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Most Decorated NYPD Officer Is a City Islander!

By KAREN NANI



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Islander Robert DiMartini is the most decorated police officer in NYPD history. He is shown above in 1982 and with some of the thousands of guns he and fellow officers removed from the streets of New York over his 20-year career (Far right photo, standing, second from right). Retired from the NYPD, he continues to work in private security and enjoys life on City Island (above middle photo).



as a detective with the Bronx Robbery and the Citywide Street Crime Divisions," he explained. According to the website *beyond-thelineof duty.com*, "during the course of his career [Robert DiMartini] was involved in making over several thousand arrests, both personally and with the teams he supervised, which led to the recovery of over a thousand illegal firearms."

Bob credits his success to good training, instinct and old-fashioned police work to build cases against criminals. "When I worked with other detectives on street crime, we could make three to four arrests per tour. There were no illegal stops, and the District Attorney at the time, Mario Merola, rode with us to make sure everything was legal. He came away saying, 'these guys know what they're doing.'"

Joe Goonan confirmed that smart police work led to arrests when he partnered with Bob. "When we worked Auto Crime in the Soundview area, we figured out where the car thieves were taking the stolen vehicles. Then we arrested them at that end."

Bob told *The Current* about some of his arrests that received special recognition. "Once we stopped at the White Castle on Bruckner Boulevard for coffee. My partner and I walked into an armed dispute, and one perp turned and fired point blank at us." Bob explained that he couldn't return fire because the restaurant was crowded. "So I tackled the perp, and we crashed through the glass window of the White Castle. I wrestled the gun away and handcuffed the guy."

In 1974, while partnering with Joe Goonan, they responded to a bank robbery on White Plains Road. According to Bob, the robber had handed a teller a note saying that he had a hand grenade and demanded that he turn over money. The teller complied and the robber took off on foot. "Joe and I were on patrol in uniform, and we started searching for the perp based on the broadcast description." They tried the train station and other locations but had no luck.

"Joe and I were wondering where could this clown go?" They then got the idea to check the nearby Globe movie theater on Pelham Parkway, a longtime Bronx movie house that featured X-rated films. They decided to enter the theater and check the seats, but first they gave their uniform jackets, badges and



other stuff to the usher. They went in wearing t-shirts and pants, so they would not draw the attention of the robber, though of course they kept their guns. Then they spotted the perpetrator watching the movie. "I told Joe to go in behind the guy, and we got him from both sides. Joe put his gun in the perp's ear and told him to freeze. I grabbed his bag, found the money, but [thankfully] no hand grenade. Good thing the guy liked dirty movies."

In both these cases, Bob did not have to fire his weapon. In fact, despite the thousands

of arrests, he only fired his weapon five or six times during his career. "Once when I was with Bronx Robbery, we were involved in a high-speed chase that began in the Bronx and wound up on the Palisades Parkway in New Jersey. We exchanged fire with a perp who had stolen the car and who then fired at us when he was trying to escape on foot."

When asked if he was ever shot, he said no, although he was stabbed once while breaking up a bar fight. "Not every case in-

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Temporary Bridge Scheduled to Open in July

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

According to the contractor, Tutor Perini, the opening of the temporary bridge is scheduled for July 15. As of press time, 13 of the 15 bridge spans have been installed, with the last two scheduled to be built on site by early July.

The severe and extended winter weather caused major delays with the bridge, but the primary issue in recent weeks has been the installation of all the required utilities, such as gas, water and electricity. The Department of Transportation (DOT) does not want to open the temporary bridge and then have to work on it while it is in service to install the various mains. Once the bridge is open, it will be fully available to the community.

The bay cranes that were operational on the barges have been sent to other projects in the city and will not be required until the demolition of the City Island bridge begins and work on the new bridge starts. A separate barge will return to the Island with a smaller service crane that will be used by the crew to get access to the underdeck of the temporary bridge.

DOT will hold a ceremony to mark the closing of the existing bridge, which will be scheduled as close as possible to the opening of the temporary bridge.

About July 6, the City Island Avenue crosswalk from Bridge Street to the promenade will be closed while the east approach

for the temporary bridge is constructed. Pedestrians going to the promenade from the Legion Triangle side will have to go to Cross Street in order to get to the other side. The traffic signal will be removed and the stop sign reinstalled. This closure is expected to remain in effect until the temporary bridge opens..

Regarding the replacement of the underwater water main (see June issue of *The Current*), DOT will continue to coordinate with the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) to ensure that both projects can be undertaken without any interruption of service to the City Island community. According to the most current schedule, DOT still expects to have the permanent bridge completed by the end of 2016. In the event that there is any unforeseen delay, DOT will advise DDC well in advance so that adjustments to their project schedule (if needed) can be developed.

Because the temporary bridge work zone is so close to the existing subaqueous mains, temporary water mains were installed as a back-up to the existing subaqueous water mains that deliver fresh water to the Island. The contractor will have both temporary water mains on the temporary bridge in time for the deconstruction of the existing bridge.

City Island resident Robert DiMartini holds an impressive record that is unlikely to be surpassed. In his 20 years as a member of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), he was given a grand total of 476 department recognition awards for his courage and meritorious police work. And against the backdrop of recent police shootings nationwide, he never killed anyone during his thousands of arrests.

Born in the Bronx in 1944, Bob became a police officer in 1969. He was a member of the force for 20 years and served in various precincts in Brooklyn and the Bronx, including the infamous 41st Precinct (Fort Apache) in the South Bronx, as well as the 69th, 43rd and our own 45th Precinct. He began as a uniform patrol officer, but his above-average performance resulted in promotions to sergeant, detective, supervisor and finally to lieutenant.

Although he moved to City Island 14 years ago with his wife, Marilyn, and their three children, his ties to City Island go back much further. He was a partner of longtime Islander Joe Goonan when they served together in the 43rd Precinct in the 1970s, and Joe was best man at Bob and Marilyn's wedding. Bob also was a regular at the former Rhode's restaurant on City Island Avenue.

So how did he amass such a collection of awards during some of the most crime-ridden years in New York City history? "They weren't all medals," he told *The Current* modestly. "The bulk of them were for Excellent Police Duty and Meritorious Police Duty." But his impressive collection also includes 26 commendations, five Exceptional Merit awards, one Honorable Mention and one Combat Cross.

"Mostly I took guns off the bad guys

BRIEFLY...

THE 6TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING LAWN PARTY

will be held at the Morris Yacht & Beach Club on Saturday, July 25, at 2 p.m. For more information, please check [Facebook.com/gilderscholarship](https://www.facebook.com/gilderscholarship) or e-mail Jack.Jokinen@gmail.com. So far in 2015, the John Gilder Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in the memory of Islander John Gilder, has awarded a scholarship at Fordham University to Tiffany Melillo from the Bronx and an annual scholarship to a student at Greenwich High School, for a total of four Fordham scholarships and nine for high school seniors. The fund also sponsored a City Island Little League team for the fifth year and will be sponsoring the summer travel team. The price for admission will be \$60, which includes food, beer, wine, water, desserts, and raffles from 2 to 6 p.m.

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UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN

will be offered on City Island starting in September by Holy Rosary School in the former St. Mary's school building. This is a free full day of instruction available to all students born in 2011. There are still a few seats available, so be sure to submit your application soon. This can be done online at www.nyc.gov/prek or you may call the school at 718-652-1838 for assistance.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during May and June 2015. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 1 - PAROLE VIOLATION
- 1- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 1 - GRAND LARCENY
- 1 - ROBBERY
- 1 - ASSAULT
- 1 - MENACING WITH A WEAPON

Police provided details on the following arrests and incidents for the period from May 13 to June 25, 2015.

5/13 - At 12 a.m. on Marine Street, an Island female reported an incident of grand larceny. An unknown perpetrator allegedly removed airline points from her account equivalent to \$2,000.

5/29 - Police arrested four off-Island males on City Island Avenue at 8:10 p.m. after they robbed a bicycle from an Island male.

6/6 - On Fordham Street at 3 p.m., an unknown perpetrator committed an act of criminal mischief after the lock on a play area was broken and opened without permission.

6/10 - Detectives from the 45th Precinct are investigating an assault that occurred at 9:30 p.m. on City Island Avenue. An off-Island male reported being followed from the parking lot of a commercial establishment. An unknown perpetrator then discharged a weapon, striking the victim in the left arm.

6/18 - On City Island Avenue at 10 a.m., police from the 45th Precinct arrested an Island male, 34, and charged him with robbery and menacing with a weapon. The defendant allegedly threatened an Island female with a knife during a domestic dispute. When the victim attempted to call 911, the defendant also grabbed the phone

and slapped her with it.
6/25 - At 1 p.m. at 30 Pilot Street, an Island male was arrested and charged with parole violation. When parole officers first went to arrest him at his residence, he resisted arrest and assaulted the officers. He fled the scene and an intensive search ensued, involving officers from the 45th Precinct and NYPD helicopter support. He was apprehended on Pilot Street around 6 p.m. and also charged with assault and resisting arrest.



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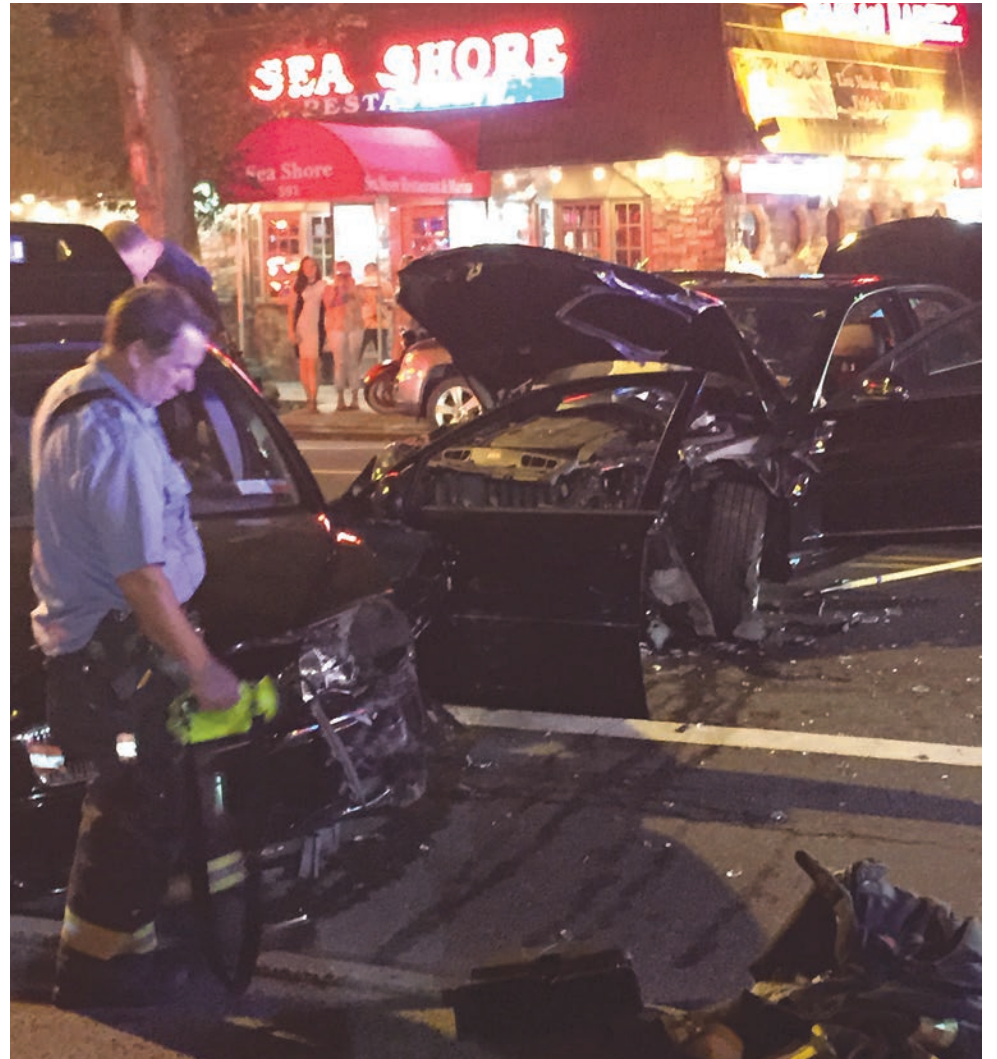


Photo by ANN-MARIE GOONAN

A five-car accident on June 19 at 10 p.m. had traffic stalled going on and off the island for over an hour. It started when a car reportedly coming out of the Sea Shore Restaurant parking lot collided with another car speeding outbound in the fire lane. Two people were taken by ambulance to Jacobi Hospital. Outbound traffic was routed off City Island Avenue onto Minneford Avenue beginning at Cross Street. Police responded to the scene to control traffic and deal with the injured. There were no arrests.

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The City Island School and the Common Core

By KAREN NANI



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Although the P.S. 175 library was renovated a few years ago, the Board of Education did not provide the City Island elementary school with a budget for books. Now, thanks to a grant from State Senator Jeff Klein, books have been purchased and the shelves are being filled. Shown above, labeling the welcome volumes on June 4, 2015, are (top photo, l. to r.) Lisa Tenga, Tina Tenga, Pat Cambria, Gabrielle Pirraglia, principal Amy Lipson and Robin Francis. Funds have also been raised for student arts programs in collaboration with the Bronx Arts Ensemble.

Anyone who follows the latest developments in education and school performance knows that the Common Core curriculum has been frequently debated in the news. In order to shed light on the changing curriculum and explain how it applies to City Island's elementary school, P.S. 175 principal Amy Lipson addressed a Civic Association meeting on May 26, 2015.

Ms. Lipson began by explaining the intentions behind Common Core. "It is designed for the future needs of our country. It promotes more analytic thinking while retaining the basic skills in reading, writing and arithmetic."

