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CITY ISLAND ATTRACTS LAW AND ORDER



ZONING CHANGES IN THE HOME STRETCH

BY BARBARA DOLENSEK

Members of the community went to City Hall to testify before the Zoning and Franchises Subcommittee of the City Council on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003 in support of the contextual rezoning proposal. After the committee votes on the issue, it is scheduled to be brought before the entire Council for a vote on Sept. 30.

Tony Avella, chair of the subcommittee, felt sure that the proposal would pass, as did Council Member Madeline Provenzano. Once it passes, the zoning will then become law.

The zoning changes are intended to preserve City Island's low-rise/low-density character and maintain the village quality of the shopping district in the center of the Island. Most of the residential areas have been changed from R3-2 to R3A, which limits the construction of new housing to detached rather than attached row houses; one area in the northeast part of the Island has been changed to R2, which calls for larger lots. For details, visit the City Planning Web site at www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/home.

In the meantime, the boats at Royal Marina will all be gone by Oct. 16, so that the new owner, the Beechwood Organization, can take possession, according to Richard Riordan of Royal Marina.

Although no plans have yet been filed, Beechwood, a developer of upscale hous-

ing on Long Island, has discussed preliminary plans with the Department of City Planning. Because the two-and-a-half acre property is not suitable for the cluster housing recommended in the new zoning proposal, Beechwood will probably construct 22 detached houses, 11 on each side of a tree-lined street. Boat slips will be available to house owners but there will no longer be boat storage on land.

The Royal Marina property is currently zoned residential R3-2, which allows for the construction of attached housing, but when the new rezoning takes effect before the end of the year, all R3-2 lots on City Island will become R3A, only detached houses can be built. Although Beechwood was made aware of the impending change, the firm made no move to try to get in under the wire.

"I am very sorry to be going out of business," Mr. Riordan told *The Current*, "but I can sleep at night with this developer taking over the property. After all, my family and I live on City Island and we care what happens here."

Mr. Riordan explained that the costs have escalated dramatically over the past few years and that it was not possible to pass these costs along to his customers. "You would fall off your chair," he said, "if you saw my Con Ed bill. And the cost of a

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Photos by RENA HANSEN, VIRGINIA MCGUIRE and KAREN NANI

City Island was used as the backdrop for an upcoming episode of the NBC television series "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit." More than 80 members of the cast and crew arrived early on Monday, Sept. 8, 2003, and filmed at several City Island locations, including the Lobster House restaurant's dock, the backyard of Trinity Methodist Church rectory and City Island Avenue near the library. The friendly stars of the show mingled with City Islanders between rehearsals (bottom left photo) and actual takes (top left photo). The episode, about a child's kidnapping, is scheduled to air in early November on Tuesday at 10 p.m. (the series moves from Friday to a new night). Actor Christopher Meloni, who plays Detective Stabler, is shown with King Avenue residents Virginia McGuire (second left photo above) and Betty Grimaldi. Islander Helen Vaughan (top right photo) chatted with co-stars Richard Belzer and Ice-T (l. to r.), while *Current* editor Karen Nani welcomed star Mariska Hargitay (second right photo). For those Islanders who are fans of movies stars from the 50s and 60s, Ms. Hargitay, who plays Detective Olivia Benson, is the daughter of actress Jayne Mansfield and her husband, bodybuilder Mickey Hargitay. This is not the first "Law and Order" program to use City Island for its location. The original Wednesday night series, which features Jerry Orbach, shot several scenes for an episode earlier this year, as well as for a show in 2001.

BRIEFLY...

THE CITY ISLAND FESTIVAL CHORUS has been formed and will meet every Wednesday at the City Island Community Center, located at 190 Fordham Street from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Membership will be open during the month of October. Anyone interested in joining should attend rehearsal at 7:15 p.m. on any Wednesday during the month of October. Previous experience is a plus but not necessary, and the ability to read music is not required. Just bring your voice! For additional information, call Diana at 718-885-2091.

CITY ISLAND'S HALLOWEEN PARADE will be on Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31, at 6 p.m. sharp, starting from Hawkins Park. The parade is sponsored by Atlantic Emeritus Realty, and prizes are donated by local merchants and organizations. Donations can be dropped off at AER at 300 City Island Avenue; if you wish to have the donation picked up, call 718-885-0088. Costume prize winners and merchant donations will be featured in an upcoming issue of *The Current*. Volunteers are needed before and during the parade. Call Bob at 885-0088.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Bronx Masons will be holding a Blood Drive on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street. Almost anyone from the ages of 17 to 75, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in general good health can be a blood donor. Photo or signature ID and Social Security number are required at the time of donation.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE on Tuesday, Nov. 4, for several key offices, including City Council. The lines for our congressional district were redrawn last year, so some of the names may be new to Islanders. A high percentage of registered voters traditionally turn out on City Island. The polls are open at Public School 175, 200 City Island Avenue, between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.

SAFE BOATING COURSE: The City Island Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will conduct an eight-week safe boating course at the City Island Yacht Club located at 63 Pilot Street beginning on Monday, Oct. 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is at 7 p.m., just before the first class. Participants must be 12 years of age and older and will obtain a Personal Water Craft (PWC) certification upon completion of the course. Topics include boat types, terminology, seamanship, navigation aids, charting, compass, rules of the road, marine radio and more. Instruction is free; the cost of student materials is \$50. Call Jim at 718-863-3855 or Dan at 718-822-1284 for information and registration.

THE CITY ISLAND THEATER GROUP PRESENTS J. B. Priestley's "An Inspector Calls" over two weekends, October 24-26 and Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2003. All performances will be held at Grace Episcopal Church Hall, 104 City Island Avenue. Tickets are \$12 and \$10 (seniors/students/Bronx Cultural Cardholders) and may be reserved by calling 718-885-3066 or by sending an e-mail to email@citg.net. For more information, call 718-885-3066.

PUMPKIN SALE: The American Legion will hold its annual pumpkin sale from Friday, Oct. 3, to Sunday, Oct. 6, in the Legion parking lot at 550 City Island Avenue. Mums, Indian corn, hay and other items will be on sale in addition to pumpkins. For more information, call 718-885-0639.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during July and August 2003. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list nor are complaints for crime occurring on the mainland.

JULY

- 4 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 1 - GRAND LARCENY (AUTO)
- 2 - ASSAULT
- 5 - HARASSMENT
- 4 - LEAVING THE SCENE OF ACCIDENT/PROPERTY DAMAGE
- 3 - LOST PROPERTY
- 5 - PETIT LARCENY
- 1 - OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

AUGUST

- 4 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
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- 1 - ASSAULT
- 3 - HARASSMENT
- 1 - AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT
- 1 - LOST PROPERTY
- 2 - PETIT LARCENY
- 1 - OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

Police report the following arrests for the months of July and August:

7/20 - At 10 p.m. at the rear of 1 City Island Avenue, police arrested a male, 33, and charged him with obstructing government administration. The defendant was acting in a disorderly manner and refused to leave the scene after police had broken up a fight.

8/19 - A female, 31, was arrested at 89 City Island Avenue at 9 p.m. Police responded to a report of a threatened suicide and searched the premises with negative results. A police canine then found the defendant in the closet unharmed. She was arrested for obstruction and misleading a police investigation.

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RESCUE AT SEA

BY BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by RENA HANSEN

Maura Mandrano and Paul Laddomada, residents of the Sailmaker Condominium on Schofield Street, with the dinghy Paul used to perform a heroic rescue during an afternoon squall on July 22, 2003.

Good Samaritans come in all shapes and sizes, but few of them—except perhaps on City Island—come in dinghies.

On Tuesday, July 22, 2003, City Island was treated to one of its occasional line squalls, the kind that comes up so quickly that it catches boaters unprepared for high winds and drenching rain.

Maura Mandrano and her husband, Paul Laddomada, who live at the Sailmaker Condominium on Schofield Street, were storm-watching, a familiar City Island activity, when they noticed a small 25-foot McGregor sailboat capsizing in City Island Harbor not far from their marina. When they did not see the boat's two occupants bobbing in the water, Paul immediately jumped into his 12-foot dinghy and motored out to the sailboat.

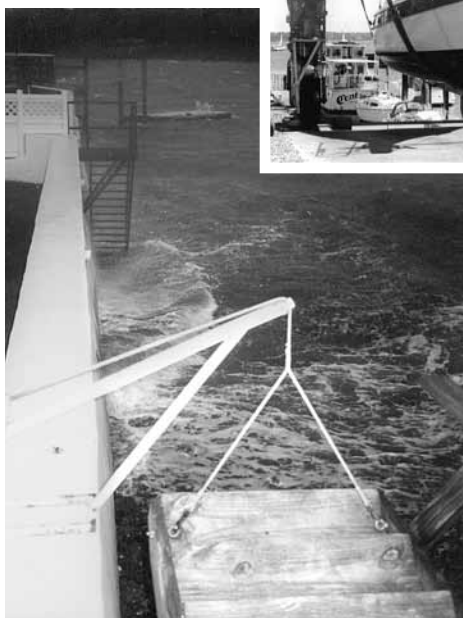
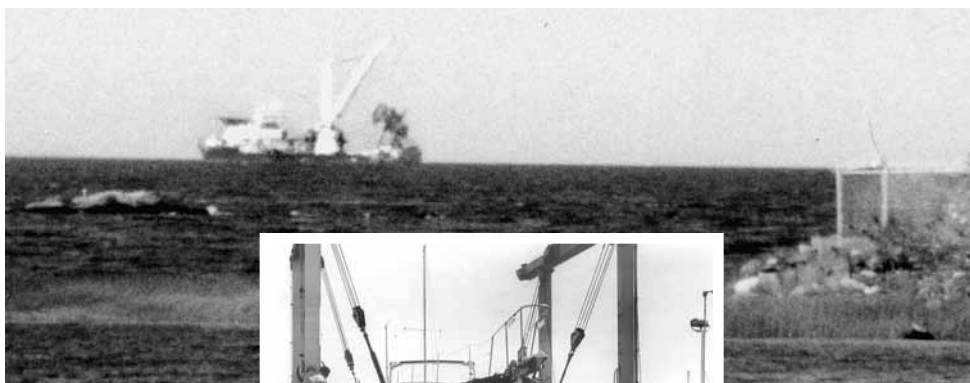
The couple were uninjured but still beneath the boat, which later sank. Paul

managed to pull them into an inflatable raft, which he towed back to the Sailmaker marina. Later the Coast Guard and Sound Tow came on the scene and lifted the sailboat, which the sailors, visiting from Oregon, had borrowed from a relative.

