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How many people does it take to produce a quality community newspaper for 40 years? Many more than are shown above in our first-ever color cover, and we are grateful to everyone who has contributed to the 400 issues of *The Island Current*. We estimate that there have been about 150 different staff members over the last four decades, along with many other contributors and freelance reporters and photographers. We tried hard to find pictures of all of them, and though we inevitably missed a few, we recognize that *The Current* couldn't have survived without everyone, especially our advertisers, who played a part since the first issue in October 1971 (see editorial on page 4).



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# BRIEFLY...

**THE CITY ISLAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON** will offer the America's Boating Course at the City Island Yacht Club, 63 Pilot Street, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. Topics include fundamentals of safe boating, navigation rules and piloting techniques. The course material cost is \$75; instruction is free. Please call Jim Duffy at 718-863-3855 (please do not call after 9 p.m.).

**DRAGONS PATH HALLOWEEN PARTY:** The new martial arts and fitness center at 229 City Island Avenue is hosting a Halloween party for kids on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. Come by and see what Sensei Eddie has to offer in martial arts and other fitness programs for adults and children.

**JOIN THE ANNUAL BREAST CANCER WALK,** "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" at Orchard Beach on Sunday, Oct. 16. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Main Pavilion on the oval. A van will be leaving City Island at 8:30. For more information or transportation or to join a walking group, please call Sonia Torres at 718-885-1615 or Patty Grondahl at 718-885-1891.

**REGISTER TO VOTE:** The last day to register to vote this year is Friday, Oct. 14, 2011. The cutoff date to change your address is Oct. 19. Anyone who is discharged from the military or becomes a naturalized citizen after Oct. 14 can register in person at the Bronx County Board of Elections, 1780 Grand Concourse, until Oct. 28. Anyone with questions can call the Board at 718-299-9017.

**NAUTICAL MUSEUM TALK:** On Sunday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. Bronx historian Tom Casey will give a talk on the Naval Training Base that existed on Rodman's Neck (where the City Island circle is now) during World War I. The talk will be in the Walsh Room of the museum, 190 Fordham Street, and space is limited, so come early. Mr. Casey's talk on the monorail in March 2010 was standing-room-only, so don't miss this one!

**THE 45TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL** will meet at the American Legion Post on City Island on Thursday, Oct. 6. All residents are invited to attend at 7:30 p.m.

**DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S HAUNTED HOUSE,** presented by the City Island Community Center and the City Island Theater Group in the Community Center at 190 Fordham Street. This year's theme: St. Joseph's Dispensary of Death. The house will be welcoming patients, or guests, on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 30 and 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission \$3.00 per person.

# 45 BLOTTER

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

- 7 – CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 1 – DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)
- 1 – ASSAULT
- 1 – DEAD ON ARRIVAL (DOA)
- 1 – DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED LICENSE
- 1 – ACCIDENTAL DROWNING

Police provided details on the following incidents and arrests for the period from Aug. 20 to Sept. 20, 2011.

8/22 – Two Island residents reported overnight damage to their cars parked near 104 City Island Avenue. Police from the 45th Precinct believe that unknown suspects dented the hoods of the two parked vehicles by "dancing" on top of the cars.

8/24 – At 3 a.m. on City Island Avenue, police arrested an Island male, 55, and charged him with DWI.

8/28 – Police recovered the body of Jose Sierra, 68, from the water at Sunset Marina behind 551 City Island Avenue. The off-Island male had recently invested in a fishing boat and went down to check on it during Hurricane Irene. Police believe he fell off the dock and accidentally drowned. He also had a medical condition (cardiac) that may have contributed to his death, according to police. See *Letter to the Editor* related to this incident.

8/30 – At 9:30 p.m., an off-Island male, 16, reported being punched and kicked by un-

known assailants on City Island Avenue and Fordham Street.

8/31 – On Fordham Street, police discovered the body of a male resident, 47, inside his home at 9 a.m. The man was declared DOA due to natural causes.

9/9 – The City Island Little League clubhouse door and awning were damaged in an act of criminal mischief at 200 City Island Avenue.

9/8 – Police on patrol observed a vehicle weaving in and out of the fire lane on City Island Avenue. They pulled the driver over near Centre Street at 10:45 p.m. and arrested the off-Island male, 19, for driving with a suspended license.

9/17 – At 3:30 p.m., an Island resident struck an off-Islander's vehicle with a bat at Fordham Street and City Island Avenue. This is an open complaint of criminal mischief under investigation by police.

9/16 – During the overnight hours, five different vehicles parked on King Avenue, Tier Street, Beach Street and Reville Street were "keyed up" in acts of criminal mischief. Owners parked their cars the previous evening and found the scratches/damage the next day.

## TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE

The westbound lane of the Amtrak bridge that is being reconstructed over the railroad tracks north of the Bartow Circle on Shore Road will be closed to traffic from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. until Oct. 21. Both lanes will be closed from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. during this time.

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# ISLANDERS REMEMBER WTC TRAGEDY

By BARBARA DOLENSEK, KAREN NANI and BILL STUTTIG



Photo by Dan D'Allara

Reynolds Street resident Dan D'Allara lost his twin brother, John, a decorated NYPD Emergency Services Officer, in the attack on the World Trade Center 10 years ago. Leading up to the 10th anniversary, the U.S. Navy invited Dan to ride on the U.S.S. New York, an amphibious transport ship, on Sept. 5, 2011, as it made its way from Norfolk, Virginia into New York Harbor to be part of 9/11 commemoration ceremonies.

Ten years after the attack on the World Trade Center, Islanders commemorated the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, by remembering those with ties to City Island who were lost on that fateful day, sharing New York City's grief, resolve and sense of community.

## LOST

James "Jimmy" Waring was the only clam digger who died in the terrorist attack on 9/11. Born in 1952 to Catherine and Richard Waring, Jimmy was raised on Centre Street with his sisters, Helen Jean and Mary Jane. He attended St. Mary, Star of the Sea School and then Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx and St. John's University, where he received a BA in criminal justice.

Jimmy joined the New York City Police Department. During this time, he met another City Islander, Maria Fusco, on a ski trip to Hunter Mountain, and they were married in 1985. They moved to Bayside, Queens, where they raised their four daughters, Jessica, Stephanie, Maria and Jamie.

He retired from the NYPD in the early 1990s and took up a second career, which fatefully brought him to the Trade Center. He joined the security team at Cantor Fitzgerald, an investment bank, with offices on the 101st to 105th floors of One World Trade Center. He was eventually promoted to head of security at the firm and was working there during the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993, when a truck bomb was detonated below the North Tower of the World Trade Center. He came through that bombing unscathed, but he and other employees walked down 105 flights to evacuate.

On Sept. 11, 2001 Cantor Fitzgerald lost 658 employees, considerably more than any other employer, when American Airlines Flight 11 was hijacked and flown into the North Tower. The impact was between the 93rd and 95th floors of the North Tower, also known as Tower 1, at 8:46 a.m.

Maria Waring told *The Current* that her

husband called her at 8:30 a.m. to check on how the second day of school was going for their daughters. That was the last time she spoke with him. "I was rushing out the door but ran back to pick up the phone. I knew where he was and after hearing about the attack I knew what had probably happened to him."

Her fears were confirmed when the president of Cantor Fitzgerald reported that no one who went work that day had survived. Like many of the victims' families, however, the Warings spent the next month hoping that maybe he would be found alive. According to Jimmy's sister Mary, they visited hospitals, passed around his photograph and kept praying, but to no avail.

Since 2001, members of Jimmy's family, including his wife, daughters and sisters, have attended every 9/11 memorial ceremony at the site. "The girls and I have read names over the years as part of the remembrances. We didn't go this year because of a family wedding."

Instead, Maria went down on Thursday, Sept. 15, to see the new 9/11 memorial. "It was beautiful and peaceful. They did a great job," she said. She located Jimmy's name on the block around the foundation of Tower 1. She said his name is near others who worked at Cantor Fitzgerald.

As part of the 10th anniversary media coverage, his daughters were interviewed by Barbara Walters on the news show "20/20," which aired on Sept. 9. They talked about how much they missed their father and the events of their lives they missed sharing with him, like sweet 16 parties and proms.

Maria and Mary know that Jimmy would be very proud of his daughters. Jessica, now 24, is a certified public accountant; Stephanie, 21, is a senior at Marist College and majoring in criminal justice and psychology; Maria, 19, is a mathematics major at Fairfield University; and Jamie, 14, attends St. Francis Prep high school in Queens.

"He was a great Dad and we miss him every day."



Photo by LAURA BIVONA

Former Islander James Waring was a victim of the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center. He is shown above with his family in July 2001 (l. to r.): Jimmy, his daughters Stephanie, Maria, Jessica, Jamie, and his wife, Maria.

Maurice Kelly was the only City Island resident counted among the missing in the blast. A carpenter, Maurice lived on Bay Street and was working on the 103rd floor of the World Trade Center. His fiancée, Melissa Sponheimer, and his sister, Claire Dawson, joined the thousands of hopeful families and friends in sharing photographs and descriptions with the authorities, providing DNA samples and praying for his survival.

Maurice was relatively new to City Island, having moved here only a couple of years earlier, living first on Fordham Street and later on Bay Street. He needed the larger place because he had custody of his two sons, Sean and Tommy. According to Bob Carmody, Maurice's first friend on the Island, he first worked for Conrail but took the job with the Carpenter's Union at the World Trade Center so he could have more time for his boys.

Even in his short time on the Island, Maurice gained many friends and participated in the life of the community as a Little League coach. Maria Swieciki remembers him very fondly, as Maurice's son Sean was in her daughter's class, and she and her husband took the boys to the batting cages during the Little League days. She told *The Current*: "From what I understand, the boys went back to live with their mother in Westchester. One of the City Island families kept in touch with Maurice's boys and even had them back for a sleepover a few times. Maurice was a wonderful, wonderful guy."

John D'Allara, the twin brother of Islander Dan D'Allara, was a decorated NYPD Emergency Services Officer who died in the attack on the World Trade Center 10 years ago. Dan decided to spend the 10th anniversary of that terrible morning attending a quiet ceremony at his brother's former company, NYPD's ESU Truck 3 in the Bronx. He then went to Police Headquarters in Manhattan for another brief ceremony and returned to City Island in the early afternoon for quiet reflection at the American Legion Post rather than attend the formal ceremonies at the new World Trade Center memorial that were held throughout that day.