New York City is one of the first large urban school districts in the nation to recommend the new curriculum for grades K through 8 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics that aligns to the Common Core Learning Standards passed by the Board of Regents of New York State in 2011.

In fact, the faculty of P.S. 175 began working with the curriculum two years before it was implemented in New York City schools. Teachers developed units based on the Common Core, and several grades were transitioned slowly to the new content. Ms. Lipson credits her faculty with a smooth transition. "We had six new teachers who were trained in the Common Core, and they assisted in introducing it to our established teachers. Our faculty has done an excellent job."

She gave examples of how the Common Core differs from previous educational

approaches. "In the past, reading comprehension focused on the main idea of a passage or story. The Common Core focuses on how the main ideas are connected. In mathematics, the new curriculum focuses on the application of mathematics to practical issues like time and money."

She also explained that the new curriculum links other subjects, such as science and history, together with ELA and mathematics. For seventh- and eighth-graders, social studies and language arts are now grouped together under the heading of "humanities."

Ms. Lipson gave an example in a follow up interview with *The Current*. "The seventh grade was studying Christopher Columbus. Along with the history of his discoveries and explorations, they read a fictional story about Columbus at the same time. At the end of the unit, they debated whether Columbus was 'good' or 'bad' depending on your perspective. Students took the roles of Columbus, Queen Isabella, the sailors aboard his ships and the natives he encountered."

According to the principal, her faculty has made this new curriculum interesting and fun in all grades. She believes this has resulted in more student reading enjoyment and less tedious memorization in math.

Outside P.S. 175, the debate about Common Core has focused on the perceived excessive testing and "teaching to the test." In several New York counties, protests against the Common Core have been strenuous, and many parents and students have "opted out" of the tests associated with the new standards.

Ms. Lipson assured the audience at the Civic meeting that this has not been the case at P.S. 175. "Out of our enrollment of over 300, we only had four students opt out of the tests given in April and May. We do a minimal amount of test preparation," she explained in response to concerns that teachers are forced to "teach to the test" under the Common Core. "My philosophy is that when you have good teachers, you don't need extra test preparation."

However, as elsewhere in New York City and the state, scores have dropped sharply under the Common Core testing. In 2012, prior to the new curriculum and testing, 79 percent of P.S. 175 students passed the ELA test, ranking it at the top of District 11. In 2014, under the new testing, only 37 percent of P.S. 175 students "met state standards on the state English test," according

to New York City Department of Education K-8 School Quality Snapshot. City Island students fared better in math in 2014 with around 50 percent meeting state standards. These scores compare to the city averages of 28 percent in ELA and 34 percent in math, according to the same report.

When asked about this, Ms. Lipson acknowledged that scores have dropped under the new system, but that they have dropped proportionately for all schools in the district. "We are still ahead of the average for the city and the district in both ELA and math."

But she believes a fairer comparison of P.S. 175 is to P.S. 19 in Woodlawn, another Bronx elementary school with similar demographics to P.S. 175. It is also a K-through-8 school and has comparable numbers of regular and special education students.

"P.S. 19 scored 38 percent in ELA and 51 percent in math. If they were doing much better than us, it would be a cause for concern. However, we continue to strive for improvement, and I expect our 2015 scores to increase as we further integrate Common Core."

Ms. Lipson also addressed the issue of universal Pre-K, which is not available at P.S. 175 but is scheduled to open in the building that formerly housed St. Mary, Star of the Sea school. "As long as we have the portable classrooms [behind the main building], the Board of Education will not allow us to have Pre-K," she explained. According to the rules, the main building must accommodate all K-through-8 students,

and then there has to be sufficient room left over for pre-K students.

"With the projected enrollment of 325 for the 2015-2016 school year, we will continue to need the portable classrooms to house our two third-grade classes."

On a more positive note, the principal reported that the renovated library on the second floor of the main building is now being stocked with books. "After the renovation several years ago, we had a brand new library, but the board didn't give us a budget for any books," she told *The Current*.

Thanks to a grant of \$25,000 from New York State Senator Jeff Klein, books are now being unpacked and labeled in preparation for the coming school year. "Part of the senator's grant also goes to the middle school arts program and the summer school program," she said gratefully.

Finally, Ms. Lipson proudly reported on the community service initiative for all grades. "All P.S. 175 students now participate in community service projects, and the eighth-graders are required to complete 10 hours of service in order to graduate." She explained that the projects range from bake sales and UNICEF fundraisers to helping clean up Orchard Beach and making sandwiches for POTS, an organization that feeds needy families in the Bronx.

"With help from parents like Brenda Prohaska and the City Island community, we are encouraging our students to appreciate their own surroundings and to be aware of the needs of others, both locally and globally."

NEW ERA AT ST. MARY'S BEGINS IN AUGUST

By VIRGINIA DANNEGGER and KAREN NANI

Parishioners of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church have been anxiously awaiting news of further changes to the City Island church following the announced merger with Our Lady of Assumption in November 2014 (see January/February 2015 issue). Now Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the New York archdiocese has begun to fill in some of the details.

He has appointed Reverend Monsignor Anthony Marchitelli as administrator of the new combined parish. The cardinal also decreed that Sunday Masses and sacraments will continue to be held in the church on City Island Avenue, along with onsite religious education. Details of exactly how many Masses (probably a reduced number) and who will lead them will be further outlined starting Aug. 1, 2015, according to Father Michael Challinor.

Perhaps the most unsettling news for the congregation is that Fr. Challinor, who has led St. Mary's for 10 years, has been asked "to look into areas for reassignment" by the head of priest personnel for the archdiocese.

"Under the cardinal's plan, St. Mary's combined with OLA is now a new parish and will have new leadership," he told *The Current*. "There has been a lot of movement of priests everywhere in the archdiocese, and I will probably be reassigned somewhere off City Island."

The New York archdiocese consists of 10 counties in the southern part of New York State, including the boroughs of the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island. It is not clear where Fr. Challinor will end up, but he believes a change could happen by August.

According to St. Mary's parish bulletin on May 31, "OLA is the parish church, but there will be a resident priest at St. Mary's. There will be Sunday Masses, daily Masses, baptisms, Sacrament of Reconciliation, weddings and funerals at both churches."

For now, the buildings, including St. Mary's church, rectory and school, will

remain operational. "The plan is to have universal pre-kindergarten classes on the first floor of the school run by Holy Rosary starting in September," Fr. Challinor explained.

Holy Rosary School has been using St. Mary's building on Minneford Avenue since March for its 300 students in grades K through 8 following damage to their building off Gun Hill Road during the bitter cold winter of 2015.

The second floor of St. Mary's school will be used for religious education classes. In response to questions, Fr. Challinor could not predict what would happen to other programs currently part of St. Mary's parish. "As far as the basketball program, as well as other aspects of the church such as music and staffing, that will be up to the new administrator."

Members of the parish are troubled and confused by the plans for St. Mary's. "I am sad that our pastor will be leaving us and not be here at St. Mary's to take the helm and steer us through our final transition to becoming a new parish," said Bill Mueller. Another parishioner summarized the frustration of many others. "It doesn't make any sense! Why can't he stay until the changes are done? Why bring in someone new now?"

Fr. Challinor was visibly emotional about the possibility of leaving City Island after 10 years and the friendships he has made as leader of the parish. "There will be a lot of adjustments for everyone involved in St. Mary's," he said, underscoring the unsettling nature of the changes being handed down by the archdiocese. But he is resigned to taking on new responsibilities and helping other parishes where he is needed.

According to a message from both Msgr. Marchitelli and Fr. Challinor, "As we come together as one parish, we pray that we will all have an open mind and a gentle heart to accept whatever changes will be necessary."

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Hart Island Controversy

To the Editor:

In reference to the letter published in the May issue of *The Island Current* concerning the future of Hart Island, I would like to respond that I have studied the matter in depth and am supportive of the proposal before the New York City Council to transfer jurisdiction from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the Parks Department.

The proposal came to be because relatives of individuals interred on Hart Island worked with their elected officials to come up with an alternative to the situation that currently exists there. They believe that the DOC has not only mismanaged visitation to the Island, but they are aware that the department has lost thousands of records of those buried there and have allowed historic buildings to fall into extreme disrepair. Many of these family members have even initiated a lawsuit against DOC to compel a serious change in the management of the island. Given all of this information, it becomes obvious that DOC does not value the duties they have been entrusted to perform on Hart Island.

I can understand initial apprehension about transferring Hart Island to the Parks Department. However, the response of the majority of those who attend monthly meetings of the City Island Civic Association, where this matter was discussed numerous times last year, is that this transfer will be a positive development for our community. Leaving this area "as is" would also leave it vulnerable to unwanted situations that could impact City Island in the future, as it has in the past. These situations could include the following:

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara may compel DOC to separate the adolescent inmates from the general population on Riker's Island. Where will they go? Young prisoners were jailed on Hart Island during the 1980s, and this could happen again with the DOC in control of the island.

The increased homeless population in the city will require shelters to be constructed throughout the city, and Hart Island has been proposed as a location for such a shelter in the past.

The current zoning of Hart Island allows R6 development, which would enable the construction of large multi-story residential buildings.

Some of these possibilities seem far-fetched to those who are unfamiliar with the history of Hart Island, which has had a Nike missile base and a drug-rehabilitation center in addition to a prison, and for which the city has proposed in the past a power

plant and a large-scale garbage incinerator. The City Island community raised thousands of dollars to fight developments, including a homeless shelter and a prison barge, during the 1970s and 1980s.

Allowing Hart Island to be converted to parkland would provide some protection against many such plans. A proposal to convert parkland, commonly known as "alienation," must not only be cleared by the NYC Council, but it also would require approval from the NYS Legislature. Right now DOC could pursue a variety of proposals that would not require any legislative or community approval.

Our elected officials, including nearly all those representing the Bronx at the city level, as well as Bronx Community Board 10 and the City Island Chamber of Commerce, have joined the Civic to support this proposal.

In the end, the debate about what will be done with Hart Island will play out both on and off our shores. Whatever your opinion, I would encourage residents who oppose the proposal to present an acceptable alternative proposal for the island. Make no mistake: if we fail to come up with our own plan for the future of Hart Island and instead choose to do nothing, the city has the authority to force a far less appealing project on us. Let's be smart and seize this moment.

**John Doyle, Board Member,
The Hart Island Project**

Civic Success

To the Editor:

In spite of a gray day and occasional mild drizzle, the fundraiser for the City Island Civic Association's legal fund was a great success, with at least 100 in attendance who enjoyed conversations, silent auction, music, food and drink in the shoreline garden at 21 Tier Street.

Many Civic members pitched in to make the event possible—from getting and returning tables and chairs to organizing the silent auction, selling admission and raffle tickets—and we are grateful to everyone who helped, especially committee chair Janie Blanks, Mary Colby, Caroline Coppola, Barbara Dolensek, Barbara Dennis, John Doyle, Barbara Hoffman, Vivi McGuire, Inge Otto, Jane Protzman, Fred Ramftl, Tom Smith, George Spencer, Bill Stanton and Stephen Swieciki.

We are especially grateful to the restaurants who generously donated delicious food—Artie's, Bistro SK, the Crab Shanty, Don Coqui, Johnny's Reef, Lickety Split, Scavello's on the Island and Seafood City. And we were delighted that Connie's provided soda and the Legion some bottles of wine.

The music was great and added immeasurably to the festive spirit. Frank Pisani and Skip Giacco led off with jazz and popular songs, followed by the wonderful guitar duo of Elliott Glick and Chris Wertenbaker.

The silent auction offered a terrific variety of artwork and other valuable items, donated by supporters of the Civic. These varied from images of the City Island bridge to a fabulous timeshare in Mexico and were happily purchased by many of the



Photos by MARY COLBY and BARBARA DOLENSEK

The sun didn't shine on the Civic Association Fundraiser held in the garden of 21 Tier Street on Saturday, June 20, 2015, but an enthusiastic crowd of about 100 residents came out to enjoy food and drink, music and lively conversation. Local restaurants provided the food (see Letter to the Editor, this page), artists donated works that were sold in a very successful silent auction, and live music was offered by Elliott Glick and Chris Wertenbaker (pictured above) and by Frank Pisani and Skip Giacco. The total raised for the Civic's legal fund—depleted in recent years by bridge and development projects—was at least \$6,000.

guests.

Several residents who were unable to attend generously donated funds to help replenish the Civic's legal fund. Needless to say, we are still accepting donations! Those who would like to contribute are asked to make out the check to City Island Civic Association and send it to P.O. Box 117, Bronx NY 10464.

In the meantime, we are grateful to all who contributed to the event and wish you all a wonderful summer.

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Members of the graduating class of Public School 175: bottom row (l. to r.) graduates Dava Lee Candelaria, Savanna Dentico, Bakara Hope Felix, Carolina Clara, Bismah Hannan, Emma Adinolfi, principal Amy Lipson, graduates Isabel Shaw, Mia Comerico, Emily Gaudio, Damia Torres, Claudia Kimmel, Christine Whelan, Denise Cornejo. Second row: faculty Giuliana Adesso, Helen Masotti, Morgan Daley; graduates Lyla MacDonald, Leena Peloso, Rebecca Lubelli, Hayley Murphy, Julisa Viguera, Kashe Fields, Victoria Rabinowitz, Izabel Almedina, Kathrine Patterson, Angie Lin, Jayana Hauser; faculty Karen Heil, Kathie Wiehler. Third row: graduates Kevin Ukaj, James Mettler, Joseph Leni, Damon Hamblin, Matthew Valentine, Anthony Masella, Dominick Morety, Ceasar Lugo, Joshua Santiago, James McGaughan, Javier Caamano, Michael Powers; parent coordinator Tina Gisante. Top row: Sean Clara, Conner Ninivaggi, Joseph Zayas, Michael Amos, Peter Wiehler, Rilind Rugova, Wilson Tiburcio, Angelo Ejli, Robert Henriquez, Anthony Paradiso, Jake Garforth.