Maura and Paul were the first people to purchase a condominium at the Sailmaker on Schofield Street, the original location of the City Island branch of the sailmaking firm Ratsey and Lapthorn. In addition to being original settlers, they also operate the marina on the property, so Paul had the expertise to manage a rescue at sea without putting himself in danger.

Nevertheless, his act of kindness involved both courage and quick thinking, and Island residents are grateful that he managed to avert what could have been a tragic accident.

HURRICANE ISABEL BRUSHES CITY ISLAND



Photos by RENA HANSEN and MARK NANI

Despite some dire predictions by forecasters for our area, Hurricane Isabel blew by on Sept. 18, 2003, with gusts of less than 40 knots, to the relief of many Islanders. Earlier in the week, preparations were taken to minimize Isabel's impact. Boats and gangways were hauled at a furious pace at the City Island shipyards, while Islanders stocked up on supplies (top photos). Many boats were moved, including the large ship east of Hart Island that has been repairing an underwater power cable. Some boats from the Island's fleet were re-anchored off the northwest corner of the Island by the bridge when Isabel's winds blew from the southeast. In the end, Isabel caused broken branches and white caps (bottom photos), but little else.

A Primary Day Full of Mishaps

BY BARBARA DOLENSEK AND KAREN NANI

In spite of the pleasant weather, not everything went smoothly on Primary Day, Tuesday, Sept. 9. Some of the voting machines prepared for use at City Island's voting place, Public School 175, were found to be missing an entire slate of candidates and had to be replaced by paper ballots.

According to Al Snyder, who regularly works with his wife, Dolores, supervising City Island's local elections, very few voters actually showed up that day, but those who did greeted the paper ballot situation with good humor and a joke or two about "hanging chads" that had migrated from Florida.

In the meantime, there was excitement outside the booths when Islander Martina Meienhofer went to cast her ballot just past 11 a.m. After voting, as she was crossing City Island Avenue, she failed to notice a gaping pothole in front of the school and fell into it.

When Ms. Meienhofer tried to get up, she realized that her right arm was injured. "I was sprawled in the middle of the

avenue and I couldn't move," she said. Several Islanders and off-Islanders rushed to her aid and called 911. Police responded, as did a fire truck and an ambulance. She was taken to Mercy Hospital, where she was diagnosed with a fractured shoulder following an X-ray and an MRI.

Ms. Meienhofer told *The Current* that she plans to sue the city, although she is not sure how successful she will be. Work crews showed up on Friday, Sept. 12, to repair the pothole, but a smaller pothole (or sinkhole) appeared in the same spot the following week.

Ironically, Ms. Meienhofer confirmed that turnout was light on Primary Day and she was only the seventh voter from her district. She is very grateful to all who stopped to help and stayed with her until the ambulance came. She is a very popular babysitter on City Island and is often seen on the avenue with one or two children in tow. She was scheduled to pick up some children after school on Tuesday, but friends filled in for her while she was at the hospital.



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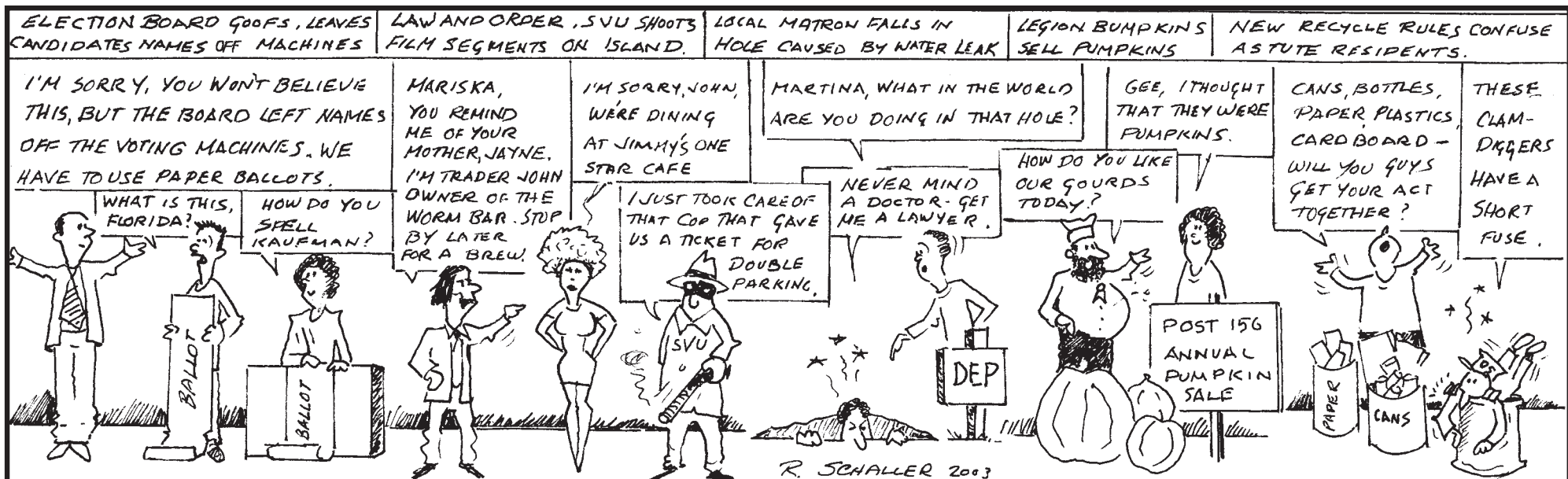
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RECYCLING REMINDERS

BY BARBARA DOLENSEK



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Rescue at Sea

To the Editor,

"Timing is everything" to quote a well-known phrase. That certainly did apply on July 22, 2003, when Paul Laddomada performed a life-saving rescue off Schofield Street on City Island, in Long Island Sound, bringing two people to safety after their boat capsized during the height of a severe summer squall. Anyone who has ever experienced this type of weather condition knows how dangerous it is to be out on the water in a small craft during such a storm. Mr. Laddomada gave no thought to his own safety when he jumped into his 12-foot aluminum dinghy and with all the speed his six horse-power outboard motor could produce, he guided his small craft to the spot of the sinking boat, barely visible though heavy rain, strong wind and choppy water, lightning and atmospheric haze.

There's more to the story beyond selfless bravery. Both Paul and his partner, Maura Mandrano, who stood ready to call 911 if Paul sent her a distress signal, gave hours of shelter and comfort to the rescued pair by way of hot showers, dry clothing and access to a telephone, as well as recovering their boat and property.

Paul Laddomada is not seeking praise or recognition for his action but I think we can all agree he deserves a huge thank-you that his timing meant everything to two people who might otherwise have drowned if not for his quick wit and effective actions.

Ann McGuire

A few Islanders have complained about receiving tickets for improperly prepared trash intended for the recycling program; others have found their recycled bins still full on Monday evenings.

Perhaps as a result of the city's budget crisis and recent changes in the recycling program, the Department of Sanitation has tightened up its procedures, which means that we should all pay close attention to the regulations. These are given in detail on the city's Web site (www.nyc.gov) or you may call 311 if you have questions. Here are some reminders and tips:

- City Island's recycled trash is now picked up on Monday every other week. During October those dates are Oct. 6 and 20. Regular trash is still picked up every Monday and Thursday. (When a holiday falls on a Monday, recycling will be picked up on Tuesday.) There are two types of recycled materials: paper and metal/plastic.
- Mixed paper and cardboard should be placed in clear bags or put into recycling bins labeled with green stickers. All cardboard boxes must be broken down and tied into bundles.
- Plastic bottles, beverage cartons and metal must be empty and rinsed out and then placed in clear bags or blue-labeled recycling bins. Only plastic jugs or bottles with narrow necks will be picked up. Metal trash may include cans, foil baking tins, aluminum foil, metal tubes, pans and hangers; all paint cans should be empty and dried out with lids removed.
- Bulk metal that does not fit into a bag or bin will be picked up with metal recycling if it is placed next to the metal recycling bins or bags. Appliances that are all or predominantly metal will be picked up. Refrigerator doors must be removed, by law. Call 311 if you are disposing of air conditioners, freezers or other appliances containing freon, which must be removed before the appliances can be removed.
- Glass is no longer recycled and must be disposed of with regular trash, although the city plans to reinstate glass recycling in the spring of 2004.
- Any unacceptable objects that are included with the paper or metal recycling will contaminate the entire bag or bin, and

sanitation workers must leave it at the curb.

Many residents do not realize that the city will also pick up bulk trash, such as mattresses, microwaves, televisions, sofas and wood tables at no cost if it is placed out for collection between 6 p.m. and midnight the night before the regular collection day. Here are a few regulations covering bulk pick-ups:

- Up to six items are allowed for each address.
 - All nails must be removed from carpets, old lumber or tree limbs, which must be securely tied in bales no more than 2 feet high and 4 feet long.
 - Although Sanitation does remove non-commercial waste from homeowners engaged in small "do-it-yourself" projects, anyone undertaking a large project should contract for a dumpster through a private rubbish removal service. Bulk and construction debris generated by hired contractors is considered commercial waste, and the contractor is responsible for arranging private disposal.
 - Automobile tires may be dropped off at Sanitation Department garages or at special waste disposal sites. Call 311 for information about time and location.
 - It is illegal to abandon an automobile, and residents are asked to report all abandoned vehicles by calling 311. Individuals wishing to dispose of their own cars should obtain the services of a private automobile-wrecking firm.
- A number of Islanders have recently reported that empty lots have been filled with garbage and yard trash, in spite of the fact that the Sanitation Department will remove these items as part of its bulk collection program. These empty lots will be cleaned up by Sanitation at the owner's expense if the owner fails to do so after notification.
- Anyone with questions, complaints or requests for special services, such as freon removal, lot cleaning or missing collection is encouraged to call 311 or to visit the city's Web site at www.nyc.gov.

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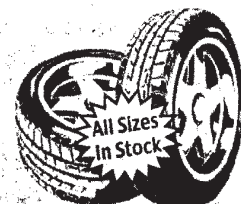
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Community Center Sponsors Cut-a-thon and Bake Sale

BY MIRIAM BENITEZ



Photo by RICK DeWITT

A Cut-a-Thon was held at the City Island Community Center on Sept. 7. Volunteers gave back-to-school haircuts, manicures, and massages to raise funds for the many activities at the center.



waxing by Island Nails, a haircut and blow-dry by Lina Petite and tickets to "An Inspector Calls" by the City Island Theater Group.

Items for the bake sale were prepared by the Millennium Moms, various grandmothers, Community Center board members and Susan Turner.



The banner announcing the event, which was hung across Fordham Street, was created by Laury Hopkins with fabric donated by Remy and lettering material from UK Sailmakers.

