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LADDER COMPANY 53 ON THE LIST AGAIN

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Mayor Bloomberg may be known to the rest of the world for his million-tree program and his non-smoking laws, but on City Island he is regarded as the one who keeps trying to eliminate our precious Ladder Company 53.

Although the Mayor and FDNY Salvatore Cassano are fully aware of the vulnerability of City Island in case of fire and the great risk that losing the ladder company poses to this isolated community, they continue to put the ladder company on the list of cuts in light of budget shortfalls. In previous years, through letters, protests through local media, rallies and trips to City Hall, City Island residents have expressed the outrage, demanding that their tax dollars should buy them the same fire protection that the rest of the city gets, but the city administration remains unmoved.

City Council, admirably led by Council Member James Vacca and other members of the Council whose districts are threatened, managed to find sufficient funding in the budget last year to prevent the closures, but this year's threat may be more serious.

The New York Post and the Daily News have published articles protesting the cuts, and an online poll posted by the Daily News shows that 72 percent of those responding feel that there should be no cuts at all.

City Islanders agree that no fire house should be reduced in light of budget shortfalls. However, the *Island Current's* review of the FDNY "Engine and Ladder Company Analysis," released to the press on May 18, 2011 (and only after the City Council threatened to subpoena the Fire Commissioner for the list), indicates that City Island's situation would be consider-

ably worse than that in other areas.

For example, for 19 of the 20 companies listed, explanations are given that post-closing travel times are within acceptable limits, and for 17 of them, surrounding companies can absorb the workload. City Island's post-closing travel time increases from 4:44 minutes to an unacceptable 9:49 (and that is only when drawbridges are not up and there is no traffic), and obviously there is no "surrounding company" to absorb the workload.

The only explanation given for City Island is that the firehouse has the lowest number of runs in the city. What is not explained, however, is that the City Island trucks are not allowed to leave the island to respond to other fires, making the run number artificially low.

The Fire Department is well aware of City Island's vulnerability. On Mother's Day, for example, two shifts of extra trucks were sent here to stand by in case of fire, because of the expected high traffic volume. Many residents cannot understand the reasoning behind cutting the Island's only ladder company, especially as we are heading into a summer of heavy traffic; indeed, the city should instead consider sending additional trucks on summer weekends.

Council Member Vacca and members of the Civic Association and the Chamber of Commerce will be working together during the next six weeks to save Ladder Company 53. All Islanders are asked to attend a town hall meeting on the subject that will be held on Tuesday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at the Lido Restaurant, 101 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street. If the Island's voice can be heard down at City Hall, perhaps the Mayor will no longer be able to turn a deaf ear.



Photos by JANE PROTZMAN

On Monday, May 9, Councilmember James Vacca (photo above, left of center) was joined by Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley and representatives of Congressman Joseph Crowley, State Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, along with firefighter union officials, firefighters and many City Island residents (photo, left), to protest yet again the threatened removal of Ladder Company 53 from the City Island firehouse.

Cell Tower Proposal Withdrawn

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

City Island residents were happy to learn on May 18, 2011, that T-Mobile had withdrawn its plan to place a 25-foot cell phone tower on top of the apartment building at 454 City Island Avenue.

Although there are other cell towers on City Island, the unipole proposed by T-Mobile would have been higher than the 35 feet allowed by City Island Special District Zoning, and residents were concerned that this structure would set a precedent for other communications companies. The structure on top of the building would have stood at 56 feet and clashed with the low-rise nautical character that defines City Island. Additionally, the building has been subjected to building code violations by the city's Buildings Department and has a stop work order levied against it.

When the proposal was submitted to Community Board 10 in 2009, the board's Housing and Zoning Committee held a public hearing on City Island to determine the response of residents, which was overwhelmingly negative. T-Mobile lawyers indicated that the tower would benefit City Island users of T-Mobile devices and that they had been unable to find other locations for the tower, but the committee advised the full board to vote against the proposal.

T-Mobile subsequently applied to the city's Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA), seeking a variance for the cell tower. BSA asked that the company provide evidence it had tried other locations, but on May 18, after meeting with State Senator Jeff Klein and other community leaders, T-Mobile's attorneys, Snyder and Snyder, announced that T-Mobile had withdrawn its application. Senator Klein has sponsored legislation that would protect communities from similar situations

by regulating how these towers are constructed and where they could be placed

"This was the wrong size and the wrong place," Senator Klein said. "I am glad that T-Mobile listened to the community and withdrew its plan that would have stood in sharp contrast to the character of City Island. I thank Council Member Jimmy Vacca and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto for working with me on this very important issue."

"I think T-Mobile saw the writing on the wall," Mr. Vacca said. "My fellow elected officials and I sent letter after letter to BSA documenting how this project would have undercut the character of City Island, undermined the local zoning, and rewarded a landlord who has numerous outstanding building violations. T-Mobile's withdrawal sends a signal that people who think they can put a cell phone tower anywhere they want better think again."

Assemblyman Benedetto said: "This is a nice victory in our battle against cell phone towers on City Island, I hope there are many more."

Ken Kearns, district manager of Community Board 10, told *The Current*: "We are gratified to learn that T-Mobile decided not to utilize the site at 454 City Island Avenue for the unipole cell tower. In doing so, they have signaled to the City Island community that they recognize the site is inappropriate, something that Community Board 10, City Island residents and the elected officials told T-Mobile two years ago. We are happy that the little guys were able to hold up against a large corporation."

T-Mobile has pledged to work with City Island residents and its elected representatives to draft a new, mutually acceptable, proposal.