P.S. 175 Graduates Receive Awards for Scholarship and Service

By VIRGINIA DANNEGGER

At the graduation ceremony on June 24, 2015, principal Amy Lipson made the following presentations.

Sean Clara was the recipient of both the City Island School Principal's Award for Excellence and the Mary P. Fitzpatrick Award for Academic and General Excellence. The City Island Chamber of Commerce General Excellence Award was given to Joseph Leni; the Dr. Ed Rothschild Award for Citizenship and Community Involvement was presented to Bismah Hannan, and Denise Cornejo received the Lucrezia A. Fusco Award for Effort and Perseverance.

At the Awards Dinner on June 17, the following presentations were made. The New York State Senator Jeff Klein Civic Award for Student Leadership was given to Ceasar Lugo; the Assemblyman Michael Benedetto Award for Academic Achievement went to James McGaughan; the City Council Citation for Achievement was presented to Michael Amos and Anthony Masella; Jake Garforth received both the City Council Speaker's Achievement Award for Academic Excellence and the Philip J. Abinanti Award for Service and Leadership.

The NYC Comptroller Award for Special Scholastic Achievement went to Kevin Ukaj; the City of N.Y.- Commission on Women's Issues Junior High Leadership Award was given to Emily Gaudio; the Blanche Schwartz Award for Effort was presented to Damon Hamblin and the NYC Public Advocate Award for Academic Achievement went to Joseph Leni.

The UFT Citizenship Award for Academic Achievement was given to Sean Clara; the Alice Persteins Award for Community Involvement went to Victoria Rabinowitz; the Gloria Misurski Award for Fairness, and Concern for Others was presented to Carolina Clara, and the Catherine Scott Literacy Award from *The Island Current* went to Jayana Hauser.

The United Federation of Teachers presented awards in individual subject areas: English Language Arts, Bakara Hope Felix and Joseph Zayas; Mathematics, Christine Whelan and James McGaughan; Regents Math, Anthony Paradiso; Science, Emily Gaudio and Sean Clara; Regents Science, Joseph Leni; Social Studies, Claudia Kim-

mel and Kevin Ukaj; Computers and Technology, Carolina Clara and Javier Caamano; Physical Education, Christine Whelan and Joshua Santiago; Art, Bakara Hope Felix. The Andrea Horowitz English Language Arts Award went to Rilind Rugova.

The AARP #318 School Service Award went to Rebecca Lubelli; the Christine Jorgensen Hansen Award for Community Service was given to Savanna Dentico, and Christine Whelan was the recipient of the Alice Connolly Service Award. Anthony Paradiso received an award for Perfect Attendance.

Students on the honor roll were: (Gold) Sean Clara, Angelo Ejli, Jake Garforth, Emily Gaudio, Joseph Leni, Ceasar Lugo, Anthony Masella, James McGaughan, Anthony Paradiso, Kevin Ukaj and Christine Whelan; (Silver) Carolina Clara, Bakara Hope Felix, Jayana Hauser, Claudia Kimmel, Leena Peloso, Joshua Santiago and Peter Wiehler.

The P.S. 175 Effort Awards were presented to Carolina Clara, Denise Cornejo, Angelo Ejli, Bismah Hannan, Angie Lin, Michael Powers, Victoria Rabinowitz, Julisa Viguera and Peter Wiehler.

The P.S. 175 Service Awards were given to Emma Adinolfi, Michael Amos, Dava Lee Candelaria, Carolina Clara, Sean Clara, Mia Comerico, Savanna Dentico, Jake Garforth, Emily Gaudio, Damon Hamblin, Bismah Hannan, Robert Henriquez, Angie Lin, Anthony Masella, James McGaughan, Conner Ninivaggi, Anthony Paradiso, Leena Peloso, Joshua Santiago and Christine Whelan.

Congratulations and good luck to all the 2015 graduates!



Photo by MATTIA PANZA

Focal Point owner and Island artist Ron Turner has created a memorial wall of photos along City Island Avenue between Beach and Cross Streets. "These are the faces that I have photographed since I opened Focal Point Gallery in 1974, gotten to know and would like to remember. It is a work in progress and I will put more photos up, thanks to property owner Haim Joseph," he told *The Current*.

PATRICK WOODS CHOSEN TO BE SUPREME COURT FELLOW

Patrick A. Woods, who grew up on City Island, the son of John and Linda Nealon Woods, has been selected to serve as a Supreme Court Fellow for 2015-16 assigned to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, a position that will start in the fall. The Supreme Court Fellows are selected by a commission composed of nine members selected by the Chief Justice of the United States.

The Supreme Court Fellows Program was created in 1973 by the late Chief Justice Warren E. Burger to provide promising individuals with a first-hand understanding of the federal government, in particular the

judicial branch. In the words of Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., the program offers "a unique opportunity for exceptional individuals to contribute to the administration of justice at the national level."

Mr. Woods earned a BA in philosophy from Stony Brook University in 2005 and a JD, *summa cum laude*, from Albany Law School in 2012, graduating as valedictorian of his class. While in law school, Woods served as the editor in chief of the Albany Law Review and as a teaching fellow for Federal Civil Procedure. He was also an executive board member of the moot court program and a member of the faculty committee on academic standards.

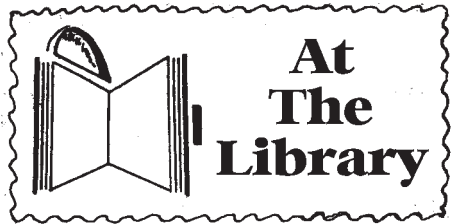
After graduation, he interned for the Honorable Gary L. Sharpe of the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, the Honorable Joseph C. Teresi of the New York State Supreme Court and the Albany County District Attorney's Office. He then clerked for the Honorable Richard K. Eaton of the United States Court of International Trade and now serves as law clerk to the Honorable Peter W. Hall of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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ONGOING PROGRAMS:

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Read & Play: Children from birth to 3 years old and their caregivers can take part in wonderful stories, discover amazing toys, and meet new friends in this fun, informal program. There is a limit of 15 children and their caregivers per session. Space is limited on a first come, first serve basis the day of the program. Every Friday at 11 a.m.

Craft-A-Way: Drop in at any time throughout the day and participate in creating projects related to a theme or holiday. Ages 2-11. Friday, July 17 between 12 noon and 4 p.m.

JULY TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Programs In A Box: Science of Superheroes begins Wednesday, July 8, and every Wednesday for the month of July. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. This is a free hands-on, tech-based workshop series for teens. You'll explore the science behind different superpowers and then design your own superhero and write a comic about their adventures. Ages 12-18. Space is limited, so please register in advance at the library.

Heroes on Camera: International Center of Photography Introductory Workshop: Kick off your summer with the International Center of Photography's Heroes on Camera Workshops! During the session, teens will use cameras supplied by the NYPL to learn the basics of digital photography and capture their unique perspectives. The artwork will be displayed at neighborhood libraries at the end of the summer. Thursday, July 9, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Checkmate! Are you a chess champion? Show off your best moves against other chess fans! Whether you're a chess master or just starting out, come join us for some board time. Presented by Ramon Hernandez. For ages 12 to 18 years old. Friday, July 17, 2015, 3 p.m.

JULY ADULT PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

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All participants will do a self-directed self-assessment to properly identify skills, interests and aptitude, which will begin in class and complete before the next session. Theodore Henderson works with entrepreneurs, business owners and professionals. He is a 20-year veteran of the technology industry as well as an Amazon best-selling author, Certified Social Media Security Professional Powered by CompTIA, and a Certified Leadership Coach. He is the author of the Security eBook "30 Smart Ways to Protect Yourself from Cyber Criminals" aimed at owners of smartphones, mobile devices and those who have significant online activities, including social media, financial services, etc. In addition, he wrote the eBook "9 Simple Strategies to Becoming A Strong Leader." Tuesday, July 14, 1 p.m.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Island Writers: Meets every Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m.

New! Summer Writing at the Library: The mid-day heat is over. A gentle, friendly breeze passes through the library garden. It is that quiet hour at the end of a summer day. It is your time to unlock the treasure chest of personal creativity as you join other adventurers for Summer Writing at the Library. You will learn how to develop a story from a single word; how to craft an idea into an opinion piece for publication; how to use your experience or observation to weave stories that celebrate the joys and sorrows of life's journeys. Led by Gail Hitt. Expect some surprises and spontaneous smiles. Everyone is welcome. Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Computer Q & A: Ask questions about how to use computers. "How do I turn a computer on?" "How do I set up my own e-mail account and e-mail family and friends?" "How do I copy and paste text and pictures?" How can I sign in to use a computer at the library with my library card? Every Monday afternoon from 1 to 2 p.m. at Grace Church, Pilot Street. Every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. Also, one-on-one training by appointment.

Résumé Writing Workshop and Online Job Search: Staff will be here to help you look for employment and get your résumé into top form for the competitive job market. Pre-registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are fine. It is recommended you bring along a flash drive to save your work. Every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon.

Tablet Group: Learn how to borrow and download library e-books, discuss your favorite apps and ask questions about how to use tablets in your day-to-day life. Every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 3.

Saturday Afternoon Movies: Saturday July 4: CLOSED
Saturday, July 11, 1 p.m. "To Kill A Mockingbird" (anticipating Harper Lee's new book)

Saturday, July 18, 1 p.m. "American Sniper" (starring Bradley Cooper and Sienna Miller)

Saturday, July 25, 1 p.m. "Unbroken" (starring Jack O'Connell)

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AUGUST EVENTS AT THE CITY ISLAND LIBRARY

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Monday, Aug. 3, 3 p.m.

New York City Kids (for children): From very humble beginnings, Music for Aardvarks has blossomed over the years into many things: It's 16 original CDs, with over 250 songs and counting. It's music videos airing daily on Nick Jr TV. And it is one of the most imaginative and original interactive music sessions for babies and toddlers out there. The original material uniquely reflects and celebrates the lives of children growing up in New York City. For children ages of all ages. Presented by New York City Kids! Every August Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Abacadabra (for children): A Summer Reading Celebration. Children will be wowed and amazed at the sleight of hand tricks and the comedic talents of children's magician Evan Paquette. Evan holds a master's degree in educational theater and uses magic to both entertain and promote learning. As a special treat, after the 40-minute interactive magic show, Evan leads a short hands-on workshop for the kids to test their own magical abilities. Recommended for children ages 4 to 8. Presented by Urban Stages on Friday, Aug. 21, at 2 p.m.



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

Address	Closing Date	Sale Price	Type
416 Minneford Ave.	3/30/15	\$343,500	1-family
191 Tier Street	4/16/15	\$450,000	1-family
77 Buckley Street	4/17/15	\$599,000	1-family
183 Hawkins Street	4/30/15	\$300,000	1-family
291 Minneford Ave.	5/15/15	\$350,000	1-family
678 Minneford Ave.	5/29/15	\$393,432	1-family
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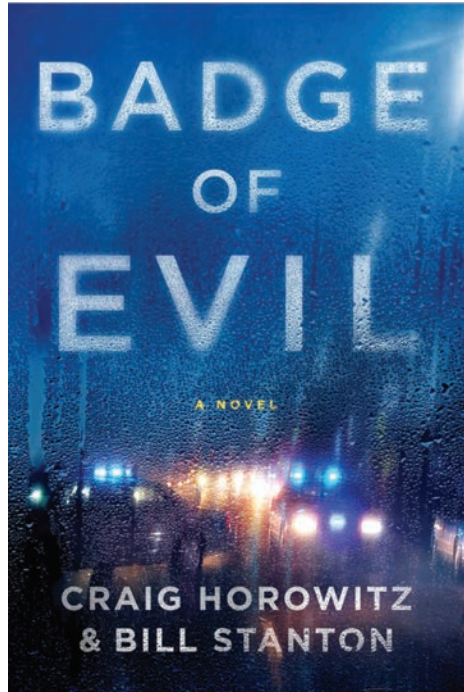
Craig Horowitz and Bill Stanton

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Okay, folks, fasten your seatbelts—a fast-moving page turner awaits you in this thriller about to be published by a duo named Craig Horowitz and Bill Stanton. That’s right, New York City police officer, current private investigator and president of the City Island Civic Association, whose co-author is a prize-winning journalist.

The language is rough, the sex scenes explicit and the story exciting, as a detective and a journalist join forces to uncover a terrorist plot that begins with the murder of an NYPD officer and a police raid on an apartment in Brooklyn led by the police commissioner himself. Since the book won’t be available until its official publication date on July 28 (it can be preordered on Amazon), I won’t go into any more detail about the various twists and turns taken by the characters which is billed as the first in a new thriller series.

However, I do want to point out one of the most appealing aspects of the book, which is the story behind the story. Those who know Mr. Stanton will be



amused by the names of his main characters, Bishop and Lucy; City Islanders (especially the staff at Artie’s) will be pleased with the descriptions of Rodman’s Neck and City Island; and those who remember the bad acts of former police commissioner Bernard Kerik will be intrigued by the novel’s commissioner, who is also on the road to becoming the head of Homeland Security. (An interesting sidelight is that Judith Regan, the publisher of this book, was Kerik’s lover and the publisher of his memoir in 2001.)

Those who can’t wait until July 28 are invited to visit *Amazon.com* to preview a few selected pages from the book. For those who love police thrillers, this will surely whet your appetite.

DEC versus the Mute Swans: An Update

By MAURA J. MANDRANO



Swan lovers were thrilled to hear that the New York State Assembly passed a bill in mid-June to enact a two-year moratorium on the revised Management Plan proposed by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to eliminate the wild mute swan population in New York State. The Assembly vote, 86 to 5, marked the second time the state legislature has voted overwhelmingly to put a stop to the DEC’s mute swan management plan and to protect the species from being eliminated from the wild. The bill must now be signed by Governor Cuomo to become law.