The board of the Community Center expressed gratitude to everyone who helped to make the occasion a memorable one as well as a financial success. The money raised by the event will be used to help construct a new floor for the main room of the Community Center at 190 Fordham Street.

Island resident Brenda Prohaska and her group of Millennium Moms organized the City Island Community Center's second annual "cut-a-thon" on Sunday, Sept. 7, and the event proved to be a great success.

Many adults and children were given haircuts, manicures, hair beading or braiding and massages; others were introduced to reflexology or had their faces painted. On hand to offer their services were Brenda Prohaska and Angela Paese (hair-cutting); Annmarie Tomsen and Sonia Peña-Díaz (manicures); Amanda Brennen and Greer Jason (hair braiding); Greer Jason (massage); David Cook (reflexology); and Laury Hopkins (face painting).

Special raffles offered many prizes, including yoga classes by Ann Ward, aerobics by Mary Immediato, a massage by John Raimondi, manicures and eyebrow

"An Inspector Calls" on City Island

The latest production of the City Island Theater Group is J. B. Priestley's "An Inspector Calls," a haunting thriller written just after World War II but one that has withstood the test of time.

The action takes place in an English industrial city when a young girl commits suicide. An eminently respectable British family, the Birlings, is subject to a routine inquiry in connection with the death. An inspector comes to interrogate the family, and all members of the group become implicated in some way in the girl's undoing. The family members, at first apparently close-knit and friendly, are ultimately revealed for their true selves.

Who is this mysterious inspector? What does he really know? There are many twists and turns that will keep the audience guessing until the curtain falls. Although the play is set in 1912, its message about people caring for one another

is very strong and especially poignant today.

Lawrence Paska, most recently seen in the spring production of "Godspell" is the director of "An Inspector Calls." The cast includes Con Grondahl as the father, Arthur; Kathleen Cullen as the mother, Sybil; Jason Fogarty as the son, Eric; Susan Rauh as the daughter, Sheila; Christopher McGowan as her fiance, Gerald; and Stephanie Miano as the maid.

The play will be performed on Fridays Oct. 24 and 31 at 8 p.m.; Saturdays Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. and on Sundays Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. All performances will be at Grace Episcopal Church Hall, 104 City Island Avenue, and tickets are \$12 and \$10 (seniors/students/Bronx Cultural Cardholders). Tickets may be reserved by calling 718-885-3066 or sending an e-mail to email@citg.net. For more information, call 718-885-3066.



Photo courtesy Office of Madeline Provenzano

Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano (left) recently met in her office with Ellen Ryan, special assistant to City Planning Commission Chairperson Amanda Burden, and Purnima Kapur, the Bronx director of City Planning to discuss the rezoning proposal for City Island. Council Member Provenzano stated her support for the proposal, which will come up for a vote on Sept. 30, 2003.



ZONING

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permit to use bottom paint seemed to quadruple overnight."

When the Department of City Planning was preparing its study of City Island as an historic maritime center in 1999 and 2000, Mr. Riordan and other business owners attended hearings to discuss the problems they face with high taxes and other costs, such as dredging. "We applied to the Army Corps of Engineers several years ago for dredging permits, after having the bottom material tested, but we never heard anything."

Several elected officials, including the Mayor and Borough President Adolfo Carrión, have expressed concern at the loss of maritime businesses in the city, but as the City Planning study puts it, "For the maritime business owner, the redevelopment of his or her property at its highest and best use is increasingly more attractive economically than continuing to run the business. . . . As property values and real estate taxes escalate, a business operating on a narrow profit margin will find it harder to remain afloat."

A number of other waterfront properties have been put up for sale but most of these are zoned Manufacturing (M-1), which is not affected by the new change in zoning. In order to build housing on an M-1 lot, the owner or developer would be required to obtain a zoning variance, which involves a lengthy approval process, in which the community would have input.



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If you have a new business, or if your old business is offering a new service, write to *The Current*, P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464 by the 10th of the month.

Starting with a reception on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 3 to 8 p.m., the **Starving Artist Gallery** (269 City Island Avenue) presents "Anonymous Nudes," a one-of-a-kind exhibition of three-dimensional black-and-white photographs by Don Nester. The exhibition runs through Nov. 2 and will include, on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 3 p.m., a talk by Nester on this unique and innovative photography technique. And keep watching the Starving Artist as it gets set to "serve up" something new very soon!

The **Kathlyn Moses Gallery** at 327 City Island Avenue will show works by Winston Maciel, Paul Shiffman, Tony Correa, Lois Weingarten and Mary Rappold during the month of October. An opening reception will be held Friday, Oct. 10, from 7 to 10 p.m.



As a service to our readers, *The Island Current* will periodically list recent sales of residential and commercial property as found in the public record. This feature is designed to give a general idea of the fair market values of property on City Island. An update will be published every few months at our discretion. The listings below represent some of the recent sales. *The Current* is not responsible for errors or omissions in the data.

Address	Closing Date	Sale Price	Type
7 Deepwater Way	10/9/02	\$610,000	Condo
415 Minneford Ave.	3/14/03	\$400,000	2 Family
97 Winters Street	3/20/03	\$349,000	1 Family
56 Centre Street	4/9/03	\$525,000	1 Family
690 King Avenue	5/23/03	\$600,000	1 Family
170 Schofield St.	5/29/03	\$139,000	Condo
170 Schofield St.	6/10/03	\$149,000	Condo
3 Deepwater Way	6/23/03	\$488,800	Condo

Driving Course

A defensive driving class, sponsored by State Senator Guy Velella for the past 13 years, is being offered on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the American Legion Leonard Hawkins Post, 550 City Island Avenue. Attendance will help constituents lower their automobile insurance rates, reduce points from their driving records and become better drivers.

Participation in the course, which is conducted by the National Traffic Safety Institute (NTSI), affords the insured a 10 percent savings on automobile insurance for three renewable years and the reduction of up to four driver's penalty points.

The class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the reduced rate of \$20. Checks may be made payable to NTSI. Participants should bring their own lunch if desired. Because class size is limited, Senator Velella suggests that reservations be made well in advance. Classes will be held in other locations this fall. For further information and to make reservations, call Rosemarie Kolb 718-792-7180.



Photo by RICK DeWITT

Borough President Adolfo Carrión (center) visits Zhen-Huan Lu (second from left) at his opening at Focal Point Gallery. Also pictured are Zhen-Huan's wife, Ming (left), Ron Terner, director of Focal Point Gallery and his wife, Susan Terner Rios (on right). Mr. Lu created the 2002 Christmas card for President Bush and the First Lady. In 1984 Mr. Lu's artworks were first introduced to the United States at Focal Point Gallery.

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9/11 Remembering Families

By DIANA VALDES
Social Security Manager,
East Bronx Office

Sept. 11 marked the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington and the aborted attack that ended with a plane crash in a grassy field in western Pennsylvania. In some ways, it is hard to believe that it has been two years since that horrific day when so many innocent people died, and America changed forever.

The lives of millions of Americans changed forever that day, too. But none were affected more tragically than those who lost loved ones in those brutal and senseless assaults on our homeland.

This was depicted so well by a recent documentary about a small boy in Brooklyn whose mother died in the collapse of the World Trade Center. It was a poignant story of how one little boy coped with the sudden and overwhelming loss of a mother and how a family coped with the loss of a wife, a daughter and a friend. As President Bush said, "Everyone . . . who died on Sept. 11 was the most important person on earth to somebody."

Other than what the documentary revealed, I know nothing about the members of this family or their possible involvement with Social Security. But I am sure that if the cameras returned to their home today, they would find a growing boy who, once each month, gets a reminder that his mother, and his country, had made plans for his future.

That once-a-month reminder is a Social Security payment.

The little boy's mother worked for an investment firm located in one of the top floors of the south tower of the World

Trade Center. That means she paid Social Security taxes, as do more than 150 million other working Americans. Most people tend to think of those taxes as an investment in an old-age pension plan, as something that will eventually lead to Social Security retirement benefits once they reach their "golden years."

But, as this Brooklyn family so tragically learned, sometimes life just doesn't go as planned. A life can be sadly cut short long before retirement is even a consideration. When that happens, families are often surprised to learn that the children—and sometimes the spouse—of a loved one who dies are eligible for monthly Social Security benefits. In fact, this month alone, almost two million children who have lost a mother or father will receive more than \$1 billion in Social Security survivor benefits. Another 200,000 widowed mothers and fathers who are caring for young children will get about \$125 million in Social Security benefits on the records of their deceased spouses.

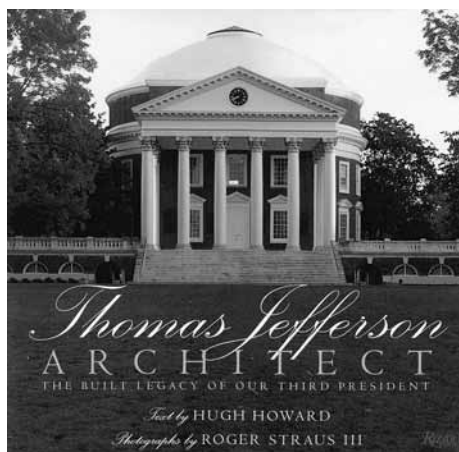
As a result of Sept. 11, 2001, Social Security employees have taken more than 5,000 disaster-related claims. Although some were disability claims from people who survived the terrorist attacks, most were for children whose parents died that day.

The next time you get your Social Security Statement, glance down to the line that refers to potential survivor benefits. Of course, you hope that your family will never be in a position to collect those benefits. But I hope it offers some comfort knowing your Social Security taxes are buying this important "life insurance" protection. It may not be enough for your family to live on, but it will serve as a base upon which you can plan for your family's financial future should something unexpected ever happen to you.

Current Review

America's Founding Architect

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Thomas Jefferson Architect: The Built Legacy of Our Third President

Text by Hugh Howard
Photographs by Roger Straus III
Rizzoli; \$40

Biographies of America's founding fathers are being published at a great rate these days—John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson—and most of them are good reads, full of historical details that bring these historic figures to life. These were remarkable men, brilliant and farsighted, talented in a number of different fields, and they each left a significant stamp on American history.

Thomas Jefferson's gifts to the young country were varied and exceptional—he served as secretary of state to George Washington, vice president to John Adams and became president himself. He was also a writer, a gardener, an inventor, a scientist, an ambassador, a connoisseur of wine, food and the arts and an architect of tremendous skill and influence.

Jefferson's architectural contributions are the subject of this beautiful book, which pays homage to the man who brought classical ideals to America in



order to help the new nation formulate a worthy image. By adopting the designs of Roman temples and applying them to American civic and domestic structures, Jefferson made a deliberate analogy between the Roman republic and the newly independent American republic.

