivi McGuire at 718-885-1442 or Liz Montalbano at 646-529-8585.

**45 BLOTTER**

**Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during January and February. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.**

- 1 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 1 - PETIT LARCENY
- 1 - BURGLARY
- 1 - OBSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION
- 1 - ASSAULT
- 1 - FOUND PROPERTY
- 1 - DOMESTIC MISDEMEANOR ASSAULT
- 1 - IDENTITY THEFT
- 1 - POSSESSION OF A FIREARM
- 1 - LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT

Police provided details on the following incidents and arrests for the period from Jan. 18 to Feb. 17, 2012.

1/18 - On City Island Avenue and Pell Place, an Island male, 21, was arrested at 3 p.m. for obstruction of governmental administration after he disobeyed a lawful order given by a police officer.

1/19 - An Island male, 25, was arrested and charged with burglary on Marine Street at 7 p.m.

1/29 - At 8 a.m. on Bridge Street, an Island male, 28, was arrested and charged with domestic misdemeanor assault.

1/31 - Police received a report of identity theft at 5:30 p.m. when an Island female realized her social security number was be-

ing used by someone else without her permission.

2/1 - On Pilot Street at 11 a.m., an intoxicated person broke the window of a residence and entered the premises illegally.

2/5 - An off-Island male, 19, was arrested at 5:30 a.m. on City Island Avenue and Bay Street and charged with possession of a firearm.

2/12 - Police from the 45th Precinct are investigating the discovery of a spent round of ammunition found in a driveway on Horton Street at 3 p.m.

2/14 - On City Island Avenue at 2 p.m., a female victim reported an incident of domestic assault by a former boyfriend.

2/14 - At 9:45 p.m. on City Island Avenue, a patron of a commercial establishment reported that more than 500 scratch-off lottery tickets were taken without permission in an act of petit larceny.

2/17 - On Pilot Street at 10 a.m., an Island resident discovered his car had been struck in the rear and the perpetrator had fled the scene.

Police from the 45th Precinct issued eight summonses from Feb. 17 to 18 for quality-of-life crimes, including possession of marijuana, disorderly conduct and consumption of alcohol in public. In addition, the investigation into the burglary at Temple Beth-El on Jan. 13, 2012, continues. Although no arrests have been made, detectives have questioned some suspects and told *The Current* that no further break-ins of religious institutions have occurred in the precinct.

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# The Art of Beauty Gets a Makeover

By MONICA GLICK



Photo by MONICA GLICK

The team behind Art of Beauty (l. to r.): Michelle, Louise, Rosemary and Eva.

In October 2009, the Art of Beauty salon suffered serious damage from a fire and had to move to another location. Finally, the salon was able to return to its original address, 413 City Island Avenue, near Ditmars Street, and now it is undergoing a renovation that will be state-of-the-art.

In spite of all the disruption, nothing has stopped the Art of Beauty team from offering professional service and personal care at their full-service salon. In spite of the improvements, the prices are the old ones, since the team is sensitive to people's financial concerns in these challenging economic times. There will also be frequent specials, advertised in the salon's window.

"For us, it's all about the people who come here—those who have been with us for years and the always-welcome new friends—and giving them what they need and want in a salon," explains Louise Del Giudice, one of the team members. That service sometimes includes picking up and driving home Islanders who may need extra help in getting to and from their beauty appointment. "Whatever it takes," Ms. Del Giudice says, smiling.

The changes to the salon include a newly outfitted waxing room, where facial packages are also an option. New pedicure chairs are designed to prevent infections, with all com-

ponents of their whirlpool system completely disinfected after each use. Customers can relax in comfortable new chairs while getting their hair cut, colored and styled by Eva or Rosemary, both of whom work magic backed by solid professional experience. Michelle and Louise work at new stations for manicures and as customers relax in those perfect pedicure chairs!

The new lounge area in the front of the salon is as attractive as it is comfortable, complete with a wide selection of magazines to read as one enjoys freshly brewed coffee or tea. While one is waiting or being worked on, you can tap into the salon's free wi-fi connection to check e-mail and stay in touch. Or, if you prefer, you can shut the world out as you enter a world all about beauty—and all about you.

The team at Art of Beauty sends great thanks to all who have stuck with them since the fire, citing them as the backbone of their beauty business. And these days they will be leaving the light on for clients old and new, as a lamp lights the salon's interior even when Art of Beauty is closed. Have a look through the window, and then come back when they're open; they would love to see you!

# THE ARCHBISHOP VISITS POTS

By JOANNE BROGAN

The New York Archbishop (now Cardinal) Timothy Dolan visited Part of the Solution (POTS) on Jan. 11 and officially blessed the organization's new building at 2759 Webster Avenue. POTS, which marks its 30th anniversary this year, opened the new \$8 million building just a week before Cardinal Dolan's visit.

POTS is a non-profit group that is supported by many City Islanders. St. Mary Star of the Sea provides lunch once a month and helps with many gifts for the children of clients at Christmas (see the January–February 2012 issue of *The Island Current*). Grace Episcopal Church collects food and clothes throughout the year and donates money from its annual "Souper Bowl" collection on the first Sunday in February. The Bronx Masons donated two carloads of clothing from their annual clothing drive in November.

POTS started in 1982 as a small soup kitchen on Fordham Road, and one of the founders likes to tell the story about making a pot of soup on that first day of operation and wondering if anyone would come. Later, the organization moved to Webster Avenue, and it has since grown into a multiservice center offering a community



Photo by TARIKA RIVERA

Cardinal Dolan with POTS staff member Joanne Brogan, a City Island resident, at the new POTS headquarters on Webster Avenue, where he paid a visit on Jan. 11, 2012.

kitchen that serves hot meals, a food pantry, haircuts and showers. POTS also provides legal advice to help Bronx residents avoid eviction and to obtain the benefits they are entitled to receive.

Cardinal Dolan toured POTS and met with members of the staff, volunteers and clients with handshakes, hugs and pats on the back before he shared a meal with clients in the dining room.

# WHERE HAVE ALL THE SNOWFLAKES GONE?



Photos by KAREN NANI and RON TERNER  
The mild winter of 2012 has some Islanders longing for the days when snow-packed City Island Avenue provided scenes like these from the 1970s (top and left photos). The snow shovels used so often last winter (bottom photo) are gathering cobwebs in resident basements, and daffodils were blooming in City Island gardens in February!

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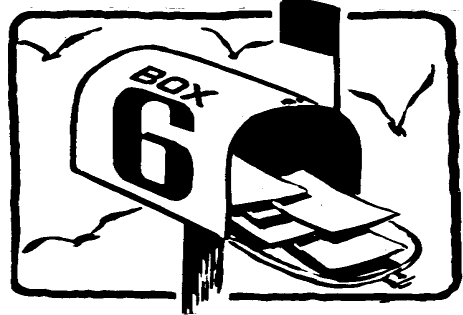
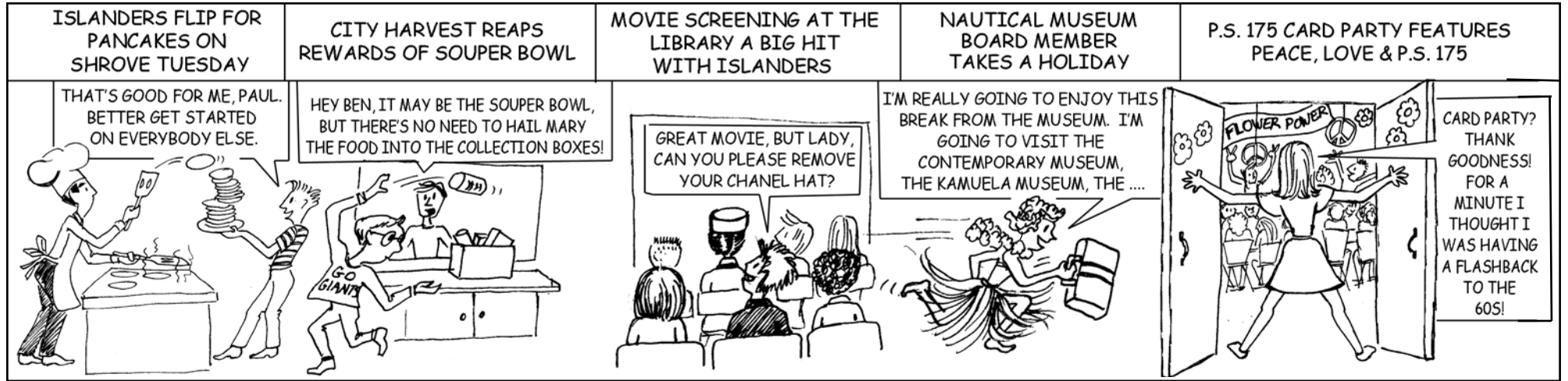
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**In a Time of Tragedy, A Thanks**

To the Editor:

We lost our son, Tim, back in January. He was only 28 years old and had a young son. We want to thank the entire City Island community for the outpouring of care and support everyone showed our family. It seems that City Islanders always come together when a tragedy strikes, and what a wonderful quality that is. It makes a statement for the entire community!

We would especially like to thank Carey Hamblin and Sarah Frei, whose support we couldn't have done without. Also we would like to thank Donna McGowan, Helen Vaughan, Martha Puca, Cookie Verleger and Yvonne Carey for the delicious food they graciously gave us. A very special thank-you goes to Father Michael Challinor. Little Timmy will forever cherish that baseball signed by David Wright.

We also want to thank Regina Murphy, Joan McShane, Diane and John O'Sullivan, all the ladies of the card group and, of course, all our family and friends who helped us get through this awful time.

Tim's sister Ashley expressed our feelings best. "Tim was only 28 and left us far too soon, but we will always have him in our hearts and we will never forget him. Since he knew things at the beginning, maybe he knew things at the end too—that we had gone as far as chance would take us. That nothing is more sacred than youth or more hopeful than turning yourself over to someone and saying, "I have this time, it's not a long time, but it's my best time and it's my best gift that I give to you. When I revisit my youth, I revisit you." Rest in peace, Tim.

John Stiene Jr.

**On the Defense**

To the Editor:

As a 16-year-old boy who has lived on City Island my entire life, I feel compelled to respond to the editorial in the February 2012 issue of *The Island Current*. The portion of the editorial entitled "Foul Winds" regarding high school-age Island youth was offensive, inaccurate and void of any fact or specifics.

