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“Steel Magnolias”: A Preview

By KAREN NANI



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Julie White, Carol Dooner, Elizabeth Paldino, Patricia Alexander, Eileen Fox and Susan Rauh.



Chris McGowan, director, working with his cast: Carol Dooner, Patricia Alexander, Susan Rauh.

The City Island Theater Group is about to do it again. With its presentation of “Steel Magnolias,” a wonderful play by Robert Harling that first appeared off-Broadway in 1987, the theater group will once more show how meaningful community theater can be, especially in a closely knit community like City Island.

This particular production, which opens on Friday, Feb. 29, and will run for two consecutive weekends, focuses on the bonds that exist between close friends in a small town. Audiences here will have no difficulty in seeing themselves and their neighbors in a play that alternates brilliantly between emotional turmoil and side-splitting comedy.

Set in a small-town beauty shop, the play focuses on the intersecting lives of six incredible women who share their troubles and joys with great humor, compassion and strength. Although no men ever appear on stage, this is not simply a woman’s drama, for men are most definitely an important part of the story.

As usual, the casting of the play is right on—with veteran CITG actress Susan Rauh playing Shelby Edenton, the daughter of M’lynn, a strong but sensitive woman acted with amazing skill by Grace Church’s own vicar, Patricia Alexander. Hankies were much in evidence even during the early rehearsals with this remarkable pair of actresses.

Luckily, two wonderfully funny ladies—Carol Dooner as Clairee and Island resident

Eileen Fox as Ouiser, two of the town’s grand dames—offer comic relief with some terrific repartee and a farcical moment or two that had preview audiences in stitches.

Elizabeth Paldino, another talented Islander who has starred in several CITG shows, plays Annelle, a newcomer in town who works in the beauty shop and goes through a miraculous transformation from shrinking violet to steel magnolia over the course of the play. The whole drama is held together by Truvy, the shop’s busy proprietor, a role played with warmth and humor by Julie White, a former Islander well known to CITG audiences.

Although no man actually enters the beauty shop during the course of the play, it is worth noting that the director, as well as the playwright, is most definitely a man, in this case clamdigger Christopher McGowan, who has done a fabulous job in spite of the amazing amount of hairspray and beauty-parlor apparatus. He credits a Saturday morning spent in Lina Petite’s salon with giving him a real sense of the atmosphere that he is creating on stage, and he is grateful to Lina herself for having supplied various props for the production.

Although the play is actually set in 1980s Louisiana, there is plenty of City Island here too, as audiences will be delighted to discover. To reserve tickets, call 718-885-3066. See you at the play!

AT LONG LAST SNOW!



Photos by BARBARA DOLENSEK

Just when it seemed as if only rain would fall this winter, the first significant snowstorm hit on Feb. 22, 2008 (George Washington’s birthday). City Island was peacefully blanketed with about nine inches of snow, to the delight of some resident children, many of whom were off from school for Presidents’ Week. Adults grudgingly dragged out the snow shovels but had to admit that the snow made for some picturesque Island scenes.

P.S. 175 GETS AFTER-SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAM

The sixth, seventh and eighth grades at P. S. 175 began a new after-school arts program on Feb. 7 this year, thanks to funding provided by Council Member James Vacca, through a growing partnership with the nonprofit Bronx Arts Ensemble.

The program includes drama, chorus, set design and photography and will continue every Thursday through June, running from 2:50 to 4:50 p.m.

“I am so pleased that I was able to secure funding to extend this wonderful cultural opportunity to the students of City Island,” said Mr. Vacca. “The arts are a necessary component of any balanced education, and as the city scales back funding for after-school programming, we rely on organizations like the Bronx Arts Ensemble to meet this need.”

The Bronx Arts Ensemble was founded in 1972 to enrich the cultural environment of the borough with a year-round schedule of concerts, special programs for families and a full program of music and arts in

education for schools.

“I have been repeatedly impressed by the work of the Bronx Arts Ensemble and its talented members, who have brought the wonder of music, art, dance and theater to schools across our borough,” Mr. Vacca said. “I look forward to working with the group to introduce similar programs to schools throughout my district.”

Parents who are interested in enrolling their children in this program must fill out a form provided by P.S. 175 and return it to their child’s homeroom teacher. Students will be enrolled on a first-come, first-serve basis. For additional information, call the school at 718-885-1093.

REMINDER:

Turn your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time, which takes effect at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 9.

BRIEFLY...

SCOUT SOME FLOWERS: You can buy your Easter flowers and support City Island's Boy Scout troop at the same time this year. City Island's Troop 211 Easter Flower Sale will be held from Thursday, March 20, to Saturday, March 22, in front of Trinity Methodist Church at Bay Street and City Island Avenue. Easter is early this year, so look for them inside Trinity Church Hall in the event of cold or inclement weather. Mark your calendars!

COMMUNITY BOARD 10 will meet this month on City Island, so here's your chance to attend without having to go over the bridge. The meeting will be on Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hall at 550 City Island Avenue.

DOWN-RIVER PADDLE: Would you like to paddle down a river, see amazing sights, feel your muscles and your memory build lasting benefits? And all within minutes from your City Island door! Why not come watch a film/slide show of a Bronx afternoon adventure down the Bronx River and sign up for an April experience you'll never forget. Come parents and offspring, one and all, to the special viewing on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Island Community Center on Fordham Street. Information about the next down-river paddle in April will be provided at the meeting.

BLOOD DRIVE, sponsored by the Bronx Masons, will be held on Tuesday, March 11, between 4 and 8 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church parish hall, 113 Bay Street. Almost anyone between the ages of 17 and 75, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good general health, can be a blood donor. Photo or signature ID and Social Security Number are required at the time of donation.

CITY ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE has completed its open registration and will now be accepting applications for Minors, Majors and Juniors through only. After that time, registration will be closed for the 2008 season and the teams will be finalized. Applications for 5- to 6-year-olds will be accepted up to the beginning of the season in April. Don't miss this opportunity to play the inaugural season on the newly renovated Ambrosini Field. Please call Larry Saulnier for information at 718-885-1313.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Girl Scout Troop 1175 is having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 8, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Trinity United Methodist Church (City Island Avenue at Bay Street). Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Pancakes, waffles, bacon, juice and coffee will be served. Come out and support your local Girl Scouts. For more information, call Jami Reilly at 347-427-4333.

"STEEL MAGNOLIAS" The City Island Theater Group will present this entertaining and moving drama to launch its 2008 season. Performances will be held at Grace Episcopal Church hall, City Island Avenue at Pilot Street, on Friday, Feb. 29, and Saturday, March 1, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, March 2, at 3 p.m., and during the following weekend on Thursday through Saturday, March 5 through 8, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. Call 718-885-3066 to reserve your seats or e-mail tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com.



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Museum Reconstruction Update

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



By the middle of March, the interior of the Nautical Museum should be ready for volunteers to help put the exhibits back in order after months of gathering dust and soot. Call 718-885-0507 if you're interested in helping out. We are grateful to all members and others who have helped our emergency fund by renewing memberships and sending donations.

The architect is now completing his specifications for the reconstruction of the porch of the building at 190 Fordham Street, and we will be asking for bids from contractors

for the work, which should begin when the weather begins to warm up.

In an early image of the museum (above), a hanging light is visible in front of the porch. We have found a near-replica at Restoration Hardware for about \$300. Since the light was not on the museum at the time of the fire, the insurance policy won't cover it, but if anyone is interested in donating the funds, we will honor your generosity with an appropriate plaque.

Ferry Service Proposed for Outer Boroughs

In her state of the city address on Feb. 12, New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn proposed a five-borough, year-round ferry system, which immediately gained the support of Council Member James Vacca.

"As a lifelong resident of the northeast Bronx, I know that the average rush-hour trip to Manhattan is enough to give the calmest commuter agita," said Mr. Vacca. "Adding a third option to our mass transit

system would not only reduce crowding on subways and buses but it would also make great use of our city's most untapped resource—our waterways."

In announcing her plan and in subsequent interviews, Speaker Quinn singled out Council Member Vacca as an early proponent of expanded ferry service and one of several colleagues who prevailed upon her to institute this five-borough effort.

To date, discussion of possible ferry landings in the Northeast Bronx has focused on Ferry Point Park, but other sites under consideration in the 13th Council District include Orchard Beach, Rodman's Neck and Fort Schuyler. A Bronx-to-Manhattan ferry route could also potentially include stops in Soundview and Hunts Point.

The Bronx's eastern coast would be essential to any five-borough ferry plan, because so many local residents live at least a half-mile from the nearest subway station.

Brownie Girl Scouts Impress Pilot Cove

By BRENDA PROHASKA



Photos by BRENDA PROHASKA

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1065 of City Island earned badges on Jan. 30, 2008, when they prepared and served dinner to the residents of Pilot Cove Manor. Shown above are the brownies hard at work serving and singing at Pilot Cove: Anita Bequr, Catherine Ficke, Dusty Rose Prohaska, Emma Ramos, Olivia Albertelli and Sabrina Jarvis.

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1065 of City Island earned a few badges on Wednesday, Jan. 30, when they prepared and served dinner to the residents of Pilot Cove Manor. The girls—Anita Bequr, Catherine Ficke, Dusty Rose Prohaska, Emma Ramos, Olivia Albertelli and Sabrina Jarvis—earned a patch for community service, a cooking patch and a patch called "Make it, Eat it." The most valuable thing the girls earned, however, was an amazing experience that they will long remember.