In 2013, as reported in *The Island Current* in March 2014, the DEC announced what proved to be a highly controversial plan to eliminate the mute swan population in New York State. Among the reasons given were that swans are aggressive and are a non-native species, having been introduced from Europe during the 19th century. In response, the DEC received more than 50,000 e-mails, telephone calls and letters expressing opposition and even outrage at this plan. In response, State Senator Tony Avella introduced a bill to protect the swans, calling for a two-year moratorium on the DEC plan until the state could prove that the reasons for killing all the swans were based on legitimate scientific data. That bill passed the Senate and Assembly but was vetoed by Governor Cuomo, who did so on the condition that the DEC revise its original plan.

Senator Tony Avella led the fight by calling on DEC to rethink its eradication plan and instead implement a non-lethal method for controlling the mute swan population, which currently amounts to 2,200 birds throughout the state. The public outcry against the DEC’s original plan led the agency to produce a revision (http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/muteswan_mgmtpln2015.pdf), which was released in March 2015. The revised plan recognizes that “complete elimination of mute swans from New York is not a viable option, given the expressed public opinions associated with these birds.” Although the plan no longer calls for complete eradication of 2,200 birds in New York State, its new direction toward the “ownership and management” of a few birds in “urban parks or other controlled settings” does not sit well with many

who opposed the first plan.

The goal of the revised plan is to “minimize the potential adverse impacts of mute swans on native wildlife and their habitats” and to reduce their numbers back to 1980 levels by removing them from the wild and putting them in licensed sanctuaries or other managed settings with their wings clipped so they cannot fly. Another option is to prevent birds in the wild from reproducing by having their eggs oiled or addled (shaken) to kill the unhatched cygnets, a practice that has been in use for several years.

Public comment on the revised plan ended in April 2015. DEC officials have said that they will spend a few months reviewing the comments before releasing a final management plan for the mute swan later this summer. In the meantime, Senator Avella re-introduced his bill (S.1555) asking for the two-year moratorium, saying: “It’s much of the same. It makes some minor modifications, but it’s still based on inaccurate data.”

Those who love the swans for their grace and beauty believe there are solid scientific reasons to keep them living in the wild. According to Hugh Raffles of the *New York Times* (February 2014), the mute swans might be able to tell us about the toxicity of fresh water: “Because of their limited diet, mute swans are a sentinel species, concentrating contaminants in their livers and revealing the presence of chemical toxicities in fresh water. Rather than eliminating swans, we should pay attention to their struggle to survive and what it can tell us about the state of our state.”

David Karopkin, founder and director of GoosewatchNYC, an advocacy group urging tolerance and protection for urban wildlife, writes: “Instead of destroying wildlife, New York State should devote its management activities to restoring lost, vital habitat so that non-migratory, sedentary birds can cohabit the same regions as those who are migratory. We shouldn’t have to kill off one animal population thinking that we are helping to save another without, at the very least, unequivocal evidence to support such action.”

Those who wish to voice support for Senator Avella’s bill may contact Governor Cuomo’s office at 518-474-8390 and urge him to sign it into law.

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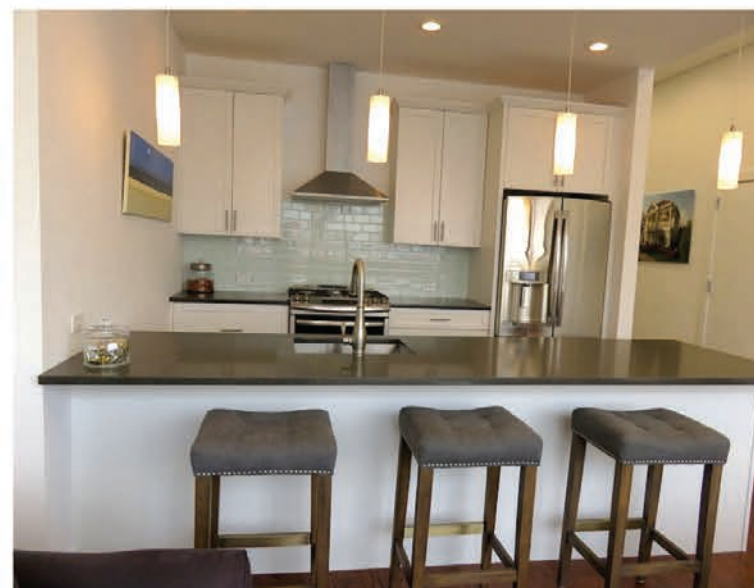
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FAIR TRADE



Photos by RICK DeWITT

The 2015 Arts & Crafts Fair, sponsored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce, was held on June 6 and 7. Artists, craftspeople and local businesses lined City Island Avenue under sunny skies and there were candles, jewelry, painting, clothing, soaps, glassware, face painting, music and fun for all.

DiMartini

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involved weapons seizures. Some of my other awards were for Exceptional Police Duty for lifesaving efforts like pulling kids out of burning buildings, recovering kidnapping victims before they were harmed, and capturing drug dealers impersonating police officers.”

“Outside the NYPD, I was also named ‘Cop of the Year’ in 1978 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.” Bob believes he was the only New York City officer to ever receive the award.

So what did this decorated hero do after retirement? “I went to work in private security, and I am still employed at the age of 71.” These days he also spends time with his four grandchildren and is a member of St. Mary, Star of the Sea parish.

Bob has also begun writing a non-fiction

book about his years on the NYPD and how, in spite of thousands of arrests and guns confiscated, he never killed another human being.

When asked about the recent controversial police shootings around the country, Bob defended the vast majority of police officers. “Cops go out every day to save lives, not to take lives. The policy of ‘stop and frisk’ works if officers are well trained to include ‘stop, question and frisk.’ You have to do solid police work and build a case before you frisk a suspect.”

He gave the example of using his instincts to suspect someone of carrying an illegal weapon. “If it’s 100 degrees outside and someone is wearing an overcoat and patting their pocket, it’s suspicious.”

He also keeps in touch with other detectives and officers, including Robert Friedman, who is the most decorated detective in NYPD history. However, among all ranks, Islander Robert DiMartini remains the “top cop.”

Cormac McEnery: City Island’s Home-Grown Lawyer

By BILL STUTTIG

The following interview is the first in a series of profiles devoted to local individuals and businesses that have helped to support The Island Current by placing ads in virtually every issue for more than 20 years.

Cormac McEnery likes to see himself as something more than the City Island success story that many people consider him. Instead—at least in part—he proudly thinks of himself as a product of the City Island that helped raise him decades ago and as a contributor to maintaining the beloved community of his youth as a great place for many more decades to come.

“I have very fond memories of growing up on City Island in the 1950s and ‘60s,” Cormac recalled during a recent interview with *The Island Current*. “We had all the old merchants like Artie and Louie the barber and Tom the shoemaker and Harold Kroepke and dozens more like them. It was a real small town. It had an intimate relationship with the water and the beach and all the many characters that helped make City Island what it was.”

Cormac went to St. Mary’s School on City Island and graduated from St. Michael’s College in Vermont in 1972. He clerked for the Wall Street law firm of Casey, Lane and Mittendorf from 1974 to 1978; the firm sponsored him for the bar, which he passed, and was admitted in 1979 on both state and federal levels. Now an established estate planning and elder law attorney, Cormac chose his beloved boyhood home as the place to hang his law practice shingle more than 34 years ago, after leaving a successful Manhattan litigation partnership in the early 1980s. Cormac says that he definitely has no regrets after all these many years.

“It is fun dealing with the people in this community. It is nice to do something for which you make a nice living and where you are part of the community and get to deal with a lot of people you have known for most of your life,” he explained.

“It is hard to say how unique this practice is,” Cormac continued. “I think there are a lot of practitioners out there who have a general practice in their own communities, but it is very hard to do that in today’s world—to be a general practitioner—and so we contribute in a very specific area and I think that is the only way to go.”

While admitting that his successful elder law and estate-planning practice cannot be and has not been entirely dependent on City Island clientele (in fact, most of his clients come from southern Westchester and Long Island), Cormac added that it has been very gratifying to work with and help so many City Islanders, many of whom he has known all his life, as they prepare for their future or attempt to help their aging family members do the same.

“We have had the opportunity to help a lot of people here, some of it on a pro bono basis, as well as speaking at community and senior meetings,” Cormac said. He explained that there is often a lot of misinformation regarding his field spread by hearsay or the media, and this often leads to misplaced fears, as people try to secure the future for themselves and their loved ones. He is proud that he and his staff have been able to allay many of those fears and get people on the right path before, during and, many times, after difficult emotional times.



Photo by RICK DeWITT

“We have always tried to be supportive of this community. We have been involved with various organizations over the years and we are happy to do it.”

“City Island is a small town, but I think the thing that has changed, unfortunately, is that a lot of small town merchants are no longer here, and that is a real loss,” he reflected. “All of those businesses that I loved as a young person have now given way to off-Island shopping.”

“Certain things have been lost, and that is a shame. I think the relationship that City Islanders have long had with the water has begun to disappear. I don’t think the current generation of kids has the same relationship with the water as we once did. I think that is kind of sad, but it is a different time in many ways.”

A long-time resident of Brooklyn Heights, Cormac said his drive to and from work each day is one of the highlights of his day, particularly as he gets closer to the Island. “Coming through the north side of the park is amazing. I think they have done a great job with Pelham Bay Park.

“It is very gratifying to see people here still taking care of the community and being conscious of how it looks,” Cormac said. “It is still a great place, and there are some great new places that have opened up, and the yacht clubs are still holding on. When you have an appointment here with someone who has never been to City Island—and this happens a lot to me when lawyers come up from midtown—their reaction to the Island reinforces for you how wonderful a community this still is. I just hope that people continue to have their consciousness raised about taking care of the Island in terms of architectural integrity, keeping it safe and caring for it, the way the Garden Club does.”

An advertiser with *The Island Current* ever since he moved his law practice to its current location at 562 City Island Avenue, Cormac said, “I don’t know if we ever measured how we benefited from advertising in *The Current*, but we do get calls and when we ask how people found us, they say they saw our ad in *The Current*. *The Current* is a great example of what was here on City Island and is still here; in fact, it has actually gotten better. It is important for the Island to support the paper just as it is important for people on the Island to support businesses on the Island: the pharmacy, the hardware store, the marine supply store and more. Islanders need to support these enterprises, because when they no longer exist it will affect our values and our quality of life. It just makes sense to support the community.”

“All the characters I knew growing up have given us this incredible small-town atmosphere that we still enjoy today,” he added. “It was a wonderful place to grow up, and it is still a wonderful place to go to work every day. I see people watering their lawns, the same people you have known your whole life, and it makes for a nice continuity. I know a lot of the old characters have left us, but I hope they will continue to be replaced by other characters just as colorful. This is a unique place, and it is important for everyone to realize just how great it is.”

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Organization News

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Current Calendar

JULY

Sat., July 25, **Gilder Scholarship Fundraising Lawn Party**, Morris Yacht & Beach Club, 2 p.m. (see Briefly this issue).

Sat., July 25, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: Meatloaf with vegetables and roasted peppers.

Tues., July 28, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

AUGUST

Sat., August 29, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: meatloaf with potatoes and vegetables.

Grace Episcopal Church

First, a little bit of history: The birth of Grace Church took place in 1849, when the Reverend Cornelius W. Bolton and Adele Bolton, son and daughter of the rector of Christ Church in Pelham Manor, visited nearby City Island. There, according to church records, they discovered a population of 800 souls "almost entirely neglected and destitute of the means of grace. They offered the locals a Sunday afternoon service, every second Sunday, which was readily accepted and largely attended." The services were held in Union Chapel, a charming picturesque cottage that still stands at the corner of Tier Street and City Island Avenue, but in 1862 moved to the Grace Episcopal church that is located at 116 City Island Avenue on the corner of Pilot Street. It has proudly served the nautical community of City Island for over 160 years.

Worship Schedule:

Holy Communion Rite 2, Sundays at 10 a.m. with Priest-in-Charge, Ruth Anne Garcia. After the service, we offer coffee hour, a time for refreshments and fellowship.

Contemplative Prayer Service meets on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the church. A quiet evening service, it includes scripture reading, reflection and meditation.

Hearts and Hands Knitting and Crocheting Ministry for Cavalry: A group of parishioners has been creating comfort items in a gathering called Hearts and Hands. These items go to patients at Calvary Hospital. Hearts and Hands meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the church and invites other crafters who might be interested to join them in this "feel good" project. The group will meet on July 13 and on Aug. 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Those who cannot make the Monday evening sessions are welcome to work at home. For more information, please call Lori Swink at 914-523-7413.

Grace Episcopal Church, a place of worship and fellowship, warmly welcomes you to join us for these and other events. Please visit our website at www.gracecityisland.org.

Eileen Marcus

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island (TBE), "your shul by the sea," at 480 City Island Avenue, is a stimulating non-denominational place for observance of Jewish traditions. Our style of service is Jewish renewal, deeply spiritual, innovative and open-minded. The congregation is led by our clergy, Rabbi Shohama Wiener and Rabbi David Evan Markus, with music by Your

Band by the Sea. Events begin promptly, so please come 15 minutes before listed times. Services are followed by a celebratory oneg, light refreshments. Reminder: for the health and comfort of all, please refrain from wearing perfume or cologne.

Friday, July 3, at 7:30 p.m. Community-led Shabbat

Friday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m. Community-led Shabbat

Friday, July 24, at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi David

Sunday, July 26, at 7 p.m. Tisha b'Av: A New Era Dawns, Rabbi David

Friday, July 31, at 7:30 p.m. Community-led Shabbat

Friday, Aug. 7, at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi David

Friday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Community led Shabbat

Sunday, Aug. 16, at 8 p.m. Slichot themed Rosh Chodesh, Rabbi David

Friday, Aug. 21, at 7:15 to 10 p.m. Join Rabbi Shohama, Rabbi David and Your Band by the Sea for a City Island tradition and highlight of our year, our sunset Shabbat facing the Manhattan skyline. Join with us in dance and song at summer's peak as we welcome Shabbat adorned in white. Linger with friends old and new, and family under the stars. This service is held seaside at the home of Ken Binder and Steve Roth, 2 Bay Street. Please leave ample time for travel and to find parking.