"Over the last 10 years one of the things that we have been looking for is justice," he said, reflecting on this difficult decade for him and his wife, Angela, long-time residents of Reynolds Street. "Justice delayed is justice denied. Even getting Osama Bin Laden earlier this year gave us an underwhelming sense of satisfaction. I know that they never stopped looking for him. We would receive regular updates on military operations conducted in honor of my brother and the other victims of 9/11.

"The good thing about the last 10 years is that people all over the country have reached out to us and supported us in countless ways," Dan said recently in the days following the 10th anniversary. "The bad thing is that all the 9/11 families have been conscripted into a life sentence of personal and political agony."

But a strong camaraderie developed between those suffering families of 9/11 victims and continues to this day, he said. "I attended memorials in Brownsville, Brooklyn and Ridgewood, Queens the week after the 10th anniversary. You really get to know parts of this city that I never would have known otherwise. The word for this whole time is bittersweet. Everyone has reached out to us."

One of the entities that reached out to Dan leading up to the 10th anniversary is the U.S.

Navy, which invited Dan to ride on the U.S.S. New York, an amphibious transport ship, on Sept. 5-8 as it made its way from Norfolk, Virginia, into New York Harbor to be part of commemoration ceremonies. He said that while other invited family members spent their time taking advantage of the entertainment planned for the special guests for those three days, Dan was more interested in watching and being part of the ship's operations. He was given access to all parts of the ship, except the most classified cabin, and at one point he was allowed to steer the ship for a brief period as it sailed 40 miles off the coast of Delaware. He was trained and allowed to fire the ship's automatic weapons into the ocean as part of the ship's routine training operations.

Dan, who was greatly impressed with the entire operation, from touring much of the Navel fleet docked in Norfolk, Virginia, to watching the ceremonies as the ship pulled into New York Harbor, said "It was an extraordinary experience, something I consider a gift from my brother. The one thing I have to say to the young people of City Island who don't yet know what they are going to do with their lives is join the Navy. You will be on the cutting edge of maritime technology which will serve you well in whatever you do the rest of your life."

"I have done everything I could do to memorialize my brother," Dan said. "Other people held fund-raisers and golf tournaments and such, and I am not really good at that sort of thing, but I have done everything that I could." Dan's activities memorializing his brother and the other victims of the attacks are well documented. Among many other things, he became a central part of a BBC documentary chronicling the lives of 6 of the 50 people who lost their twins in the attacks. Recalling the events of the fateful morning he said, "All I can tell you is that I'll never be able to say I didn't feel it. It is something I can't describe," he said.

He formed a close relationship with his brother's former partner, Sgt. Lee Hom, who would accompany Dan to countless activities and events in the years following his brother's death.

Dan said he traveled the country memorializing his brother and the other officers that were killed and was even one of 25 central 9/11 figures featured in separate chapters for a book written by renowned author and former City Island-based fireman Dennis Smith entitled "A Decade of Hope."

"My brother and I, although twins, were in many ways complete opposites," Dan recalled. "He was always the academic and I was the businessman, more interested in making a buck, working as a carpet salesman and a musician. But since his death, I have become involved. I think he would be proud of me now."

Dan's ongoing activities that his brother would probably be proud of include his involvement in a class action lawsuit with other 9/11 families against those who financed the attacks, ongoing opposition to the mosque construction proposed for land adjacent to Ground Zero, and the monitoring of events regarding trials of those accused of planning the attacks that killed his twin brother and approximately 3,000 others on that terrible day 10 years ago.

"For ourselves and for the family of City Islander Jimmy Waring, truth has been stranger than fiction," Dan said.

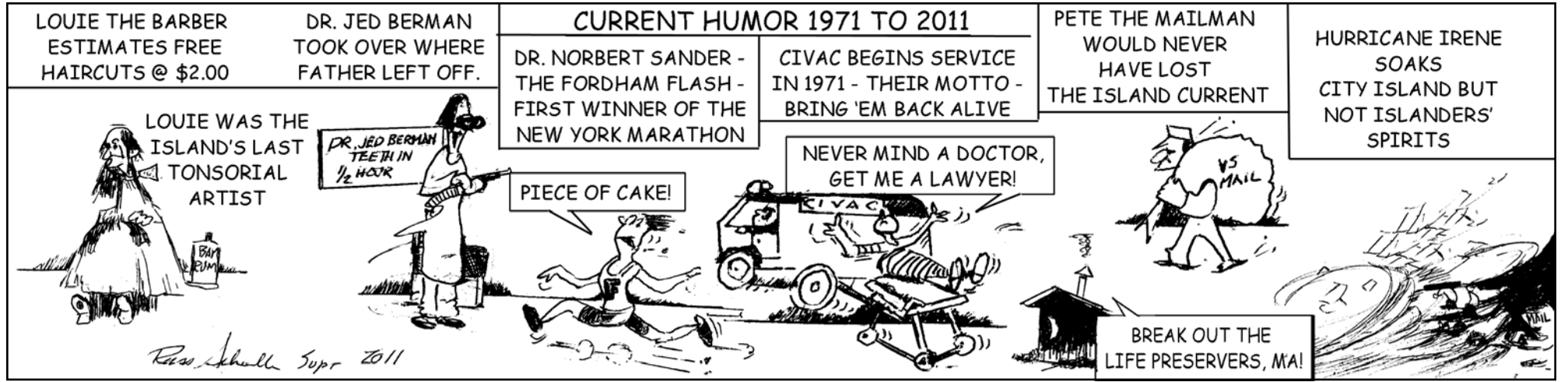
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**Editorial**

In the fall of 1971, a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers joined forces to improve life on City Island, which was suffering from “littered sidewalks, local apathy, not much for teenagers or young families to do” (in the words of Gerald Clancy, one of the early volunteers). The group undertook a number of community projects, and the one that survived was a newspaper called *The Island Current*, which is proud to celebrate its 40th anniversary this month.

That a community newspaper staffed entirely by volunteers has lasted so long is commendable, but what is extraordinary is the level of professionalism that the paper has maintained for so long. Although the budget is small, the books are carefully kept and the paper has never run a deficit. Although the circulation is relatively small, the quality of the design, writing, editing, proofing, photography, and printing has remained higher than that of most small-town newspapers. The advertising and circulation staff members have worked hard for years to make sure that the paper reaches its audience. When the Post Office “lost” all of the subscriber copies last month, “because of Hurricane Irene,” *Current* staffers hand delivered more than 300 papers to Island residents.

As the cover of this anniversary issue shows, many dedicated volunteers have contributed their time and effort to keeping *The Island Current* alive and well all these years. We estimate that there have been about 150 different staff members over the last four decades, along with many other contributors and freelance reporters and photographers. We tried hard to find pictures of all of them, and though we inevitably missed a few, we recognize that *The Current* couldn’t have survived without everyone who played a part along the way. We are grateful for the longtime staff members who have been with the paper for more than 20 years (Russell Schaller, Judy Rauh, Barbara Dolensek, Marguerite Chadwick-Juner, Marsha Treiber, Maria Swieciki) and for those who led us along the way (Sally McPherson and Karen Nani), and we treasure the memories of those who are no longer with us (Julia Yurwitz, Catherine Scott, Dr. Fred Hess).

Most of all, however, we are grateful to City Island residents and businesses past and present who have been our faithful audience for 40 years and who continue to support us with stories, pictures and advertisements. We look to all of you to keep the stories coming and to keep *The Current* flowing by providing us with future generations of volunteers.



Photo by MARK NANI

The Central Post Office temporarily “lost” all of the subscriber copies of the September 2011 issue of *The Island Current*, “because of Hurricane Irene.” In order to insure timely delivery, *Current* staffers, including Karen Nani, Ginger Dannegger (shown above), Judy Rauh, Rose Kolb and Barbara Dolensek, hand delivered more than 300 papers to Island residents on Sept. 8, 2011. Some were eventually delivered by the Post Office, but over two weeks late. The staff of *The Current* apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the delays. Barring any more hurricanes, postal workers assure readers that future subscription copies will be delivered on time.



We welcome letters and opinions. Letters longer than 250 words will be edited, with every effort made to preserve their substance. We reserve the right not to print letters that are copies, libelous, inaccurate or in bad taste, or those that cannot be verified. Include your phone number. Anonymous letters will not be printed, but names will be withheld upon request.

**Hurricane Irene Tragedy**

To the Editor:

On the day the hurricane struck, my father and I went to check on his boat at about 4 p.m. The storm had calmed down by then, there was no more rain and the tide was low, so we figured it was safe enough, even though it was still pretty windy. We walked to Jack’s Bait and Tackle, where my dad keeps the boat and we went down the ramp. We were so happy to see that there was nothing wrong with the boat. It was still tied up nice and tight and there was no water in it and no damage done. What a relief. But I was about to witness something I couldn’t imagine in my wildest dreams.

I told my dad that I wanted to walk toward the end of the dock because I knew that I could see the old dock at my old house on Bay Street from there, and I wanted to see if it was damaged. As I started to walk down the dock, I saw a man standing there talking on his cell phone, and he yelled at me: “Don’t come any closer!” I thought maybe there was something wrong with the dock, but when I looked closer I was horrified at the sight of a man face up in the water, dead! I gasped and my heart dropped. I turned around and told my dad

that there was a body in the water. The man on the phone was trying to explain to the 911 operator where we were, so my dad also got on the phone and called 911.

Since I’m a City Islander and I work at the City Island Diner, I know a lot of people, and I wanted to see if the man was anyone I knew. I took a few steps and looked a little closer, but I didn’t recognize him and quickly turned away. Within minutes we heard sirens coming over the bridge and then more than a dozen people walked down the pier, EMTs, police officers, firefighters, everyone. They asked if anyone had a hook, so the man who had found the body and my dad went to their boats and got their dock poles. I couldn’t watch so I walked further down the dock. One of men’s radios reported that there were women coming down the dock to find a loved one who had gone to check on his boat that morning and hadn’t come home. The rescuers screamed: “Keep them away! Keep them up there!!!”