ATTENTION:

City Islanders Who Don't Want to Lose Ladder Company 53

Come to the Lido Restaurant (101 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street) on Tuesday, June 14, at 7 p.m. to express our outrage to Fire Department officials for including City Island on the list of proposed budget cuts.

BRIEFLY...

BOARDWALK & FIREWORKS FESTIVAL: This year's New York Independence Day Celebration officially starts in the Bronx with a festival and fireworks on Thursday, June 30, at Orchard Beach, from 6 to 10 p.m., hosted by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and New York State Senator Jeff Klein.

GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 50TH YEAR: This year, instead of its annual luncheon, the Garden Club of City Island is hosting a special and spectacular dinner dance at the Morris Yacht & Beach Club on Saturday, June 18. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person, and all are welcome to join in the festivities. If you have not yet made your reservation, call Ruth Collins at 718-885-1361.

THE BLESSING OF THE FLEET will take place on Sunday, June 26, beginning at 1 p.m. (1300 hours). Multi-denominational clergy will bless vessels from the Fenton Marine Dock with the cooperation and support of the City Island Power Squadron and the Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post. Boats are to assemble at 12:30 p.m. at the Hart Island Ferry Dock in City Island Harbor. Communication on VHF Channel 71 begins at 12:30 p.m.

MEN'S MINISTRY TO SPONSOR FUND-RAISER DINNER: On Friday, June 3, at 7 p.m., come join the Grace men's group as they serve up heaping plates of spaghetti and meatballs, along with green salad, soda and dessert. The cost is \$10 per person, and no one will go home hungry! Take a night off from cooking and enjoy yourself while helping Grace fund some much-needed capital improvements. RSVP to Scott Meyer at 718-885-0374 or scott.meyer@verizon.net. Grace Church is located at 116 City Island Avenue, at the southeast corner of Pilot Street.

BLOOD DRIVE IN THANKSGIVING FOR EMILY'S RECOVERY: Following the overwhelming success of last December's blood drive in honor of Emily Sexton, all eligible blood donors are invited to come out once again on Tuesday, June 21, between 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. to celebrate her amazing recovery and to give thanks for the life-saving work of the Jacobi Hospital Trauma Team. Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with appropriate written permission from a parent/legal guardian), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Those age 76 and older may donate blood if they meet all donor criteria and present a physician's letter. The New York Blood Center will conduct the drive in the Grace Church Parish Hall, 116 City Island Avenue (across from the Lido Restaurant). For more information or to reserve an appointment time, contact Lisa Harding at 914-784-4643, or lharding@nybloodcenter.org.

DRIVERS SAFETY PROGRAM, sponsored by the New York AARP, will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church on the corner of Bay Street and City Island Avenue (use the Bay Street entrance). There will be a 45-minute lunch break. Everyone over the age of 18 with a valid New York State driver's license is eligible to attend. The fee is \$12 for members of AARP, \$14 for non-members. To enroll, call Mrs. Hodges, instructor, at 718-885-0513; leave your name, telephone number and AARP membership status. Call again two days before the class (Thursday, June 9) to confirm your attendance. Bring with you a pen, your driver's license, proof of AARP membership if applicable, a check or money order payable to AARP. Bottled water or juice is allowed. Those who complete the class are eligible for substantial discounts on their insurance premiums, to be determined by individual carriers. Specific points on your license are subject to elimination or reduction.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS (OA) will meet on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall at Grace Episcopal Church starting June 4, 2011. This group is a fellowship of women and men who meet to share their experience, strength and hope so that they may solve their common problem and help others from the self-destructive effects of compulsive overeating and other eating disorders. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. OA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organizations or institutions; it does not wish to engage in any controversy and it neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to abstain from our compulsion and to carry our message to all who are suffering. There are no dues or fees for membership. For more information, please call Shayna at 347-275-4980 or go to the website OAbronx.org.

BARBER SHOP ARREST

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by BARBARA DOLENSEK

Following a police inspection of the Hollywood Barber shop shortly after noon on Thursday, May 19, 2011, one of the owners, Aleksandr Mullokandov, was taken to the 45th precinct and later arraigned in the Bronx Supreme Court for possession of two weapons.

Islanders watched avidly as police officers of the 45th Precinct conducted a warranted search of the Hollywood Barber Shop at 403 City Island Avenue at Ditmars Street shortly after noon on Thursday, May 19, 2011. One of the owners, Aleksandr Mullokandov, and an unidentified individual were escorted in handcuffs to the police vehicle for transport to the precinct. Shortly after their arrest, the barber shop was closed up

and the sign removed.

According to the Bronx District Attorney's office, Mr. Mullokandov was arraigned on May 20 and charged with possessing two illegal weapons, and released on his own recognizance. The weapons were said to be a pair of nun-chuks and a gravity knife. Mr. Mullokandov's next court appearance will be on July 29, 2011. The barber shop was reopened soon after his release.

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ISLAND RESIDENT HELPS TORNADO VICTIMS

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos by PATRICIA MADSEN

Firefighters with Ladder Company 53 helped Patricia Madsen (fifth from left), and her family load donated goods and clothing for the tornado victims onto an 18-wheeler whose owner volunteered the truck to transport these items to Alabama. As tornado destruction continues, Mrs. Madsen will keep on collecting donations and make sure they get to Missouri as well as other states affected by the disaster.

Anyone in Alabama who had not heard of City Island from the Andy Garcia movie certainly knows it now, thanks to the untiring efforts of Island resident Patricia Madsen, who has spearheaded a major drive to collect clothing and other materials for victims of the recent tornadoes that destroyed so many homes and disrupted so many lives.