Friday, Aug. 28, at 7:30 p.m. Community led Shabbat

Looking Ahead for the High Holy Days:

Sunday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Friday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Shuvah

Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m. Kol Nidre

Thursday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m. Yom Kippur

All TBE members and friends interested in praying for and supporting others who are ill or need home contact are requested to please join our Chessed Committee. Please send questions and comments to ertopolataol@aol.com. If you want prayers for yourself, family members or friends, please send an e-mail. We welcome any member, friend and family of the City Island community to contact us to be placed on our prayer list as well.

Oneg sponsorship: Sponsoring an oneg (refreshments) for a Shabbat or holiday service is a wonderful way to honor an important occasion (e.g., birthday, anniversary, yahrzeit, life cycle event) and give back to the community. For more information, call Violet Smith 718-885-0978 or e-mail violetsm@aol.com.

For further information, visit our web-

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #156

We would like to remind all members that 2015 dues are now due. They are \$30 and can be mailed or dropped off to the Post and placed into the SAL Box.

New members are always welcome. If you are a male descendant, step-descendant or adopted descendant of a veteran set forth in the dates established by Congress, we would love to have you as a member. Stop by the Post to pick up an application.

All retired flags should be deposited in the red, white and blue mailbox next to the flagpole.

It's party time! When booking your next



Photo by PAUL NANI

At Grace Church on May 24, 2015, Reverend Ruth Anne Garcia recognized the efforts and long service of parishioners (l. to r.) Estelle and Chandra Menon and Saro and Melvin Aponte. Estelle leads the Altar Guild at Grace; Saro and Chandra are members of the Vestry; and Melvin is an acolyte.

party, consider the Legion Post. Members receive a discount rate on all hall rentals. Come and dance on the new floor.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

American Legion Post #156

The next regular meetings for the summer will be held on Monday, July 20, and Monday, Aug. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Dues are now past due. They are \$50.

The bar is now open at noon. Once again we are the unofficial cooling center of City Island. Members and their guests should stop in and have a nice cold drink.

Thank you goes out to Dianne and John O'Sullivan, Betty Jordan, Ann Sullivan, Betty and Dave Carman and all of the others we may have missed for making the D-Day Post fundraiser a success.

We have space for your next party. We can accommodate up to 80 people. Members receive a discount on all hall rentals. Call Joe Goonan at 718-885-1637.

All retired flags should be dropped off at the Post in the mailbox by the flagpole.

Any retired veterans willing to help out around the Post should contact John Muhlfeld at 718-885-0639. Help is greatly appreciated.

Vice Commander Mike Treat is recovering from surgery, and Dave Bowers is improving from a recent illness. We also wish Mike Jawski well on his recent knee replacements.

We are always in need of new members. The Post pays the dues of members who are on active duty. Younger people are necessary for the continuation of the Post.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion for all that they do.

The Post would also like to thank the City Island community for its continued support.

John Muhlfeld

City Island Republicans

We want to thank all of those who signed this year's petition. You helped us qualify for another two years.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

Our Thrift Shop will be closed during July and August and will open again on Sept. 17, the third Thursday in the month. Donations will be received throughout the summer.

Registration has begun for our religious education program for September 2015. Forms have been mailed to all students who were enrolled in our program last year. Additional forms are available in the vestibule of the church as well as forms for new students, first-graders and others. Please return the form as soon as possible so that plans can be made for our fall classes.

Aug. 15 is the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. Since it falls on a Saturday this year, it will not be a holy day of obligation. However, remember to pray to Mary on that day.

Have a safe and pleasant summer!

Sr. Bernadette, osu

REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

Narcotics Anonymous:

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

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City Islanders best enjoy summer outdoors and on the water. Many of your community center's programs are curtailed during this time so check the schedule and/or call the instructor if you are not sure.

Annual membership to the City Island Community Center is only \$30 for families and \$20 for individuals. Please think about it and consider joining. To join the Center, to request our new brochure, and for up-to-date information, visit www.cityisland-communitycenter.org, call 718-885-1145 or "Like" us on Facebook!

The Center is run by a volunteer board of directors who meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center's main room at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend this

open meeting.

SPECIAL EVENT

Spruce Up Our Community Center: Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Annual get together to help repair, touch up and tidy up our Center. Please come. "Many hands make light work."

NEW PROGRAMS

Ballroom Dance: Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. Learn to salsa, fox trot, rumba, waltz and you name it with instructor Maurice Bonilla. Soon you may be "Dancing with the Stars." For information, call 347-920-3127 or 718-772-4014.

CI Community Supported Agriculture: Mondays, 5 to 7 p.m. First delivery of fresh organic produce begins June 8. It is not too late to join for delivery delicious fruits and vegetables every week. For information, contact laurenbriggsrn@gmail.com or call 917-238-0529 .

PROGRAMS

Aerobics with Mary: Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. Stay strong with cross fit/aerobic strength training. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793. AFA Certified.

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. Call Bill at 718-541-3995.

City Island Civic Association: Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month (except December). Join your community in action.

Weight Watchers Meetings: Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. with Deborah. Trim down for the summer with the support of a great group. Joiners are always welcome to join. For more information, call Elena at 718-885-2268 or Patty at 718-885-1891.

Yoga with Jo Ann: Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. \$10 per session. Gentle level-one class. Please bring a mat, a strap and, if possible, a yoga blanket. For more information, contact Jo Ann at 917-853-4719 or joannngny@aol.com.

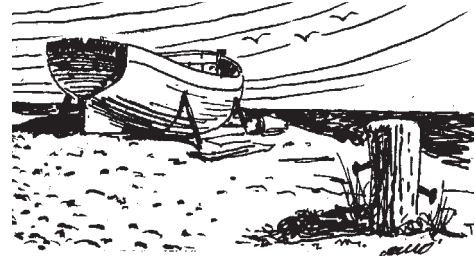
Zumba with Julia: Want to lose that belly fat? Well here is your chance to Zumba with Julia. It's a high energy Zumba workout for an hour. Saturdays at 10 a.m. \$10 per class. For questions, call 917-601-5514.

Zumba with Letti: Thursdays at 6 p.m. Letti's very creative class is a real calorie burner and a blast. Classes are \$10. Call Letti at 917-292-4228 for more information.

On Hold for June, July and August:

Childrens' Art Classes with Lorainne Cantori, **CI Drawing Society** with Josh Glick (917-721-1419), **Family Bingo, Jill's Playgroup** (917-330-0922), **Parenting Group** with John Scardina (718-885-9305), **Belly Dance/Shimmy By the Sea** with Kristin (Kristin Amezquita 646-625-1575), **Chair Yoga** with Michael (call Betty 718-885-1095), **Irish Dance for Children** (call Kim at 718-885-3501), **City Island Culinary Club** (call Michael at 646-296-3102). (Note: Community Dinner and Karaoke Fundraiser hosted by CI Culinary Club is postponed.)

Patty Grondahl



Garden Club of City Island

Once again, we would like to thank all the attendees of our annual Garden Club luncheon for their support. We would also like to thank all the businesses that so generously donated their goods or services to making the raffle such a success. Another job well done this year by luncheon chair Francine Alheid.

The speaker at our June meeting was Julie Tang, who creates beautiful objects through the ancient Japanese art of paper folding called origami. One of the first things she told us was that origami (though not called by that name) has been very popular in China for ages. Julie worked with members to make origami bookmarks and sailboats, pointing out that the key to origami is getting your "folds" well made. She also demonstrated making a candy dish and a crane. It was a workshop all the members enjoyed.

Our Beautification Committee is now chaired by Kathy Gibbons and retiring chair Susan Strazera was thanked by all for her years of dedicated service. Kathy reported that the planters are doing very well, and she is looking forward to her new role with the club. Carol Wilkinson, Program Committee, announced two trips for the club, one in the fall to Kykuit, the Rockefeller estate, and the other in the spring to Planting Fields Arboretum on Long Island. More details to follow.

Officers were elected at the meeting as follows: Barbara Dennis, corresponding secretary; Ellen Murphy, recording secretary; Elena Neusslein, treasurer; and Melanie Benvenue, assistant treasurer. These ladies join president Judy Judson and vice president Barbara Harrison to round out the officer list. They will be inducted in July at the member-only luncheon on Friday, July 10.

It's not too late to send in a check to the Garden Club's annual Beautification Drive, Post Office Box 43, Bronx, New York 10464. For those who have already donated, our heartfelt thanks for helping us reach our goal.

If gardening, gardens and a beautiful City Island are among your interests, you're welcome to attend one of our meetings held at 10 a.m. on the first Monday of the month (except September, when we meet on Monday, Sept. 14). We sign off this month wishing you a wonderful summer with beautiful and bountiful gardens.

Barbara Harrison

PSS City Island Senior Center

The mission of PSS City Island Center is to provide neighborhood adults 60 and over with the tools to live life to the fullest, keeping them healthy, engaged and connected through innovative programs and classes. We are not your everyday senior center!

The center is located at 116 City Island Avenue in Grace Church Hall and is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. A delicious lunch is served every day from 12 to 1 p.m., catered by Scavello's (IGA). Programs are funded by PSS and the NYC Department for the Aging.

HIGHLIGHTS:

July 2- Independence Day BBQ Celebration, with hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad and coleslaw

July 3: Center is closed in recognition of Independence Day

July 14, 10:30 a.m. "Keeping Your Mind Sharp" presentation

July 27, 12:15 p.m. Senior Safety presentation

Please call the center at 718-885-0727 for other July and August events, or send your e-mail address to pattis@pssusa.org so you can receive our newsletter and calendar of events. All programs and events are subject to change. Please call ahead to check if you have not attended before.

Physical Exercise: The exercise program offers classes at various levels of fitness. Drop in and try one of our classes for yourself. Tuesdays: Cardio Fitness at 9:15 a.m. and Yoga Stretch at 1 p.m.; Wednesdays: Zumba at 9:15 and Arthritis Workshop at 10:15 a.m.; Fridays: Fit for Life at 9 a.m. and Yoga Stretch at 10:15. Arthritis Workshop classes are free. The suggested donation for all other exercise classes is \$3 each.

July/August Programs: Mondays: Individualized Computer Instruction at 1 p.m.; Guitar Lessons also at 1 p.m.; Tuesdays: Conversational Spanish at 10:15; Wednesdays: Calligraphy at 1 p.m.; and Haircuts by Brenda on July 8 and 22, Aug. 12 and 26, for \$10; Thursdays: Acrylic Painting at 10 a.m.; Piracy Bingo at 12:30 p.m. on July 9, Aug. 13; Birthday Party July 16, Aug. 20; Dance Party every week at 12:45.

Information, Referrals and Assistance

Need help with filling out forms or applying for certain benefits? Don't know if you are eligible for benefits? We can help. Call Patty at 718-885-0727 or drop by the Center.

Caregivers Support

If you are caring for someone or if you know someone who is caring for another, we have some supportive services that might be helpful, including respite, escort assistance and help with shopping. Please call Patty at 718-885-0727.

Transportation Services

Off-Island shopping trips leave at 9:30 and include Shop Rite, Bay Plaza, Stop & Shop, Target, Farmers Market, Trader Joe's, Empire City and more. See our monthly calendar for specific dates. The suggested contribution for a round trip is \$1 on City Island and \$2.50 off-Island shopping trips. Limited availability is open for Off-Island doctor appointments. You must call the office one week before the appointment and be approved. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services. Call Tony at 347-834-6466 for pickup or trips.

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The Art of the Steal

Stealing art has been a topic in film spanning many decades and genres. Herein we consider dramatizations, documentaries and more light-hearted capers.

Dramas

Europe is the site of the excellent World War II drama **The Train** (1965). It stars Paul Scofield as Colonel von Waldheim, a German charged with transporting a collection of masterpiece paintings from France to Germany as the war is about to end. The Resistance recruits railway inspector Labiche (Burt Lancaster) to stop the train. This exciting film is also thought-provoking in its questioning whether saving works of art are worth the sacrifice of human life.

The same question is explored in **Monuments Men** (2014), which is based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history. The action drama focuses on an unlikely World War II platoon, tasked by FDR with going into Germany to rescue artistic masterpieces from Nazi thieves and returning them to their rightful owners. Dubbed "the Monuments Men," the officers found themselves in a race against time to avoid the destruction of 1,000 years of culture at great personal risk. From director George Clooney, the film stars George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman, Jean Dujardin, Bob Balaban, Hugh Bonneville, and Cate Blanchett.

The Best Offer (2013) is a haunting film starring Geoffrey Rush as Virgil Oldman, a solitary, anti-social, cultured art auctioneer who is a friend of Robert (Jim Sturgess), a young, skillful restorer of mechanical devices from every era. Oldman's reputation is counterpointed by an ongoing scam whereby his friend Billy Whistler (Donald Sutherland) helps him acquire a secret private collection of master paintings. When Virgil receives a phone call from Claire Ibbetson (Sylvia Hoeks), a mysterious young woman who asks him to handle the disposal of some family works of art, he embarks on a journey of an obsessive passion that will transform his existence forever.

Woman in Gold (2015) is the noteworthy true story of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage and to seek justice for what happened to her family. Sixty years after she fled Vienna during World War II, an elderly Jewish woman, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), starts her journey to retrieve family possessions seized by the Nazis, among them Klimt's famous painting "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I." Together with her inexperienced but dedicated young lawyer, Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), she embarks upon a major battle that takes them all the way to the heart of the Austrian establishment and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Documentaries

Rape of Europa (2006) is the documentary version of the stories depicted in both **Monuments Men** and **Woman in Gold**. It recounts the Nazis' large-scale theft of European art at the direction of Adolf Hitler and Hermann Göring and the effort of the Allies to preserve and return it. The chronicle takes the audience into the violent whirlwind of greed and warfare that threatened to wipe out the artistic heritage of Europe. For 12 years, the Nazis looted and destroyed art on a scale unprecedented in history. But young art professionals, as

well as ordinary heroes, from truck drivers to department store clerks, fought back with an extraordinary effort to safeguard, rescue and return the millions of lost, hidden and stolen treasures.