The brownies usually meet on Mondays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center, but on Jan. 28 they met in the community room at Pilot Cove to prepare for Wednesday's dinner. Virginia Gallagher was very gracious as she welcomed the troop and helped them get to work. The girls broke into groups to cook. One group chopped onions and tomatoes and blended them into a homemade sauce; outside the kitchen another group whipped up some brownies, with the assistance of their Preston High School volunteer, Lauren Branley. Votes in glass heart holders were placed at each seat.

On Wednesday, scout leader Brenda Pro-

haska, along with parent volunteers Debbie Ficke, Maryanne Albertelli and Aggie Salpietro, helped the girls make sure the evening would be a great event. Thanks to Carol McCabe, vests updated with new patches were waiting for the girls to wear for the occasion. Homework was done, places were set, salads were dished out and the spaghetti was boiling. At exactly 5:30 p.m. the girls were ready for their guests. As the doors opened, the Brownies greeted everyone, and Frank Sinatra's music set the mood. After the salad course, spaghetti and meatballs were enjoyed by all. And for dessert everyone was treated to brownies (of course!) and ice cream sundaes.

The residents of Pilot Cove were very appreciative and enjoyed the evening immensely. Some even got an extra brownie to snack on later. The residents made a generous donation to the troop, which was unexpected yet appreciated and will be put to good use. After a Girl Scout song to wrap up the evening, everyone said their thanks and goodnights. The evening was a truly beautiful experience for the scouts and the residents alike, and plans are afoot to make it an annual event.

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A Word of Warning

To the Editor:

Attention: All City Island Chase Bank customers. As a longtime City Island resident, I feel compelled to share some very important information with you.

I do not make it a practice to conduct my banking on City Island for many reasons. However, on Nov. 30, 2007, I had an appointment with the Chase "assigned" broker at the City Island branch. This was our first meeting. When we introduced ourselves, the very first thing I commented on was that I was glad his desk was behind closed doors because of the lack of privacy at this branch. In response to my query about my banking investment options, he proceeded to show me the personal banking files on his computer of someone I know who lives on City Island. Much of their financial information was there for me to see.

This disturbed me and I let him know right away that I thought it was improper. He was non-plussed and dismissed my concerns. I ended my session with him immediately and brought this to the attention of both the branch manager and the bank's vice president.

Later I received a letter saying they were looking into the matter.

I called the acquaintances whose financial information is in question and they told me that they had experienced a very similar situation at this branch. This should act as a warning to everyone on City Island that what I experienced was not an isolated incident. It has happened before.

Customer beware!

Doris Nicoletti

Tom Kelly, a spokesman for Chase Bank told The Current: "We take any concerns about customer privacy very seriously, and we investigate them."

Save the Bridge

To the Editor:

Whatever happened to our Save the Bridge Committee? It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating the 100th anniversary of the bridge wearing costumes that honored the old bridge and expressing our desire to save it.

Now we have reached the stage when specifications are being prepared for a brand-new bridge and for a temporary bridge that will have to contend with long lines of summer traffic, a disruption of business for stores and restaurants, and other upheavals that we will encounter during each season for three years. How will this temporary bridge handle tractor trailers, daily deliveries, the movement of traffic, emergencies and such.

There is not a day that goes by when someone doesn't stop by my office to discuss some and all of the above problems.

Some years ago there was a weight and height limitation sign on the incoming road

adjacent to the City Island Bridge. This sign suddenly disappeared, and no city official ever replaced it. Then we had the lead-paint removal project on the bridge costing over a million dollars. Why was the lead-paint project completed when plans were afoot for a new bridge? A sad boondoggle, to be sure!

And during the building of the new bridge, it seems, according to the latest report, that residents living at the northern end of the island wanting to leave the Island will have to go south on Minneford Avenue, making a right onto Cross Street and then right onto City Island Avenue to get over the temporary bridge.

I respectfully submit that they discard the plans to tear down the City Island Bridge, in turn lowering the cost of such a bridge for the city. Our bridge can be saved for a longer period of time if height and weight restrictions are adhered to and restoration kept up. Many of our residents and families have lived here all their lives and are familiar with each aspect of our nautical island and its history. We don't want to lose this old piece of history.

Is there anyone out there who feels the same way as I do? Please let's hear from you.

Jacqueline Kyle Kall

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Restoration work continues at Grace Episcopal Church on City Island. In addition to the major rectory renovation completed in 2007, the church building now has a new roof, thanks to funds raised by parishioners and provided by the New York Diocese. As an extra blessing, replicas of the original crosses on opposite points of the new roof were created and donated by cross-maker Chris Michalski from Solutions Contracting of New York. The new crosses were fashioned after the originals and are made of pressure-treated wood covered by hand-hammered copper sheeting. Shown above are the crosses being put in place by the foreman of the roofing company, Central Contracting and Design, and being blessed by the Reverend Storm Swain, Assisting Priest at Grace Church.

Islander Sparkles in "Thoroughly Modern Millie"

By GINA PORELLI



THOROUGHLY MODERN MARIA: Islander Maria Swieciki was among the stars of Preston High School's production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" during February 2008.

The Preston Players presented their annual play on Feb. 7 to 10, 2008. As a sophomore at Preston High School, I wanted to go see the play, but I was having a busy weekend. I bought the ticket for Thursday night, which was also opening night, a few days ahead of time. When that day came, I wondered if I should go or not. I decided to do so, and that was the best choice I could have made.

The actors and actresses in the show from Preston and Salesian High Schools varied in age from freshman all the way up to seniors, including City Islander Maria Christina Swieciki, who is a junior at Preston. The talent that these teens possess truly amazed me. Walking through the hallways and being in class with a few of these girls, I never thought

they could act, sing and dance with so much talent.

The first scene opens up with Millie Dillmount arriving in New York City in the 1920s, a time of rebellion and reform. Millie is an up-and-coming actress, or so she likes to think. She plans to marry the first boss she gets in order to adopt a rich and happy lifestyle. She plans to stay at the Priscilla Hotel, where budding actresses like herself live. However, the person who runs the hotel, Mrs. Meers, is running a white slavery ring behind the girls' backs. Mrs. Meers takes girls who are orphans and have no contact with their families and arranges to have them sent off to Asia.

Millie meets a few friends along the way, especially Miss Dorothy Brown, with whom she plans to share a room. She and Dorothy create a strong bond, but when Millie's boss falls for Dorothy, she is not so pleased. On the other hand, Millie has been talking to a man named Jimmy, who runs a paper clip company. Millie's New York experience also includes meeting Muzzy, a glamorous rich woman, going out to wonderful parties, and seeing her newfound best friend, Dorothy, being kidnapped for white slavery!

In the end, Dorothy is rescued and all the loose ends are tied together. Dorothy, it turns out, is Jimmy's sister, and their stepmother is actually Muzzy! Millie learns that no matter who you love, money should never get in the way, even though it turns out in the end that Jimmy is very wealthy. The dual roles of Ethel Peas and Dorothy Parker were ably handled by Maria Swieciki, whose comic timing and lively dancing earned kudos from director/choreographer Lisa Maietta, who encouraged her to participate in Preston's play again next year.

The songs in this play included "Not for the Life of Me," "How the Other Half Lives" and "Gimme Gimme." There are also occasional tap-dancing pieces that bring even more delight to this play. The story line, acting, singing, dancing and tapping all combine to make this a huge hit. The cast and crew were excellent and well prepared. The excitement never missed a beat, and the smiles on the faces of everyone in the audience—including my own—never disappeared until we all walked out the door of the theater.

It was definitely a good play to go with a group of friends. Deep down inside, we all know that we have a Millie within us who wants to take risks and shoot for our dreams.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY SCHOOLERS



Photos by LAURY HOPKINS and HARLAN SEXTON

The children of Grace Episcopal Church and Trinity United Methodist Church on City Island turned football's Super Bowl Sunday into a Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb. 3, 2008. They collected money to feed the hungry and rived the New York Giants for their dedication to the task. At Grace, the group decorated a football cake and raised almost \$300. This year, they split the donations between the POTS (Part of the Solution) program in the Bronx, and Carpenters Kids, which is the New York Episcopal Diocese's outreach and partnership program with a Tanzanian diocese to help orphans get a primary education. In that diocese, every parish has an average of 50 kids no longer with parents because of AIDS, tuberculosis and other diseases. The extended families raise their children, and the people of the parish help with education costs. Shown above (second photo) with their Souper Bowls are (l. to r.): Emily and Gregory Sexton, Blake and Austin Cottam, and Chandler Campbell.



At Trinity United Methodist Church, Sunday school members held a luncheon following the church service and raised \$375 and collected more than 160 food items. The food and money were donated to City Harvest. Shown with their Souper Bowl "winings" are: (back row l. to r.) Sunday school teachers Rick DeWitt and Pat LaPorte, and students Gwyn Hopkins, Cameron and Joe Vogel. Front row: Jessica Melicharek, Zoe Sill and George Melicharek. Grace Kretzmer also helped but could not attend the event.