The photographs in this book, by Island resident Roger Straus, are both elegant and expressive, conveying the harmony and the beauty of Jefferson's designs, whether they be public structures, such as the Virginia capitol and the university, or personal dwellings, such as Monticello and Poplar Forest, his private retreat from the rigors of public life.

Mr. Straus has put to very good use his skill with the panoramic lens, which enables the reader to absorb the breadth and scope of Jefferson's creations in which symmetry and monumentality play such an important role. The design of the book, by Doris Straus, makes the most of these wide-angle shots yet manages to enhance rather than distract the reader from understanding the classical balance of the subjects.

The text is informal and chatty, but full of fascinating information about Jefferson's architectural efforts, drawing connections between his designs and his philosophies of politics, education and horticulture, as well as his aesthetics.

If Thomas Jefferson had never written the Declaration of Independence or made the Louisiana Purchase (which doubled the size of the United States) or founded the University of Virginia, his architectural contribution to the United States alone would have established an important place for him in our history. This book is a fitting tribute to that heritage.

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At the American Legion clambake in August 2003, festivities, good seafood and awards highlighted the evening. Award recipients included (front row, l. to r.): Pat Hennessey of IDEA, Antonella and Joe Miccarelli from the City Island Pharmacy and Rose Rodstrom of IDEA. Ms. Hennessey and Ms. Rodstrom received the Legion's Youth Award, and the Miccarellis received the Community Service Award. Joining them are (back row): Joe Goonan, Bronx County Commander; Richard O'Keefe, National Executive Committee member; Bill Clancy, National POW/MIA Chairman; Bill Clancy III, Sons of American Legion Commander; and Tom McMahon, Vice Commander.

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Organization News

News on this page concerning organizations, and events listed in, are submitted by representatives of those organizations. A limit of 150 words is requested for all news items submitted. In most cases news will be edited and every effort will be made to preserve the substance of longer items. News and calendar events must be received by no later than the 20th of each month except December and July. If the 20th falls on a holiday or Sunday, the deadline is the 19th. Mail submissions to P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464. YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED.

Current Calendar

OCTOBER

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3 to 5, **American Legion Pumpkin Sale**, 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the weekend. Legion parking lot at City Island Avenue and Cross Street.

Thursday, Oct. 16, **Community Board 10 meets**, 7:30 p.m., Villa Barone Restaurant, 3289 Westchester Avenue, Bronx.

Tuesday, Oct. 28, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 8 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Friday, Oct. 31, **Halloween Parade**, 6 p.m., Hawkins Park.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov. 4, **Election Day**, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., P. S. 175, 200 City Island Avenue.

City Island Civic Association

The City Island rezoning proposal reached the final approval stage in the New York City Council. Civic representatives testified in support of the proposal on Sept. 23 before a subcommittee of the Council's zoning committee. We are grateful to City Planning and to Madeline Provenzano for their hard work on behalf of this important step for City Island.

We showed drawings of the proposed City Island Bridge design to the meeting on Sept. 30 after a meeting of the Bridge Committee with Joseph Palmieri, Bronx Commissioner of DOT, at which we gave him suggestions from the community regarding the new bridge. Also, Bob Simons and the Traffic Committee met with Commissioner Palmieri to review traffic issues that members have submitted to the Civic. Finally, the street lines between the circle and the bridge are being repainted!

The developer of Mariners Point, the new housing on Bowne Street, wishes to construct large planters at the east end of the street with a large sign, a plan that was discussed at the Sept. 30 meeting.

A proposal from the Chamber of Commerce for angled parking along both sides of City Island Avenue between Bay and Centre Streets was also discussed.

Our Pretty Island project continues to make progress on the Connie's Market building. Volunteers finished painting the doorway, and artist Laurie Hopkins began her colorful mural on the front panels, which will certainly add beauty and interest to the center of town. Ideas and volunteers for the Pretty Island project are always welcome. The date for the project is the second weekend in June each year. Please contact Susan Bellinson at 718-885-2109 if you can help or to suggest another project for next year.

The election of officers will take place at the meeting on Oct. 28.

Frank Fitts

Garden Club News

The next meeting of the City Island Garden Club is Monday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club on Pilot Street.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the Garden Club will have our fall clean-up at Hawkins Street and Bridge Parks, where we will be planting chrysanthemums. We will also have a raffle for beautiful fall plants; proceeds go to the Beautification Fund.

Gardening hint: It is time to cut back the foliage on most perennials for their winter rest. Trim back to a couple of inches above the soil for healthy growth next spring.

Phyllis Goodman

Chapter 318 AARP

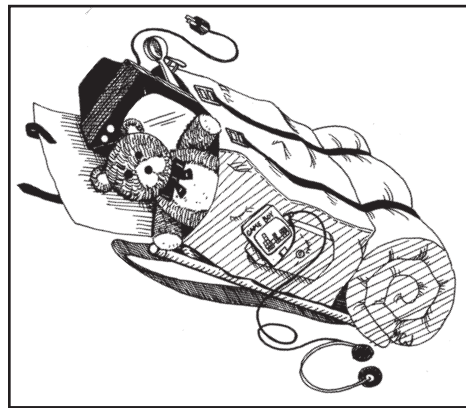
Our chapter meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church at 113 Bay Street. Refreshments are served right after the meeting. Blood pressure is taken on the first Wednesday of each month. A notary is available before and after meetings to notarize any documents free of charge. Please see Dick Sauter.

Our next trip to Atlantic City is on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The bus departs at 9 a.m. from 113 Bay Street. Please call Jean Ringel at 718-885-1479 or John Bonicoro at 718-885-1844 for reservations.

On Nov. 17 we are going to Westbury to see "Radio Days" and have dinner after the show. On Wednesday, Nov. 19, we will have our Penny Auction. This event is our only fundraiser, so please come and join us to make it a huge success. Price for admission is \$4, which includes lunch and a sheet of tickets. Chairperson for this event is Jean Ringel.

Flo Bonicoro has been working very hard trying to plan trips for this season. For starters we are going to the Hilton Casino in Atlantic City overnight in February 2004. In March we will go to Westbury to see Al Martino and Carmel Quinn for St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day with dinner at the Tivoli. A three-day trip to Cape Cod is planned for September and there may be an overnight in November. For information about these trips, please call Florence Bonicoro at 718-885-1844 or Marie Tirelli at 718-547-6644 or attend our meetings.

Florence Quinn, chairperson for luncheons, has already made preparation for our annual Christmas luncheon on Friday, Dec. 12, at Marina del Rey, with an open bar from 12 to 5 p.m., including a cocktail hour from 12 to 1 p.m. Please see Florence at our meetings to make a reservation.



Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity's annual fall food sale and luncheon will be held on Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We know that there are many of you who look forward to the event each year and we thank you in advance for your continued support.

Trinity's Laity Sunday Worship is scheduled for Oct. 19. Many members of our congregation will join George Cavaliere in presenting the service for that Sunday. George will also be starting a Bible Study of the first 10 chapters of the *Book of the Revelation* on that day. It is an eight-part study that includes a brief video and then discussion from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served each Sunday. The study will end on Dec. 7. George is planning a continuation of the study in 2004.

The Budget Corner reopened on Sept. 16 and will be open each Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month during the same hours. Our Budget container is open for

deposits. Please do not leave items outside of the container, exposed to inclement weather. It is such a shame to have to discard items ruined by rain or snow. Should you have extra time to donate to Budget, please call Ellie at 718-518-7241. We would be grateful for your help.

Our Outreach Committee is selling the 2004 Entertainment Books for \$32 each. These books make excellent gifts and are a wonderful way to save money on restaurants, hotels, movies and sports, even groceries! They pay for themselves very quickly. We are also able to help you order gift books for folks who live in other areas of the country. Thank you so very much for helping us in this project.

Donna LaValle

City Island Chamber Music

Our first concert in October will be on the 5th, when the young, upcoming violinist Janet Sun will present a beautiful romantic program featuring pieces by Bach, Chausson, Szymanowski and others.

On Oct. 12, the cellist Ariane Lallemand will return to City Island to perform works by Bach and Beethoven, among others.

Pianist Adrienne Kim will be joined by violinist Jesse Mills and cellist Robert La Rue to perform, by memory, Schubert's trio in B-flat, Opus 99, as well as other works, on Oct. 19.

On Oct. 26, violinist Andrea Oey, violist Elisabeth Jaffe, cellist Chang Ying and pianist Mae Barizo will perform a splendid program of romantic pieces by Haydn, Brahms and others, as well as poetry written and presented by Mae Barizo.

All concerts begin at 12:30 p.m. at Le Refuge Inn, 620 City Island Avenue, and are followed by a reception; admission is \$16. For information, call 212-724-4474.

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Cub Scout News

I would like to introduce myself to the community as the new Scoutmaster for Cub Scout pack 211. I look forward to this challenge and hope to groom our young boys to be good Boy Scouts with Mr. Esposito.

Last year it was with great pleasure to work alongside Kathy Ciarletta, whose silent leadership did not go unnoticed. I applaud her endless devotion for the Scouts. If it weren't for her, who knows where the Cub Scouts would be in this community. I am also looking forward to working with Regina Krieg (assistant Scoutmaster) and Karen Durvel, whose devotion and knowledge about Scouting is amazing.

The experience of working with all the leaders was wonderful. As we all know Scouting has so much to offer our young boys. The experiences and memories will stay with them for a lifetime. The resources that the Scouts have to offer are almost endless. I hope to explore these resources and offer them to our boys and their families.

With this in mind, I would like to reach out to the parents and adults of our community, since every little bit helps. It amazes me how much work is involved for the few that have carried the Scouts all along up until now. I would like to explore putting together an executive board, where the responsibilities could be spread out and shared. We need volunteers, not only for leaders but also to help with the minor details of running this organization, such as someone to run errands, a planning committee to call and make reservations, a person to design and make flyers and so on. If some of the minor responsibilities can be shared, it will alleviate the burden on the leaders, and they can be more focused and energized.

This year we have a full and exciting calendar of events scheduled, and a couple of exciting trips will be announced at a future date, along with a fund-raising drive.

Again, I'd like to reach out to the young and older adults of our community to step up and give a hand, because every little bit helps! For more information, call 718-885-2169.

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The City Island Squadron 156 of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) held a swearing-in ceremony for a new slate of officers and welcomed new members at a barbecue on Aug. 28, 2003. Shown at the ceremony are (seated, l. to r.): Corley Schaller, Scott Murphy, Tim Smyth and Brendan Murphy; standing: Bronx County SAL Commander Peter Booth, new Squadron 156 Commander Bill Clancy III, Post 156 Commander Vinny Hecker, Bronx County American Legion Commander Henry Pang, and New York District American Legion Commander Joe Mazzariello.



