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Cable Controversy Continues At Pilot Cove

By KAREN NANI

After years of waiting and watching only network television, the seniors at Pilot Cove Manor may wind up with two pay TV multi-station options. Cablevision of New York City began installation on Oct. 16, 2002. There is also the possibility of an arrangement with DirectTV, a satellite dish company.

The latest events follow years of requests, complaints and discussions between tenants, relatives and the management of Pilot Cove. The Public Service Commission in Albany got involved after receiving letters from Pilot Cove residents claiming that they were being denied the option of cable television.

"We received several requests from Pilot Cove residents for cable television and we are acting on them now," Susan Mulhern of the Public Service Commission told *The Current*.

While some Islanders say the Pilot Cove management was stonewalling efforts to obtain cable service, others say it was Cablevision's fault. "Cablevision didn't want to install it the way we wanted," said Russell Schaller, a member of the Pilot Cove board of directors. "We have been talking to them for two years. We asked them to run the cable through the basement, up the risers, into the apartment closets. They are running the cable in the hallways, and we feel this is not the safest way."

Pilot Cove Manor on Pilot Street is a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) project built to provide housing for senior citizens on a rental basis. It has more than 100 apartments that must be applied for through a waiting list. It is managed by VMG Management Corporation, whose president is longtime Islander Virginia Gallagher.

Mrs. Gallagher told *The Current* that the New York City Fire Department advised her that the installation proposed by Cablevision would pose a definite fire risk. Although Pilot Cove Manor is a brick building, the halls are long and there are no windows, so that a fire caused by bad wiring could spread very quickly.

"That is why we agreed at our board meeting in August of this year to enter into a contract with DirectTV for satellite service," Mrs. Gallagher said. "It is cheaper and you get more stations. Also, the installation is much safer, we feel."

For years, tenants had two ways to catch television signals, according to Mr. Schaller. They could hook up to a master antenna on the roof of Pilot Cove or use rabbit ears to obtain a signal. These methods delivered the basic networks (channels 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13). But private homes and other buildings on City Island have had access to more than 70 channels since the early 1990s, when Cablevision laid a cable under City Island Road and over the bridge.

According to the daughter of one Pilot Cove resident, it was frustrating that elderly people, who spend a lot of time at home, could not get access to more than seven channels. After the tragedy on Sept.

11, 2001, their service was even more limited when the antenna on the World Trade Center was destroyed.

"The Pilot Cove management fought the installation of cable service tooth and nail. It was only when their backs were against the wall that they contacted a satellite dish company," she told *The Current*.

The Current received letters to the editor in 1999 regarding the plight of Pilot Cove residents. One Islander who helped in the quest for cable television is Cindy Conley. Ms. Conley got involved because she knows some Pilot Cove residents and "after 9/11, these folks had no television service and were uninformed about what was happening in their own city."

She followed up with the Public Service Commission and researched the rights of tenants in HUD housing. "The law is on the side of the residents who want cable," said Ms. Conley.

According to Brian Douglas at Cablevision, they have been trying "to provide cable service to 160 Pilot Street for years." They were denied access to the building on more than one occasion.

Once the Public Service Commission received petitions for cable service at Pilot Cove, Cablevision was required to commence the "order of entry" process in accordance with their franchise agreement with the city. They sent a letter of notification to Pilot Cove management on Oct. 1 and began construction on Oct. 16, Mr. Douglas told *The Current*.

"We hope to complete installation in four to six weeks," said Mr. Douglas, at which time all Pilot Cove residents will receive a letter in the mail explaining the different cable options and prices. "It's not the way we wanted it installed, but there seems to be nothing we can do," said Mr. Schaller.

Because it is senior citizen housing, free basic cable service will be provided in the community room in the basement of the building. This basic service covers the regular networks (CBS, ABC, NBC, etc.) and includes over 30 additional channels such as CNN, A&E, News 12 (Bronx), and the Weather Channel. This will enable residents who cannot afford or don't want cable in their apartments to have access to basic service.

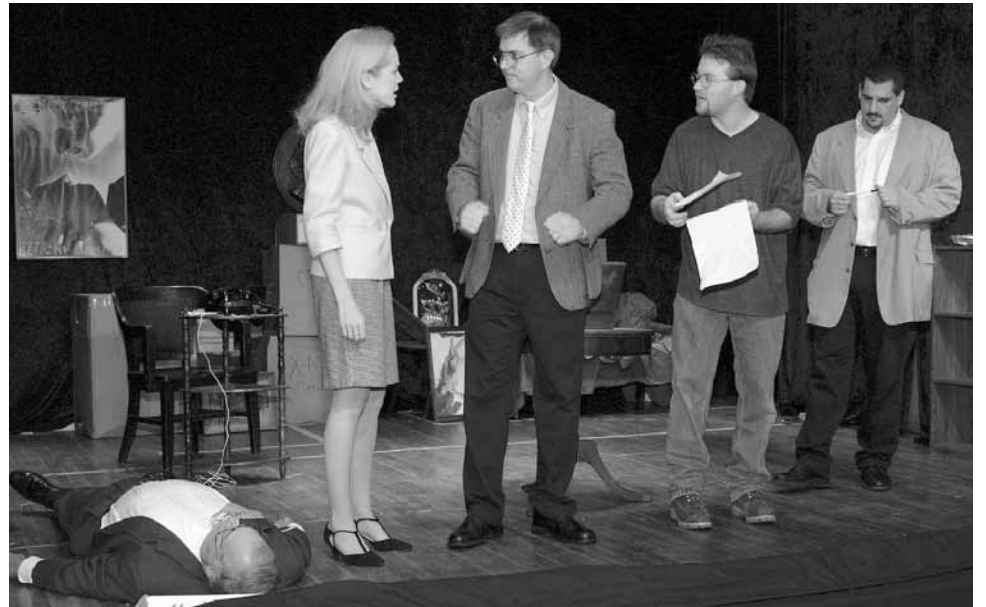
Because of the past difficulties, the Public Service Commission is determined to see this through to completion. "We're going to stay on top of it," said Ms. Mulhern.

What is not clear at this point is whether residents who don't want to subscribe to cable television will continue to receive the regular channels through the master antenna. They may have to resort to rabbit ears or pay a minimum fee to obtain basic service in their apartments. In any case, according to Virginia Gallagher, they will have the option to subscribe to satellite service if they wish.

The controversy continues. Will it be cable, satellite dish or both for Pilot Cove? Stay tuned.

One Act Plays Pack a Punch: Part I

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos by RICK DeWITT

Part of the cast of *Pandora's Box*, Lto R, William Castro, lying on floor, Susan Rauh, Robert Mulroy, Jason Fogarty, and T.J. Meyers.



The cast of *Acorn*, Margaret Cioffi and T.J. Meyers

The City Island Theater Group (CITG) certainly knows how to push the envelope. It's not enough that they range from comic farce to serious drama in the same season. It's not enough that they have the wit to present tried-and-true classic productions, such as "Arsenic and Old Lace" or "To Kill a Mockingbird," giving these familiar pieces a fresh new look. It's not enough that they have the courage to mount completely original plays, like "Zelda Inside Out," or that they cast politicians and people who have never acted before.

Not only do they do all of this and more, but they do it in the same evening. This season, CITG has presented not one but two weekends' worth of theater, seven one-act plays in all, each with a different director, cast, set and props.

Three productions were staged during the weekend of Oct. 18-20, including two original plays written by City Islanders—"Harvey, Madeline and May" by Ellen Salzberg and "Opening Pandora's Box" by Michael Flanagan—and one classic play, "Sorry, Wrong Number" by Lucille Fletcher.

Mrs. Salzberg, who wrote the book and lyrics for last year's musical, "Zelda Inside Out," directed her own play, which centers on three sympathetic characters who mourn the loss of Bill, Madeline's husband, as they find companionship and meaning in their own relationships with each other.

Kimberley Hirschman plays the widow with great warmth, a nice complement to Lindy Tabano's May, a much-divorced livewire, and Robert Mulroy's Harvey, a mild-mannered college professor with a special interest in Renaissance literature. (Mr.

Mulroy, by the way, deserves special plaudits for taking on three roles in the three plays, having never acted before, a kind of dramatic hat trick.)

"Opening Pandora's Box" offered a definite change of pace, with an absurd premise, a gaggle of screwy characters and a farcical plot that kept the audience in stitches. William Castro, a CITG regular, played a museum curator who wants to make a publicity stunt of re-opening a relic said to be Pandora's fabled box, the legendary object that released evils into the ancient world.

He is assisted (or not) by Brad (Jason Fogarty) and Sara (Susan Rauh), Brad's fiancée, a slithery donor (Robert Mulroy) and his lawyer (T. J. Meyers) and two unlikely collectors (Tee Cotter and George Paturas). Not a sympathetic soul in the bunch, but a delightful romp with some exceptionally funny lines and some great comic acting.

After the intermission, the pace changed again, and very dramatically, with the thriller "Sorry, Wrong Number," which places the bedridden Mrs. Stevenson (Kathleen Cullen) alone in her apartment, with only her telephone for company. She overhears a conversation in which two men plot the murder of a woman, and she tries in vain to get the telephone operators and the police department to help prevent the crime.

Ms. Cullen did a fine job of increasing the tension as the plot built up, assisted by a Greek chorus of voices representing those who can't or won't help her: Tee Cotter, Lisa Dunton, Robert Mulroy, T. J. Meyers, George Paturas and Susan Rauh. The director, Island resident Chris McGowan, devised a stylish black-and-white approach to this play, best known through the Barbara Stanwyck film of 1949.

The staff that made all of these quick changes of pace (and set and costume and make-up) possible was headed by production managers Carol McCabe and Nicholas Sala (who also served as stage manager), assisted by Maya Brand. The sets were created by Dorothy Muccio, George Paturas; the lighting by Miriam Benitez-Nixon and sound by Joe Nixon; the wardrobe by Carol McCabe and Carole Sullivan; and makeup by Margaret Cioffi and Laury Hopkins. Congratulations to all for many jobs well done!

The review of the four one-act plays held on the weekend of Oct. 25 will appear in the next issue of *The Current*.

BRIEFLY...

ST. MARY'S BASKETBALL SEASON tips off on Sunday, Nov. 3, at St. Mary's school gym on Minneford Avenue. Six teams (boys and girls) will be playing home games from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Stop by and join the cheering any time during the day. Refreshments will be available.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE on Tuesday, Nov. 5, for several key state and federal offices, including governor, congressman, state senator and assemblyman. The lines for our congressional district have been redrawn, so some of the names will be new to Islanders. There is also one ballot proposal this year for a revision to the New York City Charter. Traditionally, Islanders have a high voter turnout, so go to the polls at P.S. 175 between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.

CALLING ALL ISLAND ARTISTS: If you are an artist 18 years or older, you can be part of the 15th Annual City Island Art Exhibition at Focal Point Gallery to be held from Dec. 6 to 31, 2002. The deadline to get work to the gallery is Nov. 24, so start now bringing your paintings, etchings, drawings, photography, stained glass, sculpture, pottery, weaving, etc. to 321 City Island Avenue. There is a \$10 hanging fee, and the gallery will only accept one work of art from each artist. Opening reception for the artists will be on Friday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Ron Turner at 885-1403.

BRONX MASONS' BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12, between 4 and 8 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street. Almost anyone from the ages of 17 to 75, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good general health, can be a blood donor. Photo or signature ID and Social Security number are required at the time of donation. For more information, call Scott Meyer at 885-0374.

GIVE A CHILD A CHANCE TO SUCCEED: The Foster Care Network, the city's leader in recruiting foster homes, is urging residents to consider opening their hearts and homes to hundreds of abused and neglected children who need loving foster families during this back-to-school season. The need for parents of teens and sibling groups is the greatest at this time. However, homes are always in demand for children of all ages. Prospective foster parents can take that first step to becoming a foster parent by calling the Foster Care Network toll-free at 1-800-454-3727. In addition to getting free training sessions, foster parents receive monthly financial assistance for the living and medical expenses of each foster child in their care. Financial stipends depend on the individual needs of the child and are tax-free.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during Sept. 2002. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list nor are complaints for crime occurring on the mainland.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (auto)
- 5 - PETIT LARCENY (3 auto, 1 from residence, 1 boat)
- 1 - HARASSMENT
- 2 - DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)
- 1 - BURGLARY (commercial)
- 4 - ASSAULT
- 1 - GRAND LARCENY (auto)

Police report the following arrests and incidents for the month of September:

9/9 - At 11 a.m. a burglary occurred at 565 City Island Avenue. Perpetrator(s) entered a commercial establishment through a skylight over the kitchen and removed a safe. The incident is under investigation.