When Patricia heard that a friend of hers in Alabama had lost her home and members of her family, she put together a few items that she could send to Alabama to help in the relief effort. As the mother of two young children, she was particularly upset by the news of the destruction caused by the tornadoes, a feeling shared by a number of her friends and neighbors, who also collected bags of clothing and other goods for the victims.

She spoke with a local Alabama radio station, after contacting the Alabama equivalent of the 311 system, and was interviewed about her efforts to collect items for Alabama. Bobby Steelman, owner of a trucking company in Birmingham, offered to send one of his trucks to City Island to pick up the donations. Patricia put up flyers on the Island, and by the time the 18-wheeler arrived on May 4, many boxes and bags of items had been donated. Many of the donations had been left at the firehouse on Schofield Street, and the firefighters were part of the crew that loaded the truck.

Patricia told the Bronx Times that they filled up only "about a quarter of the truck, but even the smallest amounts make a

difference." Bobby Steelman told her he would keep on sending trucks as long as donations were collected. There have now been two pickups, and Patricia is hoping for many more, in two- or three-week intervals, whenever he has a drop-off in New York. Although donations are now going to Alabama, they will also be sent to other states affected by the disaster.

When asked why she responded so powerfully to the disaster victims, she told *The Current* that she did not have relatives in Alabama but that "if there is a way to help someone, even if it's someone you don't know, you go right ahead and find a way to help them! If we can help other countries, we can help our own! And the time to do that is now." She herself is afflicted with multiple sclerosis, but will never let the disease put her down. "There is a lesson that I am teaching my girls with this story: no matter what disease you have, or no matter what is wrong with you, you have to go ahead and do what your heart wants you to do!"

Islanders interested in donating may drop items off at the firehouse or at Patricia's home, 321 King Avenue. Her contact information is 917-971-9945 or pjsprincess0421@aol.com.

The following is a list of items that she is trying to collect:

Non perishable foods, water, gatorade, juice, powdered milk, baby food and formula, pet food, clothing (in all sizes), sports bras, socks, shoes, children's items, toys and books, stuffed animals, school books and supplies, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, Pampers/wipes, personal items, first aid supplies, over-the-counter medicine, eyeglasses (reading glasses), toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, hairbrushes, household items, pots and pans, cooking utensils, pillows, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, toilet paper, paper towels, candles, flashlights, batteries, construction items, tarps or anything to cover roofs, wood, bricks, and tools (chain saws, rakes or anything to clean debris).

TEMPLE HONORS ISLANDERS

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by RICK DeWITT

On May 17, 2011, Temple Beth-El honored three City Island residents for their contributions to the community (l. to r.): Bob Berent and his wife, Cheryl Yehudit Berent; Stephen Slotnik (president of the Temple and presenter of the awards); and Karen Rauhauser Nani.

On Saturday, May 7, 2011, members of Temple Beth-El and their guests spent a beautiful spring evening at the Lido Restaurant celebrating the temple's 77th anniversary and honoring three City Island residents for their achievements and contributions to the City Island community.

The award presentation followed a service, led by Rabbi Shohama Wiener, called Havdalah, which marks the end of the Sabbath, and Hamoitze, a blessing over the challah. The first honoree was Karen Rauhauser Nani, a true clam digger, lifelong City Island resident, editor of *The Island Current* and volunteer for many years to numerous community organizations, including Grace Episcopal Church and P.S. 175.

Karen grew up in a family with strong ties to City Island's nautical history. Her father, Arthur "Ducky" Rauhauser, was the operator of the Sandy Hook Pilot Boat for 40 years, and her uncle, Philip Gauss, was vice president of Minneford Shipyard during the glory years when America's Cup defenders were built and launched there. She graduated from Walton High School and Hunter College, where she earned a B.A. and M.A. in applied mathematics (Phi Beta Kappa). There she met her future husband, Paul Nani, a fellow Bronx resident and math major.

After Hunter, Karen began a successful and distinguished career in the pharmaceutical industry, where she was a product manager at Pfizer and then at Bayer. After her two sons, Roger and Mark, were born, she worked as a consultant in the industry, a position she holds today, providing marketing expertise to many pharmaceutical clients around the world. Karen also volunteered her services during her professional career and is past president of the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association.

For six years, Karen served as co-president of the PTA at P.S. 175, with Deborah Kall Salacan, and it was during their tenure that the first playground equipment was installed in the schoolyard and kindergarten areas and the first after-school music program was created. She also produced the gradua-

tion video for the eighth grade at P.S. 175 for 10 years, long after her own sons had graduated.

In 1997 she was tapped to become editor of *The Island Current*, and she has managed the paper skillfully for the last 14 years. In her acceptance speech, she graciously gave thanks and credit to her dedicated staff of volunteers, who were applauded by the gathering of more than 100 guests, a group that included many of her friends and members of her family.

Karen continues to volunteer on City Island, most recently with the efforts to revitalize Grace Church, where she rejoined the choir after a 40-year hiatus and co-chaired the renovation of the historic rectory. She urges all her fellow Islanders to volunteer their talents and to help preserve the quality of City Island.

The second award of the evening went to Bob Berent, who has been a pillar of Temple Beth-El for the past 47 years. After serving in the U. S. Army, he joined Temple Beth-El in 1964 and eventually became a trustee, moving up in the ranks from second vice president to president, until he stepped down in 2006 to become the secretary and then a trustee again. Bob still writes and publishes the temple newsletter (called "The Written Word") and maintains the temple's website, www.your-shulbythesea.org. As an accordionist, Bob often creates a unique Sabbath experience at the temple, inspired by sea chanteys as well as traditional songs.