If you wish to submit, for inclusion in this column, information regarding events and activities at the City Island Community Center, please call Laury Hopkins at 885-3202 no later than the 15th of each month, except December and July. Leave a message, including your name and phone number.

Announcements

Masquerade Ball with D.J. Ray to benefit the Community Center, Saturday Nov. 1, at the Harlem Yacht Club, 8 p.m. to midnight. \$45 per person. Costume contest, wolf howling contest and door prizes. Tickets on sale at the Focal Point Gallery, or call Brenda at 718-885-9040.

Halloween Poster Painting will be held after school Friday, Oct. 24, from 3 to 5 p.m. All kids and kids at heart are welcome to come and paint!

The **Cut-a-thon** was a great success! Thanks to all who participated!

Scrapbook Club: If you are interested in getting all those old photos out of the boxes and into attractive books without cluttering up your dining-room table, call Joanne Brogan at 718-885-2713.

Chess Club for ages 13 and up. Monday evenings from 7 to 11 p.m. Starts Oct. 27. No need to register, just show up!

Choir Practice (with our newly tuned piano, thanks to John Syverten) will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Call Diana Reichstetter at 718-885-2091 if you are interested and have not already auditioned.

Ongoing Events

Monthly Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

To schedule events at the Center, call Laury Hopkins at 718-885-3202.

Teen Center: Saturday evenings. To volunteer your time so that we can keep the Teen Center open, please call Jay Howard at 718-885-2192.

Millennium Babies: A Moms and Babies Playgroup. Call Brenda Prohaska at 718-885-9040.

Senior Nutrition Program: Held at Pilot Cove Manor, weekdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All senior citizens are welcome; the cost is only \$1 per meal. Call 718-885-0727 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for your monthly calendar with daily lunch menus

and schedule of visits to shopping centers.

Irish Dance: call Deirdre O'Mara at 201-947-8535.

Preschool Art and Playgroup: Early socialization and fun for two- to four-year-olds. Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Sept. 9 to Dec. 11. Call Laury at 718-885-3202.

Dance Classes: Preballet, jazz and tap for kids. Adult ballroom. Call Linda at Dance Connection, 914-576-5515.

Belly Dancing Classes: Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Hip scarves are provided! Call Nadia at 718-885-9660.

Kundalini Yoga: Saturdays at 9 a.m. Call Ann Ward at 718-885-1478.

Adult Tap Classes: Call Corinne Grondahl at 718-885-2011.

Photography Classes: For adults and teens. Call Ron Terner at 718-885-1403 or inquire at Focal Point Gallery.

Step Aerobics Classes: Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9 to 10:30 a.m., and Mondays and Wednesdays 7 to 8 p.m. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793.

Yoga: Basic-level Hatha Yoga classes include yoga postures, deep relaxation and breathing practices, and stress management for peace of mind and physical well-being. Call Annette at 718-885-0724 for further information.

Laury Hopkins

Sons of the American Legion

City Island Squadron 156 of the Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) kicked off the 2003-2004 season on Aug. 28, with a barbecue and swearing-in ceremony. More than 50 people attended, and everyone had a good time with great eats provided by chefs Peter and Claudia. A new slate of officers was sworn in, as were four new members, bringing Squadron membership to 71.

The new officer slate is as follows: Commander: W. Clancy III; 1st Vice Commander: Matthew Mazzella; 2nd Vice Commander: John Peters; 3rd Vice Commander: James Livingston; Finance Officer: Vincent Mazzarro; Adjutant: Bill Stuttig Jr.; Historian: Vincent Panzarino; Sargeant at Arms: Vic Anderson Jr.; Chaplain: Brian O'Sullivan.

The new Squadron members are Corley Schaller, Scott Murphy, Tim Smyth and Brendan Murphy.

The Squadron is working on a full fall/winter schedule of social activities, community activism and an Americanism agenda, which will include participation in the Throggs Neck Veteran's Day Parade and our annual Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony in December. Our first social event will be a West Point

football game on Saturday, Oct. 18. A bus will depart for the game in the morning and return that evening. Tickets are available for \$60 per person, which includes the game, bus and a tailgate lunch. Those who are interested may stop by the post to sign up.

The S.A.L. is a national organization, one of the fastest growing men's groups in the country. The primary goal of the S.A.L. is to instill in all a sense of the individual obligation to community, state and nation and a sense of camaraderie among members and friends.

Membership in the S.A.L. is open to any male descendant of an American Legion member, included adopted sons or stepsons, as well as descendants of deceased veterans who served in past or present American conflicts. If you are interested in joining and meet the criteria, stop by and pick up a pamphlet at the post. Our meetings are the second Monday of every month at the Hawkins American Legion Post. Everyone is welcome, even if you are just curious to find out more.

William Clancy III

Legion News

The Post survived the ravages of hurricane Isabel without incident. Commander Hecker increased the bar's inventory to make sure the habitués would not go thirsty. The regulars applauded his foresight in this important endeavor.

We mourn the passing of still another legionnaire, Bill Stuttig Sr., a veteran of WWII; he was a Seabee for four years. A service for Bill was held at the Grace Episcopal Church on Sept. 27. Also, Patrick Breen, another veteran of WWII, passed away on Sept. 22, and the Post held a service on Sept. 24.

There are no changes in sick call, with the exception of Joe Englehard, who is home.

Kevin McGrath was sworn in at our Sept. 15 meeting. If you know any people eligible for membership, encourage them to join.

Some events to keep in mind are as follows: Friday, Nov. 14, the Military Ball; Saturday, Nov. 22, the Servicemen's Dance; Sunday, Nov. 9, Veteran's Day Parade in Throggs Neck. Since we were the host post last year, we will be bringing up the rear this year.

John Ulmer informs us that the annual Pumpkin Sale will be held from Friday, Oct. 3, to Sunday, Oct. 5. This is a popular event, one that deserves your support. If you can spare a few hours any day, your help would be appreciated.

Meetings for October are as follows: regular meetings, Monday, Oct. 6 and Oct. 20; executive board meeting, Monday, Oct. 13. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

I mentioned to Paul Tomsen that the Sons of Italy, Arthur Avenue Chapter, were not too happy to find that Leif Ericsson and not Christopher Columbus discovered America. They were further infuriated to learn that Leif also brought the first bocce balls to the New World.

Did you know that on Oct. 13 (Columbus Day observed), 1943, Italy declared war on Germany? Hard to believe it was 60 years ago!

I hope that you all read Tom McGuire's article to the fallen G.I.'s in the September issue of *The Island Current*. If not, do so. Robert Leupp's young life came to an unceremonious end July 4, 1944, in a field near St. Lo, France.

And a little tidbit for you WWII buffs. The 442 Regimental Combat Team was the most highly decorated unit in U.S. Army history. It was composed of Japanese-Americans, all volunteers. The unit had no desertions, a record unequalled by any other American unit. Their motto was "Go for Broke." They earned 4651 U.S. medals, which included the Congressional Medal of Honor and 16 foreign

Medals of Valor. Unfortunately, the Good Conduct Medal is not included in the above count.

At ease until next month.

Russell Schaller

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island, 480 City Island Avenue, an all-inclusive egalitarian congregation, wishes all of our friends and neighbors a most Happy and Healthy New Year (5764). Our doors are open to all, and attendance is free.

Each Friday evening services begin at 7:30 p.m. Special events are as follows:

Sunday, Oct. 5: Erev Yom Kippur begins with Kol Nidre promptly at 6:45 p.m. Our policy has always been to provide free seating for all who wish to attend and come early enough to find seats.

Monday, Oct. 6: Yom Kippur services begin at 9:30 a.m., with Torah reading at 10:30 a.m. and Yizkor at 11:15 a.m. Closing services will begin at 5:15 p.m., followed by our traditional breaking of the fast downstairs at 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2: First Yoga/Tai Chi class taught by Marc Kaplan. Classes continue each Thursday through Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. and are free to members. \$10 admission for non-members.

Saturday, Oct. 11: Sukkot services and buffet lunch. Please bring a dairy dish or dessert to share in our Sukkah.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Simchat Torah services led by Rabbi Wiener at 7 p.m. with buffet Oneg afterwards.

Tuesday, Oct. 21: Open Board Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

NJOP Learn to Read Hebrew Classes led by Debbie Graber will begin in November. They will be free to all.

Visit our website at www.yourshul-bythesea.org.

Bob Berent

Grace Episcopal Church

On Sunday, Oct. 19, the Right Reverend E. Don Taylor, bishop vicar with special responsibilities for parishes within the boroughs of Staten Island, Manhattan and the Bronx, will be the celebrant and preacher at the Parish Eucharist at 10 a.m.

Bishop Taylor was invited by Bishop Grein to become the assistant bishop of New York in April 1994. Bishop Taylor was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and spent the first 14 years of his ministry in Jamaica. Before entering St. Peter's Theological School in Jamaica in 1957, he worked as a radio announcer at Radio Jamaica and Rediffusion (RJR). Here he developed his natural flair for radio broadcasting, which has remained an important part of his life and ministry ever since. He later studied radio broadcasting and communication in Canada and became an accomplished radio and TV broadcaster.

Bishop Taylor was made a deacon on Sept. 21, 1960, and was ordained to the sacred priesthood on Oct. 29, 1961. Over the 11 years that he served at St. Mary the Virgin in Jamaica, the parish grew from a tiny mission of about 50 souls to a large and flourishing parish of more than 2,000 members. In 1973 Father Taylor was invited by the bishop of western New York to become the rector of Saint Philip's Church in Buffalo. In October 1986 he was elected bishop of the Virgin Islands, where he served until 1994, when he was invited to join the bishop's staff here in the Diocese of New York.

Immediately following the service on Oct. 19, there will be a reception in the parish hall, when we can greet and welcome Bishop Taylor to Grace Church and our Island. All the members of our community are welcome to attend this service and meet Bishop Taylor. If you have any questions, please call me at 917-865-6644.

H. Douglas Coleman



Weddings Around the World

Scotland is the setting for the Lerner & Lowe musical **Brigadoon** (1954), which stars Gene Kelly as Tommy and Van Johnson as Jeff, two New York City business tycoons on vacation in the Scottish Highlands. They discover a tiny town where a wedding is about to take place and are captivated by the joy and simplicity of the lives led by the inhabitants. These happy folk have managed to keep their innocence because they awaken for only one day every 100 years. When Tommy falls in love with Fiona Campbell (Cyd Charisse), only a miracle can keep them together in this glorious musical.