Warrior Football and Cheer Registration

Warrior chief Jerry Demers announces that the 2008 registration for flag, tackle and cheer teams will be held at Lehman High School on Sundays, March 2 and 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All youngsters are invited to join flag, tackle and cheerleading activities in the following divisions:

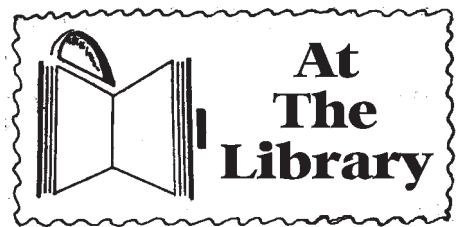
- Cheer: 6 to 14 years old, no weight restrictions, three divisions.
- Flag football: 6, 7 or 8 years old (no weight restriction).
- Tackle football: 7 to 8 years old (under 90 pounds).
- Tackle: 9 and 10 years old (under 110 pounds).
- Tackle: 11 and 12 years old (under 130 pounds).
- Tackle : 13 and 14 years old (under 160) pounds.

Ages are determined as of July 31, 2008. All divisions are co-ed.

Registrants should be accompanied by an adult and must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate. Enter through the side entrance by the field and proceed to the gym. Lehman High School is located at 3000 East Tremont Avenue.

Chief Demers told *The Current* that many City Islanders have participated in Warriors over the years, including some season MVPs. Practices begin in August on weekday evenings for the fall football season. Games are played on Saturdays and Sundays at Pelham Bay Park and Lehman High School. The cost schedule for the 2008 season is \$120 for tackle football, \$100 for flag football, \$150 for travel tackle team (13 and 14 year olds), and \$130 for cheer.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served 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.



At The Library

Teen Time

Activities for teens and "tweens" include playing "Scene-It," watching and talking about Anime, Manga video games, Yu-Gi-Oh, comic books and much more. Very interactive programming!

From the Children's Room

Pre-School: Every Thursday in March (6, 13, 20 and 27) at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to 5. Registration in advance is required.

Picture Book Program: Every Thursday in March at 3:30 p.m.

For information about any of the programs above, call the City Island branch at 718-885-1703.

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New York Boat Show 2008

By BILL CLANCY

Gliding into the Javits Center on a balmy Friday afternoon right after New Year's, I spot one of my crew members for this year's visit, City Island bon vivant Gene Valesio. Seeing as the other crew members were to be sons Bill and Greg, Gene was brought in as a fresh opinion to add some sense to this normally chaotic article.

City Islanders who meet at an event in Manhattan have always reminded me of Americans who accidentally meet a fellow countryman in a different locale, say Europe. We are always happy to see each other and congratulations are always given for, I think, nothing more than being alive. When Bill and Greg show up this is demonstrated, once again, by the "hail fellow well met" greeting given to all. Nearby observers would have concluded that we had not seen each other in a dog's age, whereas the truth was four days. Up to the Media Office we go to check in and hang up our coats. IDs are printed out, thanks to Editor Karen, and in we go to the winter spectacle that is the "boat show."

The pre-show hype told us that this show would feature a boat for every budget and lifestyle, with more than a thousand of the newest and best luxury and cruising yachts, sport fishers, bass boats, performance boats, personal watercraft, pontoon boats and inflatables. Interesting, but possibly unfortunate for us, the very first exhibit we were attracted to was the very large Grady-White display. This line is advertised as the most popular brand name in boating. The featured craft was the 360 Express with triple Yamaha 350 outboards going for \$477,631. This was not a Donzi type racing boat, I might add, but a full-fledged pleasure cruiser. This price would, of course, not include tax, shipping, insurance and bottom paint, among other things.

As an old City Islander I was positively floored. I thought of Artie Stelter Sr. and Joe Burck Sr., the respective Johnson and Evinrude dealers of my youth, and what they would have had to say about an outboard motor boat going for more than a half a million dollars. Both families of these wonderful men are still running the business, and I will ask them for an imagined quote from their fathers. This 360 had a 370-gallon tank, which at last summer's price of \$3.50 would cost \$1,290.00 to fill. A 20-year mortgage was available (240 payments) of \$3,219.17 after a 20 percent (\$96,000) down payment. These payments would have amounted to just under three quarters of a mil.

We talked to a salesman about the outboard concept on a large pleasure craft, and he said that it has many advantages and is the wave of the future. The only ones who could afford this kind of a deal are some of my old acquaintances at the Harlem Yacht Club, Tony, Jack, John and MJT. They have been finding treasures coming out of Muhlfeld's Creek for years and should be looking for a good investment. Readers of this column will remember a

story of a couple years ago about the "Sword of the Melrah." This has been passed off as an NYC myth, but some people say otherwise. These aforementioned men are starting to realize that sailing is passé, with even Rob Ricca having gone to power. In fact the best sailboats that I saw that night were the Bauer sailing dinghies of 8, 10 and 12 feet.

Getting back to the Grady-White exhibit for a minute, we ran into Legion members Bob Balbi and Dennis Murphy there. These men have great knowledge and affinity for gas products. Has anyone else ever heard of this condition? They are commonly called gasmen and usually have a tank or two in their truck. It always seems to be a concern of theirs and is very interesting to watch. While they were talking to the salesman, I heard the guy say that he never heard of a propane-powered boat. With them that evening was Leon Stokes of marine repair fame. On leaving these men, the last G-W display that caught our eye was that of a small outboard runabout lying very close to the ground with no lower unit or prop. This is a sight that our friends in the Morris Yacht Club see often, as boaters who know too much but doubt the veracity of the legend of Big Tom. (We won't even mention Little Tom.) Many years ago, Chris Anderson was the launch man at the City Island Yacht Club and he got a call to pick a guy up who was standing on Tom. He thought it was a mirage and powered on by.

We stopped to chat with a very personable woman, Marion Dermot, who was at a booth giving out a "used boat" publication. She was from "out east," as Long Islanders refer to it and said that she had been busy all day. She was quite knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the fishing and boating aspects of life. She, personally, had a clam boat for sale. We told her that "in west," where we live, shell fishing was frowned upon, possibly dangerous to your health and, lastly, illegal. Gene and Bill told Marion that they were on some kind of a committee and could possibly get some funding. We left her with a quizzical look on her face.

Scout Boats from Summerville, South Carolina, had a most interesting product. The marine industry's first fiberglass hybrid boat, the 145 Hybrid. Developed in conjunction with Lenco Marine, the 145 has a 20hp Yamaha outboard flanked by Lenco dual 36-volt drives. The drives are controlled easily with a joystick mounted at the helm, which ultimately replaces the steering wheel in this model. The model has three 30-amp bank battery chargers for its deep-cycle batteries. A full charge will give the drives about eight hours of run time.

We saw a couple of items that might be of interest to City Island trendsetters. One was the revolutionary GO Bike, sold exclusively by West Marine. It rides and performs like a full-size bicycle but has the convenience of folding into a compact size to fit into a small watercraft or car trunk. It also has front and rear suspension, disk brakes and a beautiful textured anodized finish. Test riding was available at the booth.

The second item in the same vein is the Porta-Bote eXxstream, a 14-foot folding boat that weighs only 96 pounds and folds to 4 inches (11.4 cm). This new model is available in the traditional Porta-Bote colors of Pacific Pearl, Aluminum and Olive Drab. It has four seats and is rated for five people or a total weight of 807 pounds. I can picture it now. A Subaru parks on Bowne Street and a young couple carries their Porta-Bote down to the beach. They wave to Tom and Laura on their deck, assemble the craft and paddle out to the long sunken sailboat outside King Rock. They tie up to the mast that is sticking out of the water and spend a few hours fishing the outgoing tide. When enough of the beach is exposed, they paddle back in and take turns riding the Go Bike back and forth to Beach Street. The following week it would be reported as an urban adventure in the Village Voice.

While I stopped to say hello to an old



Photos by GREGORY CLANCY

At the 2008 Boat Show, *Current* reporter (Bill Clancy) met up with several City Islanders, including Mary Dannegger (top photo), who was working at one of the exhibits. He also experienced sticker shock at this very large Grady-White display. The line is advertised as the most popular brand name in boating, and the featured craft was the 360 Express with triple Yamaha 350 outboards going for \$477,631!



carpenter friend, Luigi Cantalupo, whom I had not seen in years, my impatient crew went over to see the Queen of the Show, the Sunseeker 53 Portofino. The program described it as a luxurious sports cruiser nearly 56 feet long. Featuring an open or closed cockpit, exceptional maneuverability and superb efficiency in performance, as well as creature comforts, including flat-screen televisions, full wet bar and more. The price was 1.4 mil, as equipped.

They asked for native son Jim Ross, who had represented the line for many years, but he was not in attendance that evening. They did, however, say hello to our King Avenue neighbor Janet, who was on staff. Meanwhile, Luigi, an avid sailor, asked me if I knew anything about Steve Fossett, the adventurer who disappeared in the Nevada mountains last fall on a solo flight. Of course, I said, as a life-long aviation buff, I know quite a bit about him. I related his associations with Richard Branson and Bert Rutan and a few of their collaborations of recent years with balloons and experimental aircraft. "What else?" Lou asked. He was the National President of the Eagle Scout Association, too, I replied. "Fugetabaudit already," Luigi says exasperatedly. "He was one of the greatest sailors of all time. Look it up." He then went on to list a few of the world records (23) that Steve held. I won't list them all, but among them are the Transatlantic, Transpacific and Around the World speed records and his being named "the world's most accomplished speed sailor" by the World Sailing Speed Record Council.