At this point I was just in the way so I went up the ramp to see the women. There was a wife, her two sisters and a daughter who was about my age (25). They were crying “I need to see if it is him. I need to know!” I sat with them and consoled them as much as I could. I didn’t know what else to do, but I knew I couldn’t just go home. I didn’t know if the man was their loved one, but to be honest I felt it was. Two officers at the top of the ramp kept preventing them from going down. The wife then says to me: “They won’t let me see, so go see if it’s my husband.” I told her I didn’t know her husband, but the daughter showed me a picture on her phone, and my heart sank. I didn’t know what to say, but I guess my face said it all. The woman fell to the floor screaming. They called other family members, and little by little people started to come. The man’s son, Jose, who works for the Fire Department, came down and hugged his fam-

ily. The rescue team let him down the ramp, and a few minutes later he walked back to us shaking his head. It was what I had expected and what they had feared. I too became very emotional, not just because of what I had seen but also because I couldn’t begin to comprehend their loss.

Unfortunately, the hurricane did a lot more damage than to the docks and boats on that day.

Lindsey Kinford

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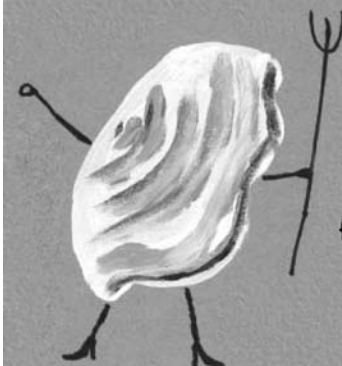
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# HURRICANE IRENE AFTERMATH



Photos by BARBARA DOLENSEK, RICK DeWITT, KAREN NANI and SUSAN RAUH  
The blast of wind, waves and rain from Hurricane Irene on Aug. 28, 2011, damaged docks and beaches on the west side of City Island, including those on Marine, Pilot, Earley, Bay and Tier Streets. The cleanup continued in September with yacht club and street beach crews pitching in to restore damaged piers, jetties and seawalls. One of the two sailboats that broke loose from the Morris Yacht Club fleet and washed up on Earley Street beach was removed on Aug. 30 by Towboat US (top photos). The repair of the

street's beach canopy, railings and steps will reportedly be covered by the insurers of the two boats. A couple of docks on Tier Street suffered damage thanks to the pressure of wind and storm surge at the peak of high tide during the hurricane. A group of Tier Street residents, supervised by Mama the Lab, worked hard to repair damage to the dock at the end of Tier Street (photos, second row). The south seawall of the Stuyvesant Yacht Club was pounded by Irene. Club members stabilized the situation and are awaiting word from their insurance company to proceed with repairs (photos, third row). The City Island Yacht Club's main dock was the most severely damaged and requires new stringers and decking (photos, fourth row). With access to the launch float cut off, the Stuyvesant Yacht Club is providing launch service to boat owners from the City Island Yacht Club. In the hurricane's aftermath, a nautical spirit of cooperation prevailed among City Island residents, yacht clubs and boat owners.



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.

Why leave City Island for training in the martial arts? Come visit the **Dragons Path Academy** at 229 City Island Avenue and see what Sensei Eddie has to offer. His motto is "train hard, have fun, learn something." For more information, visit [www.dragonspathacademy.com](http://www.dragonspathacademy.com). Along with Tae Kwon Do, he offers courses in self defense, cardio kick-boxing, zumba and yoga, as well as a martial arts after-school program for youngsters Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. For the schedule and fees, call 917-742-2007.

Don't miss the fall season of **art classes for children** given by Laury Hopkins at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street. Classes are held for different age groups from Monday through Thursday beginning in October and running through December. See the Community Center news on page 9 for the complete schedule. For more information or to register, please call Laury at 718-885-3202.

**The Club House** is a members-only club located at 274 City Island Ave (south of Hawkins Street) made up of Islanders who share an interest in sports and entertainment and enjoy good fellowship. To join, one must be at least 23 years

old; membership is \$35 a year. The club will be open every weekday at 3 p.m. and weekends at noon, closing at 1 or 2 a.m. on weekends and on weeknights at midnight. Music will be performed live on weekends, starting Oct. 1 with Boomerang, Blue Collar and Johnny Valenti, with various duo and trio acts, and on Oct. 21 with Aliven-Kickin' and Pepe and Son. Football and baseball games will be featured on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and there will be an open buffet or BBQ tables all day Sunday. There is a zero tolerance for drug use, fighting or rude behavior. The Club House will be available for private parties with or without catered food; it can also be used as a meeting place for Island groups. For information, stop by and ask for Kelly Carmody or pick up an application.

On Monday, Oct. 31, dress your pet as well as yourself for City Island's annual Halloween parade. Prizes will be given out for first and second and third place costumes. The children's parade will gather at Hawkins Park at 5:30 p.m. and start at 6. The pet parade will follow immediately afterwards. Pet costumes are available at **Doggie Island**, 268 City Island Avenue.

**The Focal Point Gallery**, 321 City Island Avenue, will present *Sturm und Drang*, an exhibition of emotionally provocative art work depicting "storm and stress," drama and emotion featuring images by Laury Hopkins, Ralph Giordano and Ron Terner. The exhibition will run from Oct. 7 through the 31st, with an opening reception on Friday, Oct. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m.

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

**Special Program:** Game Strike. Saturday, Oct. 8, at 1:30 p.m.

#### October Adult Programs

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

**Resumé Writing Workshop:** Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Please register in advance.

**New!** Introduction to the Internet in Spanish! Nuevo! Introduction a Internet impartido en Espanol: Wednesdays, Oct. 5 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**New!** Facebook. The most popular social network web site online. Now you can make new friends and reconnect with old ones. Every other Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 718-885-1703 for exact dates.

**Special Event:** I Meditate N.Y. Join us for a meditation movement empowering New Yorkers to do more of the things they love by recharging through meditation: a practical way to refresh every day. In two parts: Saturdays, Oct. 8 and 15, at 2 p.m.

**Special Event:** Lecture. Professor Victor Mastro will give a lecture on the history of the military in the Bronx. Saturday, Oct. 29, at 2 p.m. (This program is pending; please call for confirmation.)

Please check our flyers for any additional programs, cancellations, or last-minute changes for October 2011. All of our programs are free. We are located at 320 City Island Avenue at Bay Street. For information about any of the programs above, call the City Island branch at 718-885-1703.

## Bartow-Pell Events

On Sunday, Oct. 2, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum will sponsor a fund-raising rally of antique and other unique automobiles. Bring a picnic, see and be seen in your wheels, and enjoy the garden. Registration is required; call 718-885-1461 or e-mail [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org) for rally details and to register. Cost is \$30 donation per car to participate; free for spectators.

Friday, Oct. 7, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., is a First Friday and Bartow-Pell can be accessed by the (free) Bronx Seaside Trolley. Enjoy the magic of the mansion at night, and listen to jazz with the Austin Harris Trio. You can also tour the mansion, stroll the garden, savor light refreshments and hop on the trolley to explore City Island. The trolley makes a continuous loop from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPMM to City Island. Registration is requested; call 718-885-1461 or e-mail [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org). Cost is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors and students; members are free.

From Friday through Sunday, Oct. 14-16, the Bartow-Pell will participate in the Historic House Trust Festival and OpenHouseNY Weekend. There will be free guided tours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons between noon and 4 p.m. Tours start at quarter past the hour. For directions, visit [www.bpmm.org](http://www.bpmm.org).

It will be "High Time for Low Tea" on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Enjoy a true Victorian low tea in the mansion's Orangerie served by docents in period dress. Learn about low versus high tea, tea history and etiquette, all the while delighting in delicious, traditional tea-time treats. Appropriate for ages 10 and up. Registration required; call 718-885-1461 or e-mail [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org). Cost is \$20 per person; members \$15.

On Sunday, Oct. 16, from 4:30-6 p.m. Chef, writer and James Beard Award-winning cookbook author Judith Choate will offer a wonderful taste of American food

history in a fascinating presentation. Free, but registration is requested; call 718-885-1461 or e-mail [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org).

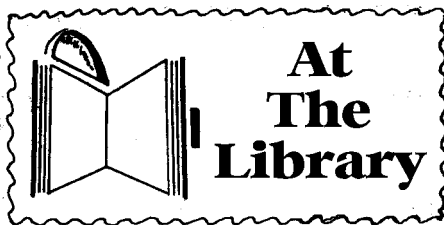
BPMM Investigations will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m., when paranormal investigator Dan Sturges discusses the findings of two investigations he and his team led at the mansion during the fall. Learn the mystery of history. Space is limited so registration is required. Call 718-885-1461 or e-mail [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org). Cost is \$20 for adults, \$17 seniors and students; members \$16 adults, \$14 seniors and students.

Volunteers are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and don their gardening gloves to help keep the garden and grounds of BPMM looking beautiful. Put Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on your calendar, and remember to bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. A light breakfast will be available. Registration is requested; call 718-885-1461 or e-mail [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org).

#### Become a BPMM Member

Members of the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum enjoy special discounts on admissions to museum events, but several special events will be offered to members only during the month of October, and everyone is encouraged to join. For example, members will be treated to a luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 12 to 2 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., as part of the Fall Member Mornings series in which designers and decorators discuss their craft and historic figures in the field, Maureen Footer of Maureen Footer Design discusses her research for a book on mid-century designer George Stacey, whose clients included Grace Kelly, and Babe and Bill Paley, among others. Enjoy a fascinating talk at the mansion with coffee and pastries. Open to members only. Free but registration is requested. Call 718-885-1461 or email [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org) to register. There are several levels of membership so for more details or to join, call 718-885-1461 or e-mail [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org).



### Come Celebrate the Library's 100th Anniversary on City Island (1911-2011)!

Hours: Mondays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### October Children's Programs

**Lapsit Program:** Wednesday, Oct. 12, and Thursday, Oct. 27. 11 a.m. Birth to 18 months. All welcome for story time and music.

**Read-Aloud Story Time:** Read-aloud picture books: Thursdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 3:30 p.m. Ages 4 to 10.

**Halloween Arts and Crafts:** Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 3:30 p.m.

**Face Painting for Halloween:** Monday, Oct. 31, at 4 p.m.

**Toddler Time:** Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 11 a.m. 18 to 36 months.

**Special Event:** Story Fun For Everyone. Stories and tales from around the world, filled with action, humor and audience participation. Presented by Getchie Argestsinger. Monday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m.