Hitler's Museum (2006) is the story of Adolph Hitler's megalomaniacal idea of creating the largest art center in Europe in his home town of Linz. As Nazi forces began their advance through Europe in 1939, they also began plundering each area of its own precious, ancient and exceedingly valuable artistic achievements, including the Ghent Altarpiece, a particularly treasured artifact that Allied forces went to extreme ends to recover. When the war's tide finally turned, Stalin also had countless works of art taken from German art collections to the East.

Desert of Forbidden Art (2010) is the incredible true story of how one man, Igor Savitsky, saved a treasure trove of art worth millions of dollars by "hiding" it in a museum in the desert in Uzbekistan. A tireless collector of paintings that the Soviet government wanted destroyed, Savitsky traveled thousands of miles and did whatever was necessary to obtain the art he so passionately wanted to preserve. As a result of his efforts, the Savitsky Collection of the Karakalpakstan State Museum of Art, also known as the Nukus Museum, hosts the world's second largest collection of Russian avant garde art (after the Russian Museum in St. Petersburg).

All of these films are about the theft of pieces of art, but **Art of the Steal** (2009) is a documentary that recounts the "theft" of an entire museum. In the film the forces of art and money collide fiercely in the struggle for control of Dr. Albert C. Barnes's \$25 billion collection of modern and post-impressionist art. On one side is the Barnes Foundation, the great collection of paintings amassed by Albert C. Barnes, who specified

that they be hung in a mansion in suburban Philadelphia. On the other side is the Philadelphia Museum of Art, which covets the collection.

Banksy Does New York (2014) is the unique story of the "Better Out Than In" project of Banksy, a British street artist. In October 2013, the artist took up a secret residency in New York City, and over the course of 31 days, he created street art in all five boroughs that drew a devoted following eager to find these creations. Many of the works of art were stolen in broad daylight.

Capers

How to Steal a Million (1966) is an elegant "caper" film, starring Audrey Hepburn as Nicole, the daughter of Bonnet (Hugh Griffith), a wealthy Parisian whose hobby is copying famous works of art. His replica of a famed Cellini sculpture is inadvertently displayed in an art museum, and he begins to worry that he will lose his reputation once the experts evaluate the statuette. Nicole decides to rob the museum and hires the mysterious burglar Simon Dermot (Peter O'Toole) for the purpose.

The Thomas Crown Affair (1999) is a slickly crafted caper flick starring Pierce Brosnan in the title role as a bored filthy-rich man who lives life on the edge. When a \$100 million Monet is stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the insurance company sends in Catherine Banning (Rene Russo) to help the police recover the painting. This is a better-than-the-original remake of the 1968 version (which is about a bank robbery), thanks to the chemistry between the two leads. The most entertaining scene in the film is the riveting Magritte painting come-to-life, with men in derby hats running through the museum.

In **Entrapment** (1999) a priceless Rembrandt painting has been stolen from a New York skyscraper in a daring and technically

sophisticated robbery. Ace insurance investigator Virginia "Gin" Baker (Catherine Zeta-Jones) begins looking into the matter and is soon convinced that the robbery was the work of master art thief Robert "Mac" MacDougal (Sean Connery). Gin thinks the best way to get the goods on Mac and perhaps recover the painting is to work her way inside his operation. She locates him in London and, posing as a fellow art thief, offers to work as his partner.

Headhunters (2011) is a Norwegian film that stars Aksel Hennie (Max Manus) as Roger, a charming scoundrel and Norway's most accomplished headhunter. Roger is living a life of luxury well beyond his means and stealing art to subsidize his expensive lifestyle. When his beautiful gallery owner wife Diana (Synnøve Macody Lund) introduces him to Clas Greve (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau), a former mercenary in the possession of an extremely valuable painting, he decides to risk it all to get his hands on it, and he makes a disturbing and unexpected discovery.

Academy Award nominee for best picture, **The Grand Budapest Hotel** (2014) is a comedy with a very complex plot. It stars Ralph Fiennes as Monsieur Gustave H, the hotel's devoted concierge, who relies on lobby boy Zero Moustafa (Tony Revolori) to prove his innocence after he is framed for murder. Set between the two world wars, the story involves the theft and recovery of a priceless painting, bequeathed by Madame D (Tilda Swinton) to someone outside the family. Madame D's irate son, Dimitri (Adrian Brody), hires J. G. Jopling (Willem Dafoe), a cold-blooded assassin, to retrieve the painting. Other various roles in this excellent ensemble are held by Jeff Goldblum, Bill Murray, Edward Norton, F. Murray Abraham, Jude Law, Harvey Keitel, Tom Wilkinson and Owen Wilson.

And, until next time, happy viewing. . .



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A Current Review

“The Bronx: The Ultimate Guide to New York City’s Beautiful Borough”

Lloyd Ultan and Shelley Olson

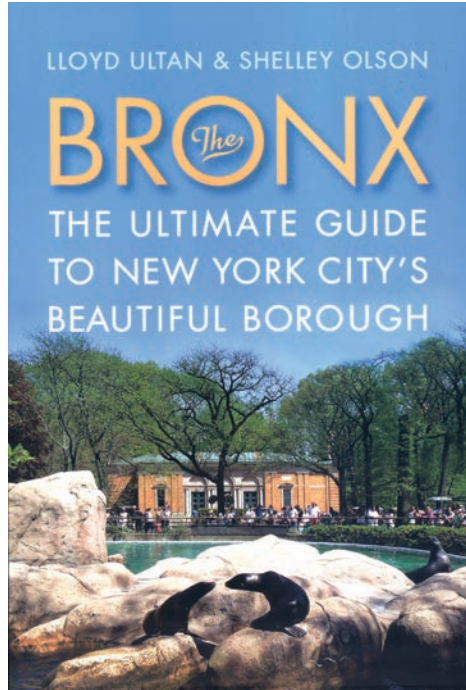
By **BARBARA DOLENSEK**

As our Borough President, Ruben Diaz Jr., reminds us often, the Bronx is back. No longer burning, our borough is now booming, and this book is just the thing to excite visitors and residents alike about the wealth of history and culture that is all around us. Here in one concise volume is just about everything you need to know about the Bronx and many things that you never did know.

Written by Bronx Borough Historian Lloyd Ultan, a professor of history at Fairleigh Dickinson University and the author of more than 1,000 articles and 10 books, together with teacher and writer Shelley Olson, this book is not just a reference book but also an enthusiastic invitation to explore this impressive borough.

The authors begin with the well-known attractions with which we are all familiar: the Bronx Zoo, the Botanical Garden, Yankee Stadium, Wave Hill, Woodlawn Cemetery, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum and the various parks and recreational facilities. But also included is a section devoted to fascinating walking tours of many neighborhoods, the first of which features City Island, with detailed descriptions of the Nautical Museum, the boat and yacht clubs, the churches and historic homes. (Note, however, that the Bolton window depicting the Adoration of the Magi is not at Grace Church on City Island but at Christ Church on Shore Road in Pelham.)

Readers of *The Current*, however, will be intrigued by tours on the other side of



the bridge, such as Belmont (New York’s Real Little Italy), the Grand Concourse, “In the Footsteps of Edgar Allan Poe” and “Marvelous Mott Haven.” The final section of the book is devoted to museums and art galleries, performance venues and events that take regularly place in the Bronx.

Each description is enriched with history, maps and anecdotes along with detailed information about locations and times, so this is as much a book for residents as it is for visitors, though I certainly recommend it for anyone planning a trip here or expecting guests from out of town.

Don’t Let Your Children Succumb to Nature-Deficit Disorder This Summer!

By **JOHN SCARDINA**

Richard Louv, in his 2005 book “Last Child in the Woods,” coined the phrase “nature-deficit disorder”—a phenomenon in which children who don’t get outside in natural environments develop the symptoms of attention deficit disorder (ADHD). These children then struggle in school, drive their parents and teachers crazy and wind up all too often on medication. Might the natural world offer a different solution?

There are societal forces working against the “child in the woods”: parental fears, a shrinking natural environment and the ever-present availability of screen time. Nonetheless, there are numerous opportunities right here in the Bronx to allow children to experience the natural world.

Parental fear has limited the free play of childhood tremendously since I was a

boy. I can remember, at age 9, leaving the house at 9 a.m., having lunch at my friend’s house after a morning of sandlot baseball and getting back home for dinner (the rule you could not break!). There were no cell phones, just the neighborhood network of parents and our own developing common sense. Turn off the local news; there are no more child-based crimes now than there were in the 1950s when I was growing up; we just hear about every single one of them now!

Recent research tells us that family visits to National Parks are declining while electronics sales for children are growing rapidly. You don’t even need a National Park: I can take a nature walk with my grandkids around their neighborhood and spend an hour just going around the block. We explore the flowers in each house’s gardens, watch the birds, throw rocks in the stream at the end of their street and play “I Spy” when there is nothing else around. Here on City Island the choices are endless: if you don’t have access to the beaches at the end of your street, then just walk over the bridge and walk the path to Orchard Beach.

Screen time is here to stay, but it must be monitored, How about this: your child gets one hour of screen time for every hour they play outside. And by “play” I mean free play, not the organized team sports and over-scheduled camp activities. When they say “I’m bored!”—and believe me, they will—simply remind them that boredom is a choice and go on with your day. Creativity and imagination are developed out of the necessity of relieving boredom.

Spend time this summer in nature with your children. Let them develop the skills of observation, imagination and play in our beautiful Island environment. What are you waiting for?



Photos by **LEAH NANI, PETER QUINONES and KAREN NANI**

An exhibition of the winning photographs from “Picture the Park!,” a contest sponsored by the Friends of Pelham Bay Park, was the occasion for a private reception at the City Island Nautical Museum on June 18, 2015. Newly appointed Bronx Parks Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa joined the festivities, along with former Commissioner Hector Aponte and other Parks Department staff and Friends of Pelham Bay Park members. Congratulations to Grand Prize Winner Nilka Martell and all the photographers whose beautiful photographs will be exhibited throughout the summer. Pictured below (l. to r.) are Marianne Anderson, Park Administrator; Ms. Martell; Lizbeth Gonzalez, Friends President; Ms. Rodriguez-Rosa and Mr. Aponte. Angelo Bellocchio of City Island, pictured in bottom photo with his daughter, was a runner-up in three of the five categories. Leah Nani, while visiting her in-laws on City Island, snapped the top photo as she was going over the bridge. It won top honors in the “Wildlife” category.



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Bartow-Pell Events

First Friday, July 3, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Night Owls, an instrumental piano trio in the tradition of Vince Guaraldi (“Peanuts”), Ramsey Lewis (“The In Crowd”) and Horace Silver will perform everything from TV theme songs to New Orleans grooves, West Coast jazz to ‘70s pop. Enjoy the music, explore the museum, stroll the garden; light refreshments available. The trolley makes an hourly loop starting at 5:25 p.m. from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPMM to City Island. Registration requested. Cost \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students; members free.

BPMM Adventures: Three Summer Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Session I, July 13–July 17; Session II, July 20–July 24; Session III, July 27–July 31. Why spend those summer days indoors at your house when you could spend them outdoors at BPMM? Children entering grades 1 through 6 are invited to spend a week at the museum having fun and learning about gardening, sustainability and local history.

This unique program mixes core activities in the organic children’s garden with exploration of the 19th-century mansion, the Northeast Woodlands wigwam

and family life in both. Kids will also enjoy engaging crafts, wildlife investigations, creative cooking, nature hikes and more. The cost is \$195 per session; members \$170 per session. Scholarships are available. Registration and prepayment required. Registration deadlines: Session I: July 1; Session II: July 8; Session III: July 15.

Shutter Shop on Shore Road: A Volunteer Restoration Workshop will run from Monday, Aug. 3 to Friday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The ca. 1840 Greek Revival Bartow mansion features interior window shutters—sadly in need of repair—that help protect from summer’s sun and winter’s chill. Participants in the shutter restoration workshop will learn how to safely remove lead paint, prepare and paint wood surfaces, make repairs and more under the guidance of preservation/restoration specialists. Workshop offered in partnership with Historic House Trust of NYC and Preservation Volunteers. Lunch provided with tours of the mansion and speakers. Participants must be 18 or over. Registration required. Call 718-885-1461 or e-mail info@bpmm.org Cost: \$295 (covers snacks, lunch and insurance).

First Friday, Aug. 7, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. In partnership with the Bronx Music Heritage Center, BPMM presents the Latin jazz sounds of the Ray Martinez Legacy. Known for his melodic and percussive style, Mr. Martinez is considered one of the most gifted and prominent bassist/arranger in the contemporary Latin and Salsa music scenes. Enjoy the music, explore the museum, stroll the garden; light refreshments available. The trolley makes a continuous hourly loop from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPMM to City Island starting at 5:25 p.m. Registration requested. Cost \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students; members free.