I invited Lou to come with me to the beverage booth, but when they had no homemade red, he said good night. I ordered a Big Bud (\$5 but it beats the Stadium) and looked around for the crew. As I walked over to them, I'm thinking that I'd like to invite all sportsmen out there, if not all Americans, to look up Mr. Fossett on the internet and just amaze yourself and admire his accomplishments. There should be a movie made about this guy's life, as he did more adventurous things than anyone I ever heard of.

There was a fishing seminar about to start at the education center, and we were introduced to the instructor, none other than Capt. Chris Cullen of the Island Current fleet. As everyone knows he has two of the best boats on the Island; the 21-passenger, 40-foot *Island Current* and the 49-passenger, 50-foot *Island Current 2*. They will be fishing all winter long, departing from Trader John's Boat Livery.

There was another interesting course given this year by the Coast Guard auxiliary: a two-day (four hours each), two-part basic boating course and certification test at the show all for \$35, including admission.

We stopped by the Formula exhibit, as we heard that Mary Dannegger was aboard as a member of the sales team for this year's show. She was glad to see us and I passed on some instructions that her mom, Ginger, of the (real) *Island Current* staff had asked me to deliver. She could not stay with us long as they were very busy that night.

A man waved us over to a large water-filled tank that had a couple of remote-controlled boats bobbing around. He asked who was going to represent us in the boat handling contest. That was a no-brainer, as we had Capt. Greg, graduate of Canoe U. and primary driver of the *Kitty Clyde* since he was 10 years old. He did very well, slaloming around a few pilings and buoys and reversing into a slip. The tester gave him a 10 thou plus score but it only amounted to 3 attaboys from his crewmates. The big difference between Greg and most boaters is that he can also do this on Sunday afternoon on a real boat with an off-dock wind. His prize was the honor of buying at the next neon sign.

A couple of exhibitors were starting to fold their tents, so we decided to call it a night. We all agreed on the quality of the show. The glitziness, the innovative products on display and the overwhelming sense of wealth that is implied made us all think of who we are, where we came from and how proud and lucky we are to be. We will head NE now, check on the "fleet of six" off Bridge Park and clock in with Tommyjohn for a status report on our Island.

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Current Calendar

MARCH

Tues., March 11, **Blood Drive**, 4 to 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street.

Thurs., March 20, **Community Board 10 meets**, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, 550 City Island Avenue.

Thurs., Fri. and Sat., March 20 to 22, **Boy Scout Flower Sale**, in front of Trinity Methodist Church, Bay Street and City Island Avenue.

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

Thurs., March 27 and Fri., March 28, **Kindergarten Registration for City Islanders only**, 9 to 2 p.m., P.S. 175, 200 City Island Avenue (see School News).

Sat., March 29, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: baked ziti.

Trinity United Methodist Church

We will hold our annual traditional outdoor sunrise celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, March 23, at 6:30 a.m. It is an informal ecumenical gathering, which meets inside the gate of Pelham Cemetery on King Avenue under the big tree facing east near the water's edge. The year sunrise will take place at 6:59 a.m.

Everyone in the community and elsewhere is welcome to attend. The program includes readings, testimonies, prayers, poetry and songs celebrating the resurrection of Christ and our own hope of resurrection. George Cavalieri, lay leader of Trinity, moderates and gives a meditation on "The Reality of Resurrection."

Remember to set your alarm clock the night before and dress warmly. If the weather is severely inclement, the meeting will be held in Trinity's Fellowship Hall at 113 Bay Street. Join us and get a better understanding of this celebration and receive its hope and joy in the process.

For further information, feel free to call Reverend Sue at 718-885-1218.

Anne Sill

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El is an all-inclusive egalitarian, multiethnic Jewish congregation for all ages. We are located at 480 City Island Avenue, between Beach and Bowne Streets. We conduct Sabbath services each Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Our doors are open to all.

We follow the Rabbi Marcia Prager prayer book, primarily in English, with an easy-to-read typeface and singable Hebrew.

Adar is the month of fun in the Jewish calendar, so March should be a blast at Temple Beth-El.

Join us on Friday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. for a Kabbalat Shabbat service, with song and dance, led by Rabbi Shohama Wiener.

And then there's our gala Purim party on Sunday, March 16, at 2:30 p.m. Adults and children in costume are a special part of our fun. We'll start with "Veggie Tales," an animated film about Esther, the girl who became queen. It's a lesson in courage. Then Rabbi Shohama will lead us in the reading of the Magillah and, of course, we will sing songs, eat hamentashen and just have fun!

Aliza Erber, our rabbinic intern, leads Saturday Torah Study on March 22, at 10:30 a.m. Our lively discussions are insightful, and we welcome you all to enjoy this time to share. Aliza also conducts our Bnai Mitzvah classes on Sunday, March 2 and 30, and on Thursday, March 13.

Tai Chi-yoga classes will continue on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in March. Marc Kaplan's exercises will leave you feeling refreshed, more flexible and energetic. For more infor-

mation, call Marc at 718-885-2445.

Help us celebrate our 74th anniversary at the Harlem Yacht Club. Our gala dinner and dance will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 7 to 11 pm. Call Violet Ellis at 718-885-2820 for information and tickets.

Finally, we need organizers next month to plan and set up our second-night seder for Sunday, April 20. Please call Bob Berent at 718-885-3098 to discuss your preferences or to make reservations. Our seders are quite comfortable, congenial and kosher!

Enjoy the benefits of membership, take the free Trolley to Temple (on the first Friday of each month) and visit our website at www.yourshulbythesea.org.

Bob Berent

Cub Scout Pack 211

Cub Scout Pack 211 participated in the annual Eastern District Klondike race on the weekend of Jan. 26-27 at Alpine Boy Scout Camp in Alpine, New Jersey. The scouts were well prepared to defend their title and arrived with the slogan "We came to win." And win they did, against some daunting odds for the second year in a row, with their camaraderie, sportsmanship and teamwork. They persevered and pulled through an amazing win. The team called themselves the Clamdiggers, and with great pride they explained to every judge official what "clamdigger" means.

In blistering cold temperatures, the team was led by team leaders Conner Saulnier and Michael Bellocchio and assistant team leader John Branley. The scouts once again won the prestigious South Pole award and third place in the speed race competition. Special congratulations to Michael Bellocchio for winning the marksmanship award for BB gun shooting; he was also the overall winner in the archery competition for the entire event. Words cannot express the proud admiration the adult leaders have for these boys!

Angelo Bellocchio, Cubmaster

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

On March 7, 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. Stations of the Cross will be held that evening at 7 p.m. and also on the remaining Fridays of Lent.

Our gala St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday evening, March 8, 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 if reservations are still available, please call Margaret Knapp at 718-885-1048.

All are welcome to join us at our monthly Hospitality Hour on Sunday, March 9. It will be held in the rectory after the ten o'clock Mass.

On Saturday, March 15, our children, mostly second-graders, will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The ceremony will take place in our church at 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 16, will begin the holiest week of the Church year as we prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. We will begin on Palm Sunday with the blessing and distribution of palms at all the Masses. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 8 a.m., we will have the service of Tenebrae, consisting of psalms, readings and the chanting of the Lamentations of Jeremiah. The Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Supper will take place on Thursday



Photo by ANGELO BELLOCCHIO

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evening at 7:30 p.m. followed by adoration until 10 p.m.

On Good Friday, we will have Stations of the Cross at 12 noon. The solemn commemoration of the Passion and Death of Jesus will take place at 4 p.m.

After a day of silence and waiting on Saturday, the solemn Easter Vigil will take place at 8 p.m. that evening and our joyful Alleluias will continue on Easter Sunday at all our Masses - 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Because of the celebration of Holy Week and Easter Week, there will be no religious education classes on March 19 and March 26.

The March meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

Sr. Bernadette, osu

City Island Republicans

The City Island Republicans would like to thank everyone who came out and voted on Feb. 5, despite the fact that everyone was forced to walk all the way around the building in the pouring rain. All of the problems of the day at P.S. 175 have been put in all of the coordinator's reports along with the Assembly District Monitors' reports. Furthermore, all of the poll workers and coordinators of both parties did a wonderful job of helping every voter, even though they were stretched thin with the problem of everyone having to come around to the gym door. There are no results to report yet, since the board is still going through stacks of paper ballots. We can report that as of around 7 p.m., about 700 people had voted.

If anyone would like to complain about the situation on Feb. 5, where most City Islanders were forced to walk all the way around to the back of the building, they can address their complaints to Frank Tosi, Bronx Board of Elections, 1780 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10457. The more Islanders speak up the better. Then we can correct the problem before the big election in November.

The City Island Republicans want to announce that if anyone could not vote in the Republican Primary because they were not in the book or not listed as a Republican, they can call Fred Ramftl at 718-885-0984. The City Island Republicans will try to help with that matter in any way they can. In addition, if someone needs to register to vote, please let us know.

If anyone is interested in becoming a poll worker, call Fred Ramftl at the number given above.

Our next meeting will be in April. Stay tuned to the April edition of *The Current*, and our newsletter, which will come out in late March.

Fred Ramftl

PSS City Island Healthy Senior Program

City Island seniors are invited to participate in the PSS City Island Healthy Senior Program at the Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall and Orchard Beach. On Tuesdays at 10 a.m., join "sittercise" with Patty Grondahl at Grace Church for a class designed to exercise each part of the body from a chair. Then, at 12 noon, join Marc Kaplan for a class in yoga and tai chi, which will emphasize flexibility and balance. On Thursdays at 10 a.m., Mary Immediato will lead a low-impact cardiovascular workout, and later, at 12 noon, join Jean Ringel and Flo Bonicoro for the Electric Slide and other line-dancing fun. To promote good health and awareness, blood pressure will be screened and weight and participation will be tracked. For further information, call Patty at 347-614-1650. The suggested contribution for each class is \$2.