9/16 - A male, 19, was arrested at 8:07 p.m. and charged with assault at 80 Centre Street. According to police at the 45th Precinct, the defendant shot another man

with a .22 caliber rifle following a verbal dispute (see October issue of *The Current*).

9/20 - A male, 34, was arrested at Winters Street and City Island Avenue and charged with DWI at 7:05 p.m. The vehicle was observed swerving over the yellow line. According to police, the driver had blood shot eyes and was tested for alcohol at the scene.

9/22 - At the corner of Hawkins Street and City Island Avenue, a female, 49, was arrested and charged with criminal mischief at 5:45 p.m. The defendant allegedly damaged the automobile of another person.

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Early Morning Robbery at IGA

By RUSSELL SCHALLER

Police are searching for two women and one man who robbed the IGA market on City Island Avenue on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002 just before 8 a.m. The three fled the scene after stealing merchandise and striking the owner, Yong "Bill" Choi.

A shaken Mr. Choi told *The Current* that he grew suspicious when, after entering the market, the young man walked to the rear of the store while one of the women loitered near the front by the candy shelves. When the man returned to the checkout counter, he "looked 60 pounds heavier than when he entered."

When Mr. Choi questioned what was inside his jacket, the man lashed out and struck him. The three then fled the scene in a small four-door green sedan with an unknown amount of merchandise, according to Officer Michael O'Connor at the 45th Precinct. The canned goods stolen included baby formula.

Police responded to the scene quickly and initiated an investigation. An Evidence Collection Team dusted some

canned goods (reportedly dropped as the suspects were fleeing) for fingerprints. Witnesses were interviewed in addition to the storeowner. Mr. Choi refused medical treatment at the scene, but he reportedly suffered some bruises and contusions.

Police are investigating the robbery and searching for three suspects, including the other woman who appeared to act as a lookout. Anyone with information about this crime should call the 45th Precinct at 822-5441.

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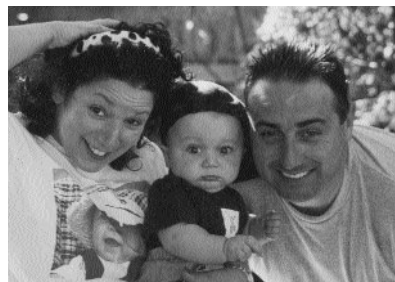
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Galleries Honor Local Artists

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

There are several terrific art galleries on City Island, and each month they offer us work of high quality, introducing new artists and revisiting those who are already well known to the City Island community.

This year, the month of November is something of a high point for those who enjoy looking at (and buying) the work of artists who live on City Island and whose subject matter is of particular interest to those who live here.

In October, the Focal Point Gallery set the tone by exhibiting a selection of works by Marguerite Chadwick-Juner, whose watercolor and oil paintings of the City Island Bridge, boats and historic images are great favorites with Island collectors. Sales were brisk during the show, and many Islanders were happy to see so many examples of her work in one place.

Susan Farley, an Islander who works for the *New York Times*, is the featured

artist at the Focal Point during November, with a reception on Friday, Nov. 1 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The exhibition consists of 150 City Island faces, photographic portraits she has taken over the past few months, and, judging from what this reviewer has seen, the pictures are really wonderful.

The November exhibition at the Kathlyn Moses Gallery is a group show of Island women: Lois Weingarten, Margaret Myers, Beth Geisel, Ann McGuire and honorary Islander Mary Rappold, an appealing, colorful selection that complements this charming gallery, furnished with Kathy Moses' own painted pieces.

The work of Mark Whitcombe, including his little-known etchings of the America's Cup 12-meters built on City Island, is always available for viewing at the Starving Artist Gallery, along with unique jewelry by the gallery's proprietor Elliott Glick.

Is City Island An "American Attic"?

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

The producers of a fascinating new 10-episode series called "American Attic," being developed for release on national public television in the summer of 2003, are interested in City Island as a potential subject for one of its programs.

The series, which is "like a combination of 'Antiques Road Show' and 'Nova,'" according to Ray Segal, a researcher for the series, will use the latest technology combined with traditional investigative techniques to explore American history through houses and artifacts.

Set in a different location each week, the series will present research compiled by a team of architects, historians and

antiquarians, who will study family heirlooms and historic buildings to uncover new information about America's past.

City Island is of interest for several reasons, including its boat-building history and its role in the formation of New York City and the shipping industry.

The producers of "America's Attic," which is currently in production, are looking for stories. They would like anyone in possession of a house or artifacts that may have played a part in American history to contact them at email@liontv.org or to call 212-206-8633, ext. 13. Because of the volume of response, the team may not be able to reply to every inquiry.

HALLOWEEN HI JINX



Photos by ELIZABETH ALSTON and RICK DeWITT



Islanders have caught the Halloween spirit again and are ready for some frightening fun. Last year's annual parade of ghosts and goblins marched past some of the creative pumpkin patches featured on residents' porches. The 2002 Halloween parade is ready to howl, thanks to sponsorship by Atlantic Emeritus Realty and prizes for the best costumes donated by Tree House Restaurant, City Island Diner, Rhodes, Lazy Susan's, Lickety Split, Black Whale, Crab Shanty, Island Café and Video Event.

ISLAND PROFESSOR RECEIVES HONOR

City Island resident Robert D. Simons, professor and chairperson in the Speech Communication and Theater Arts Department of Queensborough Community College (QCC) is one of 10 recipients of the QCC Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship.

The award honors 10 QCC professors for their sustained and distinguished record of scholarship or creative performance as evidenced by publications, professional presentations and creative works.

"Queensborough's faculty is truly dis-

tinguished, both for their work in the classroom and for their scholarship and creativity outside of it," said Queensborough president Eduardo J. Marti at the award ceremony held on Oct. 8.

"Robert's excellence is characteristic of Queensborough's entire faculty," said vice president Robert M. Kahn. "While it is the role of the teacher to transmit knowledge to students, it is the role of the scholar to create knowledge," he said, referring to the contributions of the honored faculty members.

Mobile Mammography on City Island

Assemblyman Stephen B. Kaufman and the Sloan Kettering/Guttman Breast Diagnostic Institute will sponsor a mobile breast cancer detection program at Pilot Cove on Pilot Street on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The van will be located in the parking lot of Pilot Cove. Pre-registration is required. Registration will begin on Nov. 11 and continue until Nov. 22. Call 718-829-7452 to register.

"Breast cancer is the leading killer of women between the ages of 35 and 45 and

strikes one out of nine women," Mr. Kaufman said. "Early detection is the only prevention and I am sponsoring this important program so my constituents may avail themselves of this testing, which could be lifesaving."

The fee for the mammography is \$150. Women who are covered by Medicare should be aware the new state law will cover mammograms every year, but some Medicare IMO's require that you get approval before you get the mammography. Please check with your insurance company.

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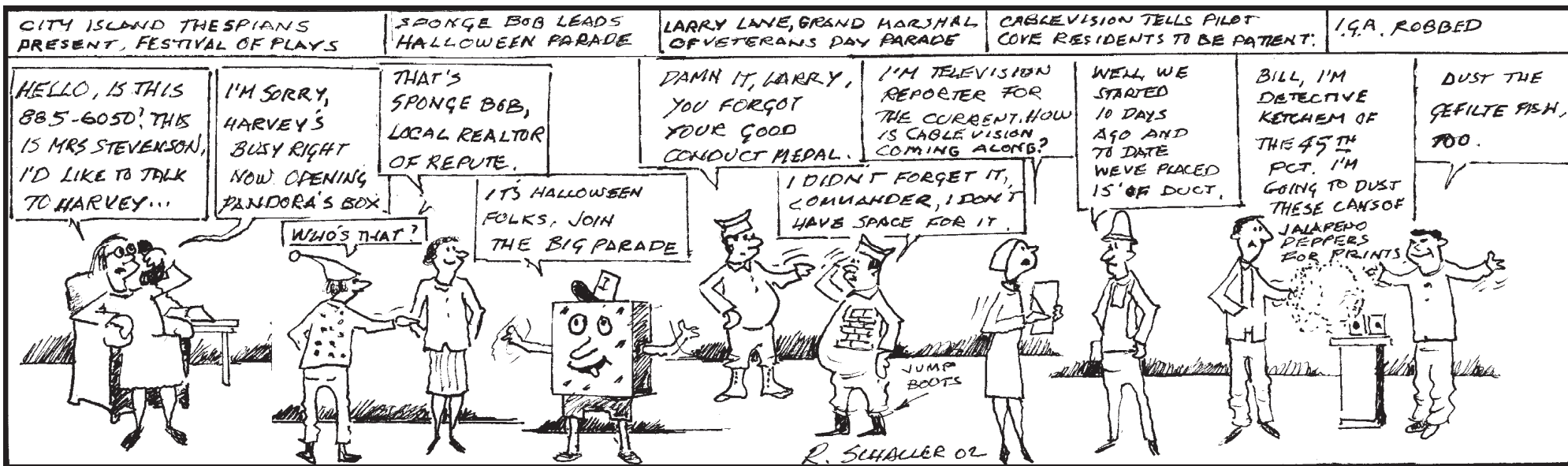
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Small Town Mentality

To the Editor:

I am happily a regular reader of your newspaper, which is generously given to me by Russell Schaller.

Enclosed is a clipping from the *Atlanta Journal*, which I hope you will read, since much of the article applies directly to your paper.

Of course, we have several weekly papers down here, which I read occasionally. It's strange, but I always read the *Island Current* from front to back and yet I don't know a soul who lives on City Island except Russ Schaller.

My best wishes for your continued success.

Floyd McRae

(The following excerpt was taken from an article entitled "Metro Papers could Use a Small Town Mentality" by Mike King in The Atlanta Journal.)

"The more important question might be what can we do to reconnect on that basic, community-journalism level to make readers understand that we care about them, their neighborhoods, their friends, the people at church? Can we find the resources and the space to make room for news about people whose names—when they appear in print—will get posted on someone's refrigerator? Have we lost them? Can we win them back?"

Current Review

New Book by Former Islander

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Katherine Kirkpatrick, a former Island resident now living in Seattle, has written a new historical novel for young readers entitled *The Voyage of the Continental*, which has been published by Holiday House.

The book tells the story of Emeline McCullough, a 16-year-old orphan who decides to leave her grueling job as a mill worker in Massachusetts to join a group of adventurous young women sailing for the American northwest to find opportunity and more interesting work.

The group, called the Mercer Girls, for their leader, a shady entrepreneur named Asa Mercer, meets with excitement at every port, from a murder attempt and hardship to romance and friendship. The book, which was inspired by a true story, is written in the form of Emeline's diary, which adds a sense of immediacy to the narrative.

Ms. Kirkpatrick's previous books include *Keeping the Good Light* and *Trouble's Daughter*, which were set in and around City Island.

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A Veteran's Story: Jack Flynn

By RUSSELL SCHALLER

My first article on prisoners of war in World War II appeared in the June 2001 edition of *The Island Current*. The subject of the third article in the series is Jack Flynn, staff sergeant and top turret gunner on a B-17, a.k.a. Flying Fortress.

Jack is a bona-fide clam digger who was born on City Island on Aug. 8, 1924, to Eugene and Margaret Flynn. Jack is one of three children; he has a brother, Eugene, and a sister, Margaret Lutz. Jack's education began in 1930, when he became a student at St. Mary, Star of the Sea School. He attended Cardinal Hayes High School, graduating in 1942.

Like most of his peers growing up on the Island, Jack found summer employment in the stockroom of the Robert Jenkins Shipyard. After graduation from high school, he worked for his father, who owned and operated a supply boat that provided fuel for the many luxury yachts that moored off City Island.

Jack was playing in a spirited basketball game at St. Mary's on the Sunday afternoon when Pearl Harbor was attacked, and in November 1943, with his friend Wyatt Pick, he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps. After attending several schools and gunnery training, Jack departed for England where he joined the 708th Heavy Bomb Squadron operating out of Stowmarket, England.

Jack's career was short-lived, as his plane was shot down over Meersburg, Germany, in October 1944. The plane took a direct hit blowing off the tail section. The impact knocked Jack out of the top turret and onto the deck near the bomb bay, and the aircraft went into a spin. Jack had just hooked up one strap of his chute when the plane exploded, knocking him out of the bomb bay and into a sky filled

with falling debris.