It is never a good idea to generalize about any group of people whether by age, race, religion, economic bracket or gender. The one disqualifying sentence, "while most Island teens are good citizens," does not give anyone the right to trash an entire segment of this community and go on to blame us for many of the social problems (real or imagined) on City Island. It is like

saying "some of my best friends are black" and then proceeding to make prejudicial statements about black people. Your line "the apple crop this year is particularly obnoxious" was truly offensive.

I found it interesting that you did not bother to give any specific details about any of your accusations or even cite the source of your information. Rather you choose instead to use broad, general statements and emotional language. Is there graffiti on City Island? Yes. Is it everywhere we look, as you claim? No. Unless you know who is responsible for this vandalism, it is unfair for you to make the assumption that it is the high school-age residents of the Island who are responsible for it.

Illegal drug use in public places is also a bit of a stretch. This I have never seen. Some, but not all, teenagers do smoke pot and drink occasionally. Sadly, this is a fact of life here on City Island and every other community across this country, and perhaps around the world. However, as long as we are making ridiculous assumptions, I would guess the problem is far greater with adults than with high school teens.

I also found the use of the word "attack" to be very misleading. I am not aware of either of the two "attacks" you referred to but if it was a street fight, I hardly call that editorial page material. If there were in fact random, violent attacks on City Island, such as muggings or unprovoked vicious assaults, I think that should have warranted news coverage in *The Island Current* with factual information, such as the "who, what, when, where and why" technique most high school students would use.

I must also take issue with the "late

night disturbances" you want to blame us for as well. Most of my peers are home by 11 p.m. on a typical weekend night. It is not high school-age kids who are outside the pubs in the middle of the night, drunk, arguing, screaming and yelling and revving up motorcycles.

I also think you owe our parents an apology. Most of the parents I know are hard-working, civic-minded individuals who would not defend anyone who engages in the type of activities you are accusing their children of.

City Island is far from perfect, but it is a great place that we should all be proud of. The problems we face are not the fault of any one group or an Islander/off-Islander issue. There is enough blame to go around, and the solutions may not be so simple, but one thing that I am sure of is that finger-pointing never solves anything.

Tiernan Shanley

**Appreciating Appreciation**

A copy of the following letter was received by The Current.

To: Jacqueline Kyle Kall

Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly has asked me to express his appreciation for your very thoughtful correspondence.

It is gratifying to learn the actions of Captain Russell Green of the 45th Precinct warranted your written comments and commendations. Your kind remarks will be brought to the attention of the Chief of Department, Joseph J. Esposito, and Chief of Patrol, James P. Hall, and included in the permanent records of the officer concerned.

**Raymond Spinella,**  
Assistant Chief Commanding Officer  
Police Commissioner's Office

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# THREE PRIMARY ELECTIONS?

By **FREDERICK W. RAMFTL JR.**

The Republican primary election in New York State to nominate a presidential candidate for the November election is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. (There will be a Democratic primary, but because Barack Obama is the incumbent, it is not expected that there will be much of a turnout.)

The primary election for state and local races in both Democratic and Republican parties is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11. However, a federal law enacted in 2009 calls for states to send absentee ballots to those serving in the military at least 45 days before the general election on Nov. 6. Because there is not enough time to

prepare ballots after the September primary and get them into the mail 45 days before the general election on Nov. 6, a U.S. Northern District Judge has ordered that the primary for federal offices must take place on Tuesday, June 26, rather than in September. Republicans are moving to have that date changed to August, and as of press time, this conflict has not been resolved.

Each election costs New York State a total of about \$50 million, and in these tough economic times, the cost of three primaries, in addition to the general election, will hurt local governments that are scrambling to balance their budgets as required by law.

# City Island Yacht Club Presents Spring Seminar Series

This year the annual Spring Seminar Series at the City Island Yacht Club will feature a host of well-known professional sailors and racers as well as special events. The speakers combine great knowledge and expertise in their field with the ability to impart that knowledge in a clear and entertaining style. The seminars will take place on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in March and April and on several March and April weekends. Aside from the North U. Seminar, all are free and the boating public is welcome.

**Buying and Selling a Boat.** On Wednesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., Joe Oldak (surveyor) and Larry Troyano (boat broker at Great Hudson Sailing Center) will give insights on what sellers and buyers should know in order to make the best decisions. Current boat owners will find the seminar helpful in providing tips to maintain their boats.

**Rigging and Knots.** On Wednesday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Jeff Lazar of Performance Yacht Management is an experienced rigger and racer. He will cover important aspects of rigging and demonstrate common knots essential for every sailor. Some workstations will be available for audience participation.

**Sail Trim Seminar by North U.** Sunday, March 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bill Gladstone is a nationally known speaker and author as well as the director of the highly acclaimed North U. programs. Visit [www.northu.com](http://www.northu.com) for registration and other details. There is limited seating for this event, so sign up early. A \$10 lunch fee can be added to the registration fee. This seminar requires registration at North U.

**Safety Seminar, USCG Auxiliary.** Sunday, April 1, at 1 p.m. This seminar will cover the deployment of safety and visual distress signals, regulations on safety and required equipment for safe boating, such as fire extinguishers, PFDs., etc. Arrange-

ments for a USCG Aux. Courtesy Inspection can be made at the seminar.

**Crew Communication:** Wednesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. Dawn Riley, America's Cup sailor and Oakcliff Sailing Center's executive director, is one of the best-known sailors in the world. She was the first woman to manage an entire America's Cup campaign. Oakcliff, in Oyster Bay, is a unique sailing center devoted to upgrading the skills and capabilities of all racers. Their programs are not for the beginning sailor but rather for the dedicated racer.

**Distance Sailing/Racing—Preparation and Emergency Procedures.** Wednesday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. Richard du Moulin, a well-known distance racer and cruiser from the Larchmont Yacht Club, will speak about boat preparation, emergency preparation and damage control. He completed a series of international long distance races in 2011, and there is no one more capable of giving cruisers and racers information about keeping themselves and their crew and boat safe on overnight sails and races. This is a must seminar for anyone who sails.

**Electronic Navigation with SeaClear.** Wednesday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. Martin Royle, an experienced cruiser and consummate SeaClear aficionado, will share how this free popular navigation software has won worldwide acclaim with users. SeaClear can turn your average laptop into a full GPS system and integrator of on board instruments. Learn how you can plan your adventures on your home computer and go sailing with the confidence that you have access to the latest navigational charts.

The Pub Room at the Yacht Club, which is located at the west end of Pilot Street, will open at 5 p.m. for dinner and libations; visitors are advised to arrive early in order to have access to the limited parking. Call 718-885-2487 or e-mail [cityislandyc@aol.com](mailto:cityislandyc@aol.com) to make reservations and for additional information; visit [www.cityislandyc.org](http://www.cityislandyc.org) for location and directions.



Photo by **RICK DEWITT**

Maintenance work on the bridge had Islanders worried that its demolition was beginning. The latest from the Department of Transportation (DOT) is that the bids for the construction will be sent out during the second quarter of this year with contracts signed by the fourth quarter; construction is then scheduled to start early in 2013 and to be completed in 2016. Repeated requests to replace the design for a 170-foot-high cabled-stayed bridge with a lower causeway-type bridge have been rejected by DOT.

# POLAR BEARS PLUNGE INTO ORCHARD BEACH

By **JANE ROTHMAN**



Photos by **JANE ROTHMAN**

Islanders Jay Howard (photo, left) and Andy Werkhoven (left in the photo at right) take the plunge with the Polar Bears at Orchard Beach.

The Coney Island Polar Bear Club looks forward to rushing into freezing cold water every winter weekend. On Sunday, Feb. 19, the more than 30 participants came to Orchard Beach to take their plunge. Among them were Island residents Jay Howard, a first-timer, and Andy Werkhoven, who had done this once before. Music, and speeches by Assemblyman

Mike Benedetto and club leaders heralded the challenge. A very loud, shrill call from a sea conch, played like a trumpet, signaled that it was time for the brave group of men and women to run en masse into the frigid water.

The Polar Bear swim event attracted spectators, park officials, lifeguards, reporters and even a physician, who claims that swimming in ice cold water helps your blood pressure and cholesterol and cures arthritis. According to one of the oldest members, this is true. It takes twelve successful "swims" within the season—November to April—to become a member of the club, which has been in existence for more than 100 years!

If swimming in water with a temperature of 39 degrees is your goal, you can join in the excitement next year. For further information go to [www.polarbearclub.org](http://www.polarbearclub.org).

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is, of course, always the last Friday of the month, "Open Mic" Night for musicians, songwriters, poets, comics and actors. For more on the complete schedule for March, visit [www.StarvingArtistOnline.com](http://www.StarvingArtistOnline.com).

**Richard B. Chernaik, MD**, has lived on City Island for 20 years and has been in a solo internal medicine practice in nearby Co-op City for 35 years. His office at 100

that his business has been totally gambled away. Features Vincent Pastore. Saturday, March 24, at 2 p.m. Approved for public screening by Mr. Louis Lombardi (Rated PG).

Film to be announced for Saturday, March 31, at 2 p.m. Depending on latest

DVD release, we will make an announcement in the library and on our flyers. Stay tuned!

We are located at 320 City Island Avenue and Bay Street. Please call the branch for any unscheduled changes, additions or cancellations. 718-885-1703.



Photo by MONICA GLICK

The Starving Artist Café celebrated 15 years on City Island with owner Elliott Glick performing his original songs on Saturday, Feb. 11, to a packed room of supporters. With him on lead guitar was music artist John Guth (left). The February show was timed to mark the month eight years ago that Starving Artist added live music to the menu of art offerings. Thousands of performances, in all music genres, have filled the space at Starving Artist.

Any night you choose for music at **Starving Artist Cafe & Gallery** (249 City Island Avenue, 718-885-3779) will be a "lucky" night this March. As the month begins, we've got songwriters lined up to dazzle and delight, including the Starving Artist's Songwriters Circle on March 4 at 3 p.m., the launch of a new series of performances where songwriters play to themes, trading songs for the listeners' delight. The month also includes Elliott Glick's continuing "Routes of Rock" series (Saturday, March 24, 8 p.m.); this installment features Tin Pan Alley. Girls Rock the Night will be on stage on Friday, March 23, at 8 p.m., and Lou Volpe brings his jazz guitar to our music home on Sunday, March 18, at 4 p.m. There

Elgar Place is seven minutes away by bus, and there is free parking available. He has many years of experience in primary care medicine and as a consultant at Montefiore Hospital. He has taught medical students and residents at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and is a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Einstein. He is in his office five days a week and makes rounds at Montefiore Hospital daily, including weekends. He is also on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He provides a "Medical Home" for his patients (and is willing to help make all significant medical decisions). He has excellent consultants available and he accepts Medicare. Call 718-320-2188 for an appointment.