#### October Young Adult Programs

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

**Yu-Gi-Oh,** Every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

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

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# THE UNHERALDED TRAGEDIES OF 9/11

By **BOBBY RUGGIERO**

As the 10th anniversary of this day came close, Karen Nani, the editor of *The Island Current*, called and asked me how my life had been impacted during the 10 years since the tragedy took place. She wanted me to follow up on the stories I told then based on my experience working with the Medical Examiner's office down at Ground Zero. We all recognize the heroic efforts of the fallen Members of Service and the emotional stress everyone has had to work through, but we need to recognize that not all victims of that day died at the Towers. One person was Tom Shepardson, a funeral director from Syracuse, and I would like to take this opportunity to tell his story and that of others who worked alongside me in those days following 9/11.



**Bobby Ruggiero**

First, some background: After the massacre in Jonestown, Guyana, in 1978, the federal government realized it was unprepared to deal with a problem of this design and magnitude. There were more than 900 decomposing bodies that needed to be repatriated to the United States, and the people dispatched to respond to this tragedy really didn't have the expertise to accomplish the mission. Although the project was followed through to a successful conclusion, the emotional aftermath on the civilian respondents was catastrophic.

So in 1985 the federal government turned to the National Funeral Directors Association for help. After all, funeral directors are well qualified to deal with such issues. The cry for help went out industry-wide and the Mass Casualty Response Team was formed, with Tom Shepardson as our commanding officer. Our second in command was Clifford Oldfield from Long Island, and the next level of supervisory personnel was shared by myself and three others.

This team of hundreds of unpaid volunteers responded to such incidents as the Oklahoma City bombing, the Happy Land Social Club fire here in the Bronx, the Avianca Airlines crash in Long Island, the Korean Airlines crash in Guam, the U.S. Air crash at LaGuardia, TWA 800 and all three events of 9/11. Tom Shepardson spent more time building a team to serve others in their time of distress than he did at his own funeral home. Just before 9/11, the notoriety and prestige of this team placed the activation process just two phone calls from the White House. (If you are interested in learning more, please visit [www.dmort.org/DNPages/Tom\\_Page.htm](http://www.dmort.org/DNPages/Tom_Page.htm).)

In the weeks after 9/11, as the recovery process from the Trade Center slowed to a painstaking pace, team members were sent home to cycle out and rest. By now our airlines were back flying and we were able to bring in replacement personnel from around the country. Tom returned home to Syracuse but his thoughts never left New York City. He made numerous trips back here to keep morale up with team members and to check on progress being made with surviving families.

On one of Tom's trips back home in the winter of 2003, Tom's son Chris had asked his dad to plow out the funeral home's parking lot for the next day's visiting hours. Tom is a physically fit military man with the demeanor of Gibbs from the TV show "NCIS." He set off in his Jeep, crossed the parking lot, slipped past the property line, and, as neighbors watched, drove the Jeep into a ravine. The onlookers knew something was wrong and ran to his aid but found him unresponsive. After a gallant effort by literally dozens of EMS personnel, Tom was declared dead at a local hospital a few hours later. I know his mind never left those Towers.

Our number two in command, Cliff Oldfield, was looking forward to a Christmas Eve with his family in 2005 when he told his wife that he was mentally drained and wanted to lie down for a while. His family couldn't wake him for dinner. Cliff was 56 years old.

And there was Mario Antonelli from Rome, Italy, who had been so consumed with grief for the families of the victims that he convinced his wife to come with him to New York just to witness firsthand the devastation he saw unfolding on the news. Upon his arrival at Kennedy Airport, Mario and his wife hailed a cab and directed the driver to go directly to Ground Zero. The cab stopped at a security checkpoint a block from the site when they got out. His wife told me that Mario looked at the still smoldering twisted rubble, looked up at the sky and then just collapsed. The Medical Examiner released him to us with a cause I've never seen before in my career: Sudden Death Syndrome.

A priest once told me that sometimes God doles out his grand reward by bringing home the truly deserving. I question the priest's statement. The ancillary casualties of this tragedy are far too many to enumerate and this chapter of our nation's history may never close. To date, there are still thousands of unidentified remains being stored at Memorial Park near the Medical Examiner's office waiting new identification technology.

Semper fidelis, Tom.

# SCHOOL STARTS WITH SCAFFOLDING

By **KAREN NANI** and **VIRGINIA DANNEGGER**



Photos by **KAREN NANI**

**P.S. 175 was under a shroud of scaffolding for the start of the new school year on Sept. 8, 2011, as the long-awaited reconstruction of the second floor continued past the summer months. The project, begun a year ago by the School Construction Authority, is scheduled to be completed in October of this year and includes new enclosed classrooms, windows and air conditioning. Inset above, Tina Gisante, parent coordinator, and Amy Lipson, principal, describe the construction to *The Current's School News* editor, Virginia Dannegger.**

Students and faculty returned to P.S. 175 on Sept. 8, 2011, under a shroud of scaffolding as the long-awaited reconstruction of the second floor continued past the summer months. The project, begun a year ago by the School Construction Authority, is scheduled to be completed in October of this year.

"Thankfully, it's closer to being finished than being started," principal Amy Lipson told *The Current*. She took time out on busy "Meet the Teacher" day on Sept. 20 to describe the project and the nature of the improvements being made to the 36-year-old building.

The major focus of the construction is to divide the second floor into eight fully enclosed classrooms compared to the current open layout, in which only bookcases separate the different grades. The school was originally designed in an "open classroom" style with an expected occupancy of around 200. It is now home to 340 students, and over the years the population has exceeded 400.

For several years the Parent Teacher Association and, more recently, the School Leadership Team (SLT) had petitioned the Board of Education to revise the floor plan of the school and enclose the classrooms. They complained of noise and overcrowded conditions that made it difficult for students to concentrate. According to Ms. Lipson, who is in her seventh year as principal, it took a "relentless campaign on the part of the SLT, led by [the late] Ed Rothschild, to finally get the capital funds allocated."

The renovation also includes new windows throughout the building, new lighting in the cafeteria and new alarm and public address systems, Ms. Lipson added. Furthermore, "a new air-conditioning unit, the size of a small house, was brought in and installed on the roof of the school for more efficient cooling of both floors."

The principal and the parent coordinator, Tina Gisante, are excited about the changes. "The eight new classrooms are

almost done, and there will also be a library with walls, a circulation desk and new bookshelves. The classrooms will house grades four through six, with one additional subject class for seventh- or eighth-graders." The remaining upper-class subjects will continue to be taught in the balcony classrooms, which were already enclosed. The classrooms for the lower grades on the main floor will remain the same, including the "cottages" behind the main building, which house second and third grades.

Teachers and administrators are anxiously waiting for the work to be completed. During the past year of construction, makeshift classrooms for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders had to be set up in the gymnasium of the school. This necessitated moving physical education classes outdoors (weather permitting) and relocating the Island election site for the 2010 election to the school's cafeteria area.

"The construction crew worked all summer during the day. They are working from 3 to 11 p.m. now that school has started. The projected completion is mid- to late October, and we look forward to the unveiling," Ms. Lipson noted, adding that even she is not allowed upstairs to see the progress because of safety regulations. She did, however, work with the architect during the planning phase.

The principal credits the efforts of the PTA, SLT and a relentless letter-writing campaign for obtaining the funds that was supported by local politicians, including Councilman Jimmy Vacca, State Senator Jeff Klein and former Borough President Adolfo Carrion. She kept her fingers crossed when the economy took a downturn and the Board of Education made budget cuts, but the capital funding for the P.S. 175 project remained intact.

She praised the teamwork the reconstruction required. "It's a tribute to how well the City Island community and the school administration worked together to bring about major improvements to a great school."

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## Organization News

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### Current Calendar

#### OCTOBER

Thurs., Fri., and Sat., Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, **American Legion Pumpkin Sale.** Legion parking lot at City Island Avenue and Cross Street, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 1, **Annual Food Sale,** Trinity Methodist Church, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bay Street and City Island Avenue.

Thurs., Oct. 6, **45th Precinct Community Council Meeting,** American Legion Post, City Island Avenue and Cross Street, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 14, **Last day to Register to Vote.** Call the Board of Elections at 718-299-9017 for more information.

Tues., Oct. 25, **City Island Civic Association meets,** 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Sat., Oct. 29, **POTS Program,** St. Mary's Schoolyard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: beef stew.

Sun. and Mon., Oct. 30 and 31, **Haunted House,** City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street, 7 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Community Center and the City Island Theater Group.

Mon., Oct. 31, **Halloween Parade,** starting at the corner of Fordham Street and City Island Avenue, 5:30 p.m. Pet Parade immediately following sponsored by Doggie Island.

#### NOVEMBER

Tues., Nov. 8, **Election Day,** P.S. 175, 200 City Island Avenue.

Sat., Nov. 12, **Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner,** 7 to 11 p.m., Pelham/ Split Rock Golf Course (see ad this issue).

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

Both St. Mary's School and our religious education program have begun well. Our students seem engaged and enthusiastic about the new school year.

Our monthly Holy Hour will resume on Friday, Oct. 7, from 4 to 5 p.m. All are invited to attend this special period of prayer.

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. in St. Mary's School yard or in the school gym in case of rain.

All are welcome to attend our coffee hour in the rectory on the second Sunday of the month, Oct. 9, after the 10 a.m. Mass.

During this month, there will be a special meeting for the parents of students in our confirmation program. Parents and students will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in St. Mary's school gym.

Oct. 23 is designated as World Mission Sunday, a day of prayer that all may grow in their awareness of the work our missionaries do in third world countries. We all are called to assist in the mission of the Church in spreading the Gospel.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, there will be a special Enrollment Mass at 10 a.m. for all those who are preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation in May. Parents and students will participate in this initial event in preparation for the sacrament.

Our Parish Council will resume its meetings in October. Date to be determined.

Sr. Bernadette, osu

### Trinity United Methodist Church

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

A Fall Group Bible Study will be held at Trinity

for five consecutive Sundays in Fellowship Hall beginning Oct. 23 and concluding on Nov. 20. It runs from 11:30 to 12:30. A round table type of discussion based on the subjects presented in the Biblical text being read. The study is aimed at an understanding of the text and its application to us as Christians today. It is led by George Cavaleri, Trinity's Lay Leader/Speaker.