In addition to the program at Grace Church, on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m. join the PSS City Island Healthy Senior Program for a walk and stretch at Orchard Beach. Pedometers will be issued, and the steps of each participant will be recorded for the NYC Department for the Aging Big Apple Strollers Program.

Transportation to Grace Church and Orchard Beach is available for 50 cents each way. Call 347-614-1650 to reserve a spot.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron # 156

The next meeting of the Sons of the American Legion will be held on Thursday, March 6, at 8 p.m. at the Post. We hope to see a good turnout. The upcoming activities will be discussed.

We are looking for some good members. In order to join the SAL, a male must be the descendant of a veteran who was honorably discharged. Anyone interested may contact one of the co-vice commanders for membership: Fred Ramftl at 347-680-7695 or Scott Murphy at 646-314-1000, for an application.

Just a reminder, 2008 dues are now due. They are \$30 and can be dropped off at the Post.

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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.com.

SPECIAL EVENT

Down-River Paddle: Would you like to paddle down a river, see amazing sights, feel your muscles and your memory building lasting benefits? And all within minutes from your City Island door! Why not come watch a film/slide show of a Bronx afternoon adventure down the Bronx River and sign up for an April experience you'll never forget. Come parents and offspring, one and all, to the special viewing on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Island Community Center on Fordham Street. Information about the next down-river paddle in April will be provided at the meeting.

NEW CLASSES

Art Classes by Laury Hopkins: Call 718-885-3202 for more information or to sign up. Please leave a message.

After school, 3:30 to 5 p.m., 8 students per class. Grades 4-8: Basic Drawing on Tuesdays Feb. 5, 12, 26. Kindergarten-Grade 3: Block City on Thursdays, Feb. 7, 14, 28. Grades 4-8: -Magic Box Workshop on Tuesdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1. Kindergarten-Grade 3: Sculptimagination on Thursdays, March 13, 20, 27, and April 3. \$50 for four classes.

Preschool. Storytime Art for ages 2 1/2 to 5. Tuesdays 1 to 2:15 p.m. or Thursdays 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Stories, songs, rhymes and related art projects. Not daycare; caregivers must stay. (Same dates as after-school program. Call for complete schedule) \$60 for eight classes, \$10 for individual classes.

Weekly Schedule

YOUTH PROGRAM

Wonderkind Preschool: Where learning is child's play. Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years. Monday through Thursday, 12 noon to 3 p.m.; Friday, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. Eight-week sessions. Class size is limited to six children per session. To register and for continuous and up-to-the-minute information, go to www.wonderkind-preschool.com.

Drama Club: Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. starting Sept. 19, for ages 8 to 12. Activities will be planned for each evening. Participants must be prepared to do just that, Participate! We will do relaxation and voice exercises, recite limericks and tongue-twisters, improvise with props and costumes, and act out scenes from plays and stories. One parent will be expected to volunteer to stay each evening. Call Laury at 718-885-3202.

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Amy Gottlieb-McElroy

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Church celebrates Holy Communion, the Eucharist, every Sunday at 10 a.m., and you are warmly welcomed to join us. Church School is offered approximately three times a month, beginning at 10 a.m. Please call Church School Director Harlan Sexton at 718-885-9749 for dates and more information.

Please join us for any—or all—of the following Holy Week and Easter Services this year. Our doors are open, and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Mother Patty Alexander at 718-885-1080 or RevPPA@aol.com.

The Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confession) is especially recommended during Lent and Holy Week and may be scheduled by calling Mother Patty at the above number.

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Holy Saturday, March 22: The Great Vigil of Easter and Holy Baptism, 7:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil traces its roots to the early church and is one of the most beautiful and deeply symbolic services in all of Christian tradition.

Easter Sunday, March 23: Festival Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.

Rev. Patricia Alexander

Legion News

Our commander, Dave Carman, wishes to thank all those who made the annual Super Bowl party a success. I could not be there, as my granddaughter and her husband hosted a family gathering that I felt obligated to attend.

By this late date, I'm sure that you have heard of Dave's good fortune. He was selected to do an ad for Maxwell House Coffee, which appeared in the Daily News, USA Weekend and other magazines. I stopped by Dave's Auto Repair Emporium on Senior Citizens' Discount Day to fill my aging tires with free air, and I was introduced to Maxwell House. Dave said that this was the best Maxwell House Coffee ever, roasted with 100 percent Arabica beans for a full flavor without bitterness. Dave would not disclose his remuneration for the ad but was wearing a Brooks Brothers suit in lieu of his usual coveralls!

On Sunday, March 9, the Post will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. The fare will be a full-course corned-beef dinner, which will include beer, wine or soda. In addition, guests will be entitled to a cup of Maxwell House Irish Coffee. Because we anticipate a large crowd, there will be two sittings, 1 to 3 p.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. In the past, some early diners have been known to linger and avail themselves of a second dinner. This practice was frowned upon, and this year malingerers will be asked to leave at 3:30 p.m. The cost for this gastronomic extravaganza will be \$18. Come and enjoy.

I'm sometimes confused with the staff of the Post Dispatch, but I am not a part of that august publication. Questions may be directed to Comrades Shipp or William Clancy. I'm not sure who queried me with regard to the last issue. I mentioned this to our commander, and he is anxious to get the ball rolling again. Look for the resurrection real soon.

Meetings for the month of March are: Monday, March 3: regular meeting; Monday, March 10: executive board meeting. No regular meeting on St. Patrick's Day.

Sick call: I just heard that Comrade John Ulmer had a bout with pneumonia following his exposure to the elements on Primary Day. Lucy Pontecorvo, wife of member Buddy Pontecorvo, is in rehab at Dumont Nursing Home in New Rochelle and doing well.

We regret the passing of associate member Jack Grogins' niece, who was killed crossing a street in Florida while attending a soccer tournament.

I try to attend as many meetings as possible and have recently noticed a paucity of participants. Some days we do not even have a quorum. Your participation is essential.

Something for you WWII buffs. If you had the pleasure of serving in the war, especially overseas, you were probably familiar with Klim. It was the name given to powdered milk. Nota bene: Klim is milk spelled backwards.

Russ Schaller, Sgt. Emeritus

Holiday Services

Trinity United Methodist Church

113 Bay Street

March 16, Palm/Passion Sunday, 10 a.m.

March 20, Holy Thursday, 8 p.m.

March 21, Good Friday: Ecumenical service. We will be joined by Grace Episcopal Church, 8 p.m.

March 22, Tenebrae: Service at St. Mary,

Star of the Sea, 8 a.m.

March 23, Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service at Pelham Cemetery on King Avenue, 6:30 a.m. Easter Worship at Trinity Church, 10 a.m.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church

City Island Avenue near the bridge

March 15, Saturday: Confessions, 4:30 to 5 p.m. Vigil Mass, 5:15 p.m.

March 16, Palm Sunday: Masses at 8, 10 a.m. and noon. Blessing of Palms at all masses.

March 20, 21, 22, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. Tenebrae, psalms and readings. No morning mass.

March 20, Holy Thursday: Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m. Procession to the Repository; adoration to 10 p.m.

March 21, Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, 12 noon, Commemoration of the Passion and Death of Jesus, 4 p.m. Confessions, 5 to 6 p.m.

March 22, Holy Saturday: Confessions, 9 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.

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March 16, Purim, 2:30 p.m.

Information about Passover services will be in the April issue of *The Current*.

Boy Scout News

It is time for Troop 211's Easter Flower Sale! Please support scouting on City Island by stopping by the sale during March 20, 21 and 22 (Thursday through Saturday) in front of Trinity Church. Easter is early this year, so please look for us inside the Trinity Church Hall on Bay Street and City Island Avenue in the event of cold or inclement weather. The proceeds will be used to send City Island youth to a week-long summer camp.

It takes more than a successful Easter Flower Sale to send scouts to summer camp. Troop 211 seeks help from former scout leaders and Eagle Scouts who are willing to volunteer time in August to camp with the troop. Troop 211 alumni can e-mail Scoutmaster Waldo Persteins at Troop211ideas@yahoo.com for more information.

We had a busy year with a camping trip, swimming pool nights, Manhattan walking tour and winter sled competition. In a first for the troop, scouts with extraordinary attendance were rewarded with a special event: an awesome trip to Monster Truck at Nassau Coliseum. The Troop 211 scouts plan on finishing the year with a spring camping trip, day trip, City Island history events and of course our annual trip to Rye Playland.

Scoutmaster Persteins sends a special thanks to all of the adults who signed up as merit badge counselors over the past year. Many of you have not yet been called upon to challenge scouts in various skills and fields, but the troop will indeed seek your assistance soon.

Boys ages 11 to 17 can join Troop 211 at anytime in the year. Are you a family that recently moved to City Island? There is always room in the troop for your sons! If you would like more information, please e-mail Troop211ideas@yahoo.com.