He earned his M.S. in education at the Bank Street College of Education and was a creative and dynamic teacher for 30 years. He wrote and administered an innovative, award-winning interdisciplinary approach to teaching called "The Railroad in America" during the 1970s and helped his school become one of the 20 Beacon Light Schools, which are shining examples of success in the New York City school system.

Bob and his wife, fellow honoree Cheryl, sail Eastchester Bay and Long Island Sound in their good ship *Maccabee*, and in June this year, he will celebrate his 74th birthday.

The third honoree, Cheryl Yehudit Berent, was born on Long Island in 1948 in a small suburban village not far from the Atlantic Ocean. After graduating from the State University College at Geneseo in 1970 and earning her graduate degree, Cheryl became a professional librarian in 1975. After working as a part-time librarian at the New Rochelle Public Library, she encouraged private funding of extended Sunday hours, taught college students at night and gained a reputation for excellence and empathetic rapport.

She and Bob were married at Temple Beth-El in 1987, with a reception at the Stuyvesant Yacht Club. Her parents, Ida Rafenski and Frederick Dorfmeister, were present for the occasion. Her son, Evan, was born on April 30, 1989, who was, according to Bob's daughter, Sabrina, "the best birthday present I ever got." Cheryl converted to Judaism in 2002, a year before her son became a Bar Mitzvah on Sukkot. Her Torah portion spoke not of the needs of individuals but of the

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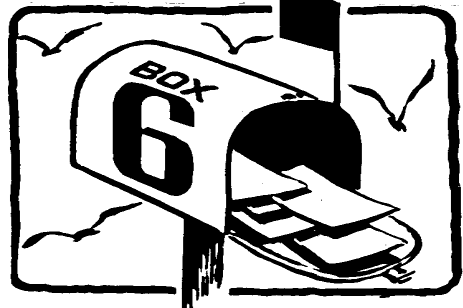
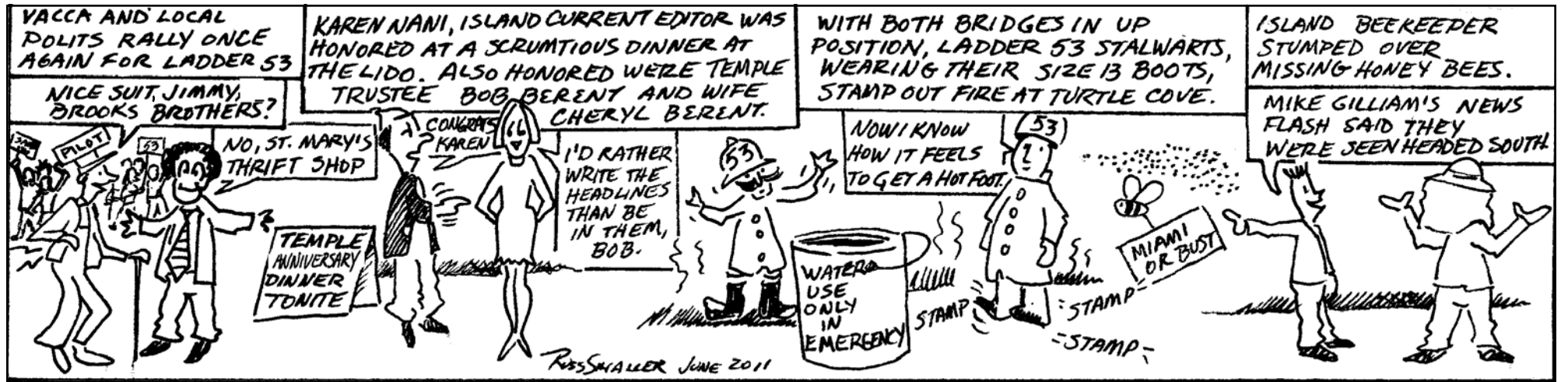
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Cemetery Expansion Proposed

To our City Island Friends,
As the result of many requests, Pelham Cemetery is in the process of arranging to have a cremains wall erected. Before going forward with this project, we would like to get a consensus of how many would be interested in purchasing a niche.
Each niche would hold two cremains and would be sealed with a name plate. The price of the niche will include perpetual care.
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A copy of the following letter was received by The Current.

Captain Russell Green,
Commanding Officer
45th Precinct, NYPD

Dear Captain Green:
On behalf of the City Island Civic Association and all City Islanders, thank you for providing excellent traffic control on City Island yesterday for Mothers Day. The combined effort of your officers from the 45th and traffic agents kept traffic flowing and orderly. Please compliment them for their efforts. The amount of cars they had to deal with was mind-boggling given the holiday and the near perfect weather.

Having to go off the island myself mid-afternoon, I could see that cars were backed up over the Pelham bridge almost all the way back to I-95. What struck me as particularly effective was that the traffic agents would routinely stop the flow of traffic up and down City Island Ave to allow cars to exit restaurant parking lots. In the past, when this was not controlled, it led to gridlock situations which did not occur yesterday.

Paul Nani, Traffic Chairperson,
City Island Civic Association

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LEND ME A TENOR

By **BRUCE A. WEIS**



Photo by **RICK DeWITT**

The City Island Theater Group's recent production of Ken Ludwig's hilarious play "Lend Me a Tenor" had audiences in stitches. The cast (l. to r.) included Steven Bender, Toni Fazio, Jonathan Abbruzzese, Elizabeth Paldino, Susan Rauh, Frank Siciliano, Camille Kaiser and Kevin Gordon.