The study is a continuation of the New Testament historical narrative of the book of the "Acts of the Apostles" written by Luke, Chapters 16-20. The New Testament Text and a study outline will be provided and no registration or fee is required. The study will again resume during Lent of 2012.

All in the community interested in Bible Study are welcome regardless of whether you have or have not previously attended. In the words of Jesus, "Come and see."

The Budget Corner has re-opened with lots of newly donated items; check it out! The schedule is: Oct. 1, 4, 15, 18 and 29. Nov. 1, 12, 15, and 19. Dec. 6, 10, 13, and 17. It will close for the Christmas holiday and re-open on or about Jan. 10. Remember, donations to, and proceeds from the Budget Shop help Trinity to continue in programs and outreach on City Island.

Rick DeWitt

### Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island wishes all our friends and neighbors a most happy and healthy, sweet New Year (5772).

"Your Shul by the Sea," located at 480 City Island Avenue, between Beach and Bowne Streets, is unaffiliated, an all-inclusive, egalitarian and spirited congregation, providing an exciting place for observance for Jewish families and individuals who come from many different communities and cultures. We gather together under the leadership of the innovative Rabbi Shohama Wiener; Cantor Elaine Faver, a composer and arranger; and the singing pianist, Reb David Markus.

Attendance at our High Holy Day services is free. They continue with Kol Nidre to open Yom Kippur at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7.

Yom Kippur morning service starts at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8. Yizkor will begin around 11 a.m. The evening service begins at 5:15 p.m. and will be followed by a "Break the Fast." We hope you will be able to add to it with a dairy or vegetarian dish. (Call Bob Berent if you can help at 718-885-3098.)

Rabbi Shohama, accompanied by guitar, will conduct her next Kabbalat "welcome" Shabbat on at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, when we celebrate Sukkot.

Simchat Torah will be celebrated on Friday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

A chamber music concert is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30. It will feature music by Ibert, Rossini, Shubert and even Scott Joplin! This concert by the Bardekova Ensemble (with flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon) is made possible with funds from the Bronx Council on the Arts through the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, the Music Performance Fund and private donations.

Sabbath services are Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. Open to all, we use Rabbi Marcia Prager's easy-to-read English prayer book with singable Hebrew. Some Friday nights are congregation-led. Come and participate with Bob Berent, accordionist and drop-in musicians.

Contact us about your life-cycle service in our sanctuary or to sponsor an oneg, or to help with our annual breaking of the fast on Yom Kippur, Saturday, Oct. 8.

For additional information, please call Steve Slotnick at 718-931-0382 or Paul Klein at Kaleidoscope, 718-885-3090.

Bob Berent

### AARP Chapter 3303

The chapter held its first two meetings following the summer hiatus on Sept. 1 and 15. Members welcomed the new season of activities.

President Karin Gorziska informed us that the chapter would be having a luncheon at the Sea Shore Restaurant on Thursday, Oct. 13. The \$38 charge must be paid in advance by Oct. 6. Also scheduled is an afternoon Christmas Dinner Dance (\$49 per person) at the Davenport Beach Club on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011. In addition, we



Photo by PATTY GRONDAHL

**The New York State Beach Clean-up, a group that included students from P.S. 175, City Island residents and Girl Scout Troop 1395, collected more than 35 bags of floatsam and jetsam (almost 500 pounds worth) from the shore east of the City Island Bridge on Saturday, Sept. 17, while collecting data for the Ocean Conservancy.**

were promised a Pizza Bingo Party and will be advised of the date in due course.

The collection of dues (\$15 a year per person) for the coming fiscal year commenced at the Sept. 15 meeting. Members were reminded that they must first be members in good standing of the AARP national chapter before they can be maintained as members of the local chapter 3303.

The chapter meets at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month (except January, July and August) in the Trinity United Methodist Church Hall, 113 Bay Street, City Island. For the rest of the year, meetings will be held on Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 3 and 17 and Dec. 1 and 15.

Prospective new members are always welcome.

Paula Huffell

### City Island Republicans

The last day to change your party enrollment to Republican for the April 24, 2012, Presidential Primary will be Oct 14, 2011. Only registered Republicans will be able to vote that day in the Republican primary.

That is also the cutoff date for registering to vote for the general election on Nov. 8, 2011. The cutoff date to change your address for the November election is Oct. 19.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Post, 550 City Island Avenue.

We are always in need of poll workers. Anyone interested can call Fred Ramftl at 718-885-0984.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

### PSS Senior Programs

**Healthy Exercise Program:** You can attend all classes for \$20 per month or all classes for \$6 per week. Or for individual classes you may contribute \$2 for exercise and \$4 for dance.

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

**Anne Hutchinson Legacy Writing Group:** The writing group will hold sessions on Tuesdays in October from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Grace Church Hall. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to write a memoir for your family. We wish the former Writing Group leader Joan Nilon the best on her move out West, and we welcome Gail Hitt as our new leader. For further information or to sign up, please call Gail at 718-885-0444.

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

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

**Transportation Services:** Everyone over 60

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

Call to receive our detailed monthly calendar featuring trips and events, such as group theater discounts.

Programs are funded by Presbyterian Senior Services and the NYC Department for the Aging.

Patty Grondahl

### AARP Chapter 318

Chapter #318 meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month. New members are always welcome!

Our annual penny auction will be held on Oct. 19 at Trinity United Methodist Church. Doors open at noon, and admission is \$7, which includes a sheet of tickets and lunch. We will have tables selling homemade cakes and jewelry.

Come and bring a friend for a fun afternoon.

Carmelia A. Ramftl

### REGULAR MEETINGS

#### Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

##### Narcotics Anonymous:

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

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

##### Alcoholics Anonymous:

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

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church: 718-885-1218

Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080

##### Overeaters Anonymous:

Saturdays at 11 a.m., Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080







For additional information about the Community Center, or if you are interested in conducting classes here please call 718-885-1145.

**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.cityisland-communitycenter.org](http://www.cityisland-communitycenter.org), call 718-885-1145 or "Like" us on Facebook.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Halloween Haunted House: St. Joseph's Dispensary of Death.** Sunday, Oct. 30 (Halloween Eve) and Monday, Oct. 31 (Halloween Night). 7 to 9 p.m. \$3 admittance.

**October Classic Movie Night-Double Feature!:** Halloween 1 and 2. Friday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. \$2 per ticket. Concessions available. For more information, please e-mail [BxShanley@optonline.net](mailto:BxShanley@optonline.net) or call 917-721-8747.

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**Weekly Schedule**

**YOUTH PROGRAM**

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

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

**ADULT PROGRAM**

**Yoga Stretch with Norma:** Thursdays

at 7 p.m. This is an easy hatha vinyasa class suitable for all fitness levels. These yoga stretch poses helps remove any fears or challenges in doing these exercises, and it also assists with stress reduction and weight management. This class focuses on stretching and toning muscles that are often neglected but that are so important to keeping you healthy and mobile. And best of all, yoga stretch is easy and fun enough for beginners and for those who just haven't exercised in a while. \$10 per class; call 718-885-0535.

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

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

**Belly Dancing: Shimmy by the Sea.** Theresa Mahon (a.k.a. Salacia) teaches the oldest documented dance in the history of mankind—Egyptian belly dancing. It is a low-impact way to get in shape and tone your body while having lots of fun. Terry has been a professional belly dancer for 23 years and a teacher of the art for 15 years. Classes are held every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. The fee for each one-hour class is \$15. Call 845-358-0260.

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

**Parenting in the 21st Century:** Join an ongoing and free-wheeling discussion of the joys and pains of parenting led by Teacher John (parent, grandparent, school psychologist, parent educator). Learn to stop yelling, get what you want from your family life and create opportunities for your children to become responsible, loving and independent. Eight sessions (one per month) from 7:30 to 9 p.m. \$20 per session. Contact John Scardina at 718-885-9305 or through his website [www.thinklaughlearn.com](http://www.thinklaughlearn.com).

**SheWorkHer:** Learn basic home repair. SheWorkHer is dedicated to helping women learn just how much they can do with a few tools and the right knowledge, and saving hundreds of dollars doing it yourself. Classes are every other Monday. Call Nancy today at 646-235-1175 and reserve your spot.

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

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

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

Amy Gottlieb

**American Legion Post # 156**

The annual Pumpkin Sale will take place at the Post from Thursday, Sept. 29, to Saturday, Oct. 1. I hope you have a chance to go early, as the pumpkin crop was in short supply this year.

Our first regular meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 3. This is an important meeting because six members, including Buddy "Old Chap" Scallon, will be elevated to Post Everlasting. An executive board meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 17.

The Veteran's Day ceremony will be on Friday, Nov. 11, at 10:30 a.m. under the Winged Victory monument in Pelham Bay Park. The annual Veterans Day Parade will be on Sunday, Nov. 13, on Tremont Avenue. The troops will step off at 12 noon.

The Bronx County Auxiliary Ball will be on Friday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. at Villa Barone. Tickets are \$75.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, the Servicemen's Dance will be at the Post starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30.

The next executive board meeting will then be on Monday, Nov. 21.

Until November, at ease.

Russ Schaller, Sgt. Emeritus

**Grace Episcopal Church**

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

Wednesday Morning Prayer is suspended until further notice.

Lambs Babysitting available on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 9:50 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, at 12 noon, there will be a Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. In keeping with tradition, all pets (furry, winged, scaled and finned) are invited to the Grace courtyard for a blessing, and in the interest of peacekeeping, we ask that attendees be leashed, caged or otherwise appropriately restrained!

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

There are drink specials at the bar now that football season has arrived. Come on down and root for your favorite teams.

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

Our next meeting will be on Friday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m. After the meeting, come in the bar and have a drink with our weekend cocktail specials.

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

Our annual Halloween party will be on Friday, Oct. 28. Stop by the post for further details.

The famous lake in the parking lot has diminished. We recently had a new automatic pump installed. Thanks to Jimmy Livingston, who dug out the storm drain. We had no water in the basement after Hurricane Irene, but the storm that followed gave us several inches of water down there. Bill Clancy Sr. was down there in no time to pump it out. Job well done!

A thank you goes out to Legionnaire Dave Ball who swept our outdoor smoking area just in time for football season.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

**City Island Theater Group**

Make your plans now and get your advance tickets for the City Island Theater Group's production of Arthur Miller's classic play "The Crucible," which opens on Friday, Nov. 4, and runs for the subsequent two weekends at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street. On Nov. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19, performances start at 8 p.m.; there will be matinee performances on Nov. 6 and 13 at 3 p.m. Get your tickets now by e-mailing [tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com](mailto:tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com) or calling 718-885-3066.