Scoutmaster Waldo Persteins



Selected Filmography of Will Smith

Will Smith caught my eye as a credible actor in the quirky comedy drama **Six Degrees of Separation** (1993), which was adapted from John Guare's stage play. Will is Paul, a young black man who has just been mugged and appears at the home of Flan and Ouisa Kittredge (Donald Sutherland and Stockard Channing) looking for help. They give him safe haven and are captivated by his charm. He claims to be Sidney Poitier's son, which delights these upper-crust Manhattan art dealers and their friends, in a story in which things may or may not be what they seem.

Will Smith shows up in several futuristic films, beginning as ace pilot Captain Steven Hiller in his first major blockbuster, **Independence Day** (1996), an homage to B movies of the 1950s, in which aliens in humongous space ships hover over major cities, terrifying the earth's population. My favorite part of the film is when the President (Bill Pullman) gets in a fighter jet and leads the battle to save the planet.

Will next appears as Agent J, teaming up with Agent K (Tommy Lee Jones), in the clever action comedy **Men in Black** (1997). This film is about government agents battling highly intelligent extraterrestrials and all that intergalactic fun stuff. This and its sequel, **Men in Black II** (2002), are much more imaginative than Will's previous blockbuster.

As lawyer Robert Clayton Dean, Will appears in the more serious, thought-provoking **Enemy of the State** (1998). This film features Gene Hackman as Brill, a paranoid informant who tries to help save Dean when he is framed and being chased by the Feds. The real star of this film, however, is the governmental satellite surveillance capability, which most assuredly gives one pause.

Wild Wild West (1999), an enjoyable extension of the television series, is a buddy movie that is filled with fun. Will is government agent James West, and Kevin Kline is his sidekick, inventor Artemus Gordon; Kenneth Branagh is on hand as the excellent villain, Dr. Arliss Loveless. Again the main

attraction is the imaginative special effects that take viewers on a raucous roller-coaster ride.

In **I Am Legend** (2007), Will stars as scientist Robert Neville, who appears to be the sole survivor of a virus that annihilated the planet. He is living in New York City, where he is attempting to find a cure. This is a very powerful role, and he manages to keep our interest throughout.

The Legend of Bagger Vance (2000) is a mystical film that takes place in Savannah, Georgia. Talented golfer Rannulph Junuh (Matt Damon) and Adele Invergordon (Charlize Theron) are very much in love, until Rannulph goes off to World War I and "loses his swing." Adele's father sponsors a tournament and invites 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 both his swing and his lost soul again. This is a wonderful film about sportsmanship, growth, pride and healing.

Will received an Oscar nomination for the title role in **Ali** (2001), which tells the story of the famous boxer from 1964 to 1974, covering politics, religion, boxing, celebrity, courtroom drama, defeat and victory. Jon Voight was nominated for an Oscar for his supporting role, an amazing rendition of Howard Cosell.

Will Smith was also nominated for best actor as Chris Gardner, a very sympathetic character fighting to take care of his son, Christopher (real-life son Jaden Syre Smith), in **The Pursuit of Happyness** (2006), which is based on true-life events. Set in the 1980s, the film offers a horrifying portrayal of how a few instances of bad luck and poor choices could plunge a family into poverty and homelessness; but Gardner is up to the challenge.

Perhaps my personal favorite in Will Smith's filmography, a guilty pleasure for its lightheadedness, is the 2005 romantic comedy **Hitch**. Playing the title role in this delightful film, Will is Alex Hitchens, a "date doctor" who helps lonely guys get the girls of their dreams. Hitch takes pride in his work, although the newspaper gossip columnist Sara Melas (Eva Mendes) thinks he is disingenuous. Television's "King of Queens" star Kevin James is hysterical as Albert Brennaman, Hitch's rotund client who is in love with the beautiful but shy heiress Allegra Cole (Amber Valletta).

And until next time, happy viewing. . .

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~ Hymnal 1982

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St. Mary's is proud to report that two students have been accepted to the Bronx High School of Science: Xaver Nicholas, who has been at St. Mary's since kindergarten, and Aimee Zambrana, here for two years. As one of New York City's specialized high schools, Bronx Science accepts students solely on the basis of a competitive written examination called the SHSAT. Aimee also is the recipient of a full scholarship to Monsignor Scanlan High School and a three-quarter scholarship to the Montfort Academy, a classical Catholic high school in Katonah, New York. Look for more news about our eighth-graders TACHS successes in the coming months.

We like to inform our readers about the many extra-curricular activities that enrich our students' experience here at St. Mary's and to provide dates for events going on at the school because we think they sound more

interesting. What we often don't emphasize enough is that we provide a strong academic curriculum based on New York City's standards, with a real focus on values, respect and community. We have just completed registration week at the school and are doing very well. Some classes are closed out, and late registration continues in March where space is available.

On Friday, Feb. 29, we enjoy Family Night in the auditorium of the school with dinner and a movie.

Saturday evening, March 8, the annual St. Patrick's Dance will be held in the gym with a six-piece band and traditional treats. Proceeds from this event go to the school.

On March 11, eighth-graders will participate in a Respect for Life program conducted by the Archdiocese of New York. March also is the month our fourth- and eighth-graders take the NYS mathematics exam.

The school holds its traditional Easter egg hunt this year on March 13. The children look forward to this each year. March 14 is the last day of school before Easter break. School resumes on Mon., March 31.

The Sacrament of Penance will take place on Sat., March 15 in anticipation of the sacrament of Holy Communion, which will be held on the first Saturday in May.

During the season of Lent, Deacon William Mueller is leading the classes in



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On Feb. 1, 2008, students at St. Mary, Star of the Sea School hosted an International Day in the school gym. Students prepared and served a variety of ethnic foods to faculty, parents and fellow classmates.

reflecting on the path of Jesus toward His crucifixion, the Stations of the Cross. The 14 stations on Jesus' way to Calvary are depicted on the walls inside St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, where Deacon Mueller helps children understand their meaning. On March 23, we celebrate Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea has a new web site located at www.stmarystaroftheseacityisland.com. There is information on the parish, the school, religious education and school alumni/ae. We hope you will take the time to visit the site.

The 1958 graduating class of St. Mary's will be having a 50th anniversary reunion on June 13 and 14, so save those dates.

Public School 175

Although a short month, February was a very busy one. Students in Grades 3 through 8 have been working diligently with their teachers to prepare for the standardized math tests, which will be given in March. The Sports & Arts after-school program has been in full swing, with students participating in Lego Robotics, art, dance, gym, yoga and homework help. In addition, over the mid-winter break, small groups of sixth- and seventh-graders went to New Roc City for a fun-filled time of bowling, a pizza party and the movies. The eighth-graders went to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum and had lunch at Mars 2112.

P.S. 175 has been fortunate to receive a grant from Councilman James Vacca for a middle school after-school arts program, which began this month. Our sixth- through eighth-grade students had the option of participating in a photography program conducted by City Island's own Ron Turner, a drama program or a chorus. Performances and an exhibition for student work will take place in June.

Kindergarten through third-grade began

the next Lincoln Center unit of African choreography and dance. The students are studying the work of Pearl Primus, a spirited African-American choreographic pioneer. The unit is honoring the struggles of the American Civil Rights movement and celebrating the joys of funk music. We are most grateful to our generous PTA for providing our students with the opportunity to work with Lincoln Center.

The P. S. 175 tradition of going to Camp Greenkill will continue this year, in April, when students and staff will be better able to enjoy the outdoor activities. We are most fortunate that Mr. Rauh has promised to accompany our students for the twenty-third consecutive year!

This year's fifth-grade play is being produced in collaboration with the Bronx Arts Ensemble. Rehearsals and practice have begun for two June performances of "High School Musical." In April, as an extension activity, the students and teachers are going to see "Hairspray" on Broadway and will meet with one of the actors after the show to learn more about what goes into a professional production.

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

Plans are in motion for the eighth-grade graduation. This month the eighth-graders held the annual Valentine's Day Sale fundraiser, which provided an opportunity for their schoolmates to purchase Valentine's Day gifts for family members. The fund-raiser was a huge success! This year's senior trip will be an overnight visit to Washington, D.C.

The P. S. 175 Citizens-of-the-Month for January were: Madison Viera and Nicholas Kola (kindergarten), Connor Ninivaggi and Delilah Olivera (first grade), Catherine Ficke and Michael DeSantis (second grade), Mia Randazzo and Julia Ejli (third grade), Michael Bellocchio and Devin Dyal (fourth grade), Chelsea Negron and Kaylin Fitzpatrick (fifth grade), Jason Polito and Samantha Yew (sixth grade), Jonathan Mora and Lirijana Novovic (seventh grade), DayVon Walker and Erica Miccoli (eighth grade).

Please keep in mind these important dates: Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, March 13, from 12:30 to 3:40 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 for City Island residents ONLY will take place on March 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. On-going registration will continue on Thursday mornings beginning April 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Eighth-grade graduation will take place on Tuesday, June 24, at 10 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 18, at 6 p.m. The kindergarten moving-up ceremony will take place on Friday, June 20, at 10 a.m., followed by a family celebration in the field adjoining the schoolyard.

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Beware of Tax Scams

The IRS is warning taxpayers to beware of several current e-mail and telephone scams that use the IRS name as a lure. The IRS expects such scams to continue through the end of tax-return filing season and beyond. Tax payers are cautioned to be on the lookout for scams involving proposed advance payment checks. Although the government has not yet enacted an economic stimulus package in which the IRS would provide advance payments, known informally as rebates, to many Americans, a scam that uses the proposed rebates as bait has already cropped up.