The City Island Theater Group has earned a reputation for excellent productions of classic, time-honored shows, and the group's second offering of the 2011 season is no exception, with its cleverly acted, tightly scripted production of Ken Ludwig's five-door farce "Lend Me a Tenor," set in 1934. The show includes a great 85-second finale (more about that later) and many slamming doors on stage.

"Lend Me a Tenor" (first presented as Opera Buffa at the American Stage Festival)

made its commercial debut in March of 1986 at the Globe Theater in London's West End. Following previews, the play opened on Broadway at the Royale Theater in March 1989, under the direction of Jerry Zaks. The show ran through April 1990 and received several Tony awards; Philip Bosco won as Best Actor (in the role of Saunders) and Jerry Zaks for Best Direction. (Victor Garber, in the role of Saunders's assistant, Max, and Tovah Feldshuh, in the role of Maria, were also nominated for Tonys). The play also received 1989 Tonys for Best Costume Design and Best Scenic Design.

"Lend Me a Tenor" was revived at the Music Box Theater in March 2010, under the direction of Stanley Tucci, and closed in August, primarily because of the contractual conflicts of several of the leading players. The 2010 production received Tony nominations for Best Revival, Best Performance of a Featured Actress (for Jan Maxwell, who played the role of the tenor's wife, Maria), and Best Costume Design.

The CITG's "Lend Me a Tenor" virtually bursts from the stage right at the outset and never slows down. We're in Cleveland in 1934, and the world's greatest tenor, Tito

Merelli (Frank Siciliano), has been brought in to save Cleveland's Grand Opera Company from ruin by singing the role of Otello. At the hotel, on opening night, a tiff with his wife, Maria (Toni Fazio), incapacitates the singer, and Max (Steven Bender), assistant to the opera manager, Henry Saunders (Kevin Gordon), must find a last-minute replacement. Max is both helped and hindered in this effort by Saunders's daughter, Maggie (Susan Rauh); the president of the Opera Guild, Julia (Camille Kaiser); the Opera Company's leading soprano, Diana (Liz Paldino); and an operatically inclined bellhop (Jonathan Abbruzzese).

The plot is intricate, highly unlikely and completely incredible. Which is the whole point of great farce, and what lies at the heart of the play. Steven Bender purposefully develops his character over the course of the show, growing from the General Manager's meek and harassed assistant to the dominant personality in their relationship. Kevin Gordon, conversely, in the role of the opera's General Manager, slides effortlessly between displays of rage, envy, duplicity and narcissism, driven apparently by whatever he thinks might be useful at the moment. As the General Manager's star-struck daughter, Susan Rauh displays her usual on-the-mark comedic timing as she struggles to help things along. Somehow, Frank Siciliano, perfectly cast as Tito Merelli, manages to look and act just like the opera star he is portraying. Toni Fazio, as Tito's wife, drives him to distraction (those female fans in the closet don't help matters) and intimidates most of the remaining cast almost an afterthought. Elizabeth Paldino, as the predatory soprano Julia, is ready, willing and able to do whatever it takes to get out of Cleveland. Camille Kaiser meanwhile, channels Margaret Dumont perfectly (if Margaret Dumont looked like the Chrysler Building, that is), as she struggles to keep up with this particular night at the opera. And Jonathan Abbruzzese, as the bellhop with an unquenchable love for Italian opera shows

us what a real fan looks like.

In a sort of Cliff's Notes finale to the show, the cast of "Lend Me a Tenor" reenacted the full play in the show's final 85 seconds, running frantically through the show's every scene, as though on fast forward. This finale was in itself worth the price of admission.

This production had its usual great set. John Coppola and John Schwam somehow contrived to place a 1934 Cleveland hotel room before the audience. Joe Burck artfully designed this particular Cleveland hotel room and the Theater Group's prop mistress, Barbara Dolensek, was able to lay her hands on the countless items necessary to fill it, including Max's pocket watch, which, in the interest of full disclosure, she borrowed from me. (It made the show, no?)

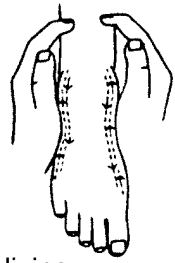
Costumes for "Lend Me a Tenor" seemed to leap from the pages of a 1934 New York Times Styles section and were the work of Carol McCabe. Denis Zepeda was responsible for the show's sound design, and Susan Rauh multi-tasked behind the scenes by producing the program.

Nick Sala returned to the directorial chair for "Lend Me a Tenor," serving as the show's able director as well as production manager, assisted by Carol McCabe. The production stage managers were Fiorella deLima, assisted by Hannah Glick, a veteran of several Theater Group's productions.

Speed, finesse and perfect comic timing were the key ingredients to the City Island Theater Group's presentation of "Lend Me a Tenor," which was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Unfortunately, this review is being published after the show's run. I can only hope you had a chance to see it.

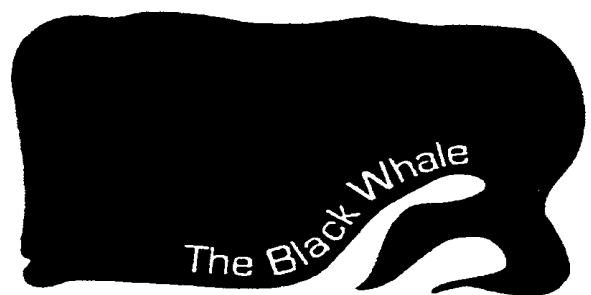
A musical adaptation of the show, called "Lend Me a Tenor, The Musical," has been written and choreographed by Peter Sham and Brad Carroll and has finished previews at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth, England. The show is scheduled to open on June 15, 2011.