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**Primates**

A recent viewing of **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (2011) was an enjoyable experience, and it reminded me of all the movies about apes and gorillas that have come before. The original **Planet of the Apes** (1968), with a script co-authored by *The Twilight Zone* creator Rod Serling, told the story of Colonel George Taylor (Charleton Heston), an American astronaut who crash lands on a planet in the distant future where intelligent talking apes are the dominant species and humans are oppressed and enslaved. The four sequels—**Beneath the Planet of the Apes** (1970), **Escape from the Planet of the Apes** (1971), **Conquest of the Planet of the Apes** (1972) and **Battle for the Planet of the Apes** (1973)—tell the back story of humankind's demise and the apes' ascent.

In "Beneath," whose action takes place not long after that of the original, Brent (James Franciscus), the sole survivor of an interplanetary rescue mission, searches for Taylor, the only survivor of the previous expedition. In "Escape," two chimp scientists who have managed to get off the planet arrive back in Los Angeles in the 1970s, where they are greeted with the same sort of skepticism and fear that Taylor encountered in ape society. These chimps, Zira and Cornelius (Kim Hunter and Roddy McDowell), are a married couple and in the course of the movie have a baby. In the two final installments, their son Caesar (also played by McDowell), leads the primate battle against humans. The sequels are of wildly variable quality.

The 2001 remake of **Planet of the Apes** stars Mark Wahlberg as Capt. Leo Davidson, who also has been flung through the space-time continuum into the future to a planet where apes rule over humans. Stick with the original, which is truly the best of all the series. However, I did find the 2011 version **Rise of Planet of the Apes** an intriguing prequel; it tells the story of how the world moved in the direction that led to the primate takeover. During experiments to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease, a genetically enhanced chimpanzee uses its greater intelligence to lead other apes to freedom. This film stars James Franco as scientist Will Rodman, who raises this chimp in an attempt to help his own father, Charles Rodman (John Lithgow), whose brain is deteriorating.

As a child, I was absolutely terrified by the classic and first of the primate films, **King Kong** (1933), which I saw on "Million Dollar Movie" on TV. A film crew led by Carl Denham (Robert Armstrong) goes to a tropical island for an exotic location shoot and discovers a colossal giant gorilla who takes a shine to their female blonde star, Ann Darrow (Fay Wray). When Denham brings the beast to New York City, a large-scale disaster is precipitated where the colossal King Kong scales the Empire State Building clutching a petrified Darrow. In the sequel, **Son of Kong** (1933), Carl Denham tries to avoid everyone who is trying to sue him for the havoc from the first film, and he boards a ship to the remote island where he first captured the enormous ape. When a mutiny strands him and a few companions on the island, they find they have a new pet, a baby gorilla of gargantuan proportions. This is a classic sequel that is quite a lot of fun. I would definitely avoid **King Kong Lives** (1967),

the 1976 remake **King Kong** (starring Jessica Lange and Jeff Bridges), and **King Kong Escapes** (1984). These films are so bad, they are really bad.

Peter Jackson (of **Lord of the Rings** trilogy fame) did a remake of **King Kong** (2005), which is extremely well done, though overly long. In homage to the 1933 version, it stars Naomi Watts as Ann Darrow, whose relationship with the gargantuan gorilla is oddly sweet. The first hour of the film sets a nostalgic mood with Art Deco titles, an old-fashioned movie score by James Newton Howard and a New York City with soup kitchens and vaudeville houses. Carl Denham (Jack Black) entices Ann and her favorite playwright Jack Driscoll (Adrien Brody) onto an old boat, whose sleazy captain (Thomas Krestchmann) captures and transports exotic animals. The middle hour on Skull Island is a special effects blitz, which is the basis for nightmares, with the exception of the delightful developing "relationship" between the dancing Darrow and vegetarian Kong (Andy Serkis). The last hour is back in New York City, with all the drama of the original film.

As I child I greatly preferred **Mighty Joe Young** (1949) winner of the 1949 Academy Award for Special Effects. In this film, Robert Armstrong plays producer Max O'Hara, who with the help of a cowboy (Ben Johnson), sweet-talks a young woman (Terry Moore) into bringing Joe, her pet gorilla, from Africa to Hollywood to become headliners for his show. However, instead of meeting the same fate as Kong, Joe freaks out but while he is being taken to safety he stops to save children from a burning orphanage. In the decent 1988 remake, Joe is brought to America by Jill (Charlize Theron) to keep him safe from poachers. Gregg O'Hara (Bill Paxton), an American zoologist, helps her take Joe to a Los Angeles animal conservancy. Life is still not perfect with predictable results.

There are two serious stories in this category. The first is **Gorillas in the Mist** (1988), which is based on the autobiographical 1983 book by naturalist Dian Fossey, who is played by Sigourney Weaver. Inspired by famed anthropologist Louis Leakey (Iain Cuthbertson), Fossey devoted her life to the study of rare mountain gorillas in Rwanda, where she was murdered in 1985.

Along a similar vein, **Instinct** (1999) is the fictional story of a noted anthropologist Ethan Powell (Anthony Hopkins), who is studying the behavior of mountain gorillas in Rwanda. His connection is so deep that he goes to live with them, and eventually he kills some poachers. When Powell is extradited to the United States, it is up to a young psychiatrist, Theo Caulder (Cuba Gooding Jr.), to get through to him.

And until next time, happy viewing. . .

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

Mrs. Jane Dennehy, principal, welcomes the following faculty members for the 2011-2012 school year: the Pre-K teacher is Ms. Joyce Ocasio, who will be assisted by Mrs. Maria Torres and Ms. Ellen Moises. Ms. Beth Nesheiwat will teach kindergarten, aided by Ms. Lais Moises. The first-graders will have Sr. Joan McKinney, and Grade 2 will be taught by Ms. Bilma Garcia. Mrs. Theresa Bivona is the third-grade teacher, and Mrs. Helen McMahan and Mrs. Lisa Moore will teach grades 4 and 5, respectively. The sixth-graders will have Mr. Robert Garrison; Ms. Erin Zangaglia will teach Grade 7 and Ms. Rachel Mirabito will have Grade 8.

The music director is Mr. Dan Goewey; the art instructor is Ms. Lais Moises; Mrs. Renata Pineau will teach physical education, and Mrs. Diana O'Halloran will head the computer program.

**Public School 175**

Principal Amy Lipson would like to

welcome back the children, parents and faculty for the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Miskimmon and Ms. Bellon are teaching kindergarten, and Mrs. Stevelman and Mrs. Cambria will be working with the first-graders. The second and third grades are fortunate to have Mrs. Carter Spencer, Ms. Aiola, Mrs. McManus, Ms. Palazzo and Mrs. Mazzella. The Grade 4 teachers are Ms. Montenare and Ms. Forman, and the fifth grade will be taught by Ms. Minor and Ms. Ramos. The homeroom teachers for the sixth grade are Ms. Fretwell and Ms. Lawless. Seventh- and eighth-grade teachers include Mr. Scopp, Mr. Lafreniere, Ms. Heil and Ms. Marron.

Mr. Sabatello will run the physical education program; Ms. McArdle is in charge of computer technology; the guidance counselor is Mrs. McDonald, and the parent coordinator is Ms. Gisante.

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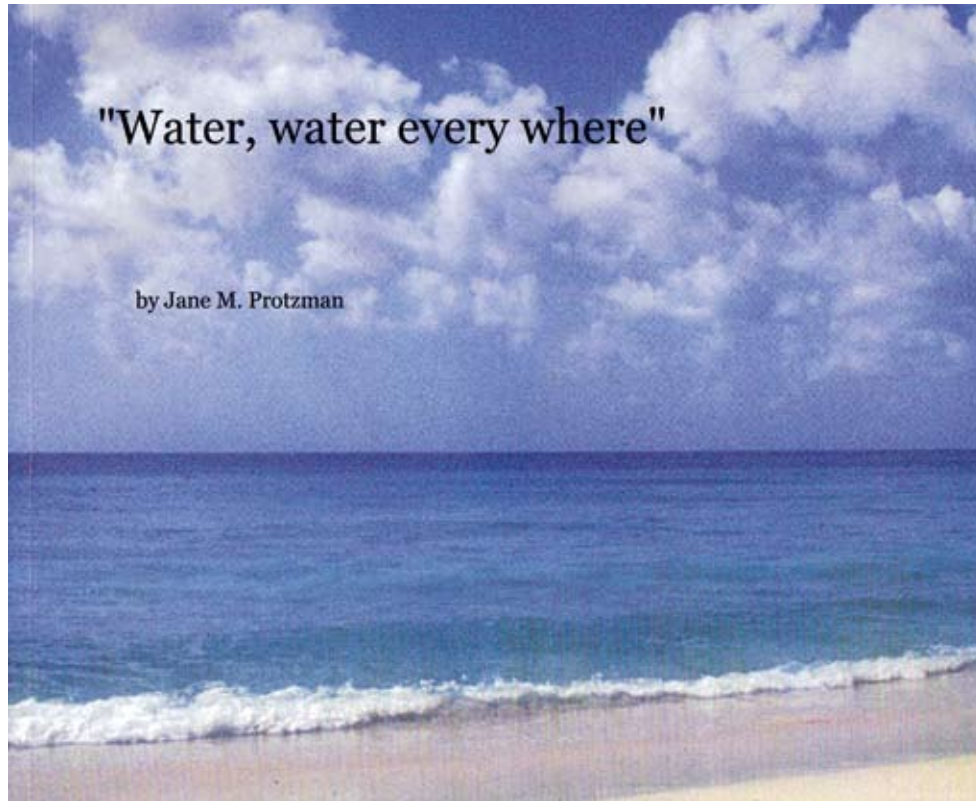
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# A Current Review "Water, Water Every Where"

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Most if not all City Islanders feel at home near the water, and Jane Protzman is no exception. A resident since the 1980s, Jane is also an inveterate traveler, and she often travels by boat, which is not surprising, as she is also an accomplished sailor. And, as this small handsome book reveals, she is also an accomplished photographer and has captured the essence of water in more than 40 color photographs.