Jack's trip to terra firma was hastened by the fact that his chute never fully opened. He landed hard, on his back, which rendered him unconscious for a short period of time. This brief pause gave a search party time to discover him as he endeavored to hide his chute. A shot fired over his head convinced him that his only option was to surrender. Jack was taken prisoner and transported to Leipzig, where he was placed in solitary confinement, subjected to interrogation and put on a diet of bread and water for two weeks. Jack would find out later that he was one of three crew members who survived.

Jack's next place of incarceration was the infamous Stalag Luft 4, at Gross Tyschow. This prisoner-of-war camp would ultimately house about 6,000 American airmen. Life at Stalag Luft 4 was no bed of roses. New arrivals lived in tents with no source of heat; the temperature ranged from 15 degrees to a high of 50 during the winter months. Eventually, wood barracks were constructed, and 25 men were assigned to each of the small rooms, but the heating provided by one small charcoal burner proved inadequate. For Jack, however, the worst was yet to come.

Early in January the Russian army initiated its winter offensive. The decision was made to abandon Stalag Luft 4, since by Feb. 3, 1945, the front line was only 40 miles to the south. The sick, injured and crippled prisoners were dispatched to camps in western Germany via 40 and 8 boxcars.

Prisoners considered fit to march embarked, on Feb. 6, 1945, on what would be called the Death March. They



Past and Present: Former Islander and veteran Jack Flynn, in front of a B17 bomber in 1944 and, more recently, in 1995.

were told that the trek would last for three days, but the march was over 600 miles for 86 days, in some of the worst weather seen in many years. Somehow Jack survived, a fact that he attributes in large part to his faith in God.

Some nights, if they were lucky, were spent in barns, but some nights they had no shelter at all. Most prisoners suffered from chronic dysentery and internal bleeding. Since no medication was available, they ingested charcoal from the bonfires at the end of the day to mitigate the ravages of diarrhea. The well assisted the sick, and some stood for hours in the rain and cold to get boiled water and a few potatoes for the incapacitated.

An American soldier normally gets a ration of 3,500 calories a day, but the diet the prisoners were given averaged only 750 calories a day. In addition to malnutrition, hundreds of men suffered from exposure, trench foot, exhaustion, dysentery and other diseases; some ultimately contracted tuberculosis. The sick became stragglers, and it is not known how many of the stragglers survived or died. The odyssey came to an end on May 2, 1945,



at Lubeck, where Jack's group made contact with the British army.

The following passage was taken from a diary kept by James McCloskey of Pittsburgh: May 2 "beautiful day today . . . then at 3:30 p.m. the greatest thing in our lives happened. . . . No one could believe it, but up the road came a jeep with British soldiers in it. . . . The soldiers in the jeep told us we were free."

Jack returned to the United States and was discharged on Nov. 6, 1945. Among the medals and citations he received was the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. He readjusted to civilian life and was appointed to the New York City Police Department where he spent 20 years, most of them in the elite Emergency Service Division, Unit 2. Following his retirement in 1975, Jack was employed for five years by the Philip Morris Company as a chauffeur and personal bodyguard for John Murphy, who was then president of the company.

Jack married Dolores McGrail in St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church and raised his four children, John, Jim, Donna and Denise, on City Island. He has nine grandchildren. After the death of his wife, Jack relocated to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and subsequently to his present home in Palm Coast, Florida. I'm sure that he would like to hear from some of his old teammates.

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The Kathlyn Moses Gallery will host a reception on Friday, Nov. 8, from 7 to 11 p.m. at 327 City Island Avenue to open an exhibition of new works by Lois Weingarten, Margaret Myers and Mary Rappold, with watercolors by Beth Geisel and Ann McGuire.

Beginning with a reception on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 3 to 8 p.m., the **Starving Artist Gallery** (269 City Island Avenue) will begin its annual "Anything Goes..." exhibition, featuring new fine art and fine craftwork on no particular theme except whatever the artists decide! The exhibition will run through the holiday season. The gallery is scheduled to have a book signing for *At Sea in the City* by William Kornblum, Dec. 8, Sunday, from 3 to 5 p.m. Check gallery for details.

All are welcome to the early pre-Hanukkah opening of Island artist-potter **Toby Z. Liederman's 21st Annual Holiday Show and Sale** of original works in clay, photography, prints and more. Hours are Saturday, Nov. 23, 7:30 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24, 9 to 11 a.m., at her studio-home, 22 Centre Street, rear house, by the Stuyvesant Yacht Club. Hot cider and refreshments will be served. The annual event continues on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8, from 3 to 8 p.m. Call 718 885-0319 for additional hours or information.

Soprano and Islander Elizabeth Farnum will sing the songs of composer Kaikhosru Shapurji on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. at Merkin Hall, Abraham Goodman House at 129 W. 67th Street in Manhattan. The performance coincides with the release of Ms. Farnum's latest recording. Many of the songs will receive their world premier at the performance. General admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, call the Merkin box office at 212-501-3330.



Photo courtesy of Starving Artist Gallery

Award-winning Bronx artist Daniel Hauben (left), with Elliott Glick of the Starving Artist Gallery, holds his painting of the Catherine Scott Promenade at City Island Park during the recent exhibition of his work at the Starving Artist Gallery.

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

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Blood, Sweat and Hot Flashes

By CAROLYN DEAN, M.D., N.D.

What are menopausal women to do now that hormone replacement therapy (HRT) can no longer be considered a medical miracle? After a brief history of HRT, we'll look at some natural solutions to what is, after all, a perfectly natural stage of life.

Premarin, the most widely used form of estrogen, is synthesized from pregnant mare's urine (some find that reason enough not to use it). It was discovered in the 1940s but did not become popular until 1966, when Dr. Robert Wilson wrote a book entitled *Feminine Forever*, which convinced many women that they could combat the effects of aging by taking estrogen supplements. By 1975 Premarin was the fifth best-selling drug in America.

HRT continued to increase in popularity until July 17, 2002, when the *Journal of the American Medical Association* reported that a major federal study of hormone replacement therapy using Prempro, a drug combining Premarin and Progestin, had been brought to an end three years ahead of schedule. The study confirmed that women taking the drug faced a greater risk of breast cancer, heart attack, stroke and blood clots than those on the placebo and confirmed the lack of evidence that HRT prevents osteoporosis, heart disease or Alzheimer's.

Many women are rethinking their commitment to HRT and are looking for other methods to counteract the effects of menopause. It is unfortunate that Americans have been led to think of menopause as a disease deserving medical treatment, when it is, of course, a natural stage in life. In some countries, menopause is even a sign that a woman has reached wise woman or elder status, and there is little reportage of menopausal symptoms. But in this country, where there is such an emphasis on youthful appearance and a general debasement of aging, many women have a much harder time with menopause, a period when the abuses of life style, poor diet, environmental toxins and stress may reach a critical threshold. The overworked liver is so busy detoxifying environmental toxins that it's hormone production suffers and menopause symptoms are aggravated.

The editors of *Hormone Wise Digest* at www.ssellman.com, with whom I happen to agree, believe that symptoms such as hot flashes, night sweats, insomnia and mood swings are caused by a decline of adequate progesterone levels rather than

of estrogen. It may also be that hormonal imbalances and "menopausal" symptoms are the result of other health problems, such as a sluggish thyroid, blood-sugar imbalances, compromised liver functioning, inflammation of the digestive tract, dehydration, parasites and heavy-metal toxicity.

The first place to begin to deal with these symptoms is your diet. Sugar, refined carbohydrates, caffeine, alcohol, fried foods, hydrogenated oils and spicy foods may worsen the symptoms of menopause, promote bone loss, and may be responsible for many other illnesses and chronic degenerative diseases. Avoid these foods and replace them with lots of organic vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, proteins (fish and free-range chicken and eggs) and good-quality oils such as virgin olive oil, flaxseed oil and coconut oil.

Next, increase your daily exercise, which is vital to prevent osteoporosis. Almost any form of regular exercise will help—walking, lifting small weights, biking, swimming, yoga and Tai Chi. Deep breathing exercises, deep relaxation and meditation practices also help because psychological stress can aggravate hot flashes and night sweats.

Dozens of supplements may help alleviate and prevent menopausal symptoms by providing basic building blocks for hormones, bones, liver detoxification and the immune system. All the complex metabolic functions in the body absolutely require vitamins and minerals as cofactors. We would like to think we get all our necessary nutrients in the diet, although we probably don't. When you purchase supplements, be sure to look for brands that say "from natural, organic sources." While there has been no drug company or double blind study of natural supplements specifically for menopause, there has been some research about the benefits of natural supplements for many aspects of menopause.

- A good multivitamin/anti-oxidant vitamin and absorbable mineral supplement daily for general health
- Calcium and magnesium for the bones and teeth—calcium lactate 1,000 mg per day and magnesium 500 mg per day. Check labels to find out the actual amount of mineral you want. For example a 500-mg capsule of magnesium oxide has only 300 mg of magnesium.
- Natural vitamin E (d-alpha tocopherol)—for heart protection and hot

flashes. 400 to 800 IU daily

- Bioflavonoids such as hesperidin—for strengthening small blood vessels and capillaries, which helps hot flashes and blood circulation and the heart. 1000 mg per day.

- Vitamin C—for collagen (wrinkle prevention). 500 mg twice a day

- Evening primrose oil—for the immune system, hot flashes and the nervous system.

- B-complex vitamins—for energy. 25 to 100 mg daily; look for a natural source brand. The B vitamins are drained by both coffee and synthetic estrogen.

- Essential fatty acids (fish oils, flax seed oil) contain phytoestrogens, which help with hot flashes and fatigue

- Probiotics, such as acidophilus, to improve the natural bowel flora and help digestion.

Herbal remedies should be organic, so that you may avoid pesticides and herbicides. The following remedies can be taken singly or in combination as tinctures, capsules or teas: black cohosh (for hot flashes), Vitex (for phytoprogestosterone), ginseng (for energy), licorice root

(to support the adrenals), wild yam (for phytoestrogens), sage (hot flashes, hormonal regulation),

A natural progesterone may be used as a supplement—as a transdermal cream, serum, troche or spray—under the supervision of your health practitioner. Ask for salivary hormone levels testing before taking any hormones.

Homeopathic medicines are different from vitamins or herbs. They are prescribed for the individual and their particular set of symptoms. Use 6x or 12x potencies. I will list some examples, but I recommend working with a homeopath to find the medicine best suited to your case.

- Lachesis: when heat is felt all day long, severe flushing, night sweats and headaches
- Pulsatilla: for especially sensitive, emotional women with milder hot flashes
- Sepia: for women who are both emotional and exhausted
- Belladonna: for many hot flashes

Dr. Dean, M.D., N.D., has set up a new Web site that offers a body rejuvenation cleanse program: www.brccleanse.com.



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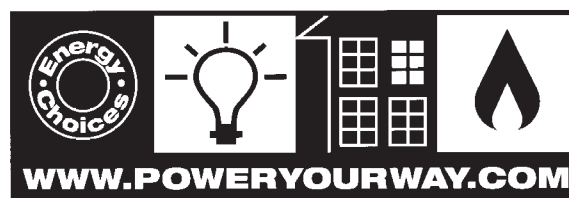
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Social Security Warns About Misleading Advertising

By DIANA VALDES,

Manager, East Bronx Social Security Office

Too many Americans are victimized by misleading advertisers who try to charge unnecessary fees for Social Security or Medicare services.

No one should be paying middlemen for Social Security services, which are free. Although misleading advertising schemes have been around for many years, the Internet adds a new dimension to the problem. People may use search engines to find Social Security information and discover a long list of Web sites. Not all of them, however, lead back to the Social Security Administration. Some lead straight to private firms seeking to make money by using a similar name.

A New York City certified public accountant was arrested for operating a Web site that charged \$11.95 for an online Social Security card application, misleading the public into believing the site was run by the Social Security Administration.

Make No Mistake About It: Secondhand Smoke Kills

About one in every five deaths from cardiovascular disease is attributable to smoking. Approximately 37,000 to 40,000 nonsmokers die from cardiovascular disease each year as a result of exposure to secondhand smoke.

People call it many things: environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), passive smoke or secondhand smoke. The American Heart Association calls it dangerous—so dangerous that the organization supports Mayor Bloomberg's bill to ban smoking in all public places.

"Studies have suggested that if a nonsmoker is in the vicinity of a person smoking a pack of cigarettes during the day, that exposure is comparable to smoking half of that pack," said Samuel B. Ritter, M.D., president of the AHA in New York City and chairman of the pediatrics department at Staten Island University Hospital.