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CLEAN SWEEP!



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Some hard-working volunteers met early on Saturday, May 14, and spent several hours cleaning up and down City Island Avenue from the bridge to Belden Point. Many store and home owners along the Avenue are careful to clean up in front of their properties, but many allow weeds to grow and cigarette butts to pile up, making the sidewalks and gutters unsightly for visitors and residents alike.

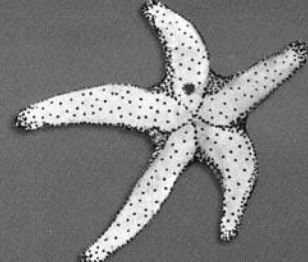


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The Anne Hutchinson Year calendar is full of varied and stimulating events for June.

On Saturday, June 4, at 1 p.m., meet the Urban Park Rangers at 233rd Street and Baychester Avenue for a light hike in newly renovated Seton Falls Park, the vicinity of Anne's homestead. (Call 718-548-0912.)

Starting Tuesday, June 7, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., "Writing Your Legacy," a workshop "not just for writers," led by Island writer and poet Joan Nilon, begins at Grace Church, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street, sponsored by the PSS Senior Program. Call 718-885-0727 to confirm.

On Friday, June 10, the Anne Hutchinson School in Eastchester will hold a school assembly, at which students in each class will present their projects on Anne Hutchinson. By invitation only; to reserve a seat, call 718-885-3423.

The Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum on Shore Road will host an Anne Hutchinson Festival on Sunday, June 12, from 12 to 4 p.m. Events for adults and children include colonial crafts, herbs and music, Native American storytelling and a talk on this remarkable woman by historian Tom Vasti. Call 718-885-1461, or check info@bpmm.org; www.bpmm.org.

The East Bronx History Forum has scheduled a great walking tour for Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to about 1 p.m. Meet before 10 at the #5 subway entrance on Baychester Avenue. "Where Do You Think She Lived?" will be led by tour guide and historian Tom Casey. Come prepared with water, repellent, proper clothing and so on. Go to bronxny.com or call Tom at 718-549-8346.

The ongoing exhibit at St. Paul's Historic Landmark Church in Mount Vernon, "Anne Hutchinson: A Clash of Cultures," is not to be missed. Call 914-667-4116 for information about times.

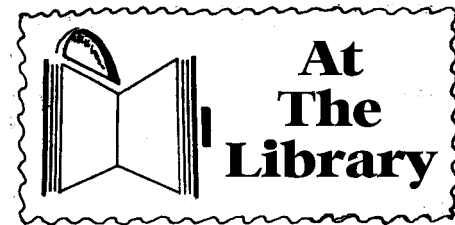
Hold Sunday, July 17, for a 420th year birthday celebration, and Sunday, Aug. 7, for

the joint Hutchinson River Restoration Project (HRRP) and Bronx River Alliance celebration of the Anne Hutchinson Year with a boating trip up the Hutchinson River. Keep watch for more events through December!

All events are free and open to all. If you attended an Anne Hutchinson School and wish to volunteer your help or plan an event, call Anne Hutchinson Year coordinator Toby Liederma, at 718-885-3423.

Starving Artist Cafe & Gallery (249 City Island Avenue; 718-885-3779) begins the first month of summer with a "hot" blues party, featuring Bennett Harris on Saturday, June 4, at 8 p.m. The next Saturday, June 11, it's John Guth and his trio; Guth plays lead guitar for Starving Artist's Elliott Glick; that night begins at 8 p.m. Also in June it's Kagero, Japanese gypsy rock, on Saturday, June 25, at 8 p.m., and then the week before, June 18, come here a tribute to Paul McCartney, starting at 8 p.m. Fridays in June include City Island's Chris Wertebaker on flamenco guitar with singer-songwriter Joel Kaminer (June 17), and Jon and Lynn and the Giant Cicada (June 10). Sundays feature Elliott Glick's guitar students (June 5, 3 p.m.) and Lou Volpe's jazz guitar (June 12, 4 p.m.). For more on June's calendar and into the summer months, visit our website at www.starvingartistonline.com.

For those who enjoy a midday taste of France, **Bistro SK**, 273 City Island Avenue (near Hawkins Street), is now open for brunch on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bon appétit!



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

Please support the NYPL by asking your local elected officials to help keep the library open and offering its services to the City Island community.

For now, our hours are Mondays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June Children's Programs

Lapsit Program: Wednesdays, June 8 and 22, 11 a.m. Birth to 18 months. All welcome for story time and music.

Toddler Time: Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 11 a.m. 18 to 36 months.

Story Time: Read-aloud picture books: Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 3:30 p.m. Ages 4 to 10.

Father's Day Arts and Crafts: Tuesday, June 14, 3:30 p.m.

Special Program: Katcha and the Devil & Other Czechoslovak Tales. Vit Horejs performs a one-man show of Czech fairy tales. Friday, June 10, at 3:30 p.m.

June Young Adult Programs

Jonathan Vargas is back! Get out your "Yu-Gi-Oh" cards and start playing! Every Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

Board Games: Every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Game On: Every Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Friday Tweens and Teen Lounge 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

June Adult Programs

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

Resumé Writing Workshop: Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Please register in advance. A flash drive to save your work is highly recommended.

Book Sale: City Island Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spring Into Action! For seniors, a stay-well exercise session. Given by the staff from the NYC Department of Aging. No special clothing or equipment is necessary. Friday, June 10, at 12 noon. Two Music Programs: The Ken Simon Jazz Quartet performs the music of Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, Thelonius Monk, Ornette Coleman and John Coltrane. Saturday, June 11, at 2 p.m. Make Music NY Presents: The Anthony K. Band: Rock and Roll and Country Music. Tuesday, June 21, at 4 p.m.