The goal of many of these scams is to trick people into revealing personal and financial information, such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers, which the scammers use to commit identity theft.

Typically, identity thieves use a victim's personal and financial data to empty the victim's financial accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name, file fraudulent tax returns or even commit crimes. Most of these fraudulent activities can be committed electronically from a remote location, including overseas. Committing these activities in cyberspace allows scammers to act quickly and cover their tracks before the victim becomes aware of the theft.

People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years—and their hard-earned money—cleaning up the mess thieves have made of their reputations and credit records. In the meantime, victims may lose job opportunities or be refused loans, education, housing or cars, and even get arrested for crimes they didn't commit.

The most recent scams brought to the attention of the IRS are described below.

Rebate Phone Call: At least one scheme using the word "rebate" as part of the lure has been identified. In that scam, consumers receive a phone call from someone identifying himself as an IRS employee. The caller tells the targeted victim that he is eligible for a sizable rebate for filing his taxes early. The caller then states that he needs the target's bank account information for the direct deposit of the rebate. If the target refuses, he is told that he cannot receive the rebate.

This phone call is a scam. No legislation has yet been enacted that would allow the IRS to provide advance payments to taxpayers or that determines the details of those payments. Moreover, the IRS does not force taxpayers to use direct deposit. Those who opt for direct deposit do so by completing the appropriate section of their tax return, with bank routing and account information, when they file; the IRS does not gather the information by telephone.

Refund E-mail: The IRS has seen several variations of a refund-related bogus e-mail that falsely claims to come from the IRS, tells the recipient that he or she is eligible for a tax refund for a specific amount, and instructs the recipient to click on a link in the e-mail to access a refund claim form. The form asks the recipient to enter personal information that the scammers can then use to access the e-mail recipient's bank or credit card account.

In a new wrinkle, the current version of the refund scam includes two paragraphs that appear to be directed toward tax-exempt organizations that distribute funds to other organizations or individuals. The e-mail contains the name and supposed signature of the director of the IRS's Exempt Organizations business division. This e-mail is a phony. The IRS does not send unsolicited e-mail about tax account matters to individual, business, tax-exempt or other taxpayers.

Filing a tax return is the only way to apply for a tax refund; there is no separate application form. Taxpayers who wish to find out if

they are due a refund from their last annual tax return filing may use the "Where's My Refund?" interactive application on the IRS Web site. The only official IRS Web site is located at www.irs.gov.

Audit e-Mail: Another new scam contains features not seen before by the IRS. Using a technique calculated to get almost anyone's attention, the e-mail notifies the recipient that his or her tax return will be audited. This is the first scam of which the IRS is aware that uses this ploy to get the victim to respond.

Unusual for a scam e-mail, it may contain a salutation in the body addressed to the specific recipient by name. Most scam e-mails seen by the IRS are sent using the same technique used by spammers, in which hundreds of thousands of messages are sent to potential victims based on Internet address. Because of the volume, the typical scam e-mail is not personalized.

This e-mail instructs the recipient to click on links to complete forms with personal and account information, which the scammers will use to commit identity theft. This e-mail is a phony. The IRS does not send unsolicited, tax-account related e-mails to taxpayers.

Changes to Tax Law E-Mail: This bogus e-mail is addressed to businesses, accountants and "treasury" managers. It instructs them to download information on tax law changes by clicking on a series of links to publications on businesses, estate taxes, excise taxes, exempt organizations and IRAs and other retirement plans. The IRS believes that clicking on a link downloads "malware" onto the recipient's computer. Malware is malicious code that can take over the victim's computer hard drive, giving someone remote access to the computer, or it could look for passwords and other information and send them to the scammer. There are other types of malware, as well.

The urls contained in the link are not legitimate IRS Web addresses. All IRS.gov Web page addresses begin with <http://www.irs.gov/>.

Paper Check Phone Call: In a current telephone scam, a caller claims to be an IRS employee who is calling because the IRS sent a check to the individual being called. The caller states that because the check has not been cashed, the IRS wants to verify the individual's bank account number. The caller may have a foreign accent.

In reality, the IRS leaves it entirely up to the individual to choose to cash or not cash a paper check. The IRS has no business need to know, and does not ask for, bank account or similar information, except when taxpayers indicate on their tax return that they are opting for the direct electronic deposit of their refund. In that case, however, it is the individual's responsibility to provide the IRS with the correct bank routing and account numbers on the tax return; the IRS does not contact taxpayers to verify the information.

What to Do

Anyone wishing to access the IRS Web site should initiate contact by typing the IRS.gov address into their Internet address window, rather than clicking on a link in an e-mail or opening an attachment.

Those who have received a questionable e-mail claiming to come from the IRS may forward it to a mailbox the IRS has established to receive such e-mails, phishing@irs.gov, using instructions contained in an article titled "How to Protect Yourself from Suspicious E-Mails or Phishing Schemes." Following the instructions will help the IRS track the suspicious e-mail to its origins and shut down the scam. Find the article by visiting IRS.gov and entering the words "suspicious e-mails" into the search box in the upper right corner of the front page.

Those who have received a questionable telephone call that claims to come from the IRS may also use the phishing@irs.gov mailbox to notify the IRS of the scam.

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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.



Rita Resina

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Rita Resina, affectionately known as "Rita from the bank," died on Oct. 8, 2007. She was 74.

She was born Rita Rescigno on Jan. 2, 1933, in the Bronx and grew up in the same Fordham neighborhood as her future husband, Anthony Resina. She attended local public schools and graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in January 1950. She and Anthony were married on April 25, 1954, at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church on City Island.

Rita lived on City Island for almost 60 years, raising her two children here. She was a parishioner of St. Mary's and a member of City Island chapter of the AARP. She was employed for many years by Manufacturer's Hanover and Chemical Bank (which eventually merged with JP

Morgan Chase) and retired in 1992.

Rita will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and aunt to many. She enjoyed visiting relatives as well as friends and she liked to travel, especially to Disney World, and taking day trips to the Bronx Zoo, the New York Botanical Garden, Atlantic City and Arthur Avenue.

Rita is survived by her husband of almost 54 years and her children, Edward Resina of Manasquan, New Jersey, and Toni Anne Hirsch of Somers, New York, and their respective spouses, Gina and Peter. Rita was also a doting grandmother to Michael and Matthew Hirsch and a favorite aunt to numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Oct. 10, 2007, at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church.

Ruth Barron

Longtime resident of City Island, Ruth Barron, died after a long illness on Jan. 3, 2008, in Florida.

She was born May Wooster on July 30, 1919 and grew up in Nutley, New Jersey. She met John Barron in Atlantic City and they were married in 1947, after which time they moved to City Island.

She raised two children, John Barron Jr. of City Island and Roberta Barron Mosa, who lives in California.

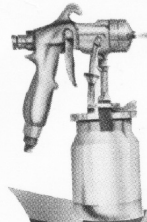
In the 1970s Ruth and John retired to Sebastian, Florida, and split their time between Florida and City Island for many years. John died in 1982.

She is survived by her children, five grandchildren and her longtime companion Franc Ostrowski.

A memorial service was held at Grace Episcopal Church on City Island, and her ashes were interred in Sebastian, Florida. Donations in Ruth's memory may be made to the American Polish Club and sent to John Barron at 400 King Avenue, City Island.

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

MARCH 2008									
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	
01 Sat	0535	6.50	1250	1.47	1909	5.99			Sat 01
02 Sun	0007	1.72	0704	6.60	1354	1.28	2005	6.27	Sun 02
03 Mon	0127	1.55	0806	6.85	1443	0.96	2050	6.63	Mon 03
04 Tue	0235	1.16	0850	7.15	1525	0.57	2125	7.01	Tue 04
05 Wed	0324	0.65	0926	7.46	1601	0.16	2154	7.42	Wed 05
06 Thu	0407	0.12	1002	7.73	1634	-0.22	2224	7.83	Thu 06
07 Fri	0449	-0.37	1040	7.93	1707	-0.53	2300	8.18	Fri 07
08 Sat	0530	-0.74	1121	8.01	1744	-0.71	2339	8.42	Sat 08
All times are Eastern Daylight Time beginning Sunday, March 9									
09 Sun	0039	8.42	0713	-0.93	1304	7.94	1923	-0.73	Sun 09
10 Mon	0122	8.51	0758	-0.91	1350	7.71	2006	-0.56	Mon 10
11 Tue	0207	8.42	0848	-0.67	1439	7.35	2052	-0.20	Tue 11
12 Wed	0257	8.14	0944	-0.26	1534	6.89	2145	0.29	Wed 12
13 Thu	0353	7.72	1100	0.22	1640	6.44	2249	0.82	Thu 13
14 Fri	0500	7.26	1236	0.51	1822	6.20			Fri 14
15 Sat	0040	1.16	0649	6.99	1354	0.49	1954	6.38	Sat 15
16 Sun	0211	1.03	0820	7.13	1459	0.28	2100	6.79	Sun 16
17 Mon	0318	0.64	0925	7.42	1556	0.00	2156	7.24	Mon 17
18 Tue	0416	0.17	1021	7.69	1647	-0.25	2245	7.63	Tue 18
19 Wed	0507	-0.25	1109	7.86	1733	-0.40	2330	7.90	Wed 19
20 Thu	0553	-0.53	1154	7.89	1815	-0.42			Thu 20
21 Fri	0011	8.02	0636	-0.64	1235	7.79	1853	-0.31	Fri 21
22 Sat	0049	8.01	0716	-0.58	1312	7.59	1926	-0.09	Sat 22
23 Sun	0122	7.89	0751	-0.38	1346	7.32	1950	0.18	Sun 23
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26 Wed	0236	7.38	0901	0.56	1507	6.61	2057	0.91	Wed 26
27 Thu	0310	7.22	0935	0.86	1545	6.45	2139	1.20	Thu 27
28 Fri	0351	7.05	1019	1.15	1631	6.32	2228	1.49	Fri 28
29 Sat	0439	6.89	1111	1.38	1725	6.26	2322	1.68	Sat 29
30 Sun	0535	6.78	1211	1.48	1829	6.34			Sun 30
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02 Wed	0246	1.07	0849	7.17	1523	0.70	2123	7.41	Wed 02
03 Thu	0347	0.49	0942	7.45	1609	0.25	2205	7.88	Thu 03
04 Fri	0438	-0.10	1029	7.71	1651	-0.15	2247	8.30	Fri 04
05 Sat	0526	-0.61	1115	7.88	1734	-0.44	2330	8.62	Sat 05
06 Sun	0612	-0.95	1201	7.94	1817	-0.58			Sun 06
07 Mon	0014	8.80	0700	-1.08	1248	7.85	1901	-0.53	Mon 07



The Great American Skunk Out?