Studies show that the inhalation of tobacco smoke causes blood vessels to contract, limiting blood flow throughout the body. Long-term exposure can weaken and damage the cardiovascular system.

The tobacco industry has long worked to undermine the data related to the harm caused by environmental tobacco smoke

The site was shut down, and the accountant was charged with a felony for falsely representing himself as an employee of the U.S. government. Another company offered to help people get a replacement Social Security card for just \$45.

The Social Security Administration works hard to combat misleading advertising, and two federal laws deal specifically with the misleading ads. They prohibit companies from using words or symbols that suggest they have a government affiliation, and they also prohibit misleading ads from being sent through the U.S. Postal Service.

The Social Security Office of the Inspector General also keeps an eye out for potentially misleading advertisements. Some 60 companies have voluntarily agreed to stop using ads we questioned or have changed their ads to comply with the law.

One way to avoid getting on "look-alike" Web sites is to avoid using a search engine when looking for Social Security information. Instead, go directly to the Social Security Web site at www.ssa.gov where you will find reliable, free information and services about Social Security programs.

by calling into question the validity of the science behind positive results.

"It makes sense that the tobacco industry regularly attacks the data on secondhand smoke. It's easier for the tobacco industry to talk about smokers' rights than it is to talk about the rights of people who are inhaling the smoke, whether they want to or not. For those people, especially for children, their health is being endangered by tobacco poisons in the air," Dr. Ritter said.

Secondhand smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals, more than 40 of which have been proven to cause cancer, including arsenic, formaldehyde, cyanide, carbon monoxide, naphthalene (mothballs), cadmium (battery acid) and acetone (nail polish remover). The United States Environmental Protection Agency has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A carcinogen. This puts secondhand smoke in the same class of toxins as arsenic, asbestos, benzene, radon and 10 other poisons. The concentration of these carcinogenic chemicals is actually *higher* in secondhand smoke than in the fumes inhaled directly by smokers.

"The American Heart Association continues to support the rights of nonsmokers to a smoke-free work environment and we believe the public is entitled to be protected from environmental tobacco smoke," said Dr. Ritter. "As an organization, the American Heart Association is thrilled with Mayor Bloomberg's piece of legislation, and we hope it passes through the City Council."

"Indoor tobacco smoke pollution is a public health issue but the solution is simple," continued Dr. Ritter. "Everyone deserves a safe, healthy, smoke-free work environment."



Photo by KAREN NANI

Early Thanksgiving? Islanders have been slowing their cars and admiring the group of wild turkeys that have been grazing on the Shore Road (Bartow Pell) circle during October.

The Island Garden

By DORIS STRAUSS

There is still plenty of time before winter to plant tulips, daffodils and other bulbs! I don't know about you, but I always regret not having planted more when I walk around the Island in the spring and see so many beautiful bulbs coming up in my neighbors' gardens.

Here is a review of bulb basics. A ground temperature of 60° at a depth of 6 to 8 inches is considered ideal bulb planting weather. Most daffodils and tulips need full sun to really thrive, although they will tolerate some dappled shade. They are less finicky about soil than some other plants, so good drainage is a must. Most will appreciate a rich sandy loam with some added organic matter, such as compost. Daffodils are especially successful on City Island because of their salt tolerance and their long life.

How deep should you dig the hole? Well, the rule of thumb when planting bulbs is that they should be covered to a depth of three times their diameter. This usually means six to eight inches for daffodils and four to eight inches for tulips. As to the bigger bulbs, when you are in doubt, deeper is better.

If the very thought of running around with a bulb digger making all those holes drives you crazy, try digging one wide hole and placing your bulbs in a cluster about one to two inches apart, depending on the size of the bulb. Unfortunately, too many gardeners tend to plant too few and too far apart.

I can't stress this enough: If you want that New York Botanical Garden look, always put in more than you planned. This

is especially true with smaller bulbs such as grape hyacinths (*muscaria*), crocuses, snow drops (*galanthus*) and scilla. Try a few clusters of these smaller bulbs toward the front of your flower beds.

As for fertilizing, remember that the best fertilizer is good soil. You can, however, add a little extra phosphorus to the soil at planting time to encourage good root growth. But don't overdo it. Read the label and use half of what is recommended. You can also "top dress" after your bulbs have been planted. This means scratching in a granular bulb food or other all-purpose organic food into the soil's surface which will slowly release nutrients as it dissolves. Top dressing with organic matter is also a good idea.

If you prefer to wait until spring, you can feed when the first shoots appear. At that time a liquid feed is also appropriate. Here's an interesting tip from *Daffodils for American Gardens* by Brent and Becky Heath. To increase the intensity of color in daffodil flowers, apply half a cup of Epsom salts (magnesium sulfate) per 10 square feet in the fall or early spring. It might be worth a try.

Once the flowers have died, it is very important to remove the "dead heads" from tulips. Tulips use up to 30 percent of their energy making seeds, and your bulbs will become stronger if you remove the spent flowers. Daffodil flowers should be removed mainly to keep the garden tidy.

As charming as it may seem, please resist the temptation to braid or bind the foliage of your bulbs after the flowers have finished. This is bad for the bulbs' growth and their ability to manufacture and store nutrients for the next year. Don't cut the foliage until it has turned yellow. To hide the foliage of smaller bulbs, plant annuals such as sweet alyssum, and for larger bulbs try planting daylilies or medium to large annuals, such as salvias and cosmos.

The springtime payoff of all those beautiful flowers is well worth the effort you make in the fall, and you will have them for many years to come.

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Organization News

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Current Calendar

NOVEMBER

Tues., Nov. 5, **Election Day**, vote at P.S. 175, 200 City Island Avenue, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 8, **Grace Church Annual Dinner**, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall at 104 City Island Avenue, see Organization News.

Tues., Nov. 12, **Bronx Masons Blood Drive**, 4 to 8 p.m. at United Trinity Methodist Church at 113 Bay Street.

Thurs., Nov. 21, **Community Board 10 meets**, 7:30 p.m., Providence Rest Nursing Home, 3304 Waterbury Avenue in the Bronx.

Tues., Nov. 26, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 8 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Happy Thanksgiving

Thurs. Nov. 28, **Thanksgiving Dinner**, sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street, 2 to 5 p.m.

DECEMBER

Sat., Dec. 6 and Sun., Dec. 7, **Trinity United Methodist Church Fair**, 2 to 8 p.m., 113 Bay Street, see Organization News

Garden Club

The next meeting of the Garden Club of City Island will be on Monday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club on Pilot Street. Our members will be making silk flower arrangements for the holidays.

We delivered 100 silk corsages to Providence Rest Nursing Home for the residents to enjoy on their birthdays.

On Oct. 19, the Garden Club organized a successful clean-up in Hawkins Street Park and at the Brotherhood Tree garden, and planted daffodils and tulips. You will also notice some chrysanthemums that were planted to add color to those two areas.

Gardening hint: This month is the time to rake leaves, sweep up debris on your sidewalk and winterize outdoor plants.

Phyllis Goodman

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El ("Your Shul by the Sea") is moving forward with its renaissance under the aegis of its new rabbi, Shohama Wiener.

On Wednesday evenings through Nov. 20, the temple is participating in the National Jewish Outreach Program (NJOP) "Read Hebrew America," a free course of study in how to read Hebrew by Hannukah! We will be conducting this program from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the temple (480 City Island Avenue). Sponsored by NJOP, the people who brought you "Shabbat Across America," these lessons are an ideal way to learn how to follow synagogue services, to be more involved in your children's Jewish education or simply to enhance your own ties to Judaism.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, the temple will celebrate the installation of Rabbi Shohama Wiener at 7 p.m. at the City Island Yacht Club (63 Pilot Street). Dinner and dancing will follow the ceremony. Margot Leverett and her bluegrass/klezmer band will provide us with beautiful and joyous music, so bring your dancing shoes! Call Bob Berent at 885-3098 for more information and/or reservations.

The temple will conduct another town meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. (before our special membership meeting and elections scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 17). All are welcome to participate at the town meeting.

Regular Friday night services begin at 7:30 p.m. The rabbi will lead a Kabbalat Shabbat service on Nov. 8. Again, all are welcome to attend.

Bob Berent

Chapter 318 AARP

Our next trip to Atlantic City will be on Tuesday, Nov. 12; the bus leaves from 113 Bay Street at 9 a.m. For reservations, please call Jean Ringel at 885-1479 or John Bonicoro at 885-1844.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, we will be going to Hilton Casino to see a Christmas show featuring the three Italian tenors. For information, please attend our meetings or call Jean Ringel or John Bonicoro.

Our "Penny Auction" is on Wednesday, Nov. 20; admission is \$3, which includes lunch and a strip of tickets. Please try to attend so that this event is a success, as it is our only fundraiser for donations to various organizations.

Our annual Christmas party for members is on Wednesday, Dec. 4. We will have a grab bag; the price of the gift should be at least \$5.

Our annual luncheon is on Friday, Dec. 13, at Marina del Rey, with an open bar from noon to 4 p.m., and music by a three-piece band. For information, please attend our meetings and see Florence Quinn or Gloria Salacan, chairpersons for the luncheon.

We have an overnight trip to Trump Marina on Feb. 24 and 25. In March for St. Patrick/St. Joseph, we will be going to Westbury for a musical revue and dinner at the Tivoli. For information, see Flo Bonicoro or Marie Tirelli.

Remember, we have blood-pressure readings taken on the first Wednesday of every month and also a notary to notarize any papers.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5.
Marie Tirelli

City Island Civic Association

The Civic Association elected a new slate of officers at the September meeting: Frank Fitts, president; Irwin Weinfeld, first vice president; Deirdre Simmons, second vice president; Jay Sinclair, treasurer; Barbara Dolensek, recording secretary; Jane Protzman, corresponding secretary.

The officers have appointed an executive board to represent the different areas of City Island. The board, which was announced at the October meeting, includes Helen Anderson, Susan Bellinson, Mary Jean Dux, Virginia Gallagher, Mary Anne Manfredonia, Tom Masterson, Inge Otto, Tina Ruggiero, Russell Schaller, Bob Simons, George Spencer, Susan Strazzera, Maria Sutherland, Bob Whelan and Peter Zima.

Everyone on City Island is encouraged to join the Civic Association, which has been in existence for 50 years for the purpose of representing Island residents to our elected officials; city, state and federal agencies, and other organizations that may have an effect on our quality of life. The more members the Civic has, the more powerful our impact on these groups will be.

In the past few months, the Civic has worked hard to represent the interests of Island residents in matters concerning traffic congestion, overdevelopment, rezoning, illegal parking and many other issues.

All residents, members of the Civic or not, are encouraged to attend our meet-

ings, held on the last Tuesday of every month at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street. Everyone with a legitimate issue or complaint is welcome to bring it to the meeting or may submit it to the Civic's officers by leaving a message at 718-885-3823, faxing to 885-3823 or emailing to civici@yahoo.com.

Membership in the Civic Association costs \$20 per year; to be a member, send a check with your full name and address to: City Island Civic Association, P. O. Box 117, City Island, NY 10464.

Frank Fitts

Grace Episcopal Church

On Friday evening, Nov. 8, Grace Episcopal Church will hold its annual dinner in the Parish Hall, 104 City Island Avenue. This dinner will feature roast beef, potatoes and vegetable, dessert and beverage. The dinner will be served from 6 until 7:30 p.m. and will cost \$13 per person. Reservations, which are required, can be made by calling 917-865-6644. If Father Doug is not available to answer the phone, you can leave your name, telephone number and a reservation message with his voice mail and he will confirm your reservation.

At the dinner, there will be a gift table and some raffles. We look forward to your continued support for our parish, which has served the City Island community for more than 150 years.

Reverend H. Douglas Coleman

City Island Historical Society

We have a number of exciting projects in the works. Our Nautical Room is undergoing major reconstruction so that we can fit in more exhibits and clearer labels giving the history of City Island's oystering, boat building, sail making and more. The room is closed during our usual hours on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m., but anyone who is very interested may be given a special tour.

We are putting together a major exhibit on the America's Cup with some important recent acquisitions, including a complete set of Mark Whitcombe's America's Cup etchings, which are now being framed; a series of models of 12-meter sloops built on City Island; and some unique photographs by the famous Rosenfeld family.

To launch the new exhibit and the refurbished Nautical Room, we will have a holiday open house in December. We have more copies of Allan Flood's book on City Island for sale, as well as other gifts.