Special Film Program: "City Island" at

City Island. For the first-ever public showing in the Bronx, the movie "City Island" will be screened here at the library on Saturday, June 4, June 18 and June 25, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. This film has been approved for screening from director Raymond De Felitta, who may make an appearance for Q & A.

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

Bartow-Pell Events

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum and the New York Department of Parks & Recreation will celebrate the 420th anniversary of Anne Hutchinson's birth with a festival at BPMM on Sunday, June 12, from 12 to 4 p.m. Hutchinson (1591-1643), a Puritan who settled in what is now the Bronx, was an outspoken advocate for freedom of religion and women's equality in religious matters. The festival, which is free and open to the public, is one of a year-long calendar of Bronx events to honor her. Games, crafts, storytelling, and more will be ongoing throughout the afternoon. Shelley Volk will demonstrate colonial herbs and will discuss herbal medicine during the 17th century, and visitors will have the opportunity to help plant an Anne Hutchinson herb garden at BPMM. Maria and Michael Grillo will perform as a 17th-century elementary school teacher and school master, respectively, and will discuss education and the role of women in Anne Hutchinson's time. They will have period writing paper, quill pens, and horn-books on display. Native American storyteller Bobby Gonzalez will share tales celebrating Lenape Native American culture, including "The Origin of Turtle Island," "The Boy Who Lived with the Bears" and "The First Corn." Urban Park Rangers will demonstrate colonial games and crafts, and children will have the opportunity to participate. The festival culminates with a talk on Anne Hutchinson by Bronx resident Tom Vasti at 3 p.m. in the museum's Orangerie. The festival is free, although there is a charge for museum tours: \$5

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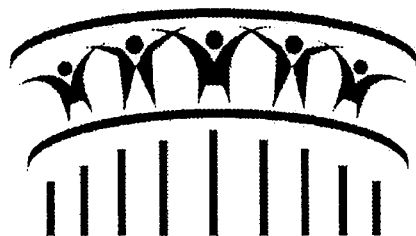
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This year's going-into-commission at the Morris Yacht & Beach Club was an extra-special event that also included the formal ribbon-cutting ceremony at the beautiful new clubhouse.

Sailing Life on City Island

By JOYCE M. MULCAHY

It's the blue hour when I can imagine City Island of yesteryear most clearly. The French call it *l'heure bleue*; it's the time just before dawn when darkness gives way to light. The sky is a deep cobalt and the birds are still asleep before their morning song. The stillness lies like a blanket over the Island, when suddenly a barge's horn blows in the distance, a warning to smaller boats to give way, its captain bleary-eyed from a long night's journey.

Many captains have come and gone on City Island. In the mid-1800s, it was oysters they came to harvest, and they had quite a profitable business. Throughout the 1800s and 1900s, commercial boats, private yachts, minesweepers and America's Cup defenders were built here. City Island was a bustling town with a theater, an ice cream shop, sailmakers, a cigar shop, shipyards, hotels, restaurants, yacht clubs and general stores. In the mornings, trolley cars rushed up and down the Avenue, bringing men young and old to their respective shipyards. Children scurried off to school, and mothers bought household goods as church bells chimed throughout the day. And when the evening whistle blew, the yards released their men to local pubs, where a pint and the local scuttlebutt were thoroughly enjoyed.

Although much has changed over the years, we are still a community that thrives on Eastchester Bay. Whether you are a restaurateur with a seaside view or a realtor offering the same to a client, it's all about the water. Boaters and fisherman, bicyclists and bird watchers, foodies and fun-lovers, each of us come here because we are an island on the bay.

And then, of course, there is the sailing. It is so nice on the Sound. The wind picks up

to 10 or 15 knots, propelling the boat forward as the bow slices through the waves, the genny catching the sun, tell-tales fly on mainsails and captains are in the groove.

With the rain of May behind us (hopefully) and June giving way to sunshine, sailing is full on. As I wrote in last month's column, the EBYRA (Eastchester Bay Yacht Racing Association) is hosted by the the City Island Yacht Club (www.cityislandyc.org), Harlem Yacht Club (www.hyc.org), Morris Yacht & Beach Club (www.morrisybc.com) and Stuyvesant Yacht Club (www.stuyvesantyc.org). Each club offers memberships with a mooring field, launch services, dining facilities and, to varying degrees, social events, yacht racing, club cruising, sailing seminars, junior sailing programs and an active calendar. Visit their websites or make a visit to find out more about each club. It's a great opportunity to join an active sailing community!

In addition to Wednesday night racing, the EBYRA hosts the 2011 City Island Cup Regatta on June 4 and 5 (for more information, visit www.ebyra.org). Fleet 61 will host the J24 Northeast Regionals on Sept. 17 and 18 (<http://j24neregionals.com/Home.html>).

The next time you awake during the blue hour, when modern sounds are mainly quiet and the barge horn blows, imagine the sailors who have come before us all. Like us, they dipped a hand in the sea when the boat heeled just so, turned their face to the wind to find its direction, studied the current by its flow against a buoy and saw the lights of the island and called it home.