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

JULY 2015									
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	
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02 Thu	0621	-0.36	1203	7.74	1815	0.12			Thu 02
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05 Sun	0148	8.51	0834	-0.58	1425	8.14	2051	-0.05	Sun 05
06 Mon	0241	8.25	0924	-0.42	1519	8.09	2154	0.08	Mon 06
07 Tue	0338	7.88	1022	-0.17	1618	7.97	2310	0.22	Tue 07
08 Wed	0443	7.47	1130	0.09	1729	7.85			Wed 08
09 Thu	0031	0.25	0608	7.15	1248	0.28	1853	7.82	Thu 09
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12 Sun	0348	-0.32	0943	7.27	1601	0.18	2205	8.23	Sun 12
13 Mon	0442	-0.52	1037	7.43	1654	0.08	2256	8.33	Mon 13
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16 Thu	0029	8.27	0703	-0.46	1257	7.68	1913	0.19	Thu 16
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23 Thu	0428	6.84	1035	1.10	1652	7.24	2310	1.36	Thu 23
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25 Sat	0006	1.40	0611	6.59	1216	1.32	1833	7.32	Sat 25
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31 Fri	0602	-0.50	1144	8.12	1806	-0.21	2356	8.75	Fri 31
AUGUST 2015									
01 Sat	0648	-0.75	1231	8.39	1858	-0.45			Sat 01
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03 Mon	0138	8.62	0821	-0.80	1410	8.54	2049	-0.49	Mon 03
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Photo by JACK ROTHMAN

Because common terns literally take turns incubating the eggs, it is difficult to say if it is the male or female sitting on the nest in the background.

Uncommon Common Terns

Although the common tern may be, well, common in our area, especially in summer, a nesting pair is altogether uncommon. And yet that is exactly what we have identified—in Eastchester Bay, of all places. In fact, what we have here may be the first documented common tern nest in the Bronx.

Most common terns build their nests on isolated stretches of Long Island beaches. They do it among the rocks, shells and seaweed that they find above the high-water mark. But, as we all know, the beaches of Long Island are not as isolated as they once were, and this means more competition for food and space. In New York State, common terns are listed as “threatened” in part because of this increased competition. Herring gulls and black backed gulls, particularly, are known to raid tern nests for the eggs as well as the newly hatched chicks.

The terns that we have observed in Eastchester Bay are more than up to the

challenge of defending their nest. If any kind of gull gets too close—and by that we mean 50 feet in the air above or water around the nest—one of the two terns will immediately take to the air to force the intruder (or what is perceived to be an intruder) to change course. It does this by repeated kamikaze-like attacks that are accompanied by the familiar shrilly shrieks that terns make. We have even observed one of the terns dive bombing a neighbor as he meditated over a quiet cup of coffee.

If our calculations are correct, this pair has a little more than a month to go before its young are able to fend for themselves. That probably means we can expect a lot more drama in the weeks ahead, particularly after the chicks have hatched. So stay tuned, until the next edition of “Sights and Sounds.” Until then have a happy and safe summer. And if in doing so you happen to come across a City Island sight or sound that you would like to share, feel free to do so at jdsstrat@msn.com.

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- Served on a Bed of Lettuce and Tomatoes
78. Stuffed Burger 8.00
- Cheddar, Jack, Bacon, & Onion stuffed in 10oz. QP Meat on an onion Kaiser Roll
79. Dam Good Burger 6.00
- Bacon, Mushroom, Cheddar, Cheddar, & A-1 Sauce
80. Grandma's Burger 5.00
- W/ Mushrooms and Onions on an English Muffin
81. Texas Burger 5.00
- 3 oz. Burger w/ One Egg Your Way on Top
82. Grilled Cheeseburger 4.00
- On White Toast w/ American Cheese
83. Gyro Burger w/ Lettuce & Tomato 6.00
- Burger on a Pita w/ Gyro meat, onions, & Tzatziki Sauce

Platter Comes With Fries \$2 extra
Deluxe - Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle & Cole Slaw \$2.50 Extra

Breakfast Served All Day!

Breakfast Sandwiches

On a Roll, Toast, Bagel, English Muffin or Wrap
Croissant, Hero or Pita - Add 1.00

1. Egg on a Roll 1.50
- With bacon, turkey bacon, ham, turkey or sausage 3.00
- With Bacon & Cheese 3.50
- With corned beef hash 3.25
2. Grilled Cheese w/ Bacon & Egg 4.00
3. Bacon & Cream Cheese 3.00
4. Potato & Eggs 3.00
5. Egg BLT 3.50
6. Western Omelette 3.50
- With diced green Peppers, Onion & Ham
7. Cheese Omelette w/ 2 eggs 3.00
8. Bacon, Sausage or Ham 2.50
9. Ham & Cheese Omelette 3.50
10. Egg Full House 5.00
- With ham, bacon, sausage & cheese
11. Monte Cristo 6.00
- French toast sandwich with ham, turkey & melted swiss cheese

Extras: Extra Egg or Egg Whites - .50 each / Cheese - .50
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Peppers or Onions - .25 Each / Extra Meat 1.50

3 Egg Omelettes

Served with home fries, french fries or hash browns and toast • Extra egg - Add .50c

12. Egg Omelette 3 Eggs 4.25
13. Cheese Omelette 5.00
- With your choice of cheese: American Yellow or White, Swiss, Mozzarella, Feta, Monterey Jack, Muenster, Provolone, Cheddar, Tropical Blanco
14. Western Omelette 5.50
- With diced green peppers, onions & ham
15. Ham & Cheese Omelette 5.50
- With diced ham & cheese
16. Mushroom & Onion Omelette 5.00
- With diced Onions & Mushrooms
17. Greek Omelette 5.50
- With diced onions, tomatoes and feta cheese
18. Veggie Omelette 5.50
- With peppers, onions, tomatoes, mushrooms & spinach
19. Meat Lovers Omelette 7.00
- With bacon, ham and sausage topped with cheese
20. Turkey or Turkey Bacon Omelette 6.00
21. Bacon or Sausage Omelette 6.50
22. Spanish Omelette 5.25
- With chopped ham, jalapeno peppers, onions & salsa




Bread & Bagel Bin

Toast, Bagels, Rolls or English Muffins 75c

With butter or jelly 1.00

With butter & jelly 1.25

With cream cheese 1.50

With cream cheese & jelly 1.75

With cream cheese & bacon 3.00

Add 50¢ more to make it a hero!

Rye, Whole Wheat, White Toast

Assorted bagels, whole wheat rolls, wraps and heroes

French Toast

Choose from Challah, white or whole wheat bread

31. 1 Piece Dipped in Rich Egg Batter 2.00
- Served with butter & syrup
32. Platter 4.50
- 3 Pieces of French toast dusted with cinnamon & powdered sugar
- With Bacon, Turkey Bacon, Ham or Sausage 6.00
- With 2 Eggs 5.50
33. French Toast Deluxe 8.00
- With 1 egg, bacon, ham & sausage




Golden Buttermilk Pancakes

34. Short Stack 2 pancakes 3.00
35. Full Stack 3 pancakes 4.00
36. Silver Dollar Stack 10 Mini pancakes 5.00

Any stack with ham, bacon or sausage add 2.25
With turkey bacon or turkey add 2.50
With two eggs add 1.50
Deluxe with bacon, ham, sausage & eggs, add 3.50
With chocolate chips, bananas or whipped cream, add 75c

Classic Breakfast Platters

All Served with home fries, french fries or hash browns and toast

37. 2 Eggs Any Style 4.00
- With bacon, ham or sausage 5.50
- With turkey, turkey bacon, pastrami or salami 5.75
- With corned beef hash 5.00
38. The Full House 7.00
- 2 Eggs any style with bacon, ham & sausage
39. Diet Delight 7.00
- 3 Egg whites with sliced turkey & turkey bacon
40. Sampler 7.50
- 1 pancake, 1 french toast, 1 egg, 1 bacon strip, 1 sausage & 1 ham slice
41. Double Sampler 11.00
- "Two times each item above"
- For extra eggs, egg whites or cheese, add 50¢ each
Add 50¢ each for lettuce, tomatoes, peppers or onions
Add \$1.50 for extra meat

Breakfast Side Orders

Bacon or Turkey Bacon 3.00

Sausage, Ham or Sliced Turkey 2.75

Home Fries 2.50

Hash Browns 2.50

Corn Beef Hash 3.00

Hot & Cold Cereal

Dry Cereal w/ Milk 2.00

Oatmeal Sm - 2.00 Lg - 3.00

Avena Sm - 2.25 Lg - 3.25

Cereal Toppings: Bananas, Raisins, Brown Sugar, Cinnamon or Honey .50¢ each

Please notify your server or cashier if you have a food allergy. All prices subject to change without notice, NYS Sales Tax not included.

Kids Menu 7am - 4pm

**** Pick Up or School Delivery Only. Monday - Friday ****

P, B, & J on Toast 2.00	Bacon Egg & Cheese on Toast or Roll 3.00
P, B, & J w/ Nutella on Toast 2.50	Buttered Bagel 1.00
Ham & Cheese on Bread 3.50	Buttered Roll 1.00
BLT on Toast 3.25	Cream Cheese Bagel 1.50
Turkey & Cheese 4.00	Bacon & Cream Cheese Bagel 2.50
Grilled Cheese w/ Fries 4.00	5 Mozzarella Sticks 4.00
Chicken Fingers w/ Fries 5.00	Kids Sandwiches 5.00
Hamburger w/ Fries 5.00	W/ 1 Meat on a Roll 3.00
Cheeseburger w/ Fries 5.50	Add Cheese 0.50
Bacon Cheeseburger w/ Fries 6.25	Add Lettuce & Tomato 0.25
Hot Dog 1.50	Add Extra Meat or Second Meat 0.50
Small Tossed Salad - L & T 3.00	On a Hero Add 1.00

** Must Mention Kids Menu While Ordering to Receive Pricing **
Tax Included

Salads

Dressings: French, Oil & Vinegar, Honey Mustard, Ranch, Bleu Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette, Creamy Italian, Caesar, Russian
Extra cup of dressing .50

138. Tossed Salad Small 3.00 Large 4.00
- Lettuce & Tomatoes
139. House Salad 4.00 5.00
- Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Olives, Croutons, Peppers & Onions
140. Chef's Salad 7.00 8.00
- Roast Beef, Ham, Swiss, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato & Sliced Egg
141. Caesar's Salad 4.00 5.00
- Lettuce, Croutons & Parmesan Cheese
142. Greek Salad 6.00 7.00
- Feta Cheese, Anchovies, Olives, Tomato, Lettuce, Cucumber, Onions & Peppers
143. Taco Salad 7.50
- Homemade Tortilla Shell, Chopped Meat, Melted Cheddar Cheese & Sour Cream
144. Garden Salad 5.00 6.00
- Lettuce, Cucumber, Roasted Peppers, Olives, Carrots, Mushrooms & Sun Dried Tomatoes
145. Turkey Cobb Salad 6.00 7.00
- Turkey, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Bacon, Monterey Jack & Olives

Platters

Served On a Bed of Lettuce and Tomatoes with Cole Slaw,
Potato Salad & Hard Boiled Egg

149. Chicken Salad	5.00	6.00
150. Tuna Salad	4.50	5.50
151. The Duo Chicken & Tuna Salad	6.00	7.00

Add BLT for 2.00 / Make it a Melt - Choice of Cheese for 50¢ more



Pasta Dishes

Served with bread and side salad

152. Cheese Ravioli Parmigiana 8.00
153. Baked Ziti 8.00
154. Penne Ala Vodka 8.50
- Tomato Sauce, Bacon, Onions, Vodka & Cream, w/ Chicken add \$2
155. Spaghetti and Meatballs, Sausage or Chicken 8.00
- In Fresh Tomato, Garlic & Basil Sauce.
Choose All Three for 2.00 more
156. Fettuccine Alfredo 8.00
- Cream, Butter, & Parmigiano Cheese
157. Ziti 8.00
- With Sun dried Tomatoes, Broccoli, Garlic & Olive Oil
158. Penne Bolognese 8.00
- Tomato Meat Sauce With a Touch of Cream
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- Chopped Onions, Bacon, Egg Yolk, Butter, Parmigiano Cheese & Basil
160. Penne Pasta 8.00
- Garlic & Oil sauce with Broccoli and Chicken
161. Ziti Primavera 8.00
- Broccoli, Spinach, Mushrooms, Onions & Peppers in a Red Sauce
162. Pasta Fra Diavolo 8.00
- Your Choice of Pasta, Fresh Tomato, Olive Oil, Garlic & Red Pepper in a Spicy Red Sauce
163. Firehouse Pasta 10.00
- Chicken, Sausage, Garlic, Olive oil, Broccoli, Red Peppers & Sun Dried Tomato

Add-Ons

For Salad or Pasta Dishes:

Homemade Tortilla Shell 1.00
Grilled Steak 3.00
Grilled Chicken or Chicken Cutlet 2.50
Sausage or Meat Balls 3.00

Roasted Peppers, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Cheese, Feta Cheese, Bacon, Green or Black Olives, Mushrooms, Fried - Sautéed - Grilled or Raw Onions, Spinach, Broccoli, Fresh Tomatoes, Croutons, Green, Red & Jalapeno Peppers, Pickles 0.50

Desserts

Black Cherry Cheesecake	Oatmeal Cookie
Cherry Cheesecake	Mini Cannolis Reg./Chocolate
Raspberry Cheesecake	Black and White Cookie
Cheesecake	Linzer tart
Strawberry Cheesecake	Chocolate Chip Cookie
Blueberry Cheesecake	TriColor Cakes
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IN THE GARDEN

By MARY COLBY



Photo by MARY COLBY

Echinacea on the High Line

LEARNING FROM PIET OUDOLF

I am in Florida. It is dawn. The sky is slate gray and Prussian blue. The surf is tinged melon pink. Waves curl their lips, bend and roll toward a shore whose silver edge is burnt and gilded. The sea is like glass, sun-kissed with diamonds. The sun has risen.

As I sit here relaxing, I can think about the gardens I have made this year. I can relate my experiences in the garden to painting a picture. I can bring the picture along and then, being out of ideas for the moment, I am reluctant to continue. So I wait. I let the idea bake. There are so many ways a picture can be painted or a garden can be planted.

The general feel is there, and the form is good. Maybe the color needs to be tweaked. The contrast in shapes is weak, the bloom time does not correspond. Could white cosmos fill the gap until I decide? Maybe some cactus dahlias in lemon yellow and orange to make a feature until I decide?