Don't forget to visit our Web site at www.cityislandmuseum.org. We have a new section of school photographs, which include many graduating classes from P.S. 17 and P.S. 175 (St. Mary's is coming soon). Please be sure to visit. If your graduation photograph is not on line and you have a print, we would very much like to make copy of it and return the original to you. Also, if any individuals are not iden-

tified and you know who they are, please let us know. You can email us at CIHS@cityislandmuseum.org.

WANTED: A VCR, new or used; remember, your donation is tax deductible and would be greatly appreciated.

Barbara Dolensek

Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity Church will again host Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. for all who are in need and would like to attend. Anyone who can donate time or food to this community effort, please call Anne Cox at 885-3300.

George Cavalieri is leading a Community Men's Bible Study, which began on Oct. 27 and will end on Nov. 24. He invites all men who are interested in studying the book of Titus. The course name is "A Man Who Lived on an Island."

Our Christmas Fair will be held in Fellowship Hall on Friday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets for the Friday dinner and the Saturday lunch can be obtained from Tina Schaefer 914-636-6452. There will be oodles of homemade food, arts and crafts, gift items and fun for children. We hope to see you there.

Trinity is selling the Entertainment Books for 2003. Three of our fine City Island restaurants are highlighted in the book. For only \$25 you can save yourself hundreds on dinners, theater, groceries and more. Please call Donna at 885-0931 and order yours now. Order an extra one or two for gifts; they are always appreciated and are great to have on hand.

Donna LaValle

City Island Seniors

The City Island Seniors are proud to announce their eighth anniversary on Dec. 3, 2002. It will be celebrated with a Christmas party luncheon at the Lobster Box from 12 to 4 p.m. There will be four entrees: chicken marsala, veal parmigiana, salmon and penne vodka. Soda, wine and beer will accompany the dinner, which will finish up with dessert, tea and coffee. The price for everything is \$27, including all taxes and gratuities. Send a check made out to the City Island Seniors, P.O. Box 86, Bronx, NY 10464 as soon as possible, or call Charlie at 829-0245 for reservations. All attending are requested to bring a \$5 gift for Santa's bag.

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. The program committee has been able to secure a speaker from the Oxford Insurance HMO group, who will give us an update on different available options.

Everyone is wished a most enjoyable Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We'll start the New Year right with our Jan. 7 meeting. Come and enjoy an interesting meeting and enjoy fellowship and refreshments with your friends.

Emrie Steiniger



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

Ongoing Events

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

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

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

Senior Nutrition Program: Held at Pilot Cove Manor, weekdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All senior citizens are welcome; the cost is only 80¢ per meal. Call 885-0727 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for your monthly calendar with daily lunch menus and schedule of visits to shopping centers.

Dance classes: Preballet, jazz and tap for kids Tuesdays between 3 and 6 p.m.,

adult ballroom, Fridays at 8 p.m. Call Linda at Dance Connection, 914 576-5515.

Belly Dancing Classes: Hip scarves are provided! Call Nadia, 885-9660.

Muy Thai Kick Boxing: Call James and Kathy Criveau, 885-1137.

Kundalini Yoga: Tuesdays and Saturdays at 9 a.m.. Call Ann Ward, 885-1478

Art classes: Fourth through sixth grade, fabric design, Tuesdays 3:30 to 5 p.m.; fifth through eighth grade, portfolio prep, Thursdays 3:30 to 5 p.m.; eighth grade through adult: still life acrylic painting, Mondays 7 to 8:30 p.m.. Call Laury, 885-3202.

Adult Tap Classes: Call Corinne Grondahl, 885-2011.

Photography Classes: for adults and teens. Call Ron Turner, 885-1403, or inquire at Focal Point Gallery.

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

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

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

Laury Hopkins

Legion News

The annual pumpkin sale was a financial success. We thank John Ulmer, who spent hours reconnoitering pumpkin farms for choice gourds and Post members who helped in this endeavor.

The Sons of the Legion annual golf event was also a financial success. Approximately \$3,000 was realized, which I'm told will be donated to various charitable institutions.

The annual Veterans' Day parade will be held Sunday, Nov. 10, starting at 12 noon at Lafayette and Tremont Avenues. Since we are the host post, Comrade Larry Lane will be the grand marshal. Comrade Dave Carman will lead the color guard, and those still able to march are urged to answer muster at the Post at 10:30 a.m.

The Bronx County Military Ball will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Green Tree Club in New Rochelle. Tickets for this festive occasion are \$50.

The annual Servicemen's Dance will be held Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Post at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$27. Music will be provided by D. J. Ray.

Looking ahead, December will be an active month. The children's Christmas party will be held early in December, date to be announced in next month's newsletter. The Post party will be Monday, Dec. 16. On Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day, the Sons of the Legion will conduct the annual memorial service at 12 non at the WW II memorial located at the City Island bridge.

Get your 2003 dues in as soon as possible. Thus far, 140 members are on board.

Comrade Goonan has flags available. He can be reached at 885-1687. The price of \$10 includes a bracket. Joe will Christmas wrap the flag should anyone want to give a flag for a gift.

While we're on the subject of flags, we are still looking for volunteers to place flags on the avenue. Matt Murphy is the only one who has come forward in recent months. Call me at 885-2087.

We have had no reports of anyone in the hospital. Capt. Frederick Lane is in Providence Rest Nursing Home. Bud Scollon and Don Varian are at home. A card, call or visit would be appreciated, especially during the holiday season.

Meetings for the month of November are: Nov. 5 and 18, regular meetings; Nov. 11, Veterans' Day, is the second Monday of the month, so the executive meeting might be canceled.

Something for you WW II buffs. Caen, a city in Normandy, eight miles from the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944, was scheduled to be captured by Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery by June 7. It took Monty more than a month to cross the eight miles with British casualties exceeding the total number of troops the British general's staff estimated was necessary for the entire drive to Berlin.

Russell Schaller



Photos courtesy of Judy McCormick

Islanders took part in the "Stride Against Breast Cancer" walk on Oct. 20, 2002 at Central Park with the generous sponsorship of local businesses; Artie's Restaurant, City Island Market, City Island Pharmacy, Connie's New Way Market, and J.V.'s Fruits and Vegetables. Pictured top, (l. to r.): Karen Welsing and Karen M. Pictured below, (l. to r.): Maryann Occhicone, Katie McCormick and Mallory Byrnes.



American Legion Post 156 Ladies Auxiliary

After a beautiful summer, 20 members attended our meeting on Sept. 3. Vice president Mary Ann Clancy reported that out of 108 members, 80 were paid up. Good job. Thanks to Dee Mazzella and her committee, who chaired a great boat trip for 103 on the *Riptide* on Sept 8. We sailed down to the Statue of Liberty and sang "God Bless America." It felt good to be living in the U.S.A. The raffle and the profit from the boat ride added substantially to our finances.

The auxiliary members voted to hold our annual baby shower for unwed mothers on Wednesday, Nov. 6. The lucky surrogate mom is Lucy Pontecorvo. Go, girl! All gifts are to be presented to a charity for needy infants 0 to size 4T. Sister Patricia Warner will recommend a needy organization.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, a special tea was held at the Legion Hall to honor those with 50 years or more of enrollment and active service in the Ladies Auxiliary. The tables were beautifully arranged with finger sand-

wiches and teacakes against a background of red, yellow and white. The flowers were donated by John Ulmer. Nilda Nye chaired this affair and deserves our accolades for an upscale event. Let's make this an annual occasion.

Those honored, in alphabetical order, were Jean Anderson, Mary Ann Clancy, Betty Heffernan, Helen Leupp, Joyce Maloney, Lucille Masterson and Alvaretta Staffer. Many thanks to Virginia Nye for lovely programs and to our set-up crew.

Our next meeting was held Oct. 1. One new member joined; welcome to Marguerite Sessa. President Nilda Nye discussed the upcoming trim-a-tree event to be held in December. A donation of \$100 was given to the Sons of the Legion for 1 of 18 golf holes at the annual golf outing. Linda Ulmer asked for an advance to purchase gifts and miscellaneous items for our upcoming cancer bingo.

The auxiliary is proud of the charitable work we do and thankful for all the support shown to us by our neighbors on City Island and our friends elsewhere.

Jean Anderson

City Island Chamber Music

The Le Refuge Inn chamber music concerts "Sundays on the Island" continue into November with a terrific selection; each concert starts at 12:30 and the admission fee is \$16, which includes a reception after the concert.

Nov. 3 will offer the opportunity to hear pianist Daria Rabotkina playing pieces by Bach, Rachmaninoff, Beethoven and others.

On Nov. 10, internationally acclaimed pianist Tomas Sauer and cellist Wolfram Koessel will present works by Beethoven, Bach, Brahms and more.

Violinist Asmira Woodward-Page and pianist Ieva Jokubaviciute will present another great recital with pieces by Bach, Schubert, Schnittke and others.

And on Nov. 24, Adrienne Kim (piano), Lisa Tipton (violin) and Ariane Lallemand (cello) will perform masterpieces by Schubert, Fauré, Schoenfeld and other composers.

Wolfram Koessel



City Island Theater Group

We have successfully completed our fourth season, and we are looking forward to celebrating our fifth anniversary in 2003. Scheduled productions include "Godspell" in the spring and "Wild West Kiddy Kabaret" in June, followed by a full-length play in October.

In the meantime, we will hold our annual meeting in December at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street. The meeting will provide an opportunity to reflect on the highlights of 2002, plan events for next year and, most importantly, nominate and elect a board of directors for 2003. Elected board members will serve a one-year term beginning in January. If you are concerned with the future of the City Island Theater Group or just looking to become involved, this is the meeting to attend.

Please call 885-3066, or email citheatergroup@cs.com, for date and time.

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From Beyond

When a Coke bottle falls from the sky in the Kalahari Desert, the natives who have never had possessions find themselves fighting over this object sent by the gods in **The Gods Must be Crazy** (1980). The African Bushman (Xixo) who finds the bottle decides to take it and throw it off the edge of the world. In his quest, he encounters more than technology; he comes across "civilization." Luckily, he is befriended by a teacher (Kate Thompson) and a clumsy biologist (Andrew Steyn), who keep him out of trouble in this delightful family film.

It is difficult to do justice to a description of Wim Wender's extraordinary German film **Wings of Desire** (1987). It stars Bruno Ganz as Damiel, an angel who lives beyond the realm of, but bears witness to, the tortured thoughts of humanity. When he falls in love with Marion (Solveig), a trapeze artist, he must decide if he will move from beyond into the world of mortals.



Flatliners (1990) is a spooky thriller about a group of medical students who want to find out what happens beyond death. They take turns putting themselves into cardiac arrest, letting the person experience the "other side" for a few minutes, and then bringing the person back to life. The film stars Kiefer Sutherland, Julia Roberts, Kevin Bacon, William Baldwin and Oliver Platt as the students who discover that after experiencing the afterlife, their existence is forever changed.

The X-Files: Fight the Future (1998) is one of the better cross-over movies (from television to the silver screen), because it holds its own as a film in its own right and is of interest to people who have never seen the show. Something from beyond was embedded in a cave in 35,000 B.C., and it is discovered in present-day North Texas by some boys playing in the area. Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) and Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson) are the F.B.I. agents who follow many leads to get to the bottom of a

government conspiracy to withhold the truth of aliens among us.

Meet Joe Black (1998) is the story of communications magnate, William Parrish (Anthony Hopkins), who is about to celebrate his 60th birthday, when he feels as though he is on the brink of death. He is correct. But Death decides to take a holiday by assuming human form, and Parrish is given a reprieve for as long as Death can be a part of his life in the form of Joe Black (Brad Pitt). Claire Forlani and Marcia Gay Harden are on hand as Parrish's daughters, Susan and Allison; Jeffrey Tambor is Quince, his bumbling, well-meaning son-in-law; and Jake Weber is Drew, Parrish's right-hand man, who is seriously threatened by Joe Black's intimacy with Parrish. This is a special film that is not afraid to allow awkward silences among its characters, although some viewers may find it a bit long.

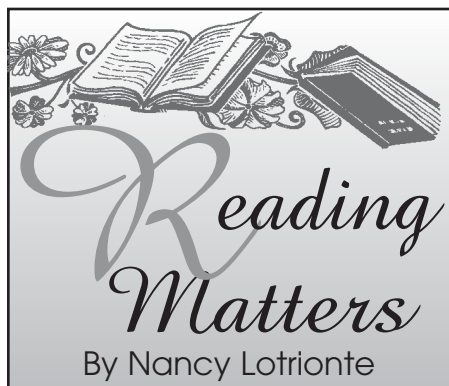
What Lies Beneath (2000) stars Harrison Ford as Dr. Norman Spencer, a workaholic scientist, and Michelle Pfeiffer as his wife, Claire, who is suffering from empty-nest syndrome when their daughter leaves for college. Claire's sanity is called into question when she starts feeling that something "from beyond" has invaded their house.