The subjects range from West Africa to South America, from Alaska to Antarctica,

from Borneo to Russia, from Venice to City Island, and each reveals the special beauty of the place. Instead of traditional captions, Jane has selected amazingly pertinent quotes from Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" to accompany each photograph.

As a friend pointed out to Jane, "There is something here for everyone. Whoever looks at it is bound to relate personally to at least one of the images."

And as Jane herself points out: "It is my hope that people of all ages, as they view these photos, will appreciate other parts of the world and develop an interest in geography. The common element here is Water, in all its forms."

Copies of the book are available for \$25 at the City Island Nautical Museum, which is open every Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

## SAILING LIFE ON CITY ISLAND

By JOYCE MULCAHY



### J/24 Northeast Regional Championships

You know when a sailing regatta starts, because shouts of "Starboard!" fill the air. A boat on starboard tack has right of way over another on port, and when a collision seems imminent, each captain will remind the offender nearby. Suddenly you'll hear the sound of lines running through chocks and clicking around winches and of sails whooshing around shrouds as a boat changes direction, and the bellowing of admonition ceases.

And so it was at the start line of the Howard C. Hoxsie Regatta J/24 Northeast Regional Championship, jointly sponsored by Harlem Yacht Club and J/24 Fleet 61, which took place on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18. A windy September weekend had sailors on their toes and ducking under booms. Planning for this event began as early as January, when, according to Harlem Yacht Club Race Committee Chair, Roy Smith, "we were exceptionally fortunate to have the assistance of an intern, Brendan Lauria, in rounding up sponsors. Brendan is a college student majoring in sports management and he worked on publicity and did most of the legwork finding sponsors." The sponsors for this two-day event were Doyle Sails, Ricca Auto Body (NJ), West Marine, Harken and Sea Hawk Paints.

Racers came from as far away as Massachusetts, others from Long Island, Manhattan and, of course, City Island. Jeep Califano was one of the local sailors:

"The racing was really exciting. Plenty of wind and strong competition. This was one of the best-run regattas that I have been part of in the 20-plus years I've been racing sailboats on City Island. It's a tribute to the Harlem Yacht Club, J24 Fleet 61 and the many support people who made this event so successful."

Five races were held on Saturday and three on Sunday. It was a vigorous weekend with choppy waters and windy conditions, but that's the kind of day racers prefer. Many suited up in their foul-weather gear and sat on the rail to act as ballast as their boats heeled over. The cooler days of September and October typically blow in a stiff breeze and make for full sails and fast boats. The start of each race was thrilling, as all J/24's headed for the same mark with sails trimmed in tight, just off the spreader; then, on the downwind leg of the race, spinnakers flew in all colors, red, yellow, blue, and even one with a peace sign. Just before rounding the downwind mark, those colorful kites were dropped, and tight turns sent the boats back upwind around another mark and back to the finish line. And that was only one race!

Although racing is exciting, so is serving on the committee boat. Local sailor Francine Alheid was on the committee boat for this regatta and comments: "It's always exciting, always nail-biting for the first race, while you are getting all the little pieces in place. The timing sequence, the course board, the wind speed and the direction, how far to set the course, getting the signal flags ready and the marks in the right place. Who is watching the line, who is handling the horn signals, are all the boats checked in, what time is it?! 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 - gun!" She exhales: "Then, you can breathe easier!"

According to Roy Smith, "Although Manhattan may be the financial heart of the city, City Island is its nautical heart and soul." To find out more about sailing on City Island go to [www.cityislandsailing.com](http://www.cityislandsailing.com).

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# Developing a Language of Life: Non-Violent Communication in our Families

By JOHN SCARDINIA

I want to talk about a book—"Non-Violent Communication: A Language of Life," by Marshall Rosenberg—that can change your life with your family.

This book is a gem, a practical and hands-on approach to human relationships that stresses connection and empathy over "being right" and "getting what you want." Mr. Rosenberg comes from the violent streets of Detroit and knows the value of language in getting out of tight situations. A student of Carl Rogers and a proponent of peace education around the world, he is a beacon of hope in laying out his approach to what some have called "authentic" conversations. He lays out four main steps toward compassionate dialogue:

**Observation:** what you see, presented without judgment or emotion. "I see that there has been a disagreement between you and your brother."

**Feeling:** what you feel, presented with ownership for the emotion and freedom from blame or projection. "I feel disappointed in myself as a parent in not being a more effective role model for you two when I engage in arguing myself."

**Need:** what you need from the situ-

ation, making yourself vulnerable to another while clearly expressing your own incomplete ability to change a situation. "I need a chance to talk with you both so that we can come up with ways to improve this situation."

**Request:** a statement that truly asks without demanding, keeping the focus on enhancing both yourself and the other person. "Will you both come sit with me in an hour so that we can work on this?"

Sounds simple, eh? Recent experiences of my own suggest otherwise, since I have been educated in the language of blame, denial and projection. I can already see that this will be a life-long process, yet I remain excited by the chance to enhance my relationships with others and promote more peaceful interactions in this world.

Changing how we speak and relate to one another takes time, and this book is a wonderful companion on this journey. I recommend it highly to you.

*John Scardina is a child development specialist, a school psychologist, and a parent educator who lives on City Island. Check out his website [www.ThinkLaughLearn.com](http://www.ThinkLaughLearn.com).*

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Heights in feet above soundings printed on charts of water adjacent to City Island. Times shown are nautical times. For times on the table beginning with 1300, subtract 1200 to get ordinary PM time (e.g., 1625 - 1200 = 4:25 P.M.). Times less than 1200 are A.M. times (e.g., 1154 = 11:54 A.M.).  
HH = hours; MM = minutes Tide chart by Tom Smith

OCTOBER 2011									
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	
01 Sat	0235	7.80	0853	-0.03	1449	8.47	2158	-0.32	Sat 01
02 Sun	0340	7.40	1000	0.47	1556	7.98	2307	0.12	Sun 02
03 Mon	0501	7.11	1120	0.88	1726	7.59			Mon 03
04 Tue	0016	0.43	0618	7.05	1237	1.05	1846	7.46	Tue 04
05 Wed	0122	0.57	0725	7.19	1345	0.99	1953	7.51	Wed 05
06 Thu	0222	0.57	0824	7.44	1445	0.78	2052	7.64	Thu 06
07 Fri	0316	0.50	0917	7.72	1540	0.51	2144	7.76	Fri 07
08 Sat	0405	0.42	1005	7.95	1628	0.27	2231	7.83	Sat 08
09 Sun	0449	0.38	1049	8.08	1713	0.11	2314	7.82	Sun 09
10 Mon	0530	0.41	1129	8.11	1753	0.05	2354	7.72	Mon 10
11 Tue	0605	0.51	1204	8.05	1829	0.10			Tue 11
12 Wed	0029	7.56	0632	0.66	1232	7.93	1859	0.21	Wed 12
13 Thu	0057	7.38	0641	0.78	1243	7.84	1916	0.35	Thu 13
14 Fri	0112	7.23	0654	0.83	1259	7.83	1929	0.45	Fri 14
15 Sat	0129	7.17	0724	0.88	1328	7.86	1958	0.54	Sat 15
16 Sun	0159	7.14	0802	0.98	1405	7.85	2036	0.67	Sun 16
17 Mon	0239	7.12	0846	1.13	1448	7.78	2120	0.82	Mon 17
18 Tue	0324	7.09	0934	1.28	1537	7.65	2209	0.96	Tue 18
19 Wed	0415	7.08	1028	1.38	1631	7.50	2304	1.04	Wed 19
20 Thu	0512	7.14	1128	1.37	1731	7.38			Thu 20
21 Fri	0005	1.00	0614	7.31	1235	1.18	1836	7.36	Fri 21
22 Sat	0112	0.81	0720	7.61	1352	0.78	1946	7.47	Sat 22
23 Sun	0221	0.47	0823	8.02	1509	0.20	2054	7.68	Sun 23
24 Mon	0324	0.07	0922	8.46	1612	-0.41	2155	7.91	Mon 24
25 Tue	0420	-0.31	1015	8.83	1709	-0.92	2251	8.07	Tue 25
26 Wed	0512	-0.57	1106	9.07	1802	-1.24	2344	8.13	Wed 26
27 Thu	0603	-0.67	1156	9.14	1855	-1.33			Thu 27
28 Fri	0036	8.07	0654	-0.59	1247	9.01	1949	-1.19	Fri 28
29 Sat	0130	7.89	0747	-0.34	1339	8.71	2044	-0.87	Sat 29
30 Sun	0228	7.64	0845	0.04	1437	8.28	2143	-0.44	Sun 30
31 Mon	0333	7.38	0952	0.45	1546	7.80	2246	0.00	Mon 31
NOVEMBER 2011									
01 Tue	0444	7.19	1103	0.79	1706	7.42	2349	0.37	Tue 01
02 Wed	0552	7.14	1213	0.95	1820	7.21			Wed 02
03 Thu	0051	0.60	0655	7.23	1318	0.94	1924	7.16	Thu 03
04 Fri	0148	0.71	0753	7.40	1417	0.79	2021	7.19	Fri 04
05 Sat	0242	0.72	0846	7.59	1511	0.57	2114	7.26	Sat 05
06 Sun	0231	0.70	0834	7.76	1500	0.36	2101	7.31	Sun 06

All times are Eastern Standard Time beginning Sunday, November 6



Photo by PHIL MCAFFEE

**International 110 racing**

**THE INTERNATIONAL 110**

The weekend of Sept. 17 and 18 was a busy one for City Island's own Fleet 61. This year the Harlem Yacht Club's fleet of J24's hosted the Northeast Regionals, an annual regatta that culminates with the crowning of a world champion. Watching from a distance, we were reminded of another, bygone fleet of City Island racing sloops: the International 110. The unique pencil shape of the 110's hull was just what the doctor ordered for racing enthusiasts of the day.

The 110 was designed in 1939 by C. Raymond Hunt, whose designs for both sail and power boats were known around the world. The Boston Whaler was his, for example; it was called the "Unsinkable," because of its stable cathedral hull. Hunt's

110 was a pioneer of another sort. It was a keelboat that was capable of planing, which at that time was something that only power boats or dinghies under sail could do. The significance of a planing keelboat was that a sailboat's hull speed would no longer be ball-and-chained, or determined by the age-old formula of 1.3 multiplied by the square root of the waterline. A boat that planes rides above the waves, at speeds high enough to keep a regatta interesting all the way to the end.