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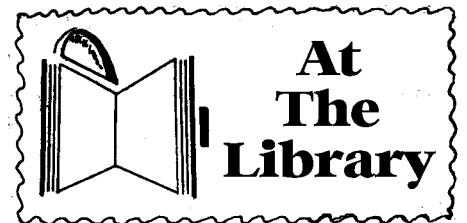
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**March Children's Programs**

**Lapsit Program:** Thursdays, March 8 and 22, at 11 a.m. Birth to 18 months. All welcome for story time and music.

**Story Time:** Read-aloud picture books: Every Thursday: March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, at 3:30 p.m. Ages 4 to 10.

**Toddler Time:** Every Tuesday: March 6, 13, 20 and 27, at 11 a.m. 18 months to 3 years.

**St Patrick's Day Arts and Crafts:** Tuesday, March 13, at 3:30 p.m. All ages.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** "Up and Up: The Story of Dr. Mae Jemison." The story of the first African-American woman to travel in space. Monday, March 5, at 4 p.m. Ages 6 and over.

"Girls Are Heroes Too!" Regina Ross tells folktales from around the world celebrating the strength and smarts of women and girls. Good fun for the boys too! Monday, March 12, at 4 p.m. Ages 5 and over.

**March Young Adult Programs**

**Board Games**—Every Monday at 3:30 p.m.

Music Video Choice- Every Tuesday at 3:30 PM

"Yu-Gi-Oh"! Every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

**Game On:** Every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

**Tweens and Teen Lounge** Every Friday at 3:30 p.m.

**March Adult Programs**

**Introduction to the Internet:** Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Please register in advance.


**Resumé Writing Workshop & On Line Job Search:** Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Please register in advance. A flash drive to save your work is highly recommended.

**Introduction to Facebook** Find lost friends, make new ones. Friday March 9th and March 23rd 10 a.m.-12 Noon.

**Special Event:** Women's History Month: Toby Z. Liederman presents "The History of Great Women in America." We will celebrate the accomplishments of women who made important contributions to the world. Who is your favorite woman heroine? Audience participation is encouraged. Saturday, March 17, at 3 p.m.

**FILMS FOR MARCH:** City Island and Bronx-made films: Please call the branch or see flyers for the exact titles. On Saturday, March 10, at 2 p.m., we will show a romantic comedy directed by Joe Bologna and Renee Taylor and filmed entire on City Island. This movie, released by MGM in 1996, involves a Romeo and Juliet theme gone crazy and was Angelina Jolie's first feature film. See what City Island looked like 16 years ago. (Rated R)

"Doughboys" (2008): This hilarious comedy stars Louis Lombardi who owns an Italian bakery in the Bronx and finds



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# THE TANTRUM MANTRA: DO NOTHING!

By JOHN SCARDINA

New research by experts Michael Potal and James Green confirms what many of us childhood therapists have known for years: it is useless to try to reason with a child who is having a tantrum. In fact, trying to intervene with words and actions can be quite counterproductive. Sound familiar? Here you are, trying to reason with your screaming three-year-old and finding that the tantrum is getting worse and you are getting angry yourself!

The new studies show that every tantrum has an arc. Typically, the behavior goes from yelling and screaming to whining and crying, and that pattern seems universal. In addition, the emotions behind the tantrum are complex. Anger (easy to spot!) and sadness (usually masked at first) are there throughout, and the goal is to get past the anger and into the sadness. Once the child is sad—crying, whimpering, now

looking for affection—the tantrum is reaching its end. Now we may find a chance to talk and reassure.

You may well ask: why not reason with the child during the anger stage? The reason is simple: their brains are already “full.” They are in fact overwhelmed, as well as being overwhelmed. Why add more information? Take a breath, make sure everyone else is safe and wait it out. Doing nothing can be difficult, but this too will come to an end!

We now understand that tantrums are a typical part of a child’s development. Don’t fret: the child grows up and we all move on! So give this a whirl: here’s the link for the NPR story about this research: <http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2011/12/05/143062378/whats-behind-a-temper-tantrum-scientists-deconstruct-the-screams>.



Photo by JONATHAN VARGAS

On Saturday, Jan. 28, the City Island Library attracted an enthusiastic audience to view “The Help,” its first successful movie screening. In the future, the branch will be allowed to show recent releases along with other films. To many residents, the event conjured up memories 35 years ago, when City Island still had its own movie theater located where the IGA is now.

## 60 Years of Warriors Football! Registration Opens in March

The Bronx Warriors will open registration for their flag and tackle teams on Sundays, March 4 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Pelham Bay Little League Center, 2680 Westchester Avenue in the Bronx. The popular sports club was started in 1952.

Registrants should be accompanied by an adult and must bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Chief Jerry Demers told *The Current* that many City Islanders have participated in Warriors over the years, including some season MVPs.

Players will be weighed in and both boys and girls are welcome.

The flag football division includes boys

and girls ages 5 to 7. There is no weight restriction.

The tackle program will have three divisions: ages 7 to 9 (70 to 90 lbs.); ages 9 to 11 (90 to 110 lbs.); and ages 11 to 13 (110 to 130 lbs.).

The cost of the program has been reduced this year. Flag football is \$130 (\$150 after March 11), and tackle football is \$150 (\$170 after March 11).

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and those who fail to register in the spring are not guaranteed a roster spot in August, even if they are returning players. For more information, call 718-829-7574 or go to [www.bronxwarriorsfootball.org](http://www.bronxwarriorsfootball.org).

## Bartow-Pell Events

“The Lost Houses of Pelham Bay,” a wonderful selection of vintage postcards from the collection of Tom Vasti, will be on view from March 1 through Sunday, March 25. Magnificent country estates dotted the Pelham Bay area in the 19th century but, sadly, only the Bartow mansion remains today. This new pop-up exhibit features early 20th-century photographic postcards of these “lost” houses, including those on the Hunter and Marshall estates. The exhibit can be viewed during public hours on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m., and before or after each of the Winter Lectures listed below.

For over 100 years, the fabulously wealthy Lorillard family was an important presence in New York City. On Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., Wayne Cahilly, Manager of Institutional Mapping and Site Historian at The New York Botanical Garden, talks about the Lorillard’s spellbinding history from snuff making to horse racing. The cost for the lecture is \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students; members free. Reservations requested.

On Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. Barbara Burn Dolensek of the City Island Historical Society and Nautical Museum, will give a lecture entitled “City Island: From Mulberries to Minesweepers.” City Island has had a surprisingly significant impact, from its major role in oyster farming to its magnetic appeal for tourists and real estate developers (including August Belmont). It also played a crucial part in the New York subway system, as well as the construction of the yachts that successfully defended the America’s Cup for

many years. Reservations requested.

Barbara Davis, New Rochelle city historian and former president of the Westchester County Historical Society, will give a lecture entitled “Historic Landscapes of New Rochelle” on Thursday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. From fragments of 18th-century Huguenot homesteads to a secret garden that grew from an erstwhile railway bed; from a Sound shore park once inhabited by indigenous Americans to the renowned 19th-century “Rose Hill Nurseries;” from one of the first planned neighborhoods in America to one of its oldest family cemeteries, the historic landscapes of the (nearly) 325-year-old community of New Rochelle continue to tell the story of its extraordinary past. Discover how outdoor spaces define a community’s heritage in this richly illustrated presentation.

On Saturday, March 17, Bartow-Pell will have a volunteer garden clean-up day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Roll up your sleeves and don your gardening gloves to help us keep the garden and grounds of BPMM looking beautiful. Light breakfast will be available. Please bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Registration requested. Free.

Learn the time-honored art of creating intricately patterned Ukrainian Easter eggs and create your own using a wax-resist technique at the hands-on pysanky workshop on Saturday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. Hot wax and permanent dyes used, so please dress accordingly. Recommended for mature 14-year-olds and up. Bring a bag lunch; only light refreshments offered. Space is limited. Registration required. Cost \$15; members \$10.

BPMM will host an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 31, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is one day when it’s okay to put all your eggs in one basket! Children 2 to 12 hunt for eggs in the formal garden, tap their talent at arts and crafts tables, and have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny. Please bring your own basket. Light refreshments offered. Registration requested. Cost \$12 children 2 to 12; members \$10. Rain date is Sunday, April 1, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

To register for these events, call 718-885-1461 or email [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org). For directions and to learn more about the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, visit [www.bpmm.org](http://www.bpmm.org).

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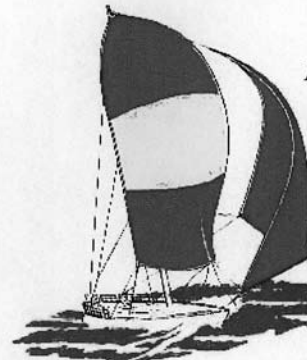
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### Current Calendar

#### MARCH

Thurs. to Fri., March 1 to 9, **Re-registration** for the 2012–2013 school year, St. Mary, Star of the Sea School, 580 Minneford Avenue.

Sat., March 10, **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**, St. Mary, Star of the Sea School gym, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, 7 p.m.

Thurs., March 15, **Community Board 10 meets**, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium, **P.S. 12, Lewis & Clark School, 2555 Tratman Avenue.**

Sat., March 17, **Women's History Month**, Toby Z. Liederman presents The History of Great Women in America. City Island Library, 3 p.m.

Fri., March 23, **P.S. 175 Card Party**, Lido Caterers, 101 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street.

Sat., March 24, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: Chicken with peppers, potatoes and onions.

Sun., March 25, **Exhibit of NY Harbor Photos by Dick Sadler**, City Island Nautical Museum, 190 Fordham Street, 1 p.m.

Tues., March 27, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

#### APRIL

Sat. April 28, **St. Mary's Class of 1966 Birthday Bash**, Morris Yacht and Beach Club. Call Anna at 201-476-1514.

### St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church

On March 2, the first Friday of the month, we will hold our monthly Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4 to 5 p.m. All are welcome to attend this special period of prayer.

The Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday evening during Lent at 7 p.m.

Our gala St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday evening, March 10, in St. Mary, Star of the Sea School. The band is called "Good Clean Fun" and the night promises to be filled with just that. For more information and to check for reservations, please call Margaret Knapp at 718-885-1048.