Cate Blanchett stars as Annie Wilson, a psychic Georgia widow who has **The Gift** (2001). Annie does readings for people to make money to support herself and her three children. The supporting cast includes Hilary Swank as Valerie, who is abused by her husband, Donnie (Keanu Reeves), and Greg Kinnear as the school principal in this interesting thriller.

Dragonfly (2002) is what I call a "guilty pleasure"—a not very credible film that touched me. It stars Kevin Costner as the grief-stricken Dr. Joe Darrow whose wife, Emily (Susanna Thompson), a pregnant cancer specialist, dies on an emergency relief mission in the Venezuelan jungles. When Joe honors his promise to Emily to visit her patients on the pediatric cancer ward, he becomes convinced she is trying to contact him through children who have undergone near-death experiences.

Mel Gibson, as Father Graham Hess, is a widower who tries to keep his family safe in **Signs** (directed by M. Night Shyamalan of **The Sixth Sense** fame). Set in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, the Hesses wake up to find a 500-foot design of circles and lines carved into their farm's field. Graham lives on the farm with his brother, Merrill (Joaquin Phoenix), and his children, Morgan (Rory Culkin) and Bo (Abigail Breslin). They all want to solve the mystery of how these designs inexplicably appeared, and what it means to them and all of civilization.

Be safe, and until next time, happy viewing. . . .



In life, we have order. Or at least we try to. Organized, structured routines are easy to live with, because they are predictable. When routines are established at home, children know what is expected of them, which makes them feel secure and comfortable.

There is also order in reading. Understanding the order of events in a story helps a child make sense of what is being read. If one can't follow the narrative, one can't begin to comprehend the story.

A useful method to teach children how to comprehend the order of events in a story is to have them summarize books they have heard or read. Ask your child to tell you about a story he or she has read recently. Ask for a general description of four major events in the story, without too much detail. This description should include the beginning, the ending and two major events in-between. This summary method will enable your child to describe what he or she has read without retelling the entire story.

If your child cannot recall the order of events, suggest that he or she read the story again. Generally speaking, children

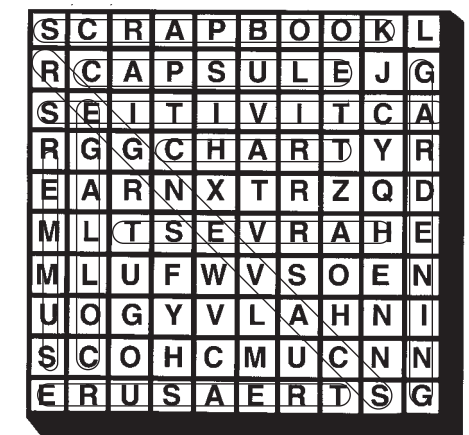
do not like to reread, but you can encourage them to do so by asking them to look for specific information rather than rereading every line.

The next step is to have your child write down the order of events. Writing the sequence down can be a challenge or a chore for many children, but once they begin to write, even if they have to make several attempts, their learning process should improve significantly.

The public library offers a list of recommended books appropriate for your child's age and grade level. The following titles are especially good for working out the sequence of events:

- Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears* by Verna Aardema
- The World That Jack Built* by Ruth Brown
- The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco
- Pinky and Rex* by James Howe
- Magic Tree House* (series) by Mary Pope Osborne

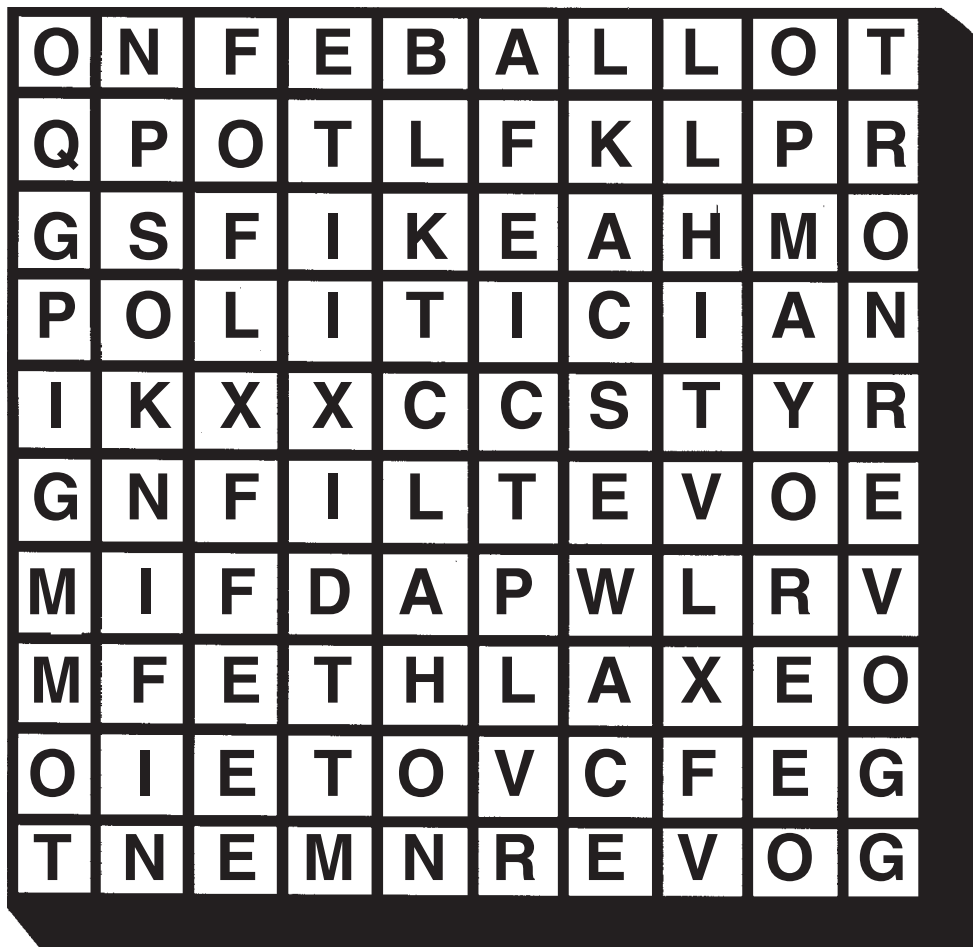
WORD SEARCH PUZZLE #29
Answer to July/August puzzle



WORD SEARCH PUZZLE #30

The following words can be found vertically, horizontally, backwards or on the diagonal. Good luck!

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There is a pile of rocks and mud out in the middle of Eastchester Bay known to many of us as Cuban's Ledge. It's on the charts as Cuban Ledge, but no matter. We don't know the origin of either name, but we do know the layout of the ledge, long-time City Island sailors that we are.

Or we thought we did. It appears now as if the ledge is shifting. A close-up look at a good low tide reveals breakers that extend beyond the pole marking the northern limit of the rocks. Paul from Bay Street surmises that sediment has been deposited there by the Hutchinson River. That would make the new extension a delta, wouldn't it? Any thoughts on this subject (or any other) can be shared at jdstrat@earthlink.net.

Another familiar hazard to navigation in Eastchester Bay is Big Tom. Unlike Cuban's Ledge, Big Tom remains submerged at all but the lowest tides. The fishermen love this, but not so the boaters. We were on the porch the other day down on Buckley Street and heard the tremendous thud of one speed boater as he crashed into the rock.

Fortunately for him, no one on board was hurt, or at least no one appeared to be. The vessel was another story. From our vantage point, the pumps were throwing sea water out the side as fast as it was coming in. Within minutes of the accident, nearby boaters were on the scene offering assistance. Then the Sea Tow people arrived and towed the crippled cruiser away.

This accident could easily have been prevented, because Big Tom is clearly marked on the charts with a triangle of markers. Even a hazard like Cuban's Ledge is no problem for boaters if they proceed with caution and common sense.

Proceed with caution as you drive down Orchard Beach Road on your way to the second traffic circle, because turtles from Turtle Cove have been observed crossing the road there. In the circle itself, troops of wild turkeys have been seen gorging themselves on the restored grasses. There seem to be two troops; Maria saw both one morn-

ing on her way to work. Another morning she saw three female turkeys, their backs to the road, perched upon the guardrail at the approach to the second circle. Perhaps they were "on guard" against their rival troop.

Terri has been on the lookout herself these days for new avian visitors to her garden. There have been many, including goldfinches, cardinals and a northern flicker. The latest first-timer was a ruby-throated hummingbird, or a tinkerbell, as she described it.

Another first happened on Horton Street when Nicholas caught his first striper. He had to throw it back, though. A striped bass that can be kept must measure at least 28 inches these days. Another regulation that recreational anglers should know is that they are permitted to take home only one striped bass a day. It's part of an ongoing effort to protect the species.

Another entity that may require protection soon is the boatyard. Across the bay in Country Club, a number of the old yards have been sold to real-estate developers who are planning to build condominiums (a couple are already nearing completion!). That means that storage space for winter will be harder to come by for boat owners. On City Island, that space has become a hot commodity, so don't be surprised if you see the fleet put away for the winter earlier than usual this October. And don't be surprised if our Island seems a bit more crowded with stored boats this off season, either. It will be interesting to watch.

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

NOVEMBER 2002

DAY	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	DAY
01 Fri	0150	0.4	0745	7.9	1429	0.2	2013	7.7	Fri 01
02 Sat	0250	-0.1	0843	8.4	1529	-0.5	2114	8.0	Sat 02
03 Sun	0342	-0.4	0934	8.7	1623	-1.0	2208	8.1	Sun 03
04 Mon	0431	-0.7	1023	9.0	1715	-1.4	2259	8.1	Mon 04
05 Tue	0519	-0.8	1112	9.0	1806	-1.4	2350	8.0	Tue 05
06 Wed	0607	-0.6	1159	8.9	1858	-1.3			Wed 06
07 Thu	0042	7.8	0656	-0.3	1249	9.0	1952	-0.9	Thu 07
08 Fri	0138	7.5	0750	0.1	1344	8.2	2049	-0.4	Fri 08
09 Sat	0240	7.2	0852	0.6	1449	7.7	2150	0.1	Sat 09
10 Sun	0348	7.0	1002	1.0	1606	7.3	2252	0.5	Sun 10
11 Mon	0456	6.9	1111	1.1	1720	7.1	2353	0.7	Mon 11
12 Tue	0559	7.0	1218	1.2	1824	7.0			Tue 12
13 Wed	0051	0.8	0656	7.2	1317	1.1	1922	7.1	Wed 13
14 Thu	0143	0.9	0748	7.4	1410	0.9	2014	7.2	Thu 14
15 Fri	0231	0.8	0835	7.6	1458	0.6	2101	7.2	Fri 15
16 Sat	0314	0.8	0918	7.7	1541	0.4	2144	7.2	Sat 16
17 Sun	0352	0.7	0957	7.7	1621	0.2	2223	7.2	Sun 17
18 Mon	0423	0.7	1029	7.7	1656	0.1	2257	7.1	Mon 18
19 Tue	0443	0.7	1048	7.7	1724	0.1	2322	7.0	Tue 19
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28 Thu	0503	7.2	1135	0.9	1726	7.0			Thu 28
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DECEMBER 2002

DAY	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	DAY
01 Sun	0227	-0.1	0824	8.2	1519	-0.7	2104	7.4	Sun 01
02 Mon	0323	-0.4	0919	8.5	1613	-1.2	2200	7.5	Mon 02
03 Tue	0416	-0.6	1010	8.7	1706	-1.4	2252	7.6	Tue 03
04 Wed	0507	-0.6	1100	8.7	1756	-1.4	2343	7.5	Wed 04
05 Thu	0556	-0.5	1149	8.5	1846	-1.3			Thu 05
06 Fri	0034	7.4	0646	-0.3	1239	8.3	1936	-0.9	Fri 06
07 Sat	0126	7.3	0737	0.1	1331	7.9	2027	-0.5	Sat 07

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The Good Old Days

The following article was compiled from articles that appeared in various issues of the New Rochelle Pioneer during the year 1882.

Dance Away the Night

The first annual May Ball took place on Thursday, May 11, at Leviness's Hall, a great success notwithstanding the storm outside. "The hall was handsomely decorated for the occasion. Large urns, filled with the rarest flowers and plants, were placed around the ball room floor, and an orange tree, in full bloom with the ripening fruit, and evergreens gave a refreshing appearance to the scene."