You have to travel to the Ukraine for the epic Jewish marriage tale **Fiddler on the Roof** (1971). Topol plays Tevye, a dairy farmer in the early 1900s who clings to tradition in a world of change. Against a background of czarist Russia and the pogroms that threaten to destroy Jewish villages, each of Tevye's three eldest daughters in turn finds a husband of whom he does not at first approve. This moving drama boasts the classic wedding song "Sunrise, Sunset." This is a very long film but a touching one.

From France there is **Cousin, Cousine** (1975) a delightful comedy about Marthe (Marie-Christine Barrault) and Ludovic (Victor Lanoux), whose respective spouses run off together when they are all attending a family wedding. To punish their unfaithful mates, the two cousins develop their own close relationship. The French film is a fun piece of fluff, while the version made in the United States in 1989 as **Cousins** (with Isabella Rossellini as Maria and Ted Danson as Larry) has more well-developed sub-plots and a tidy Hollywood ending.

Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994) is a delightful British comedy starring Hugh Grant as Charles, always a wedding guest, never a groom. Charles is besotted by an American woman, Carrie (Andie MacDowell), whom he meets when he is best man at a wedding they are both attending. Charles's difficulty with intimacy becomes clear as the story progresses, and we meet his wonderful cohorts, including the vivacious Simon Callow as Gareth and sweet David Bower as Charles's deaf brother. Charles is very endearing, espe-

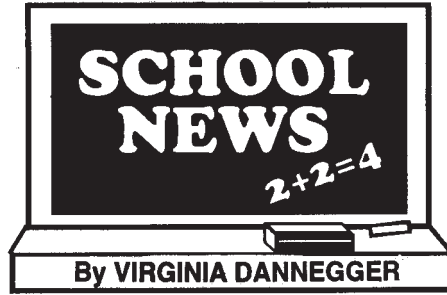
cially as we observe the effect the funeral has on his ability to make a commitment. And if you want to see a host of happy endings, be sure to stay for the photo display at the end.

Australia offers the very quirky **Muriel's Wedding** (1995), which stars Toni Collette (the mother in **The Sixth Sense**) in her first leading role. Muriel lives in Porpoise Spit with a verbally abusive father, a depressed mother and do-nothing siblings. When Muriel escapes to Sidney, she meets the vivacious Rhonda (Rachel Griffiths), and the two become good friends. Muriel has never had a boyfriend, but she dreams of getting married and frequents bridal shops, where she persuades clerks to take Polaroids of her in wedding dresses for "sick relatives." This is a poignant film.

From India comes the incredibly joyful **Monsoon Wedding** (2002). The Verna family of Delhi has arranged a marriage for their daughter Aditi (Vasundhara Das) to Hemant (Parvin Dabas), a computer programmer from Houston. The meeting, engagement and wedding all take place within a few days, but complications develop because Aditi is in love with a married man. There is a delightful romantic subplot about the wedding planner, P.K. Dube (Vijay Raaz), who is smitten with the family maid, Alice (Tilotama Shome). There is also a serious undercurrent about Aditi's cousin Ria (Shefali Shetty) and her aversion to an old family friend. My favorite film of 2003 thus far, **Bend It Like Beckham**, also has Indian nuptials, this time set in England, and is another film not to be missed.

And of course we can't forget **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (2002). Although the setting is America, the film is really about the Greek culture of close family ties. Nia Vardalos, who wrote the script, stars as Toula, a rather frumpy unattractive 30-year-old woman who works in the family business and whose unmarried state is of great concern to her parents. According to her father, the funny Michael Constantine, Greek women were put on this earth to marry Greek men, have Greek children and feed everyone. When Toula meets the spectacularly non-Greek Ian Miller (John Corbett), she falls head over heels in love. Ian is a kind-hearted vegetarian who finds the genuine and unpretentious Toula much more to his liking than all the two-dimensional women he has met. How Toula and Ian work out the problems of this mixed marriage is often hilarious, and it is a feel-good movie of the best sort.

And until next time, happy viewing. . .



St. Mary, Star of the Sea

The following faculty members are being welcomed by Sister James Patrick for the 2003-2004 academic year. The combined Pre-K/kindergarten will be taught by Miss Beth Nesheiwat, who will be assisted by Miss Joyce Ocasio. The first-graders will have Sr. Joan McKinney; Mrs. Theresa Bivona will teach the second grade; and the third grade will again have Mrs. Janice Guarino. Mrs. Mary Burke and Mrs. Janet Corbett will teach Grades 4 and 5, respectively. The sixth-graders will be taught by Mr. Robert Garrison. Mr. Evan Beskin will teach Grade 7, and the eighth grade will have Mr. Peter Caddell. Art will be taught by Miss Joyce Ocasio, and the gym instructor is Mr. Jimmy McCormick.

Public School 175

Principal Milagros Efre-Lopez and assistant principal Jeanette Vargas would

like to welcome back the children, parents and faculty for the 2003-2004 school year. Ms. Carter-Spencer and Ms. Holzmann are teaching kindergarten, and Mrs. Cambria and Mrs. Stelman will be working with the first-graders. The second- and third-graders will have Mrs. Miskimmon, Mrs. McManus, Mrs. Eisen and Mrs. Cuevas. Grade 4 will be taught by Mrs. DeMaio and Mrs. Tighe, and the fifth-graders by Mrs. Fateman and Mrs. Mazzella. The homeroom teachers for the sixth grade are Mrs. Hefele and Mrs. Smith. The seventh-grade teachers are Mr. Lafreniere, Ms. Horowitz and Mrs. Moscone. Grade 8 will have Ms. Heil, Mrs. Jensen, Mr. McConnell and Mr. Vouitsis.

Mrs. DeGrasse will teach music and math; Mrs. Masotti is the literary coach; Ms. Michler is in charge of the computer program and Mr. Fecht will run the physical education program, along with Mr. Breen. Marine studies will be taught by Ms. Thomsen, and Mr. Gomez will teach Spanish to the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders. Ms. Solnik will teach math, and Mr. Green will handle social studies.

Support services will be offered by Mrs. Bellacero, Mrs. Driscoll, Mrs. Figueroa, Mrs. Harrison, Ms. Loscalzo, Mrs. Shanahan, Mr. Weiss and Mrs. White. Mrs. McDonald is the guidance counselor and Mr. Weis supervises speech services.

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Eating Fish May Lower Risk Of Sudden Death

In the largest study of its kind, researchers have found lower average heart rates among healthy men who regularly eat fish, according to a report in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

"Increased heart rate is a risk factor for sudden death," says the study's lead author, Jean Dallongeville, M.D., Ph.D., of the department of epidemiology and public health at the Institut Pasteur de Lille in France. "These findings are particularly important, because sudden death most often occurs in men without a known history of coronary heart disease [CHD]."

Sudden death occurs when the heart stops abruptly, a condition also known as cardiac arrest. Most cardiac arrest occurs when electrical impulses in the heart become rapid or chaotic.

Omega 3 fatty acids may prevent sudden death and fatal cardiovascular events by regulating the heartbeat and preventing irregular rhythms associated with sudden death, Dr. Dallongeville says. Cold-water fish, such as salmon, tuna and mackerel, are good sources of omega 3 fatty acids.

During the past 10 years, epidemiological studies have found an association between fish consumption and a decreased risk of CHD deaths and sudden death in healthy men and in those with known CHD. Short-term trials also found that fish oil supplements at a dose of about one gram a day reduced heart rate, diminished extra heartbeats and normalized heart rhythm in both healthy people and those at high risk of CHD.

This is the largest study to look at the consumption of fish, rather than fish oil supplements, and heart rate in healthy men.

Researchers studied 9,758 men, ages 50 to 59, from Lille, France, and Belfast, Ire-

land. The men were all free of coronary heart disease and had been recruited through the World Health Organization's MONICA (Monitoring Trends and Determinants in Cardiovascular Disease) centers.

The men answered a survey about their diets, physical activity levels and other lifestyle factors. Blood samples were used to determine cholesterol and triglyceride levels. A subset of 407 men was tested to determine blood levels of the omega 3 fatty acids. The men were divided into groups according to their fish intake: less than one serving per week (27.3 percent), once per week (46.9 percent), twice per week (20.1 percent) and more than twice per week (5.7 percent).

Adjusted heart rate ranged from 67.5 beats per minute in men who ate fish less than once a week to 65.6 beats per minute for those who consumed fish more than twice a week.

"Given the high incidence of sudden death in the population," Dr. Dallongeville says, "even a small reduction in heart rate might have a significant public health impact. Heart rate decreased in a linear fashion across categories of fish consumption, even after adjusting for age, location, education level, physical activity, smoking and alcohol consumption."

The researchers found no difference in fish consumption between men in the two countries. However, fish eaters were more educated, more physically active, drank less alcohol and were less often smokers than non-fish eaters. Since the link between fish intake and heart rate was consistent in both countries, Dr. Dallongeville says that the link appears to be independent of lifestyle factors.

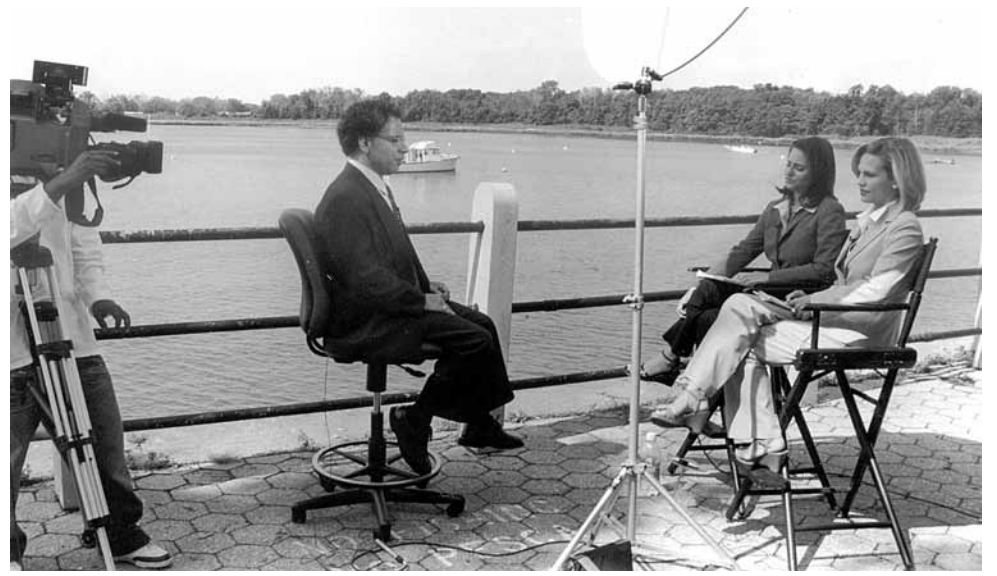


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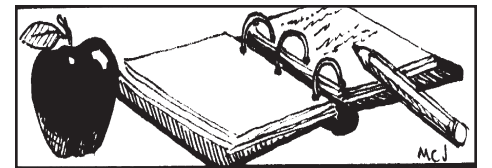
James Vacca, manager of Community Board 10, was featured as the "Person of the Week" on News 12 The Bronx. Reporters interviewed him on location in Catherine Scott Memorial Park on City Island on Sept. 5, 2003. Mr. Vacca discussed some neighborhood issues of concern to City Islanders including over development and the construction of the new bridge.