The City Island racing fleet of 110's had its home at the Morris Yacht Club, having probably started in the late 1950s. One local captain—we'll call him Peter out of respect for his privacy—was a national champion. We understand that his 110 survives to this day, which is noteworthy and not simply in a nostalgic sense. As we understand it, the old wooden hulled 110's—plywood, in many of the earliest examples—are still competitive, even when pitted against the newer 110's with their hulls of fiberglass. Yes, *still competitive*. The old wooden boats aren't dead yet. You can see for yourself online, where we learned that there are 11 still active 110 fleets in the United States today. Wooden 110's are racing fiberglass ones as far away as Hawaii and as close as New London, Connecticut.

As always, we welcome your feedback and invite your input at [jdsstrat@msn.com](mailto:jdsstrat@msn.com).

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# Earth, Wind and Fireplaces

By JERI STARK



Before (photo above) and after (photo above right) fireplace installation.

What is it about the four elements that attracts us? It seems that earth, water, air and fire engage us way beyond our basic needs. For example, fire and water are the two elements used most to create ambience in or around the home.

Think about how much we like to live near the water. Whether it's the ocean or a river or a lake or even a pool, we like our homes to be near the water because of how it makes us feel. And when we don't live near the water, we do what we can to visit the water.

The same is true of fire. Admittedly, a fire provides warmth, but for most of us, that's secondary to the emotions we experience in the presence of an open fire. And sometimes we even build fires on the beach so that we can enjoy it at the same time that we're enjoying being close to the water. We love an open flame so much that we keep them indoors, allocating them to a special place called *fireplaces*.

### Then and Now

Fireplaces have a long and storied history. The method of using wood for heating homes and offices dates back to the 1700s, but it was during the Victorian era that fireplaces became popular as features that brought a touch of class and coziness along with their heating function. Over the years, this led to more efficient and more decorative fireplace designs.

Today gas fireplaces that use either natural or propane gas are all the rage. Many people have turned to a gas fireplace for convenience, a clean burn, lower energy bills, and the elimination of ash clean up and the need to buy wood. Gas fireplaces are genuine "decorator items" for your home and can go almost anywhere where there is access to a gas line and a source of electricity. You don't even need a chimney because gas fireplaces can vent directly outside, and some don't even need a vent.

Last winter I had the opportunity to serve as the Project Coordinator for the installation of a gas fireplace in a lovely City Island home. The homeowners knew exactly what they wanted, and all I had to do was implement their vision for the space. Their goal was to transform a functional but "ordinary" room into an "extraordinary" room with a fireplace—a gas fireplace, to be exact. And I can proudly say: Mission accomplished.

Their gas fireplace is complemented by a custom built, state-of-the-art entertainment center. The room is now a hub of family activity where guests also can be entertained. Moreover, it can also serve as a quiet contemplative space when needed.

### Doing the Math

Gas fireplaces are almost always less expensive to own and operate than wood fireplaces. An open-hearth, wood-burning fireplace—like the ones you see in mountain resort hotels—requires the help of a skilled, professional mason and a budget of more than \$10,000. But a fireplace unit that burns natural gas or propane starts around \$2,000 for the basic materials package, and professional installation and custom finishing typically add about \$3,500. And because there's no flue or chimney, it's easy to install televisions or other electronic gear directly above a gas fireplace.

If your budget is really tight, a free-standing gel-fuel or electric fireplace eliminates

installation costs. But be aware that some bare-bones alternatives don't completely succeed in mimicking a real wood fire.

Be sure to check local building codes for possible restrictions on the types of fireplaces that can be installed in your area. If you are using a competent professional, they will do handle this aspect of the installation as well. Gas fireplaces need an annual service check, which on average runs about \$100 to \$150.

### A Few Do's and Don'ts

Check with your insurance company to make sure that adding a fireplace to your home is legal. Some insurance companies only cover damages from fire if the fireplace is professionally installed. Also check the warranty information on the fireplace that you install since it may be valid only if the fireplace is installed by a professional. If your gas fireplace needs venting space and a gas line running to the fireplace, you may need to obtain a permit before working with gas lines.

Even if you plan to install your own gas fireplace, allow a contractor with fireplace experience to go over your detailed plans with you. In the long run, this will ensure

your comfort and safety. And make sure you understand how your new gas fireplace works, which will be important if you are to operate it efficiently and safely.

A final word of advice: don't hog the remote. Many gas fireplaces come with a remote control so you can start and adjust the fire from the comfort of your sofa or bed. Be sure to share the remote with others.

Considering the incredible benefits of a clean burn, lower heating bills, and better control over the fire, a gas fireplace can be a great addition to your home. The cool weather will be here before you know it. Start planning now for your new gas fireplace installation.


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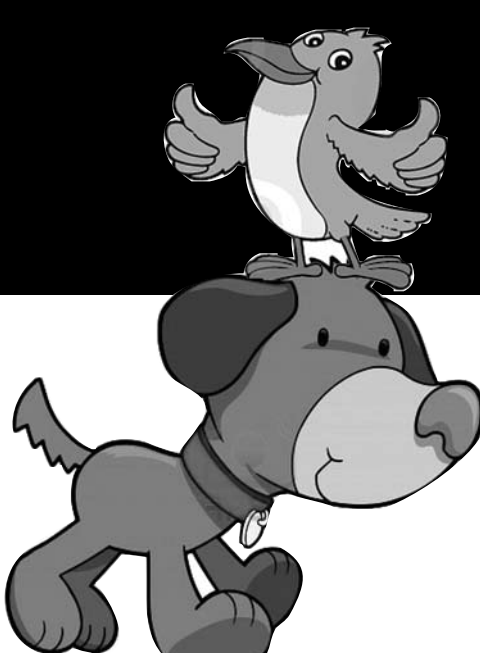


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## A FAIR TO REMEMBER



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The annual Arts and Crafts Fair, sponsored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce, took on a special meaning this year as it was held on Sept. 10 and 11, 2011, the same weekend as the 10th anniversary commemoration of the 9/11 attacks. One exhibitor flew the "flag of heroes" in remembrance. Although no special memorial service was held on the Island, many residents and visitors felt a sense of community as they walked along City Island Avenue and stopped and shopped at the different vendors' tables under calm skies. The City Island Nautical Museum table was very popular and offered, among other items, handsome new bumper stickers as fund-raisers for the museum. The City Island Theater Group also drew a lot of attention, in its first appearance at the fair.

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Congratulations to Judy and Mike Rauh, who are marking their 40th anniversary this month. They celebrated with a trip to Paris.

Wedding anniversary wishes go to John and Linda Wright (47) and Mike and Roseann Bunyan (32).

Belated September birthday wishes to my favorite aunt, Dot Bunyan. Love from Judy.

If you're running the ING New York City Marathon on Nov. 6, please call Judy Rauh at 718-885-2079. She would like to get a group photo for *The Current*.

Happy 17th wedding anniversary wishes to Minneford Avenue's Joe and Margaret Cioffi. You are the best parents in the world! Love, Matthew.

Happy 5th birthday wishes on Oct. 17 to Marine Street's Olivia Calbo, with love from Mom, Dad and big brother Nicholas Calbo.

Happy 25th anniversary on Oct. 4 to Judy and Gerry McCormick.

Birthday greetings on Oct. 29 to Maryann Occhicone.

Anniversary congratulations on Oct. 12 to Bay Street's Bob and Maria Swieciki; is it really 26 years?

Happy first birthday to Bay Street's Tabitha Del Pozzo on Oct. 15. Mommy and Daddy love you BOOS BOOS!

A fond farewell to Pilot Street's Joan Nilon, who is leaving City Island after more than 49 years. Joan will be heading West to join her daughter, Cathy, son-in-law Bill, and grandson, Luca, who live near Seattle, Washington.

Best wishes for continued success to crooner Freddie Lando, who will be performing at the new Club House on Oct. 29 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Club House is a local, members-only sports and music club run by Islander Kelly Carmody. Kelly graduates this month from St. Leo University in Florida and also will celebrate her 21st birthday on Oct. 20. We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, lil Bob, Cricket and Tiki.

Congratulations to Bay Street's Adjie Henderson, who was recently appointed Associate Provost and Dean for the Sciences at the Graduate Center of CUNY.

Welcome to Herman Boone, the newest member of the City Island Chase Bank branch. We wish him a very successful career.



Photo by JENNIFER MORAIS OF JMPNY PHOTOGRAPHY  
Amanda Brennen and Michael Libretto were married on Oct. 1, 2011.

Happy birthday across the miles on Oct. 29 to former Islander Sunjay Sebastian, with love from your friends, neighbors and former classmates. We love you and miss you.

To my Precious Opal: Even when the road of life becomes a little curvy or a little too long, I love you, I miss you and I'm so proud of you. Always remember that! Your E.B.

Congratulations to Dr. Norbert Sander, who was named among the Best Internists in the latest *US News & World Report* Best Doctors listing.

Happy 25th birthday to Mark Nani on Oct. 22. Poppy hopes he's invited to the party! Love Mom, Dad, Roger, Mimi and Poppy Ducky.

Happy 40th anniversary to *The Island Current*. The first issue was October 1971, and we are still going strong. As the paper continued to grow, so did many lifelong friendships. On behalf of everyone here at our paper, let me say that it has been a pleasure working with so many wonderful and talented individuals.

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to City Island's Amanda Brennen and Michael Libretto who were married at the Split Rock Golf Course on October 1. Amanda is the daughter of Red Brennen and the late Ulla Brennen and Mike's parents are Frank and Barbara Libretto.

Keep up the good work to Marie Cullen who is doing well and is back on her feet from her September operation. Mommy and Daddy, Lorelei and Savannah love you very much!

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Once again City Islanders lined up to give their support to the Komen New York Race for the Cure, which raises money for breast cancer detection, treatment and research. Taking part in this year's race on Sept. 18, 2011, were (l. to r.): Laura Bivona, Bette Heben, Nancy Lotrionte, Ann Butterworth, Judy Rauh and Colleen Pecoraro. Ann, a breast cancer survivor, was also joined by family members and other friends on race day.



Photo by MICHELLE DEL POZZO

Tabitha Del Pozzo celebrated her first birthday on Oct. 15.

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