In the center, surrounded by a large American flag, was a large oil painting of town supervisor James Hyatt, "painted by S. D. Horton, Jr., the well-known and talented artist."

"At eleven o'clock the floor of the hall was thronged with as gay and brilliant an assemblage as ever danced within its walls. The costumes of the ladies were rich and in good taste, and until after midnight there was a constant stream of ladies and their escorts." Attendees included Hyatt, George and Everett Leviness, A. L. Horton, Willard and Henry Pell, E. W. and W. W. Waterhouse; unfortunately, none of the City Island ladies were named (May 13).

Property Purchases

Rose Mulvey sold more than 15 lots owned by Elizabeth R. King to Carsten Von Linchn for \$8,000. Mary Y. and Elisha Booth sold a Scofield Avenue lot to Eveline V. Williams for \$400. Sarah and Richard Williams sold a lot, adjacent to the land of Jane Vickery and John Eshoff, to Eugene and Rebecca Williams for \$700. Lavinia E. and Nathaniel C. Bell

sold the residence of Mr. Bell to Jane Young for \$1.

Caleb Freeman sold an N. S. Franklin Street (the original name for Marine Street) site to Martha Gilbert for \$1,400; within two weeks she sold the property to B. Franklin Wood for \$1,500. William Lowndes sold a lot on Prospect Street, adjacent to Benjamin Hegeman's land, to Thomas Collins for \$2,000. And George A. Scofield sold to Francis Scofield for \$2,000 an Orchard Street lot adjacent to a lot owned by Ellen Veil (May 20).

New Construction

Daniel Craft is building a two-story livery stable at the corner of Main Street (earlier name of City Island Avenue) and Scofield Avenue (Dec. 2). Mr. Hilbert opened a photograph gallery on Main Street (June 24). Isiah Kinsey is constructing two-story houses, one on Fordham Avenue for Fred Glaisure (June 24) and one on Scofield Avenue for J. S. Cochran (June 3).

Charles Baxter is building two-story houses for George W. Byles on Scofield Avenue and J. Abraham on Main Street (June 3). Robert Brown, owner of the Tally-Ho Hotel, Bartow, moved on June 1 to Westchester, near the old Mill Bridge. The Tally-Ho will be torn down "and a large hotel erected in its stead" (June 10).

Chamber of Commerce Forerunner

"Unusual activity seems to prevail in almost every branch of City Island this spring. It is said the number of people that will summer at City Island this season will far exceed any period in the past. The advantages of this place, as to boating, bathing, fishing and unexcelled healthiness, together with the superb water and railroad communications to and from NYC [are] certainly being appreciated and taken advantage of" (May 27).

Mishap and Misadventure

On Saturday, May 27, George O. Haws went out carriage riding with his wife and sister-in-law. "He neglected to fasten the seat, and the horse made a plunge, violently throwing Mrs. Haws and sister out of the back of the wagon. Both ladies have since been confined to their room" (June 3).

Returning from Hunter Island, where he had delivered a telegraph message on

Tuesday, Oct. 10, William Hollet, Jr. (of the Bartow station) discovered the body of a newborn baby drifting offshore. "No clue as to how it came in the water has been discovered" (Oct. 14).

Hiram Wall, the first mate of the schooner F. Nelson sailing near Throggs Neck, "fell from aloft to the deck, breaking his neck," on Saturday, Nov. 11. Coroner Hyler ruled accidental death at the City Island inquest (Nov. 18).

Marine Telegraph and Maritime Light Signal Station

Now located at Horton's ship store, the Marine Telegraph and Maritime Light Signal Station will move elsewhere on City Island, but no changes for the officers are anticipated (Nov. 18, 25).

A new signal pole will be built, the old one having been destroyed by lightning some months ago. In November, about 1,500 captains stopped at the Signal Station (Nov. 25).

Annual School Meeting

The Oct. 10 meeting for District School #2 on CI saw the elections of Thomas Marin, trustee; William Anderson, clerk; and William E. Lowndes, collector.

The approved budget comprised teacher's salary \$1,800 (yearly salaries of the three "under teachers" was raised \$100 each, but no amounts specified); janitor, \$100; fuel, \$100; cleaning school, \$100; taking the attendance, \$20; incidental expenses, \$150. New York State provided \$700 in aid (Oct. 14).

Shipping News

About 500 persons turned out on Saturday, Nov. 11, at David Carll's yard for the launching of a three-masted schooner, with Carll's daughter Jennie breaking the bottle of wine over the starboard bow, and with a collation to follow for the attendees.

"It was one of the prettiest sights of the kind ever seen in the yard, and a hearty cheer rended the air as the Molly J. Saunders so gracefully slid from the stocks into the water. . . . This vessel is one of the largest ever built in this yard, having a capacity of 1,050 tons; dimensions 142 foot keel, breadth of beam 35 feet, depth of hold, 15 _ foot, over all, 160 feet. She is double decked, has center board, the construction of center-case being an improvement on any vessel yet built; is fitted with Thayers' Patent Iron Windlass, Fowler's capstan, three of the latest diaphragm pumps, and a patent steering gear. She was built under the supervision of the American Shipmasters Association, and classed as high as any vessel ever built" (Nov. 18).

Boat Racing

Before a half mile of the course had been sailed, the \$500 race between City Island's Frank Bell, a Hell Gate pilot, and Westchester fisherman Alfred H. Moore was terminated by the referee. In "exceedingly rough" water, Bell's boat suddenly

upset, to the "great disappointment" of the crowd of spectators. The mishap "is believed to have been purely accidental, although Moore was some eight lengths ahead at the time" (June 3).

The eight-mile boat race between Ayres and Nelson on Saturday, June 17, "was not a very satisfactory affair." Leading from the start, Nelson collected the \$25 winner's prize (June 24).

Oyster Boats

Captain Joshua Leviness, who had built his boat "expressly to dredge by steam for oysters," sold it to a Westchester group with plans to use it as a freight boat between that place and New York City. Leviness was forced to sell after the New York State Legislature passed an act forbidding steam oyster boats (June 24).

Collision Course

Becoming unmanageable in a stiff breeze due to the entanglement of the wheel rope, the schooner Casper Lawson on Friday, Nov. 25, "dashed under full headway into the schooner Spray, lying at anchor with coal." The Lawson escaped much damage, but the Spray's foremast and bulwarks were carried away, causing damages of \$350 to \$400 (Dec. 2).

"Twins" Sold to Salmon's Daughter

Mrs. Janet R. C. Hoyt, daughter of the late Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, bought "The Twins," the islands lying near Hunter's Island, for \$8,500 from banker C. O. Iselin of New Rochelle, the owner of Hunter's Island (Apr. 15).

Shipyard Death

Sixty-year-old ship's carpenter George Griffiths died on Wednesday, April 22, one day after being caught in the moving machinery launching a three-master schooner at Carll's yard. Griffiths was mangled terribly, his scalp and side of the face torn completely off, together with a compound fracture of one of his legs, which had to be amputated (Apr. 29).

Shipyard Activities

Hawkins' Yard: After building the schooner *Edward M. McLoughlin* (70' keel by 24' beam, with 6' hold) for 91 days, launched her June 3. Rebuilding and painting schooners *Margaretta* and *Samuel Mott*, and repairing schooner *Augusta* (May 27, June 10). Building another large dump scow for Mr. Goodyear of New York. "The patent is one of Mr. Hawkins' own and is considered a great success" (June 24). In July painting, repairing, and caulking schooners *Anna Brown*, *Emma Smith*, *Almira*, (the new) *E.M. McLoughlin*, and *Esther Duncan*. Also Captain Thomas Sacks bought from Captain Charles H. Stringham the sloop *Gypsie*, to be rebuilt and then used as a market sloop to take oysters from City Island to New York City (July 15). Finally, repairing schooners *E. F. Mead*, *G. W. Cummings*, *Martin W. Corlies* (Sept. 30).

Robinson's and Waterhouse's Yard: Rebuilding the sloop *Katie Wood*, to be launched in mid-December and building another oyster scow (Dec. 2).

A. B. Wood & Son: Building a steam launch for the McLoughlin brothers of Harlem. Building a steam launch for William Astor for use as a tender to his yacht *Ambadress* (June 24).

Carll's Yard: Receiving a cargo of yellow pine timber for the construction of a new schooner (June 3). Laying of keel for three-masted schooner (900 tons with a double deck) and soon laying the keel for a vessel of 1200 tons, with a keel of 150 feet, "the largest vessel ever built on City Island" (June 24). Painting, caulking, and repairing schooners *Haden*, *Brockwell*, and *Mary* as well as the steamer *Hellen* (Sep. 30). Caulking and painting schooner *Sarah Hunt* (Dec. 2).

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St. Mary, Star of the Sea

This season Miss Beth is doing some fun projects with the kindergarten children. They recently made Bloodshot Eyeball cookies and will now bake apple pies using the fruit they picked on their trip to Green Meadows. There will be a discussion on the meaning of Thanksgiving, and the children will have a charity box in their classroom. The art project is a hand-and-foot turkey. They are studying the letters F and P.

The first-graders will write a Thanksgiving story revolving around an Indian of their own creation. They will prepare the liturgy for the First Friday Mass, which will be celebrated on Nov. 8. The children are also working with short vowel sounds and learning to recognize the words for the numbers 1 to 12.

Grade 3 will prepare the liturgy for the First Friday Mass in December.

In social studies, the fourth-grade students are learning how to read graphs and maps, as they concentrate on the seven regions of New York. They will continue to work on their paragraphing skills by writing creative Thanksgiving stories. Studying animals and their habitats is on the agenda for science class.

The fifth-graders are working on a project called "peanut butter and jelly geology," in which they construct sandwiches to show how sedimentary rock is formed. Their writing project for Thanksgiving is to draw cartoons depicting talking pilgrim hats and Indian feathers.

In math class the seventh-graders are certainly being challenged as well as enjoying the math puzzlers Mr. Cadell is posing to them. They are studying mitosis and will do a science project on the cell. In social studies, they are researching which Native American tribes inhabited this area.

Grade 8 is collecting canned foods for Thanksgiving, which will be the first part of the class charity work for the holiday season. Math and vocabulary are being emphasized in preparation for the coop exam. A project to study the movement of air is planned for science class.

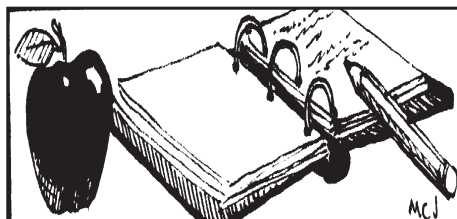
In gym, all grades are participating in the West Point Physical Fitness Test. Each week a fitness goal/challenge is set, with both a nutrition and exercise component. Importance is placed on speed, endurance and balance. All students who complete a gold or silver level will be awarded a certificate and receive a voucher enabling them to attend a West Point Physical Fitness event at West Point.

Special dates for St. Mary's are as follows: Nov. 1, school closed for All Saints

Day; Nov. 3, opening day of basketball season; Nov. 8, First Friday Mass at 9 a.m. and coop exam for Grade 8; Nov. 11, school closed for Veterans Day; Nov. 15, Turkey Bingo in gym at 7 p.m.; Nov. 19, report cards distributed to the parents of children in grades 4 through 8 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. only; Nov. 20, school closed for district conference; Nov. 27, school closed at end of day for Thanksgiving recess; Dec. 6, First Friday Mass at 9 a.m..

Public School 175

P.S. 175 welcomes Cynde Candelaria, the new school crossing guard. The Schofield Street resident takes over from Toni Ann Conahan, who is pursuing a career in cosmetology. Cynde takes her job seriously, and so that the children may cross safely, she would appreciate it if parents would adhere to the New York City traffic laws. Cynde's mother, Betty Carman, is the school health intern and one of Cynde's children is in the first grade.



November will be an exciting month for the kindergarteners. They will be discussing the Thanksgiving feast and what it means to be thankful. Things are going beautifully and the children are very excited about the upcoming holidays.

Grade 1 will be taking a trip to the New York Botanical Garden to tour the children's garden and to attend a program called "Plants Are Nuts About Fall."

The second-graders are celebrating autumn and the holidays of the season through books, art projects, science experiments and special activities.

Students in the third grade will soon begin learning about the customs in other countries. They plan to interview someone in their family to learn about their heritage. The third-graders are well on their way to reading the 25 mandated books in a project sponsored by Pizza Hut, and they are doing labs to expand their experiences with collecting data and graphing information.