All are welcome to join us at our monthly Hospitality Hour on Sunday, March 11. It will be held in the rectory after 10 a.m. Mass.

On Thursday, March 15, there will be an important meeting of parents and sponsors of all our eighth-graders, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The meeting will be held in St. Mary's gym at 7 p.m.

After being closed for a few weeks, our Thrift Shop will reopen on Thursday, March 22. Come and see all our spring bargains!

On Saturday, March 24, 50 children from our religious education program and St. Mary's School will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The ceremony will take place in our church at 11 a.m.

Our eighth-graders from parish and school who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will participate in a retreat day at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point, New York, Thursday, March 29. This is part of their immediate preparation for the reception of the sacrament on May 1.

We will move into the month of April with the celebration of Palm Sunday on April 1. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses. This day marks the beginning of the holiest week of the church year as we commemorate the sacred mysteries of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord.

Sr. Bernadette, osu

### City Island Republicans

The presidential primary will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Details will follow in the next issue.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Post, 550 City Island Avenue. All poll workers need to attend to find out what is happening this year. We have a busy year, and there will be plenty on the agenda, including as many as four elections this year.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

### Chapter 318 AARP

AARP Chapter 318 meets the first and third Wednesday of each month in the Trinity United Methodist Church Hall at 1 p.m. Our first meeting in March will be held on March 7 and will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration with a luncheon of corned beef and cabbage followed by cake and coffee. All are invited. The cost is \$20 per person. Please call Barbara Whelan at 718-885-1882 if you are interested in attending.

Our second meeting in March will be held on Wednesday, March 21. Plans are being made for day trips, speakers and other interesting activities for forthcoming meetings. New members are always welcome. Come and enjoy an afternoon with friends.

Rosetta Woods

### City Island Nautical Museum

Now that spring is approaching, the Nautical Museum will reopen its doors and return to its regular hours: every Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Our first event of the season will be an exhibition of Dick Sadler's fabulous photographs of New York harbor, which are being displayed to honor his father's memory. The opening day will be Saturday, March 24, and we will have an opening reception on Sunday, March 25, starting at 1 p.m.

Eager visitors can in the meantime visit the museum's beautiful new website at [www.cityislandmuseum.org](http://www.cityislandmuseum.org), the creation of Dottie Payne, working with Barbara Harrison Kaye. We are also on Facebook as the City Island Nautical Museum; please visit and "like" us!

At a recent meeting of the board, we elected Russell Schaller to be president of the City Island Historical Society, which operates the museum, and Paula Huffell generously offered to be our secretary. New board members include Barbara Harrison Kaye and Barbara Dennis (and no, you don't have to be named Barbara to be a trustee, but it helps!).

In addition to working on our collection catalogue, with the expert help of Darrell Smith, we are also preparing our campaign to raise funds to pay for new steps in front of the museum building. Now that the great old building is a landmark, we want to be sure she looks her best!

Barbara Dolensek

### Trinity United Methodist Church

Our weekly worship service and Sunday school are at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Trinity often has a coffee hour after the service. Come and join us for worship and fellowship. Children's Sunday school takes place during the 10 a.m. service. All children are welcome to attend.

A Lenten Bible Study Group began Sunday, Feb. 26, and will conclude on Sunday, March 25. The sessions will start immediately following the regular worship service and end at 12:30 p.m. The theme of the study will be "Paul, the Apostle sent to the Nations, goes on trial." The study is aimed

at understanding the text's meaning and its application to us as Christians today. The group will be led by George Cavaleri, Trinity's Lay Leader/Speaker, as well as other leaders to be named during some of the five sessions.

The Budget Corner is grateful to the many friends who donate their gently used items and come by to shop. It has been so busy that it will now be open on occasional Fridays! The schedule is: March 6, 10, 20, 24 and 31. Remember, donations to and proceeds from the Budget Shop help Trinity to continue its programs and outreach on City Island.

Rick DeWitt

### St. Mary, Star of the Sea Thrift Shop

St. Mary's Thrift shop will be open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 1, 3, 8 and 10. On Thursday, March 1, and Saturday, March 3, a \$5 Big Bag Sale will take place. On Thursday, March 8, and Saturday, March 10, the special sale will be the \$1 Big Bag Sale.

The thrift shop will be closed on March 15 and 17, so we can switch from our winter displays. We will reopen on March 22 with the new and exciting spring collection.

For those who are not familiar with the shop, we have gently used clothing, shoes, bags, linens, household appliances, CDs, tapes, records, books and bric-a-brac.

Drop by and browse while enjoying a complimentary cup of coffee. We are sure you will not leave empty-handed. Remember that donations are always gratefully accepted.

Arlene Byrne

### Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion

Our February meeting was well attended, and we got a lot accomplished. We would like to welcome two new members, who were just sworn in: Joanne Valletta and Maggie Higgins.

We meet next on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. We will be actively planning our Cancer Bingo, which will be held on Thursday, May 17. We are seeking prizes, gift certificates and donations to help in this endeavor. All proceeds of this bingo will go to cancer care and research. If you wish to make a donation, please drop it off at the Post with your name on it. Happy St. Patrick's Day, everyone!

Regina Murphy

### City Island Theater Group

The City Island Theater Group starts 2012 with Alan Ball's comedy "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," the story of five bridesmaids who commiserate in the bride's sister's bedroom while the wedding reception is taking place out in the yard. Their common thread is their not-so-fabulous dresses, their dislike of the bride and the fact that all of them had a relationship with Tommy Valentine, a guest who is attending the wedding with another woman. Theater-goers will recognize CITG's favorites Emily Bendler, Christina Drake, Elizabeth Paldino, Susan Rauh and Steven Bendler. The group is happy to welcome back Tee Cotter, who is returning after a too-long absence from their stage.

Auditions for the group's production of David Auburn's "Proof" took place at the end of February. The play, which won the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for drama as well as the 2001 Tony for best play and was made into a movie in 2008, will open at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue (at Pilot Street) on April 27 for six performances. "Proof" focuses on 25-year-old Catherine, a somewhat troubled young woman who has spent years caring for her recently deceased father, a brilliant but unstable mathematician who had been a professor at the University of Chicago. Following his death,



Photo by MARY MCINTYRE

The cast of the City Island Theater Group's new production, "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" (front): Elizabeth Paldino, Emily Bendler; (middle): Susan Rauh, Tee Cotter; (top): Christina Drake. The play opens on March 2.

Catherine must deal with her emotions and question her own stability, but she also has to deal with the arrival of her estranged sister and the attention of her father's former graduate student, who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks her father has left behind. The ending will surprise everyone, offering proof that a night with CITG is well worth it.

For reservations, call 718-885-3066 or e-mail [tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com](mailto:tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com).

## REGULAR MEETINGS

### Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

#### Narcotics Anonymous:

Sundays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, City Island Avenue near the Bridge.

Thursdays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall, 113 Bay Street.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous:

Mondays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall.

Tuesdays at 8 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church.

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church: 718-885-1440

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**Open Monthly Meetings of the Board** are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Main Room at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend. For up to date information, visit [www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org](http://www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org), call 718-885-1145 or "Like" us on Facebook.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**March Movie Night:** "The Basketball Diaries," Friday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. \$2 per ticket. Concessions are available. For more information, please e-mail [BxShanley@optonline.net](mailto:BxShanley@optonline.net) or call 917-721-8747.

**Uptown Coffeehouse:** Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 at the door or you can pay on PayPal through our website: [www.uptowncoffeehouse.org](http://www.uptowncoffeehouse.org). Dates: March 11, April 1, May 6, June 3.

**Martial Arts Double Feature** presented by Dragon's Path Academy: \$5 with concession stand, 7:30 p.m. on March 30: "IP Man 3 (The Legend is Born: Grandmaster of Wing Chu)" and "Enter the Dragon" with Bruce Lee.

**"Back in Time for Dinner,"** a play created by Laury Hopkins and members of her Drama Class, will be presented on Tuesday, April 3, at the Community Center. There

will be two shows at 4:30 and 7 p.m. The show is free, but donations to the Community Center are welcome.

**Weekly Schedule**

**YOUTH PROGRAM**

**Irish Dance:** The Deirdre O'Mara School of Irish Dance teaches step dancing in a fun, competitive environment for all ages. A confidence-building and cultural experience for all who participate. Wednesdays after school. Call Deirdre at 201-679-1450 or visit [www.deirdreomara.com](http://www.deirdreomara.com).

**Jill's Playgroup:** for pre-school children on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No charge but donations are appreciated. Call 917-330-0922 for more information.

**Art classes with Laury Hopkins:** Call 718-885-3202 (leave a message).

**ADULT PROGRAM**

**Zumba with Letti:** Thursdays at 6 p.m. Letti is a fantastic Zumba instructor who brings a lot of creativity and energy to her classes. Classes are \$10 or a five-class card for \$40.

**Yoga Stretch with Norma:** Thursdays at 7 p.m. This is an easy hatha vinyasa class suitable for all fitness levels. These yoga stretch poses help remove any fears or challenges in doing these exercises, while they also assist with stress reduction and weight management. This class focuses on stretching and toning muscles that are often neglected, but so important to keeping you healthy and mobile. And best of all, Yoga Stretch is easy and fun enough for beginners, or those who just haven't exercised in a while. \$10.00/class 718-885-0535.

**Fit For Life:** A balanced cardio and strength training class for all experience levels. Classes offered Monday and Thurs-

day from 4 to 5 p.m., Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. (children are welcome to come along with parents during Tuesday morning class only). For any questions, please call Sarah Persteins at 718-885-9122. Classes are \$8.00.

**Zumba Gold:** A fun-filled dance/exercise session with a salsa beat. Meets Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Geared for ages 50 and up. Fee for the class is \$4.

**Belly Dancing:** Shimmy by the Sea. Theresa Mahon (a.k.a. Salacia) teaches the oldest documented dance in the history of mankind—Egyptian belly dancing. It is a low-impact way to get in shape and tone your body while having lots of fun. Terry has been a professional belly dancer for 25 years and a teacher of the art for 17 years. Classes are held every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. The fee for each one-hour class is \$15. Walk-ins are very welcome, along with spectators interested in seeing what the class is all about and meeting Salacia. Questions can be directed to Salacia at 845-358-0260.

**Aerobics with Mary:** Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 to 10 a.m. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793.