This is called gapping up. When perennials and shrubs haven't reached their full size, there are gaps to fill, and annuals are great for this purpose. A potager is a French kitchen garden. Here annuals are interlaced with vegetables and fruits to form delightful pictures. Sunflowers, zinnias, cosmos, black-eyed Susans, anything that will bring your eye pleasure and complement the bounty of your edibles. This is the way to have it all.

I have learned to ignore the desire to have one of everything. No more than three to four different plants in one situation make for an environment that is closest to nature. So repeat your plantings even in a small garden. Then you can accent with one of each here and there to make bold statements or full stops. Like verbascums, whose towering spikes contrast with the round shapes of geraniums, or lilies with their bell-like flowers and stamen clappers.

My inspiration for bold accents among soft billowy plants has come from the study of Piet Oudolf's gardens. I first saw his work at Wisley Garden in Surrey, England, where he designed a meadow. Later, in 2009, the High Line was opened in New York City, a park built on the old New York Central Railroad tracks running from Gansevoort Street to Chelsea. There you can see Piet's work mingling with the rails of the train, which gives an archaeological dimension to the experience.

Piet is one of the most forward-thinking garden designers of the day. Since he deals mainly with herbaceous plants, structure is key and color is of secondary importance. His gardens are concerned with how plants look at all seasons of the year and the moods and emotions that plant combinations can evoke. Frustrated by not being able to find the plants he desired, he opened a nursery in the Netherlands. He traveled far and wide with his wife, Anja, to collect seeds of the best perennials, some that had never been seen before. Grasses and umbellifers (flat-headed or domed flower shapes, such as angelica, yarrow and astrantia) are some of his favorites. Although his gardens look wild, there is a formal aspect to them as he uses yew and box to give stability.

His aim is to bring nature into the urban environment, and if you visit the High Line, you will see this practice in evidence. Also try to see his long borders at the New York Botanical Garden. There you can witness how he layers his plantings in one space and how the bloom time carries the picture through the seasons.

Back on Delray Beach, the clouds rear their cumulus heads and sail away. The ocean roars. Soon I will be back in my garden, refreshed and ready with new ideas to impart in the green.

Mary Colby is an artist and gardener whose studio is at 276 City Island Avenue. She can be reached at 917-804-4509 for consultation and design.

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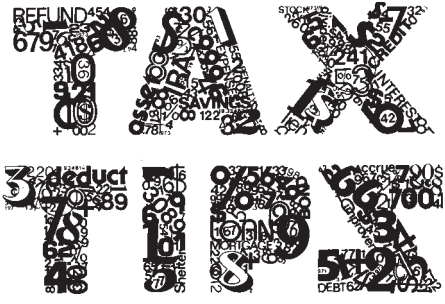
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From EDWARD D. HEBEN, C.P.A.

What Does the IRS Data Breach Mean to Me?

Identity theft is done for only one reason, financial gain. The thieves “steal” your information and use it to purchase goods or services or obtain money outright. Once your data has been stolen and used, it is quickly resold to someone else.

Recently, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that its website had been breached and using that information, identity thieves successfully had filed 104,000 fraudulent returns.

The Details

On May 26, 2015, the IRS announced that its Get Transcript website, the place that taxpayers use to order prior year tax returns, was hacked by professional organized criminals. They know this because the hackers made 200,000 known attempts, well beyond the capability of any one person.

Once the thieves received the tax transcripts, they were able to submit returns using both known data elements (social security numbers, dependent names, and dates of birth) and manufactured data (false income and deductions designed to replicate prior filings) and receive tax refunds.

What is the IRS Saying?

The IRS claims that 23 million taxpayers file for tax transcripts annually and “only 200,000” were attempted. They took down the website and are re-engineering it to prevent further data breaches. The 104,000 people who were unfortunate enough to have fraudulent returns filed in their stead, will receive free credit monitoring. The rest will receive letters from the IRS telling them that key pieces of their data have been stolen.

Furthermore, during tax season, about 3 million tax returns per year are rejected for suspicious activity. The IRS contacts the taxpayer to confirm the submitted information before processing the return.

What Does That Mean to Me?

Although the number breached seems small, if the United States experienced the same odds in plane travel, there would be 162,000 aviation accidents annually in the country. No one would fly.

Take these necessary steps to protect yourself.

1. Use only one credit card to buy meals. Restaurants are the single biggest source of stolen credits.
2. Use low credit limit cards on the Internet. Thieves will max them out faster and trip credit card security faster.
3. Carry no more than two credit cards. Write down all your credit card numbers in a safe place.
4. Review your credit card statements carefully, especially charges for Internet services.
5. Remove or encrypt your social security number and date of birth from any Internet-connected device. Always password protect your smart phone, tablet or laptop.
6. Every year you can receive a free credit report from the three main providers. Take advantage of this consumer right.
7. Use firewall, virus and spyware software on your home computer. Computer thieves, like regular thieves, prefer unlocked places.

8. Never trash old tax returns. Thieves love dumpster diving, especially in well-to-do neighborhoods. Either shred them or take them to Staples and have them shredded for you.

9. Never use your device to access financial websites in public places. Hackers have software that can literally pull your sign-in information from the wi-fi signal.

10. Use the Internet carefully. When a website asks for critical information, make sure it is a reputable company and that the web address has https in front of the web address. This means that the website encrypts your data.

Obituaries

The Current will print obituaries free of charge upon notification by a member of the deceased's immediate family. Call 718-885-0760 or write to P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464, including your telephone number.



Thomas Joseph Diehl

Thomas Joseph Diehl passed away on June 1, 2015, at the age of 64 after a long illness. He was born on City Island to Bernard and Dorothy Diehl on July 10, 1950.

Tom graduated from St. Mary, Star of the Sea School and Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx and attended Lee College in Minnesota. After leaving college, he worked for a short period of time as a manager at JP Morgan Bank before following his father into employment as an operating engineer with Local 14 in Manhattan. After a few years working on the construction of some of the city's tallest buildings, Tom found his true calling as a salesman in the commercial paper industry, where he achieved enormous success and worked with many New York City celebrities.

After living in Connecticut for several years, Tom moved back to City Island in 1985, and, as the commercial paper industry declined, he moved on to a management and sales position with Palumbo Trucking in Brooklyn. When the firm relocated to New Jersey in 1990, Tom joined Bridge Boat Sales on City Island, where he worked in yacht sales and marina management, a job that combined his lifelong enthusiasm for the water and boating with his talent as a salesman.

Tom (“the real deal”) Diehl was a

member of the Sons of the American Legion at Post 156 on City Island and the City Island Yacht Club. He was also a founding member and former esteemed executive officer of the Fraternal Order of Woodheads. He was an avid fisherman and sailor, and he enjoyed social gatherings of all kinds, where he was always the storytelling life of the party.

He is survived by his sister, Carol Diehl; his long-time life mate, Hope Hild; and hundreds of good friends from City Island and beyond. He will be deeply missed.



Harold Holmes Osborn

Longtime City Island resident Dr. Harold Holmes “Oz” Osborn, 71, passed away on April 30, 2015, in New Rochelle, N.Y.

A graduate of the Kent School, Yale University and Columbia University Medical School. Oz was both a scholar and an athlete.

He came to City Island in the late 1960s as a young physician. He lived at various locations on the Island during his life, but he raised his children at 600 Minneford Avenue.

He was involved with the City Island community in various ways, from helping create the Community Center to coaching Little League to providing free medical services to his neighbors on the Island.

For more than 30 years, Oz was devoted to improving the health of the people of the Bronx by blending medical practice and community activism. He did his internship and residency at Lincoln Hospital in the South Bronx, where he would later become director of emergency services. One of the reasons he and his former wife bought the house on Minneford Avenue was to be as close to the bridge end of the island as possible in the event that he was called into work.

In 1999 he founded the New Dawn Foundation, turning a large waterfront property into a space for holistic wellness treatment and a retreat for inner-city youth.

Oz was a sailor from an early age and could crew a boat with verve and abandon. He and his longtime sailing companion, fellow City Islander Jay Howard, shared a sailboat for many years and took a great many voyages together and with their families. Oz was drawn to the sea and needed to live by the water; in his later years he resided in New Rochelle on Long Island

Sound.

Oz is survived by a great many loving friends; two grandchildren, Fergus and Charles (a clam digger), and three children, Kyre, Kate (also a clam digger) and Jesse Osborn of City Island.



Ray Pecoraro

Ray Pecoraro, 49, passed peacefully on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at home in Oneonta, N.Y.

He was born on Nov. 12, 1965, in New Rochelle to Audrey and Richard Pecoraro. Ray was a graduate of St. Mary, Star of the Sea and Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, and he attended both SUNY Brockport and Iona Colleges.

The youngest of six children, Ray enjoyed growing up on City Island, spending time at the beach and on the water. His home was filled with love, laughter and the many pets he adored; he was always surrounded by family and friends. As a teen he loved rock-n-roll, cars and spending time with his many friends. He was affectionately known as “The Mayor.” Anyone who encountered Ray came to know what a character he was, so smart and funny.

In 1994 Ray married Christine Mennona. Together for more than 25 years, they enjoyed many good times, traveling and spending time with family. Ray had a career in Pneumatic Temperature Controls for more than 20 years. Many of those years were spent working with his brother Dean. He was especially proud of his work with the New York City Board of Education.

Ray was predeceased by his parents; his brother Michael Pecoraro, his grandparents Irene and Kenneth Reeves and Ida and Thomas Pecoraro; Nana Veronica Mannonna; his godfather Alfred Reeves; his uncle Nick and his wife, Mary Pecoraro; and his cousins Thomas Pecoraro and Tommy Havranek.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Christine Anne, of Oneonta; his uncle Charles Pecoraro of City Island; his brothers Richard Pecoraro (Loretta) of Connecticut and Dean Pecoraro (Colleen) of City Island; his sisters Daria McAndrew (Robert) of Lagrangeville, N.Y., and Michele Mulroy (Tim) of Alpharetta, Ga.; his in-laws Robert and Carol Mennona Jr. of City Island, Tricia Tretin of Monroe, N.Y., Richard Verdi (Cathy) of Bethpage, N.Y., Robert G. Mennona III (Charlotte) of Kingston, N.Y.; John Peters of the Bronx and Alan Tretin of Monroe, N.Y., and a large extended family.

Raymond was proud of his nieces and nephews, including his goddaughter Samantha Pecoraro, nieces Jenny Mulroy, Jessica and Julianna Tretin, Sabrina and Marissa Verdi, Cianna and Veronica Mennona and Brianna Sara Verdi; his godsons Richard Pecoraro and Eddie Pirraglia; and nephews Stephen Pecoraro, Robert McAndrew, Brian Mulroy, and his beloved family dog Cody Boy.

A memorial mass is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church.

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Congratulations and "thumbs up" for a job well done to Maria Christina Swieciki who received her Masters in Adolescent Education from Hunter College.

Best wishes for continued happiness to the Sailmaker's Frank and Mary Trigani, who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on July 7.

Happy Aug. 9 birthday to Roger Nani, who will visit from Maryland during his birthday weekend.

Happy second birthday to our adorable grandson, Arlo Rota, with love from Grandma Judy and Grandpa Mike. Arlo's mama, Beth Rota, and his aunt, Susie Rauh, also mark birthdays in July. His parents, Beth and Matt Rota, will round out the celebrations with their 10th wedding anniversary on July 24.

Congratulations to Bay Street's Maria Christina Swieciki, who graduated from Hunter College with a master's degree in adolescent education. Maria, who turns 24 on Aug. 22, will be teaching 11th-grade social studies in September.

Happy birthday to Pilot Cove's Barbara Henreckson, who turns 80 years young on July 14. Here's to 80 more—with all our love from Elzie, Deb and



Photo by SARAH PERSTEINS

On May 21, Waldo Persteins of Boy Scout Troop 211 on City Island was named the Bronx "Scoutmaster of the Year" for 2015. Scoutmaster Persteins has been a leader in Troop 211 for 10 years and is a Troop 211 Eagle Scout. At the ceremony, he gave a special thanks to all the volunteers that dedicate their time alongside him in the Troop 211 scouting program.



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Ken!

Birthday greetings on July 21 to Jennifer Carman, with love from your family and friends.

Happy birthday across the miles in St. Louis to former Islander Dr. Ellen Dierenfeld, who will celebrate on July 9. We miss you!

Best wishes for a special birthday on Aug. 16 to Nolan Quinn, with love from your family and friends.

Bay Street's Samantha Emerick is celebrating her birthday on Aug. 30. With love and best wishes from EVERYONE!

Proud Mary keeps on burning! Happy July 13 birthday to Mary Immediato, from the gang in her aerobics class.

Birthday greetings on Aug. 28 to Fordham Street's Josephine "Jo" Heck. Hope you have a great day!

Happy July 4 and July 23 birthday wishes to our sweet granddaughters, Kayla and Alyssa Fusco. Lots of love from Grandma and Grandpa Penny to



Joseph Leni

you both.

July 19 birthday greetings to Hawkins Street's Lori Travers with love and best wishes from Reid and the gang at Atlantic Emeritus Realty.

Our precious granddaughter Alana will be celebrating her fifth birthday in July. The time goes by so quickly, and you will be entering kindergarten in just a few months. Love, hugs and kisses from Nonni and Pop Ribaud.

Congratulations to Michael DeRosa and Izzy Dettmer on their recent engagement. An April 30, 2016, wedding is

planned.

Congratulations to Joseph Leni on his graduation from P.S. 175 and for receiving the Chamber of Commerce General Excellence award. He will be attending Iona Prep High School in September. Love, Mom, Dad, Maria, Rusty and your extended family. We are so proud of you!

Welcome back Ena Ellwanger, former P.S. 175 principal. Mrs. Ellwanger took a nasty fall in April but is recovering nicely back at her home in New Rochelle. She appreciates all the prayers and good wishes sent to her by her many students and friends.

And to all our readers, neighbors and friends—have a wonderful, safe, fun-filled summer. See you in September!

Maria Swieciki

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