Grade 4 will be taking a trip to St. Paul's Church (National Historic Site) in Mount Vernon to take part in an American Revolutionary War Program. The children are studying the scientific method and learning how to collect data and to chart, graph and analyze the results. They are also showing an interest in all the aspects of the solar system.

Each student in the fifth grade will select an endangered species and write a detailed research paper on the subject. The class is also preparing for the state social studies test.

The sixth grade is off to a great start in science and math! The students are learning about scientific inquiry and metrics. In



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P.S. 175's new crossing guard, Cynde Carman.

a few weeks they will begin a unit on chemistry. In math, the students are currently studying percentages, to be followed by fractions. This year the sixth grade will participate in the Stock Market Game, a fun and valuable learning experience that assists the students in meeting performance standards in mathematics, language arts and social studies.

The seventh-graders will begin reading the novel *The Giver*. They will enter a world without color and choice, and they will explore what a world like that would feel like. They will discuss the question of why people would chose to live like this.

Class 8D is finishing the novel *Behind Enemy Lines* by Isabelle Holland, which parallels their social studies topic of the Civil War, and each child will generate a book report. The eighth-graders eagerly anticipate the activities and experiences in the Lincoln Center "Blue Grass" segment. The students display incredible insight and talent when undertaking these Lincoln Center sessions.

On Nov. 15, the employees of the King Arthur Flour Company will treat grades 5 through 8 to a bread-baking demonstra-

tion. The purpose of the Life Skills Bread Share Program is to introduce the joy of baking to youngsters in the middle grades. The company provides each student with the ingredients to make two loaves of bread at home and return to school on the following Monday with the other loaf. These loaves will then be donated to a local food shelf or soup kitchen. This program not only teaches students the life-long skill of bread making, it builds self-esteem and also enables them to help others in need. What a wonderful way to celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. The company whose employees travel down to us from Vermont provides this program free of charge. Please help them feel welcome on our island!

In the marine wildlife program, the kindergarten children are learning what an island is. Grade 1 is studying birds that live on Long Island. The second, third and fourth graders are studying seashells, and grade 5 is learning about endangered marine animals and writing to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.



Photo courtesy of Starving Artist Gallery

Mark and Elizabeth Whitcombe recently donated to the City Island fire house Mark's painting *Tribute*; which shows four fireman carrying the body of the Fire Department chaplain away from Ground Zero on Sept. 11, 2001. Posters of the painting are available at Starving Artist Gallery.

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Fredrick William Engels

Fredrick William Engels died at the age of 72 on Oct. 6, 2002.

He grew up in Silver Beach in the Bronx and attended Public School 72, Concordia Prep School in Bronxville and the college in Valparaiso, Indiana. He served in the U.S. Navy for three years as an electrician's mate, and after discharge joined the Westinghouse Elevator Division.

Mr. Engels moved to City Island 30 years ago. After a long and successful career as an engineer and trouble shooter for Westinghouse Elevator Company in lower Manhattan, he retired and made the most of the waters around City Island. He fished in his motor boat, gave friends and family rides around Manhattan and explored all the waters around City Island and the north shore of Long Island out to Cold Spring Harbor and Greenport.

Being a part of every Op-Sail over the years filled his life with excitement and good fellowship. He was an excellent sailor, intuitive of the weather, and he kept his craft in the finest condition, so that adventuring with him was always a special treat.

He is survived by his sisters, Inga Kopp of Liverpool, New York, and Gertrude Thielking of Bondville, Vermont, and by 8 nephews and nieces and 19 grandnephews and grandnieces.

The funeral service was held Oct. 11 at First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck, where he grew up. Donations may be made in his memory to the church of his youth and the community that he loved.

Alvaretta Hawkins Shaffer

Alvaretta Hawkins Shaffer died Sept. 23, 2002, in St. Petersburg, Florida. She was 99. Born April 9, 1903, the fourth child of Sarah L. and John P. Hawkins, Alva had three brothers, John J., Leonard H. and Edward B. Hawkins, all deceased.

They all grew up on City Island. Her



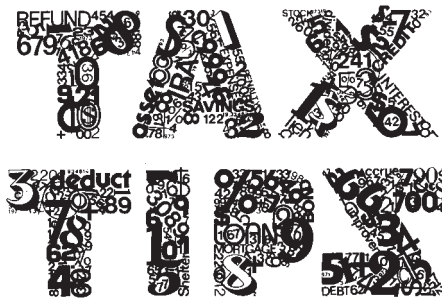
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City Islander Lt. Alvaretta Hawkins and her future husband, Maj. Benjamin E. Shaffer in Antwerp, Belgium on Nov. 1, 1945.

brother, Leonard, was City Island's only serviceman fatality in World War I.

A registered nurse, Alva practiced mainly in Fall River, Massachusetts, before World War II. During the war, she served in England and France with the Army Nurses' Corps. While in France, she met her future husband, Major Benjamin Edward Shaffer, who commanded a supply unit stationed in Belgium. They were married in 1948 in City Island's Grace Episcopal Church by the Rev. Henry R. Coleman.

After residing in Mr. Shaffer's hometown of Wauwautosa, Wisconsin, the couple relocated in 1953 to St. Petersburg, where they were very active members of St. Vincent's Episcopal Church. Alva also served as commander of American Legion Post 122 of Madeira Beach, Florida, which is made up mostly of former military nurses from the two world wars and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

A memorial service was held on Oct. 9 at St. Vincent's, and Alva's ashes were interred on the church grounds beside those of her husband and mother. Her immediate survivors include her nephews Leonard J. Hawkins of Spring Hill, Florida, and Stuart Hawkins of City Island, two grandnephews and three grandnieces.



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Don't Let Stock Losses Haunt You

If you sold stock or a mutual fund at a loss during the year, you may be able to soothe some of the pain by using the tax code's rules on capital gains and losses. Generally, you can use capital losses to offset an equal amount of capital gains. Once you have offset all your gains, up to \$3,000 in unused losses can be used against ordinary income (such as wages or interest income) each year. Any capital losses remaining can then be carried forward to reduce your taxes in future years.

Some strategies to consider include the following:

- Review the gains and losses you have already realized this year. If your losses exceed your gains, consider selling some of the "winners" to offset the "losers." If additional losses would help offset capital gains, consider selling long-term stocks or mutual funds that are in loss positions. But never sell a stock or mutual fund just for tax reasons. Dump the investment only if it has poor long-term prospects. If you plan to repurchase the security, be sure to wait the IRS-mandated 31 days to buy it back or to invest in a similar security, or your loss will be disallowed.

- Beginning this year, investors in the 10 and 15 percent tax brackets will be able to use an 8 percent capital gains tax rate on sales of certain investments held more than five years. If you are in a higher bracket and want to sell appreciated property you have held more than five years, consider giving it to a child age 14 or over who is in the 10 or 15 percent bracket. The child "inherits" your holding period and can sell the asset while paying only 8 percent capital gains tax, versus your 20 percent.

With offset opportunities and no less

than six different tax rates for capital gains, planning is more important than ever. Contact a professional to discuss the tax implications of your investment moves and the year-end planning strategies best suited to your situation.

Business Owners: Protect Against Malicious Mischief

Destructive former employees are an unfortunate reality in today's business environment. Although rare instances of violence make headlines, problems such as theft, computer data sabotage and other forms of retaliation are more common. Consider these suggestions to head off burglars and disgruntled former workers.

- Make sure you have a security program in place. Many small and mid-sized companies do not. Start with the basics: alarms, computer-system backups, records of serial numbers of expensive equipment and staff training on security policies.

- Have employees sign agreements about protecting company secrets, client lists and other confidential information.

- Lock affected workers out of computer networks immediately before an employee layoff occurs by deactivating their pass codes.

- Watch employees who aren't laid off. Those who survive may vandalize company property out of frustration or to retaliate for their friends.

- Consider installing cameras in manufacturing areas. Although high-tech sabotage is a growing concern, unhappy employees have been known to "drop" wrenches into working machinery.

- Back up all computer systems regularly and keep backup copies off-site. For all computers, consider using encryption for sensitive data and limiting access to privileged files.

- Have a security expert review your facility and your procedures. Problems may be as simple as passwords posted on computers, keys left in desk drawers or blank checks left unsecured.

- Finally, if you have to dismiss employees, don't be brutal. Treat employees with dignity and respect. Retaliation is much more likely at companies that don't follow this rule.

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WARRIORS ARE IN THE HOUSE! With the cheerleaders chanting the signature cheer, Jay Demers opened the 51st season of Warriors football on Sept. 28, 2002. Tackle and flag games are played on Saturdays at Rice Stadium in Pelham Bay Park. Tackle games for some of the older divisions are played on Sundays at Lehman High School. There is also a travel team, so come out and join the cheering! Islanders participating in Warriors football this year are (top photo, top row, l. to r.) James McGowan, Matthew Cullen, Tyler Vaughn, John Burke, Ed. Cullen, Mike Zapatta, Matt Vaughn, Sean Cullen, Ben Marcus and John McGowan. Bottom row: Amanda Connell, Kevin Saulnier, Vittoria Volpe, Blake Cottam, Dylan Cullen and Joey Ciarletta. The cheerleading squad this year includes Islanders (bottom photo, l. to r.) Tiana Ortiz, Amanda Connell, Kesley Conahan, Vittoria Volpe, Gabrielle Vitello and Ashley Yarusso.



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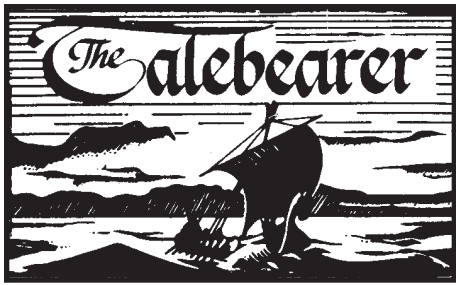
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Happy 15th birthday wishes on Nov. 12 go out to Bay Street's Bobby Swieciki, with love from Mom and Dad, Stephen, Maria, Nana, Aunt Toni, Uncle Johnny and Aunt Judy.

Happy anniversary to Horton Street's Lorraine and Ducky Rauhauser on Nov. 8. The captain and first mate are still sailing along after 50+ years.

It's a girl! Congratulations to Kimberly and Danny Zapata on the Oct.

15 birth of Faith Elizabeth. With love from big sister Emily, Great-grandma Terry, Grandpa Michael, Uncle Mikey and all the Cebek and Carmody aunts, uncles and cousins.

Happy sixth birthday on Nov. 12 to our darling "Girlie Pearlies," Alanis Lynne. You are our world, and we want to wish you everything good God has to offer. Love you very, very much. Mama and Grandma.

Happy birthday on Nov. 30 to our Nana, Theresa Moran, with love from Kelsey, Sean and Megan.

Birthday greetings on Nov. 8 to Bay Street's Michael Torres with love from your family and friends.

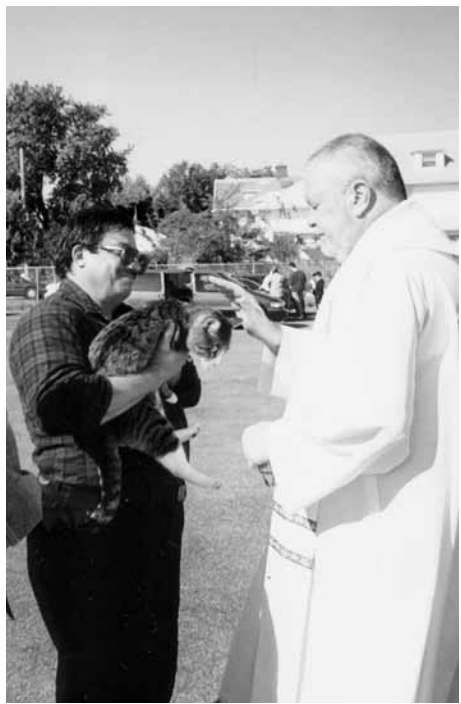
Happy 12th birthday to Michael Molloy with lots of love from Mom and Alyssa.

And a happy and blessed Thanksgiving to all our readers, neighbors and friends.

Maria Swieciki



Several Island residents also celebrated St. Francis Day by accompanying unusual species in the St. Francis Day Procession at St. John the Divine Cathedral in Manhattan. Barbara Dolensek led a zebu (an Indian steer) behind a golden eagle, and the Mankiewicz family carried several thousand algae and other microorganisms, along with a rabbit.



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Locally, residents brought a variety of species (bottom photo) to St. Mary's schoolyard to be blessed by Father Moore on St. Francis Day on October 6, 2002.

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