**Tap Dance:** Intermediate level adult Jazz-Tap class with Corinne Grondahl. Let your feet become a musical instrument! Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Call 718-309-8041.

**Chess Club:** Meets each Thursday at 7 p.m. Chess taught, played and discussed. All levels welcome. Come on in! Avoid T.V. Have fun.

**City Island Civic Association:** Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month (except December).

**Sons of the American Legion Squadron #156**

Dues are now past due for 2012. They are once again \$30 and can be dropped off at the Post and placed in the SAL box.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 8, at 8 p.m. Items on the agenda will be the state commander's visitation, along with nomination of officers for 2012. Please make every effort to attend.

The Post is here for all of your party needs. When booking your next party, consider our recently renovated hall. Members receive a discounted rate on the room.

A big thanks to Bob "Beaver" Whelan who brought the Post into the 21st century by installing our wi-fi service. Now you can have a drink and surf the internet at the same time.

Remember that all of your old flags should be deposited in the mailbox next to the flagpole at the Post. They will be retired with dignity.

The Super Bowl Party was great! Thank you to Jimmy Livingston and family, along with Gumby, for the pretzels and to all those who helped make the day a success. A special thanks to Mike Jawski Sr., who made sure everything ran smoothly.

The annual Pig's-knuckle Party was a huge success as usual. Everyone had a good time and the food was good, too. Thanks go to all of those who helped out.

The state commanders of the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary and S.A.L. will be visiting Bronx County on Friday, March 30. There will be a dinner that night at 7 p.m. at the Turner Club.

The annual St. Patrick's party will be held on Sunday, March 18, from 2 to 6 p.m. There are no further details as of press time.

It has been reported that longtime social member Jack Keane has been admitted to the Middletown Park Manor Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. He would love to hear from everybody. His address is 121 Dunning Road, Middletown, NY 10940 and his phone number is 1-845-343-0801, ext. 258. When the desk answers, ask to speak to John Keane.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

**PSS Senior Programs**

**Healthy Exercise Program:** Spring is almost here. Let's get strong. You can attend all classes for \$20 per month or all classes for \$6 per week. Or for individual classes you may contribute \$2 for exercise and \$4 for dance.

Zumba Gold with Stephanie on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. at the City Island Community Center; Cardio Fitness with Mary on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Church Hall; Sittercise with Patty on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Church Hall; Orchard Beach Walk on Wednesdays, leaving Pilot Street at 9:30 a.m. a.m.; Yoga Stretch with Michael on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Church Hall; Arthritis Exercise with Patty on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Church Hall; Fit for Life with Sarah on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Church Hall. Zumba with Lettie on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the City Island Community Center.

**Volunteering:** Please think about volunteering for one of our senior programs. We need help in many areas including clerical and computer, reception, telephoning, visiting and help with parties and events, to name a few.

**Anne Hutchinson Legacy Writing Group.** The writing group meets on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Grace Church Hall. For further information or to sign up, please call group leader Gail Hitt at 718-885-0444.

**Telephone Reassurance.** If you live alone or know someone who lives alone, a telephone call every day might be of benefit. Please call Patty at 718-885-1891.

**Caregivers' Support.** If you are caring for someone or you know someone who is caring for another, we have some supportive services that might be helpful, including respite, escort assistance and shopping assistance. Please call Patty at 718-885-1891.

**Transportation Services.** Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services in our beautiful new van. Call Anthony Mazzella at 347-834-6466 a day ahead for trip on and off City Island. Regular afternoon shopping trips are Monday: Bay Plaza; Thursday: Stop & Shop; every other Wednesday: Shop Rite in New Rochelle. Trips are also made to Fairway, Target, Trader Joe's, Home Depot, Cross County Shopping Center, the Christmas Tree Shop, Key Food, Empire City and more. The suggested contribution for a round trip is \$1 on City Island, and \$2.50 off Island.

Call Patty at 718-885-1891 to receive our detailed monthly calendar featuring trips and events such as group theater discounts. For instance, we have discount tickets for the musical journey "Sistas" for March 31 at 1:30 p.m. Are you interested in going to see the Yankees or Mets sitting in good seats at great prices? Programs are funded by Presbyterian Senior Services, the NYC Department for the Aging.

Patty Grondahl

**Grace Episcopal Church**

Weekly worship schedule: Grace Church celebrates Holy Communion every Sunday at 10 a.m. We also offer evening prayer in the church every Monday at 7 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Prayer is suspended until further notice.

Here is an overview of what is happening at Grace Church during March:

Sunday March 4: Lambs Babysitting available, beginning at 9:50 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Monday March 12: Hearts and Hands ministry at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join this knitting group, which will be making caps, shawls and lap robes for patients at Calvary Hospital.

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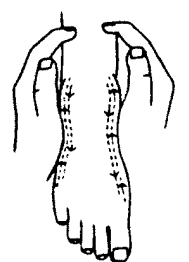
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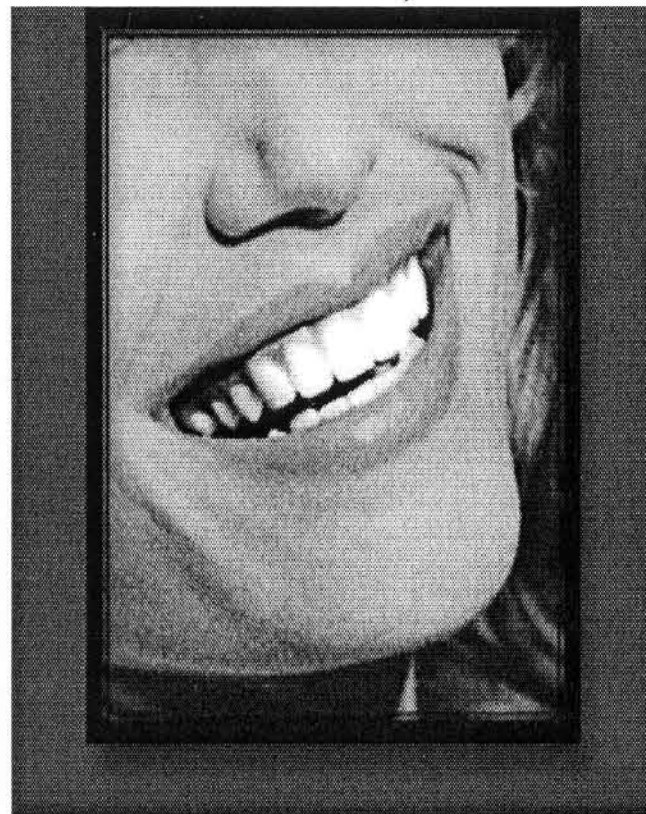
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**A Selected Filmography of Matt Damon**

I first became aware of Matt Damon in the 1992 film *School Ties*, the story of anti-Semitism at a 1950s prep school. It stars Brendan Fraser as David Greene, a working-class Jewish quarterback from Scranton, Pennsylvania, who is offered a scholarship to the school, where he soon realizes he had better keep his religion a secret. When he is smitten with Sally Wheeler (Amy Locane), a student at a nearby girls' school, he encounters the wrath of his jealous classmate Charlie Dillon (Damon), who exposes the secret.

In *The Rainmaker* (1997), based on a John Grisham novel, Damon has his first starring role as Rudy Baylor, an inexperienced Memphis law-school graduate in dire need of a way to make a living. He goes to work for Bruiser Stone (Mickey Rourke) and is mentored by Deck Shiflet (Danny DeVito), who himself has never been able to pass the bar exam. Rudy takes on the case of Dot Black (Mary Kay Place), whose son, Donnie Ray (Johnny Whitworth), has terminal leukemia but has been denied a life saving intervention by Great Benefit Insurance Company. Rudy takes on the company and their high-priced representation by a team of lawyers led by Leo F. Drummond (Jon Voight). Claire Danes is on hand as Kelly Riker, an abused woman who captures Rudy's heart.

Damon further garnered star status (and a Best Actor Oscar nomination) in *Good Will Hunting* (1997) playing the title role as an intellectually gifted MIT janitor. He is "discovered" by MIT Professor Lambeau (Stellan Skarsgard), who rescues him from police custody on the condition that Will study with him and get therapy. Psychotherapist Sean McGuire (Robin Williams) challenges Will emotionally, especially when Will falls for Skylar (Minnie Driver), a British medical student. Ben Affleck (who co-authored this Oscar-winning script with Damon) plays his supportive best friend, Chuckie.

In *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (1999), Damon has the title role of Tom Ripley, a chameleon-like underachiever who pretends to be a Princeton classmate of Dickie Greenleaf (Jude Law), a spoiled millionaire playboy. When Dickie's father (James Rebhorn) sends Tom to Europe to persuade his son to come home to America, Tom attaches himself to Dickie and to Marge (Gwynneth Paltrow), Dickie's cultured fiancée, and greedily and creepily soaks up all the luxury. Eventually Tom goes to extreme lengths to possess Dickie's luxurious life, overcoming every obstacle, including Dickie's distrustful friend Freddie Miles (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Damon's performance is chilling.

*The Legend of Bagger Vance* (2000) is a mystical film that takes place in Savannah, Georgia. Damon stars as talented golfer Rannulph Junuh, who is in love with Adele Invergordon (Charlize Theron) until he goes off to World War I and "loses his swing." To honor her father and save the country club, Adele sponsors a tournament inviting the world's most famous golfers, Bobby Jones (Joel Gretsch) and Walter Hagen (Bruce McGill), to participate. Rannulph enters the game "for Savannah." Bagger Vance (Will Smith) appears out of nowhere, offers to be his caddy and helps him find his swing and his lost soul again. This is a wonderful film about sportsmanship, growth, pride and healing.

*Stuck on You* (2003) is a totally delightful film about two brothers, Bo (Damon) and Walt (Greg Kinnear) Tenor, a pair of conjoined twins. This is a clever, kind-hearted, humorous movie about how to live a happy life literally joined at the hip with another person. There are several minorities in the film whose treatment is refresh-

ing. Jack Nicholson, Jay Leno, Cher and Meryl Streep have entertaining cameos.

In *The Departed* (2006) two men from opposite sides of the law are covertly working within the Massachusetts State Police and the Irish mafia: bad guy Colin Sullivan (Damon) goes undercover in Boston as a state police officer, and Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio) is a state cop who infiltrates the underworld. Both are strangers to each other and have been taken under the wing of gangster Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson). Terrified that Frank will discover his identity, Billy unburdens himself with police shrink Madolyn (Vera Farmiga), who also happens to be Colin's girlfriend. Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin and Mark Wahlberg (Best Supporting Actor Oscar winner) appear as detectives who give stand-out performances in every scene.