SCHOOL'S OPEN

Again this year, as part of the "School's Open" campaign, the Automobile Club of New York is offering a tip sheet for parents to review with their children for choosing the safest route to school and for important safety rules. Available in Spanish and English, the sheet suggests that parents show their children which route to take and why. The route should be planned with 10 safety rules in mind, including:

- Walk on sidewalks. Watch out for cars pulling into and backing out of driveways.
- Cross only at corners and avoid the dangerous practice of jaywalking.
- Watch for turning cars. Children sometimes forget to look and unintentionally walk into the side of a turning vehicle.
- Avoid crossing between parked cars. It is almost impossible for drivers to see youngsters who enter the roadway from between parked cars.

After reading these and other suggestions, parents are asked to sign and return to teachers a slip at the bottom of the sheet acknowledging that they have shown their children the best route to school and have reviewed the tips.



"Best Route to School" is available to parents of elementary-school students through their local schools during the month of September. It is also available by sending a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: BRTS, Automobile Club of New York, P.O. Box 975, Garden City, New York, 11530. The club distributes tens of thousands of copies of the tip sheet annually as part of its ongoing program to promote traffic safety.

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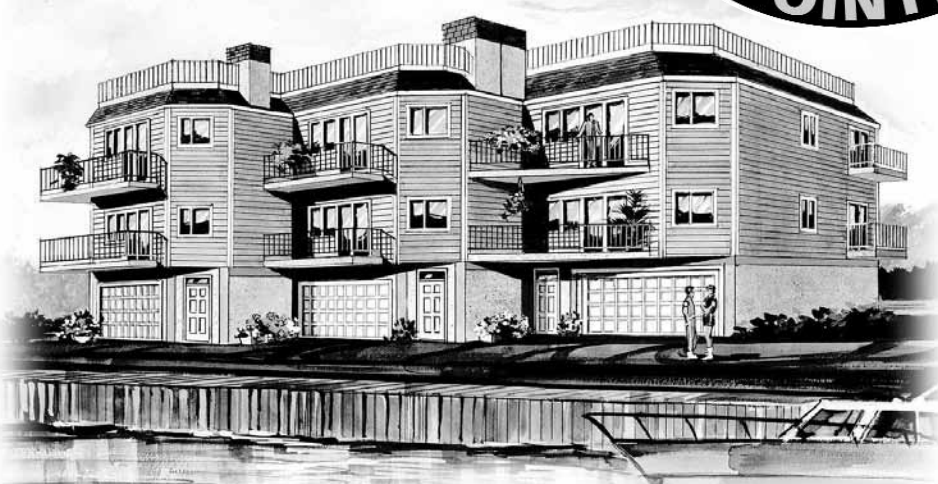
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Estate Planning Matters

Over my career and years in practice, I have developed considerable expertise in estate, gift and trust planning, financial planning, business valuation and litigation support issues. When you die, your net estate will represent what you are worth at the time of your demise. If that worth exceeds \$1,000,000, your estate may currently be subject to federal estate tax. Many of you may be thinking that you have nothing to worry about, but think again. With the value of houses at the level they are now, all you have to do is add in life insurance to a few other assets, such as stocks, bonds, savings and a retirement plan, and perhaps a small business, and all of sudden, you are a millionaire!

Estate and gift taxes have nothing to do with income taxes. So let's not get them confused. They are two very separate and distinct obligations. Thanks to our current national economic condition and the fiscal problems involved in funding our various war efforts, I believe that the chances of a permanent repeal in the federal estate tax are close to nil. What this means is more confusion and uncertainty over how much of your estate may be subject to federal taxation.

The only good news is that the top estate tax rate was recently reduced by 49 percent and is scheduled for another 1 percent decrease in 2004, when the estate tax exemption or exclusion amount will increase to \$1,500,000. Even so, good estate planning is essential and may be more important now than ever before. So think and plan ahead!

Currently scheduled reductions in the federal estate tax were intended to help a growing percentage of the American population avoid estate taxes on a gradual basis, until the taxes are fully repealed in 2010. Congress provided for a one-year elimination of the tax, and unless additional legislation is enacted between now and then, the federal estate tax will be resurrected in 2011, subject to pre-2002 tax law levels.

So, here are some planning steps you can take today that may help to reduce your future estate tax responsibility and liability:

Trusts are legal entities that can be created and structured for most potential estate tax situations. The purpose and intent are to reduce estate taxes and preserve assets for your heirs and beneficiaries. Generally, when eligible assets are properly and timely placed into an irrevocable trust, they can usually be excluded from your estate and its related estate tax calculations.

In addition, they may also be eligible for exclusion from probate. Probate is a potentially costly and lengthy surrogate court process of asset distribution via instructions left behind in your last will and testament. A rather simple example for the planning and use of a trust might be ownership of life insurance. When properly written by your attorney, a trust can provide for the exclusion of a life insurance policy from your estate.

Foundations. If you have a potentially significant estate tax situation as well as charitable aspirations, beyond charitable remainder and charitable lead trusts, you might want to consider setting up a private foundation. Private foundations can give the benefactor or donor significant control over how the entity's assets and related

growth are managed and distributed. In addition, a foundation can continue on long after the founder is gone.

Gifting strategies. Federal tax law currently allows for the annual gifting of up to \$11,000 to any one individual and you can provide annual gifts to as many individuals as you wish. In addition, married couples can gift up to \$22,000 per annum to any one individual, also without limit as to how many individuals may benefit from your benevolent tendencies. All of your qualifying gifts subject to the limitation amounts noted are exempt from gift tax. If you exceed these amounts, you might be required to file a gift tax return, and unless you elect to utilize or use up some or possibly all of your estate tax exclusion, you may be subject to a gift tax on the excess gifted amounts.

Once again, I'm talking about gift taxes and not income taxes. Estate and gift taxes go hand in hand, and neither has anything to do with income taxes, so please do not confuse them. In any event, proper estate planning will usually call for the consideration of gifting possibilities. Gifts may be given to trusts, children, grandchildren, other relatives or perfect strangers; it simply doesn't matter whom. What does matter is that gifts are a means of reducing your taxable estate, but they should only be given because you can afford to and because you want to, not because you have to.

Gifts to individuals are not tax deductible for income tax purposes. Only donations to recognized charitable organizations qualify for a miscellaneous personal income tax deduction. Charitable gifts, donations or contributions may also be deductible for estate and trust tax purposes as well.

Family limited partnerships. Investors, realty owners, business owners and the like may want to consider taking advantage of the gift tax exemption allowances mentioned above via a legal entity known as the family limited partnership or FLP. Utilizing this strategic device, a general partner (which could be an individual, a corporation, a limited liability company or other legal entity, such as a trust controlled by a general partner or his or her appointed representatives) can set up an FLP for the benefit of its limited partners, such as a spouse, children or grandchildren and so on. Because the limited partners have no control over their ownership interest and no way to liquidate, the value of the assets placed inside the FLP under current tax law can be significantly discounted and these discounts can sometimes be as much as 20 to 60 percent or more off fair market values.

However, FLP entities must be carefully and properly drafted, structured and funded in order to qualify for the estate tax advantages available. In addition, qualified asset appraisals and business valuations are an essential and significant factor to the overall success of your FLP planning.

Estate taxation has a complicated legislative history of implementation, repeal and reinstatement. Considering all of the recent, scheduled and pending regulatory changes, it is my professional opinion that you, along with your attorney, accountant, financial advisor or any other fiscally savvy professionals you may work with, prudently review your estate plan at regular intervals. Work under the assumption that estate tax is a reality that is probably here to stay for some time to come and that needs to be dealt with while and when you can.

It is never too soon or too late for proper estate, gift, trust or financial planning. A good estate plan should generally consist of and provide for a last will and testament, a health care proxy or living will, a general, durable power of attorney, a trust or trusts, a foundation and a family limited partnership—whatever is applicable to your personal situation, facts and circumstances. Good luck and happy planning.

Obituaries

The Current will print obituaries free of charge upon notification by a member of the deceased's immediate family. Call 885-0760 or write to P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464, including your telephone number.



William J. Stuttig Sr.

William J. (Bill) Stuttig Sr., a resident of City Island for more than 50 years, lost a four-year battle with colon cancer on Aug. 30, 2003. He was 82.

Bill was born in the Bronx in 1921, the youngest child of bakery owners Edward and Nellie Lee Stuttig. He graduated from the Murray Hill High School of Building Trades in 1940.

Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy shortly after the start of World War II and became a proud member of the Seabees, through which he helped build a military airfield in Iceland. He then took part in both the European and Pacific campaigns of that war, helping to build needed infrastructure—many times under enemy fire—for the Allied cause in France and on the island of Okinawa in the Pacific. He was awarded two Bronze Stars for his service on both fronts.

Shortly after the war, Bill married the former Alice Anderson of Hoboken, N.J. They had become acquainted at a Catskills resort as teenagers and carried on a letter-writing friendship while Bill was overseas. Shortly after the war, the couple began a romance, which evolved into their two

lives becoming one in 1946.

That union produced three children: Catherine, a school teacher from Suffolk County; Carol, a former administrative director for a City Island sailmaker now raising three sons in Connecticut; and William Jr., a newspaper editor from the Bronx.

Bill supported his family as an auto mechanic, first for a Bronx service station and then as an owner of a service station on Westchester Avenue, which he operated for more than a decade.

In order to spend more time with his family, he sold the business in the 1960s and became a senior mechanic for the Hi Flame Fuel Oil Company, later the Atlas Fuel Oil Company. Bill helped restore heat and hot water to thousands of customers throughout the Bronx, Westchester and Manhattan. He retired in 1986.

Bill was an active member of Grace Episcopal Church on City Island for 50 years, serving as a vestryman and warden for many of those years. He was part of a core group of members that founded and, for nearly 30 years, ran the church's thrift shop, the major fundraising vehicle for the church.

During the 1970s, he was part of a small group of volunteers who reconstructed and expanded the church's office space, and for more than 40 years he donated his professional expertise to the church, regularly maintaining and repairing its aging heating system. Bill was also an usher at Sunday services for more than 20 years. The church recently named him a permanent warden in recognition of his five decades of selfless service.