There's an old hawk's nest in the trees near the Pelham Bay landfill that appears to have been reclaimed. Although we did not actually see them in it, a pair of red tails was waiting close by (for breakfast?) on a couple of branches that overhang the parkway. We're not sure how successful the mating has been at this particular site, but here's hoping for the best this time around.

Somewhere in our area the mating must be working, as more and more birds of prey make their presence known. A colleague of ours pointed out a regular visitor to the Hunt's Point area and told us about the disturbance one bird had caused among the pigeons there. Susan and her husband watch other hawks take squirrel and/or mourning dove prey right from their own backyard here on City Island.

Until the hawk has grown large enough to take for its prey the skunks that pass through her yard, Susan has another idea (and we quote):

Beware the Ides of March, all you skunks. I am suggesting that on March 15 all City Islanders do as

hubby and I have done for the past few years to discourage skunks from setting up housekeeping on (or under) our property. Each spring, before we open our windows for the season, we place a few mothballs—it doesn't take much—under each porch, deck, and out-building (i.e., garages, sheds, storage boxes...). We do likewise in the fall, after we've closed the windows for the season, to discourage hibernators on or under our property. Not only does this discourage skunks, but it does the same for raccoons and opossums who build nests and try to break into garbage cans. Of course, if only one resident does this, then the critters move to the neighbors' properties. But if a group of neighbors does it at the same time, the little stinkers leave the area entirely. If we all do it at the same time—March 15, for instance—maybe they will march en masse back across the bridge from whence they came.

Not a bad idea, we think, but please, oh please, will somebody be there to take the picture as the march commences? Please!

John swears there's a prize buck in the Orchard Beach woods, which would explain the rising deer population (as well as that smile on its face!). Jay saw a small herd of deer in the same area. He also noted the daffodils on Tier Street. Their timing may be a little early, but only a little: March 20 is the first day of spring. We made it!

As always, we welcome your feedback and invite your input at jdsstrat@msn.com. Or you can write to us in care of The Island Current at P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464.

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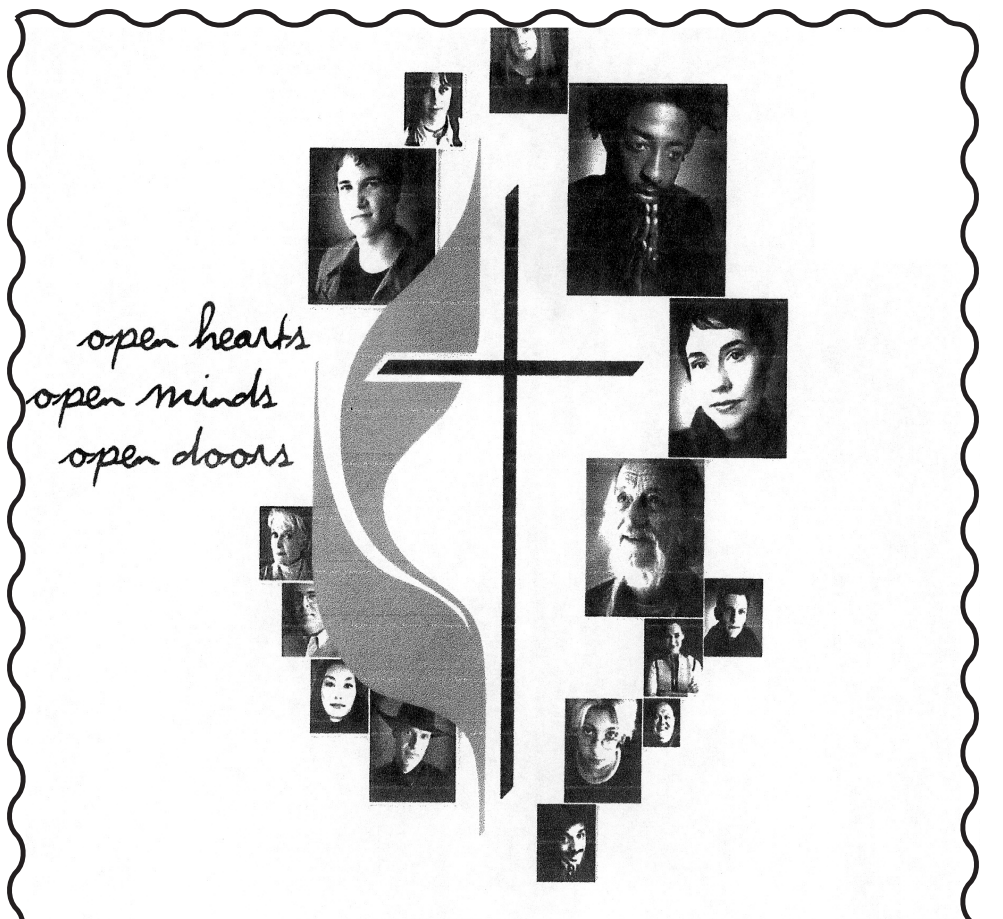
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- March 20 - 8 p.m. - Holy Thursday Service
- March 21 - 8 p.m. - Good Friday Service
- March 22 - 8 p.m. - Tehebrae Service at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church
We will be joined by Grace Episcopal Church.
- March 23 - 6:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service at Pelham Cemetery
10 a.m. - Easter Worship at Trinity United Methodist Church

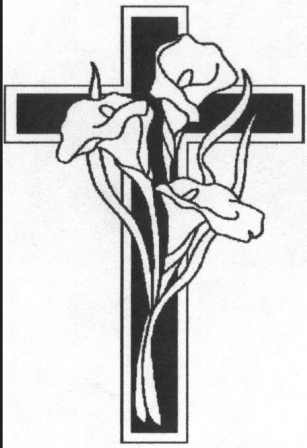
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SATURDAY- March 15
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PALM SUNDAY - March 16

VIGIL MASS - SATURDAY- 5:15 P.M.
SUNDAY - 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. & 12:00 Noon
(Blessing of Palm at all Masses)

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

8:00 A.M. - TENEBRAE

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HOLY THURSDAY, March 20

SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 7:30 P.M.
Procession to Repository
Adoration to 10:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 21

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 12:00 Noon
COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF JESUS - 4:00 P.M.
Confessions 5:00-6:00 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 22

Confessions 9:00-10:00 A.M. & 4:00-5:00 P.M.
SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL- 8:00 P.M.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

EASTER SUNDAY, March 23

MASSES - 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon

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Happy birthday wishes on March 31 to Pell Place's Barbara Steine with love from your family and friends.

Happy April 2 birthday across the country to former Islander Eric Rauhauser, who just missed being an "April Fool" by one day. We miss you, but hope to share this day with you in California. Love, Lorraine and Ducky.

Welcome to the first day of spring on March 20! Get well wishes to Bay Street's Bob Swieciki, who is recuperating at home from back surgery. Bob is counting the days until the docs gives him the "ok" to hit the golf course.

Congratulations to Bay Street's Nicole McIntyre, who graduated (six months early) from Richmond, the American International University in London with a bachelor's degree in communications and journalism. Nicky is now headed to Madrid, Spain, where she will pursue a career in journalism.

Congratulations go out to several Citizens-of-the-Month at P.S. 175. First, congratulations to John and Christopher Tomsen for being chosen as Citizens-of-the-Month for February. We are very proud of you. Love from Mom, Dad and your entire family. Great job kudos also to Nicholas Calbo on becoming a February Citizen-of-the-Month, from your pals John and Christopher.

Maria Swieciki

KEEPING CURRENT!



The staff and guests of *The Island Current* gathered for their annual meeting on Jan. 27, 2008, at the Stuyvesant Yacht Club. Karen Nani, editor, along with board members Barbara Dolensek, Marguerite Chadwick-Juner, Rose Kolb and Judy Rauh highlighted different milestones in the 36-year history of the newspaper and acknowledged the contributions of everyone in attendance (including the long-suffering spouses of staff members). The assemblage also remembered longtime contributor Dr. Fred Hess, who passed away in 2007.



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