Damon appears as François Pienaar, captain of the rugby team South African Springboks in Clint Eastwood's inspirational *Invictus* (2009). The film takes place in South Africa in the mid-1990s just after Nelson Mandela (Morgan Freeman) was elected the country's first black president. Many of the whites in the film, Afrikaner nationalists who embrace apartheid, are concerned about black retaliation as Mandela assumes power. But Mandela knows that score-settling would be a disastrous course for a new and fragile democracy, so he recruits Pienaar to be his ally in persuading the team and the nation to accept some perplexing new social realities. This is a film not about revenge but about reconciliation and forgiveness.

Also directed by Eastwood, *Hereafter* (2010) stars Damon as George Lonagan, a man with a gift that feels more like a curse. His ability to receive messages from the deceased loved ones of anyone he touches once made him a nice living, but it was so painful that George chose a life of obscurity and manual labor. His brother, Billy (Jay Mohr), continues to capitalize on George's ability, so George flees to London, where he connects with Marie Lelay (Cécile de France), a television journalist who survived the 2004 tsunami. Marie is convinced that her near-death experience showed her a metaphysical reality that the rest of the world is blindly determined to ignore.

In *The Adjustment Bureau* (2011), based on a sci-fi story by Philip K. Dick, Damon appears as aspiring politician David Norris, who has fallen in love with ballerina Elise Sellas (Emily Blunt). One day, he enters a boardroom and finds mysterious strangers rearranging the frozen-in-time bodies of his colleagues. He tries to flee but is caught by the intruders, one of whom, Richardson (John Slattery), explains that by meeting Elise, David is not following their plan. This story about mysterious strangers controlling our destiny is also a film about finding and keeping love across time and space.

*We Bought a Zoo* (2011) is a sweet (sometimes saccharine) family film about widower Benjamin Mee, who struggles to hold on to his family and his Los Angeles journalism career after the death of his wife, Katherine (Stephanie Szostak). Being a single parent to 14-year-old Dylan (Colin Ford) and 7-year-old Rosie (Maggie Elizabeth Jones) takes its toll, so he quits his job, sells his home and moves them from city to country, where he winds up buying a dilapidated zoo. Scarlett Johansson plays Kelly Foster, the zookeeper who becomes a possible love interest for Benjamin.

Damon appears as a soldier in several notable films, including *Courage Under Fire* (1996), *Saving Private Ryan* (1998), *Syriana* (2005) and *Green Zone* (2010). He is part of the excellent ensemble cast (including George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Andy Garcia, Julia Roberts, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Don Cheadle, Casey Affleck, Scott Caan, Carl Reiner and Elliott Gould) in *Ocean's Eleven* (2001), *Ocean's Twelve* (2004) and *Ocean's Thirteen* (2007). He is probably most famous for his portrayal of amnesiac rogue CIA agent Jason Bourne in *The Bourne Identity* (2002), *The Bourne Supremacy* (2004) and *The Bourne Ultimatum* (2007).

And until next time, happy viewing. . .



**St. Mary, Star of the Sea School**

March begins with students attending the first Friday Mass on March 2. Re-registration for the 2012-2013 school year will take place from March 1 through 9. The annual Sweetheart Dance, an Underwater Ball, will be held in the school gymnasium on Saturday, March 3. Progress reports for all grades will be distributed on March 8. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will be held in the gymnasium on Saturday, March 10. Grades Pre-K through 3 will enjoy Movie Night, sponsored by the Home School Association, on Friday evening, March 16. Four seventh-grade girls will be selected to attend the Fourth Annual Leadership Workshop for Seventh-Grade Girls at Preston High School.

Students of the Month for January are Isaiah Elsayed and Sydney Philip (Pre-K); Jaden Diaz, Gabriel Toribio, and Angelica Zoquier (kindergarten); Sarah Badillo and Daniel DeJimenez (first grade); Aidan Torres (second grade); Brianna Batiste-Antigua (third grade); Meghan McConahy, Nina McPherson and Jibril Standford (fourth grade); Scarlet Vargas (fifth grade); Mateo Tomlinson and Destinee White-Foster (sixth grade); Nicholas Moore (seventh grade); Ashlie Howell and Eddie Ocasio (eighth grade).

Winners of the Crazy Hat Contest are: (Pre-K through Grade 5) Jade Pecoraro, Arielle Morales, Lily Jude Pecoraro, Jared Smith, Isabella Vega, Hazel Montalvo, Jordan Newkirk-Dowd, Joseph Burton, Leah Mastin, Ifeanyi Agoha, Meghan McConahy, Kayla Trioche, and China Tatum; (Grade 6-8) Jessica Hines, Destinee White-Foster, Daniel Johnson, Christine Rice and Jabari Weste.

The following students have earned honors for the second marking period: **First-grade** first honors: Emily Badillo, Sarah Badillo, Teresa Coffey-Carlton, Matthew Cruz, Heaven DeCuffa, Daniel DeJimenez, Kaylin Green, Carlton Hall, Zoe Hall, Amy Lilman, Hazel Montalvo, Avery Morant, Ardsley Parra, Alvert Rodriguez, Jonathan Rodriguez and Bruno Sambolin; second honors: Maya Hackworth, Leangi Jimenez, Kornell Kelly, Alexandra Lay, Jordo Newkirk-Dowd, Andrew Reyes and Paige Wiggan. **Second-grade** principal's honors: Frances Morales; first honors: Joseph Burton, Jonathan Delgado, Leah Mastin, Star Moroch, and Michael Robson; second honors: Margaret McGhee, Brooke Miller, Raven Reed and Tykai Rosario. **Third-grade** first honors: Anna Borovinskaya and Mykaila Donovan; second honors: Julian Coley and Erulan Owens. **Fourth-grade** first honors: Nicholas Badillo, Jordan Correa, Andrew Cruz, Krisanta Ojo, Shoaib Rakhangi, Steven Rice, Jordan Rodriguez, and John Wilson; second honors: Larnell Dorsey, Ahmari Fails, Elijah Francis, Meghan McConahy, Ohemaa Owusu-Poku, Julitza Rendon, Jibril Standford, Luca Torres, and Daniela Zoquier. **Fifth-grade** first honors: Arielle Clarke, Anthony Brodie, Christina Hewan-Lowe, and Timothy Hudson; second honors: Naime Nontale. **Sixth-grade** first honors: Jasmine Billingsy, Thalia Colon, Christina Martinez, Jonathan Martinez, Deion Rodriguez, Destinee White-Foster and Randiel Zoquier; second honors: Alexa Herrera-Murphy and Viviana Ortiz. **Seventh-grade** first honors: Tamia Hackworth, Raeonna Jefferson, and Nicholas Moore; second honors: Anthony Perkins, Christine Rice, Damien Thorne, Amanda Toribio and Amir Williams. **Eighth-grade** first honors: Jared Candelaria, Graham Herrera-Murphy, Dana Johnson, Taisja Rober-

son, Jahquell Terry and Jabari Weste; second honors: Fernando Gonzalez, Ashlie Howell, Brianna Marrero, Ryan Mendez, Nicholas Murdock and Erynn Owens.

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Although a short month, February has been quite busy. Our students are once again working with a teaching artist from the Bronx Arts Ensemble, who is teaching them about and exposing them to the many media used by visual artists. Classes for kindergarten through third grade have begun their second unit of study with the Lincoln Center Institute and will focus on flamenco music.

Our Sports & Arts after-school program has been in full swing with students participating in art, music, athletic activities, ping pong tournaments and homework help. We have also been fortunate to have Han Yu-Hung, parent of sixth-grader Everett Sanderson, work with students to create beautiful animal pictures from leaves. In addition, over the mid-winter break, small groups of students went to the movies, Liberty Science Center, Funtopia USA, Community Works Opera and the Amerian Museum of Natural History.

Thanks to another grant from Council Member James Vacca, we are able to provide an after-school arts program for students in grades six through eight. Students are working with teaching artists from the Bronx Arts Ensemble on a musical montage performance. The rehearsals have been going very well, and students will be putting on the performance for their families at the beginning of April.

Our fifth-graders have also been busy working with the teaching artists from the Bronx Arts Ensemble and their classroom teachers on their March performance of "Dear Edwina." After seeing the rehearsals, we can tell that this is going to be a marvelous production! A portion of the grant from Council Member Vacca is also being used to subsidize this performance.

The P.S. 175 tradition of the sixth grade's trip to Camp Greenkill will continue this year in April. We are most fortunate that Mr. Rauh has promised to accompany our students for the twenty-seventh consecutive year!

Our seventh-graders are gearing up for two fun and educational trips that will take place in the coming months. In March they go to Philadelphia and in May to Boston. Both trips tie in with what they have been learning in social studies.

Our eighth-grade students are working hard to be ready for their momentous June event. This month they held a Valentine's Day bake and candygram sale, which provided an opportunity for their schoolmates to purchase Valentine's Day goodies for their family members. The fundraiser was a huge success! This year's senior trip will be an overnight visit to Washington, D.C.

Please keep in mind the following important dates:

Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on Tuesday, March 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The Book Fair and Science Fair Display will take place on this day as well.

Kindergarten registration is ongoing. Families with children turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2012, should come in to fill out registration paperwork.

Eighth-grade graduation will take place on Friday, June 22, at 9:30 a.m. The eighth-grade dance will take place the same evening from 8 to 10:30 p.m. The Eighth-Grade Awards Night Dinner will take place on Wednesday, June 20, at 6 p.m.

The kindergarten moving-up ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 21, at 9:30 a.m. followed by a family celebration in the gym.

February Citizens-of-the-Month are Danka Clara and Jordyn Knapp (kindergarten); Justice Pedroza and Nicholas Baratta (first grade); Ryan Amos and Samantha Hernandez (second grade); Joshua Rosario and Mia Villafana (third grade); Jade Villafano and Sarah Stark (fourth grade); Joseph Zayas and Michael Amos (fifth grade); Edwin Almodovar and Olivia Albertelli (sixth grade); James Albertelli and Julia Ejli (seventh grade); Devin Dyal and Hannah Glick (eighth grade).