A member of the Leonard Hawkins Post of the American Legion for more than 20 years, Bill played a key role in the expansion of the Post during the 1980s, volunteering to install its baseboard heating system, which is still in use, as well as helping to perform other tasks necessary to the expansion.

Bill is survived and will be sorely missed by Alice, his wife of 56 years; his brother, Edward; his children, Catherine, Carol and William Jr.; his grandchildren, John, Jennifer, Charles, Clark and Carter; his daughters- and sons-in-law, Christine, Helen, Charles, Gerard, and Frank; and his best buddy Jeter.

Russell Schaller

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11 Sat	0101	7.7	0711	0.5	1306	8.0	1936	0.1	Sat 11
12 Sun	0132	7.4	0726	0.7	1326	7.8	1959	0.4	Sun 12
13 Mon	0155	7.1	0735	0.9	1343	7.6	2012	0.6	Mon 13
14 Tue	0215	6.9	0802	1.1	1411	7.5	2038	0.8	Tue 14
15 Wed	0245	6.8	0840	1.3	1447	7.4	2116	1.0	Wed 15
16 Thu	0324	6.7	0924	1.5	1530	7.3	2202	1.3	Thu 16
17 Fri	0411	6.6	1013	1.2	1620	7.1	2254	1.5	Fri 17
18 Sat	0506	6.5	1109	1.9	1716	7.0	2354	1.5	Sat 18
19 Sun	0609	6.6	1213	1.9	1819	7.0			Sun 19
20 Mon	0102	1.4	0716	6.9	1324	1.6	1927	7.2	Mon 20
21 Tue	0210	1.1	0818	7.4	1437	1.1	2033	7.5	Tue 21
22 Wed	0308	0.6	0909	7.9	1540	0.4	2130	7.8	Wed 22
23 Thu	0358	0.1	0956	8.3	1633	-0.2	2221	8.0	Thu 23
24 Fri	0444	-0.3	1040	8.8	1723	-0.8	2310	8.2	Fri 24
25 Sat	0529	-0.6	1125	9.1	1812	-1.1	2358	8.2	Sat 25

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26 Sun	0514	-0.7	1111	9.2	1801	-1.2	2347	8.1	Sun 26
27 Mon	0600	-0.6	1159	9.1	1854	-1.1			Mon 27
28 Tue	0038	7.8	0650	-0.3	1249	8.8	1951	-0.7	Tue 28
29 Wed	0134	7.5	0745	0.2	1345	8.3	2058	-0.3	Wed 29
30 Thu	0241	7.1	0854	0.7	1451	7.8	2211	0.1	Thu 30
31 Fri	0407	6.9	1024	1.0	1626	7.4	2323	0.4	Fri 31

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DAY	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	DAY
01 Sat	0527	6.9	1145	1.1	1753	7.3			Sat 01
02 Sun	0029	0.5	0634	7.1	1254	0.9	1901	7.3	Sun 02
03 Mon	0128	0.4	0732	7.4	1355	0.6	1959	7.5	Mon 03
04 Tue	0222	0.4	0824	7.7	1449	0.3	2051	7.6	Tue 04
05 Wed	0311	0.3	0912	7.9	1537	0.0	2138	7.6	Wed 05
06 Thu	0355	0.3	0955	8.1	1622	-0.2	2221	7.6	Thu 06
07 Fri	0435	0.3	1034	8.0	1703	-0.2	2301	7.4	Fri 07
08 Sat	0510	0.5	1110	7.9	1740	-0.1	2338	7.3	Sat 08



Fall Has Sprung

Last month it was a hawk (or maybe a falcon). This month it was definitely an osprey. We saw a pair of them circling over the bay in search of prey. One dove feet first into the water and came up empty. Vinny watched another come up big with a fish, probably a mossbunker. Maybe it was the same bunker that the same bird dropped into Diane's yard on Centre Street. Maybe.

An adult osprey will catch anywhere from one to eight fish a day, depending on its "marital status." When these fish hawks mate, they do so for life; and it is the custom for a pair of them to return to the same nesting site (even to the same nest) every year. From all the osprey activity that has been reported in our area recently, it would seem that City Island has its own happy couple(s?), and that they may be here to stay.

The ospreys aren't the only ones fishing the waters around City Island these days.

Our neighbors have been landing striped bass regularly off the beaches at Fordham Street and Bay. In one 15-minute interval, Hal pulled up a 10-pound striper and a 10 pound bluefish. We also understand that many of the prize bluefish for WICC's annual Long Island Sound bluefish fishing tournament were weighed in at our own Jack's Bait and Tackle.

For those of us not inclined to baiting hooks with bunker chunks or sandworms or crabs, there are, of course, the sunsets to keep us occupied through the crisp evenings of fall. These spectacular twilight displays are brought to us by the new path that sunlight takes through the sky this time of year. It is longer in the evenings and more to the south. Add to these sights the soothing sounds of the bells of the Grace Church and you have yourself one heck of a peace and quiet—one to rival that of any fisherman's, no matter what he tells you.

The Carolina wrens are back. We have heard their distinctive "tea-kettle, tea-kettle, tea" calls in the trees. The goldfinches, too. We make it a point to leave our spent coneflowers in the garden a little longer than they should be left because we have noticed how goldfinches seem to favor their seed heads. Other welcome guests to our garden are the fledgling cardinals. They "chip-chip-chip" through the rose of Sharon as if they can't make up their restless minds whether to stay with the family or strike out on their own.

In other garden news, the Montauk daisies are in bloom and the raspberries are ripe. If you pick them just right, they taste like candy.

As always, we welcome your feedback and invite your input at jdsstrat@earthlink.net.

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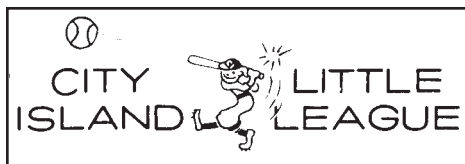
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The summer is over, and the 2003 City Island Little League season has long past. As the pros gear up for the World Series, we prepare our children to return to school, Little League registration and our winter program.

However, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who made our past season a grand success. It is important to recognize the local businesses and individuals who either sponsored teams or donated their time, money and

resources. We would also like to thank the parents and other volunteers who help with the many duties that make our program more successful each year.

Most importantly, we would like to thank our executive board and managers and coaches for the tireless effort they give to our children.

Registration for the 2004 season will be in October, and we will get the word out as soon as possible. Notices will be distributed through P.S. 175 and posted in local shops. If you are interested in sponsoring a team, becoming a booster or volunteering your time, you can e-mail us at cityislandlittleleague@yahoo.com. Hope to see you all next season.

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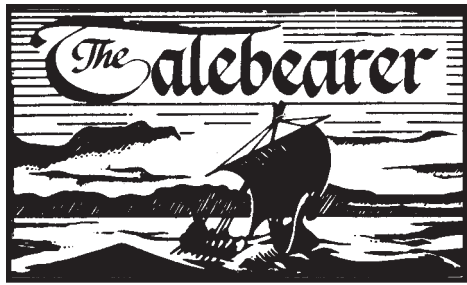
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Welcome back to Beth Rauh, who moved to Centre Street with Matt Rota and their cats, Maggie and Queenie.

Congratulations to King Avenue's Mark Nani, who has been selected to participate in the National Young Leader's Conference in Washington D.C. from Nov. 4 through Nov. 9. The Mount Saint Michael senior will be one of 350 outstanding scholars from around the country to attend the conference.

It's a boy! Welcome to Sean Daniel O'Sullivan, who made his debut on Sept. 4. Thrilled parents are Susan and Sean O'Sullivan, and proud grandparents are Winter Street's Dianne and John O'Sullivan and Margaret and Ronald McKeegan of the Bronx.

Congratulations to Rosetta Woods, who recently retired as a teacher from P.S. 106 in the Bronx. Good luck from your friends Carol and Frank and Betty and Cass.

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Lisa Henning and Michael Dunevant on their August 23 wedding at St. Mary, Star of the Sea. A fantastic time was had by all who attended the reception at the Lido. The happy couple will reside in Richmond, Virginia. We wish them much happiness.

Happy first birthday to Pell Place's Amanda Nicole Natiw. A party was held at the American Legion to celebrate the occasion.

Happy 62nd anniversary to Centre Street's Fay and Phil Ficarelli, with love from your family.

Belated happy 30th birthday wishes to Erica Natiw Sherman. Erica lives in Fishkill with husband, Mike, and new daughter, Victoria Theresa.

Many thanks to Steven and Julie for all their help with love from "Carmamma."

Birthday hugs and kisses to Sunjay Sebastian, who now resides at Beth Abraham Nursing Home and will turn 17 on Oct. 29. You are always in our thoughts

and prayers. We love you!

Congratulations to our CILL Little Leaguer and all star catcher Kelly Carmody on "going yard" into the centerfield bleachers against the Arturo Benitez team in the BIT Tournament in August. Love, Mom, Dad and lil Bob.

Happy Sweet 16 birthday to Nicolette, and may all your dreams come true. With love from Mom, Dad, Jillian and Briana.

Congratulations and best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Greg Penny Jr. and Katie Feehan in celebration of their recent engagement. Lots of love from Mom and Dad.

Happy birthday on Oct. 20 to Michael (Mike) Treat, with love from your sisters Bernadette, Jeanne and Madeline (or as he once called us, Mother #2, Mother #3 and Mother #4).

Happy October anniversaries to Judy and Mike Rauh, John and Linda Wright and Mike and Roseann Bunyan.

If you're running in the NYC Marathon or any fall marathon, please call Judy Rauh at 718-885-2079. We'd like to set up a photograph.

Happy Oct. 21 birthday to King Avenue's Diane Pena, with love from your friends and family.

Happy Oct. 22 anniversary greetings to the Laurels' Ellen Dierenfeld and Georg Weyand.

Longtime residents Liz and Pat Montalbano have lived year round on their 55-foot ketch, *Amulet*, for more than 10 years. They were concerned when they heard that Royal Marina was being sold, but fate and another longtime Island family, the Steinigers, intervened. So the Montalbanos are moving "next dock," to the Island Boat Club run by Bill Steiniger, where their new permanent berth will be just south of their former home in Royal. The Montalbanos, and their two sons, are thrilled to be able to continue as City Island's best known live-aboard family, and Islanders can continue to enjoy the Christmas lights strung up on *Amulet's* mast stays every year. Best wishes to you all!

Maria Swieciki



Barbara Dolensek talked about the design for the new City Island Bridge and the contextual rezoning proposal with Gary Axelbank on BronxTalk, a televised talk show on Bronxnet's channel 67, on Wednesday, Sept. 17.



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