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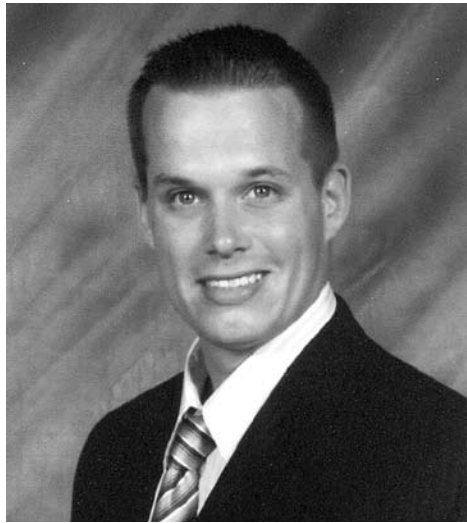
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Tim Stiene

### Timothy John Stiene

Clam digger Timothy Stiene passed away on Jan. 22, 2012. He was 28.

Tim lived most of his life on City Island. He spent his early years on Pell Place, and then lived for a short time in Pelham Bay. He graduated from P.S. 175 and Salesian High School.

He was a true clam digger in that he loved the sea. As a child, he would walk the beaches with his grandfather looking for small treasures that washed up on the shore. Tim loved to swim, fish and crab.

As a teenager, he was a launch boy at the Stuyvesant and Harlem Yacht Clubs, and Barron's Boatyard. He then worked at Kroepke Controls and later in Albert Einstein College of Medicine engineering department.

In 2002 he had a son, "Little Tim," and married his sweetheart, Diane Lovett. In 2009 he moved back to City Island and lived on Bay Street. He spent his last months back on Pell Place.

Tim is survived by his wife, Diane, and his son, Timmy; his parents, John and Barbara; his grandfather Sal Matteis; his brother, John, and sisters, Ashley and Caitlin, all of City Island.

Tim's family is grateful for all the love and support from the City Island community during this difficult time. Tim touched the hearts of everyone who knew him.



Richy Smith

### Richard Smith

Former Islander Richard Smith passed away on Jan. 15, 2012, after a period of failing health and chronic pain. He was 51.

Richard's life was touched by many good people on City Island. He valued his friendship with Mike Buckley and enjoyed Sunday dinners and sporting events with his Island friends.

He is survived by his mother, Anne Smith of Falmouth, Massachusetts; his sister, Suzanne Denker of New York City, and his brothers, Christopher of Baltimore, Maryland; Timothy of Needham,

Massachusetts; and Michael of Cortlandt Manor, New York; and his cousin, Maurice McGrath. He was "Uncle Richie" to his many nieces and nephews.

Richard was also blessed with a loving extended family. He will be missed by his aunts, uncles and cousins in the Smith, Mennona, McGrath and Dunsmore families.

In accordance with his wishes, he was cremated. A mass was held at St. Patrick's Church in Falmouth, Massachusetts, on Jan. 22, and a family gathering is planned for the spring.

The family asks that Richard be remembered through acts of kindness and support to all who courageously face their problems through attendance at AA, Al-Anon and M.I.C.A. programs.

### Kathleen Thomas

Kathleen Thomas, a resident of the Boatyard Condominiums for 28 years, passed away on Feb. 12, 2012. She was 69.

Kathleen was known to her family as Kathy, KT, Mom and Grandma for the many hats she wore. She will be missed eternally.

She was predeceased by her son Earl L. Thomas, a longtime City Island resident, who passed away three years ago at the age of 44.

Kathleen is survived by her loving husband, Earl A. Thomas, whom she married when she was 17 years old. She is also survived by her six children, Michele of Beacon, New York; Janette of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; Denise of Austin, Texas; Karl of Scarsdale, New York; Karen of Miami, Florida; and Mark of the Bronx, New York; and 13 grandchildren, many of whom were once City Island residents.



Ellie Fennel

### Ellen Fennel

Former Islander Ellen "Ellie" Fennel passed away peacefully on Feb. 2, 2012, at the age of 90, two weeks shy of her 91st birthday. Born in Middletown, New York, Ellie moved to City Island with her parents, Frank and Ester Vanderhoff, where she resided for over 60 years. There she met her beloved husband, Adam, who predeceased her in 1974.

Ellie worked at the City Island Donut Shop (now the City Island Diner) for many years with Ruth Tripaldi, one of her best friends. Ellie loved the clam diggers, who would stop by for a chat, coffee and breakfast. After her retirement, Ellie moved to Deltona, Florida, where she loved the sunny warm weather, the ocean and never having to shovel snow. In Florida, she enjoyed her Bunco buddies, exercise classes and treadmill pals. Ellie got up at 4 a.m. every day to hit the gym. She did a split until she was 80!

Ellie was a wonderful mother and a very special grandmother and great grandmother. Her house was a welcome stop for all. The kids could stop in and have a candy from her candy jar, but if you stopped by, you would also end up playing a quick game of dominos or cards. Her quick wit and vivacious personality brought smiles to

those who knew her.

Ellie is survived by three children and their families. Her eldest son, Adam Fennel, and his wife, Camille, have three children: Adam and his wife, Madeleine; Scott and his wife, Amanda; and Tommy. Ellie's second son, Andrew, and his wife, Rosanna, have two children: Marcella Scott and her husband, Barry, and Kim Smith and her husband, Joe. Ellie's daughter, Jane Byrnes,

and her husband, Jimmy, have two children, Heather and Jimmy, and his wife, Jess.

Ellie loved to see her grandchildren and attended their sports events and dance competitions, where she was their biggest fan. Ellie also had six great-grandchildren aging from newborn to 9 years old.

Ellie had zest for life and lived each day to the fullest. She was loved by her family and friends, and she will be greatly missed.



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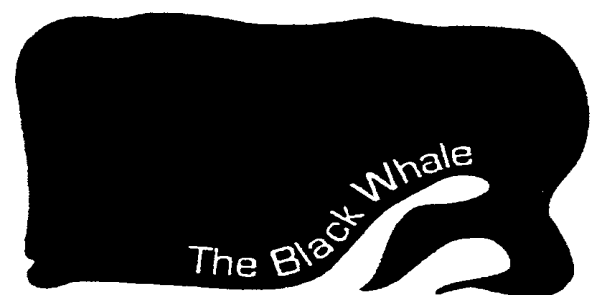
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HH = hours; MM = minutes  
*Tide chart by Tom Smith*

MARCH 2012									
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	
01 Thu	0422	6.80	1052	1.28	1706	6.16	2303	1.40	Thu 01
02 Fri	0520	6.76	1200	1.30	1815	6.25			Fri 02
03 Sat	0005	1.39	0623	6.86	1325	1.09	1931	6.52	Sat 03
04 Sun	0115	1.16	0729	7.09	1428	0.71	2023	6.91	Sun 04
05 Mon	0225	0.73	0826	7.41	1515	0.26	2104	7.36	Mon 05
06 Tue	0322	0.18	0916	7.73	1556	-0.20	2144	7.82	Tue 06
07 Wed	0412	-0.35	1001	8.01	1636	-0.60	2226	8.23	Wed 07
08 Thu	0459	-0.80	1047	8.19	1717	-0.87	2308	8.53	Thu 08
09 Fri	0545	-1.09	1133	8.22	1759	-0.99	2353	8.67	Fri 09
10 Sat	0633	-1.17	1220	8.09	1843	-0.91			Sat 10
All times are Eastern Daylight Time beginning Sunday, March 11									
11 Sun	0040	8.63	0824	-1.04	1410	7.81	2030	-0.63	Sun 11
12 Mon	0229	8.40	0921	-0.71	1505	7.40	2123	-0.20	Mon 12
13 Tue	0324	8.01	1032	-0.28	1608	6.96	2228	0.30	Tue 13
14 Wed	0429	7.56	1155	0.07	1739	6.64			Wed 14
15 Thu	0006	0.68	0609	7.21	1310	0.21	1909	6.64	Thu 15
16 Fri	0130	0.72	0739	7.21	1417	0.15	2018	6.88	Fri 16
17 Sat	0238	0.51	0846	7.39	1516	-0.02	2117	7.23	Sat 17
18 Sun	0338	0.17	0943	7.62	1610	-0.21	2209	7.57	Sun 18
19 Mon	0431	-0.17	1035	7.80	1658	-0.35	2257	7.84	Mon 19
20 Tue	0520	-0.42	1121	7.88	1743	-0.39	2340	7.98	Tue 20
21 Wed	0604	-0.54	1204	7.85	1823	-0.31			Wed 21
22 Thu	0020	8.01	0645	-0.52	1243	7.72	1859	-0.14	Thu 22
23 Fri	0056	7.94	0721	-0.37	1318	7.52	1928	0.10	Fri 23
24 Sat	0125	7.79	0752	-0.14	1347	7.30	1939	0.33	Sat 24
25 Sun	0142	7.65	0810	0.12	1405	7.11	1950	0.48	Sun 25
26 Mon	0200	7.57	0822	0.33	1426	6.97	2020	0.62	Mon 26
27 Tue	0229	7.50	0852	0.52	1459	6.87	2059	0.82	Tue 27
28 Wed	0307	7.41	0932	0.74	1539	6.77	2143	1.04	Wed 28
29 Thu	0350	7.30	1018	0.95	1626	6.69	2233	1.24	Thu 29
30 Fri	0440	7.17	1110	1.11	1719	6.67	2328	1.36	Fri 30
31 Sat	0536	7.08	1208	1.15	1818	6.76			Sat 31
APRIL 2012									
01 Sun	0029	1.32	0637	7.08	1311	1.03	1921	6.99	Sun 01
02 Mon	0137	1.07	0741	7.21	1418	0.74	2022	7.36	Mon 02
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04 Wed	0354	0.04	0943	7.73	1614	-0.12	2208	8.26	Wed 04
05 Thu	0451	-0.52	1037	7.97	1703	-0.49	2257	8.64	Thu 05
06 Fri	0543	-0.97	1128	8.13	1751	-0.74	2345	8.88	Fri 06
07 Sat	0634	-1.24	1218	8.16	1839	-0.81			Sat 07



**FALCON, HAWK OR BLACK-BACKED GULL?**

One of the things we like most about writing this column is the input we receive from readers. It is often fascinating stuff, reminding us of the many different and not always so obvious ways City Island remains a unique place to call home. For example, we were all set to write about the great black-backed gull that dropped from the sky to make a meal of a bufflehead—something we've seen out our window and written about before—when we heard from Frank about what he had been seeing out his window—a northern harrier in a tree in his backyard. This in turn reminded us of the sparrow hawk we have been seeing again near the waterline flying low overhead in search of a meal. You could almost set your watch to this guy last time he came around. Where else can you go to see such natural splendor? Channel 13?

Another reason we like hearing from readers is the tangents their anecdotes often take us on and what we can learn along the way. Take the sparrow hawk, otherwise known as an American kestrel, which is not a hawk at all but a falcon. Ornithologists will tell you that both hawks and falcons are birds of prey because of their curved beaks and talons. But then they will tell

you that the difference between them is how they use their body parts to catch and kill prey. That northern harrier in Frank's yard—a true hawk—uses its talons to tear apart prey, while the kestrel, or any falcon, uses a notch on its beak to break the neck of its prey.

The black-backed gull is another story altogether. First of all, it is primarily a scavenger for food, not a bird of prey. But when it does hunt, it kills its prey over a much longer period of time than either a hawk or falcon. When its soon-to-be-meal is exhausted, having struggled to escape the gull's clutches, then the black-backed may attempt to drown it or peck at it so as to break its neck or skull.

We don't suppose it's much consolation, certainly not to the poor bufflehead or its mate, but the great black-backed gull and its messy and prolonged behavior as a predator never had a chance of becoming the sporting companion to man, let alone kings, that another species has become. That would of course be the

\_\_\_\_\_ . Fill in the blank and let us know why you think so at [jdsstrat@msn.com](mailto:jdsstrat@msn.com).

The last thing we like about input from readers is the way it helps us generate new ideas for new columns month after month. It's so much easier with your support!

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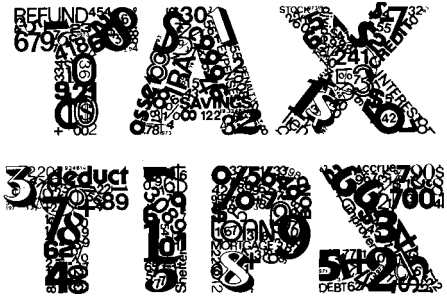
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**2012 Tax Calendar**

To help insure that you don't miss any important 2012 deadlines, here is a summary of when various tax-related forms, payments and other actions are due. Please review it and let us know if you have any questions about the deadlines or would like assistance in meeting them.

**March 12** Individuals: Report February tip income, \$20 or more, to employers (Form 4070).

**March 15** Fiscal-year corporations: File a 2011 income tax return (Form 1120 or 1120-A) or filing for an automatic six-month extension (Form 7004), and paying any tax due.

**April 2** Employers: Electronically file Forms 1098, 1099 and W-2G.

**April 10** Individuals: Report March tip income, \$20 or more, to employers (Form 4070).

Please note that the April 15 deadlines have been extended to April 17 this year because of a District of Columbia holiday.

**April 17** Individuals: File a 2011 income tax return (Form 1040, Form 1040A or Form 1040EZ) or file for an automatic six-month extension (Form 4868) and pay any tax due.

Individuals: Pay the first installment of 2012 estimated taxes if not paying income tax through withholding (Form 1040-ES).

Individuals: Make 2011 contributions to a traditional IRA or Roth IRA (even if the 2011 income tax return extension is filed).

Individuals: Make 2011 contributions to a SEP (unless the income tax return extension is filed).

Individuals: File a 2011 gift tax return (Form 709) or file for an automatic six-month extension (Form 8892), and pay any gift tax due; or file for an automatic six-month extension (Form 4868) to extend both Form 1040 and, if no gift tax is due, Form 709.

Household employers: File Schedule H (Form 1040) if wages paid were \$1,700 or more in 2011.

Calendar-year partnerships: File an income tax return for 2011 (Forms 1065, 1065-B) or request an automatic five-month extension (Form 7004).

Trusts and estates: File an income tax return for the 2011 calendar year (Form 1041) or file for an automatic five-month extension (Form 7004), and pay any income tax due.

Calendar-year corporations: Pay the first installment of 2012 estimated income taxes.

**April 30** Employers: Report income tax

withholding and FICA taxes for first quarter 2012 (Form 941), and pay any tax due.

**May 10** Individuals: Report April tip income, \$20 or more, to employers (Form 4070).

Employers: Report income tax withholding and FICA taxes for first quarter 2012 (Form 941), if you deposited on time and in full all of the associated taxes due.

**May 15** Exempt organizations: File 2011 calendar-year information returns (Forms 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), and pay any tax due.

Small exempt organizations (with gross receipts normally of \$50,000 or less): File e-Postcard (Form 990-N) if not filing Form 990 or 990-EZ.

**June 11** Individuals: Report May tip income, \$20 or more, to employers (Form 4070).

**June 15** Individuals: File an individual income tax return (Form 1040) or file for a four-month extension (Form 4868) if you live outside the United States, and pay any tax and interest due.

Individuals: Pay the second installment of 2012 estimated taxes if not paying income tax through withholding (Form 1040-ES).

Calendar-year corporations: Pay the second installment of 2012 estimated income taxes.

**July 10** Individuals: Report June tip income, \$20 or more, to employers (Form 4070).

**July 31** Employers: File a calendar-year retirement plan report (Forms 5500, 5500-EZ) or request an extension.

Employers: Report income tax withholding and FICA taxes for second quarter 2012 (Form 941), and pay any tax due.

**August 10** Individuals: Report July tip income, \$20 or more, to employers (Form 4070).

Employers: Report income tax withholding and FICA taxes for second quarter 2012 (Form 941), if you deposited on time and in full all of the associated taxes due.

**September 10** Individuals: Report August tip income, \$20 or more, to employers (Form 4070).

**September 17** Individuals: Pay the third installment of 2012 estimated taxes if not paying income tax through withholding (Form 1040-ES).

Calendar-year corporations: Pay the third installment of 2012 estimated income taxes.

Calendar-year corporations: File a 2011 income tax return (Forms 1120, 1120S) and pay any tax, interest and penalties due if an automatic six-month extension was filed.

**September 17** Calendar-year corporations: Make contributions for 2011 to certain employer-sponsored retirement plans if an automatic six-month extension was filed.

Calendar-year partnerships: File an income tax return for 2011 (Forms 1065, 1065-B) if an automatic five-month extension was filed.

**October 1** Employers: Establish a SIMPLE for 2012, except in certain circumstances.

**October 10** Individuals: Report Septem-

ber tip income, \$20 or more, to employers (Form 4070).

**October 15** Individuals: File a 2011 income tax return (Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) and pay any tax, interest and penalties due if an automatic six-month extension was filed.

Individuals: Make contributions for 2011 to certain retirement plans or establishing a SEP for 2011, if an automatic six-month extension was filed.

Individuals: File a 2011 gift tax return (Form 709) and pay any tax, interest and penalties due if an automatic six-month extension was filed.

**October 31** Employers: Report income tax withholding and FICA taxes for third quarter 2012 (Form 941), and pay any tax due.

**November 13** Individuals: Report October tip income, \$20 or more, to employers (Form 4070).

Employers: Report income tax withholding and FICA taxes for third quarter 2012 (Form 941), if you deposited on time and in full all of the associated taxes due.

**December 10** Individuals: Report November tip income, \$20 or more, to employers (Form 4070).

**December 17** Calendar-year corporations: Pay the fourth installment of 2012 estimated income taxes.

**December 31** Employers: Establish a retirement plan (other than a SIMPLE or a SEP).

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We welcome to Minneford Avenue the Acocella Family, Dominick, Susan, Angela and Dominick. Also, congratulations to our granddaughter Angela Acocella on being accepted to the colleges of her choice, Iona, Manhattan and the College of Mount St. Vincent. Angela was also nominated for a scholarship to the United States Achievement Academy. Love from Grammy and Poppy.

Happy Birthday on March 15 to (Capt.) Eugene Occhicone, who is enjoying his retirement and awaiting his new vessel—a 25-foot Parker, which is available for private fishing parties.

Happy Birthday to Jenee, Jese and James—my first, second and third mates.

Birthday greetings to a great brother and his beautiful wife, Dottie.

Happy Birthday to my sis, Judy McCormick, on March 18. Love and kisses from Maryann.

Congratulations to Julia DiMarco, who recently helped her Skyliners synchronized figure skating team win the gold medal at the U.S. Figure Skating Eastern Sectional Championships in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Mom and Dad, brother Chris, and grandparents Josephine, Joanne and Dom are very proud of you. Good luck at the Nationals this month!

Belated congratulations to Island doctor Norbert Sander, who received the New York City Leadership Award during the 2011 New York City Achievement Awards. Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Robert Walsh,

New York City's Small Business Service's commissioner, presented Dr. Sander with the award, which honors individuals who enhance New York City neighborhoods. Dr. Sander established the Armory Foundation, which operates the New Balance Track and Field Center, the busiest indoor track facility in the country. He was a student track athlete at Fordham, and in 1974 he became the first (and so far only) New York City resident to win the New York Marathon.

Birthday greetings on March 31 to Pell Place's Barbara Stiene.

Happy first birthday, on Valentine's Day, to Evie Gabriella Moors, with love from Mom and Dad and big brother, Oliver.

Birthday wishes to Marine Street's Chris Butterworth, who turns 22 on March 8. With love from the Butterworth and Doyle families.

Birthday greetings to Joseph Nelson on March 10 and to his dad, Joe, on March 28, with love from the Butterworth and Doyle families.

Congratulations to Leah Weber, whose first art show is being presented at the Pelham Manor Club from Jan. 16 through March. Leah, a student at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, has 14 works of art on display there.

Happy fifth birthday wishes to Russell Prohaska, who celebrates his big day on March 26.

Happy 80th birthday greetings to Bill Lachman. We love you Papa, from Paul, Sally, Jessica, Christina and Paulie.

Sweet 16 birthday wishes to our beautiful girl, Isabel Werkhoven, on March 28. We love you so much! Mom, Dad, Reese and the critters.

Good luck and best wishes to Jessica and Christina Lachman throughout all your dance competitions. Mom and Dad are so proud of your hard work and dedication. Go PEDA!

Happy birthday to Erin Katherine O'Brien, who turned 3 on Jan. 30. With love from Nana and Papa Dennehy.

Happy 30th birthday to Elizabeth Dennehy, who celebrated her big day on Valentine's Day. Love from Mom and Dad, Maura, Sara, Mark, Andrew, Margie and Erin.

Maria Swieciki



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Leah Weber (r.) with her mother, Susan Bellinson



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Trinity Methodist Church held its annual Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, Feb. 5 (Super Bowl Sunday). Over \$115 and 80 food items were collected for City Harvest.

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