Next month, we will highlight some City Island sailors, past and present.

tleman's game," says Thom "Dirt" Fioriglio, the team's captain. "It's where love of history and love of the game meet." BPMM executive director Ellen Bruzelius adds: "'Take Me Out to the Ball Game 1864!' is a wonderful way to celebrate all the dads in our lives while enjoying America's favorite pastime." After the game, there will be a raffle of the game ball, and team members will play rounders—a precursor of baseball—with children. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children 6-17; for members, \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$3 for children 6-17. Children under 6 are free. Tours of the 19th-century Bartow-Pell Mansion will be also be available. Food and other refreshments, by Aggie's Roll of City Island, will be available for purchase. Reservations are requested; e-mail info@bpmm.org or call 718-885-1461. There is no rain date for the event. For additional information about the New York Mutuals, visit www.nymutuals.com.

Bartow Pell Events

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for adults; \$3 for seniors and children 6-17; children under 6 are free. Registration for the festival is requested; e-mail info@bpmm.org or call 718-885-1461.

The fourth annual "Take Me Out to the Ball Game 1864" will take place on Saturday of Father's Day weekend, June 18, at 1 p.m. Playing by 1864 rules, the 19th-century "base ball match," as the game used to be called, between the New York Mutuals and the Mineola Washingtons (both from Old Bethpage Restoration Village on Long Island), will feature historically accurate replicas of uniforms, bats and balls. New York Mutuals president, Tom "Big Bat" Fesolowich, will serve as announcer and explain the differences between this version and the current game. "With no gloves, just a ball and a bat to hit it with, this is baseball in its purest sense—when it was a gen-

Community Center Tae Kwon Do Sparring Event

By BRENDA PROHASKA



Photo by YESENIA ORTEGA

The Dragons Path sparring event, held on May 7 at the City Island Community Center, was enjoyed by everyone who took part and raised funds for an organization called Autism Speaks. The youngest competitors were the Lil Dragons (l. to r.): Joseph Plaza Jr. (first place), Travis Prohaska (second place), Tobias Frei (third place) and Marc Browning (fourth place).

In January this year, Sensei Edwin Castro started a Tae Kwon Do class at the City Island Community Center, offering a variety of programs appropriate to all ages in both physical fitness and instruction in the art of self defense. His school, Dragons Path Academy on Buhre Avenue, has been so successful that he has expanded to City Island, where he hopes to share his vision of life: Train Hard/Have Fun/Learn Something!

Mr. Castro, known as Eddie, is professional and positive, and he has volunteered some of his spare time making some improvements at the Community Center, along with running his two schools. According to his website, Dragons Path Academy LLC has produced champions in life as well as in the martial arts, and by watching one of his classes you can understand why.

Tae Kwon Do, which is offered for both children and adults, is a Korean philosophy of self-defense, which means foot-hand-art. The physical aspect of Tae Kwon Do consists of about 90 percent foot techniques and 10 percent hand techniques, but the mental aspect of the discipline is crucial. As Eddie Castro explains it, "Tae Kwon Do is learning to defend yourself not only with your feet and hands, but also with your mind. Your body can be controlled by your mind and in order to perform Tae Kwon Do, you must first develop a strong mind."

After only four months, his City Island classes have already experienced promotion testing and its first sparring event. Promotion testing involves moving up in the belt color system; each color represents mastering a level of martial arts. The sparring event was held on May 7 and involved a "fight card" that matched up comparable opponents. The event was very well organized and it was enjoyed by everyone who took part. Some funds were raised during the event

for an organization called Autism Speaks, and representatives of the organization were at the meet.

The Lil Dragons who participated in the meet were Joseph Plaza Jr. (first place), Travis Prohaska (second place), Tobias Frei (third place) and Marc Browning (fourth place). The TKD (Tae Kwon Do) kids, or beginners, were Cristian Ortiz (first place), Christopher Holminski (second place), Tyler Delgado (third place) and Rilind Rugova (fourth place). The advanced TKD kids were Dima Berenziuk (first place) and Sebastian Rodriguez (second place).

TKD Teens (beginners) were Bryan Pimentel (first place), Tiernan Shanley (second place), Delyn Bernard (third place) and Brian Perez (fourth place), and the TKD Teens (advanced) were Jordan Thompson (first place), Miguel Romero (second place) and Shemar Myrie (fourth place).

The Adult Full Contact Title Belt Championship was won by Dylan (Thor) Hauser, with Karl Palmer in second place, Marco Laspina taking third place, and Rasheed Tirado fourth place. And congratulations also go to Dima Berezniuk on earning his junior black belt and to Nicholas Barrata on earning a trophy for courage.

Eddie Castro likes to point out that there are many benefits to the martial arts, for both health and fitness, as well as self esteem, focus and self-defense. For many years, Marc Kaplan has been teaching a Tai Chi class at the Community Center at 9 a.m. on Saturday mornings, and now City Island is fortunate to have eight more martial arts classes available! For more information or to try a free class, call 917-742-2007 or visit www.dragonspathacademy.com, where pictures of the event and a schedule of classes are available.

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Current Calendar

JUNE

Sat. and Sun., June 4 and 5, **Arts and Crafts Fair**, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Island Avenue.

Tuesday, June 14, **Rally to Save Ladder Company 53**, Lido Restaurant, 101 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street, 7 p.m.

Thurs., June 16, **Community Board 10 meets**, 7:30 p.m., Throggs Neck Senior Center, 2705 Schley Avenue.

Sat., June 18, **Garden Club Golden Anniversary Dinner**, Morris Yacht and Beach Club, 1 Belden Point, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., June 25, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: tuna noodle casserole.

Sun., June 26, **Blessing of the Fleet**, 1 p.m. off Fenton's Marine Dock, VHF Channel 71 beginning 12:30 p.m.

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

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

Thursday, June 2, marks the day of our annual Golf Outing at the Split Rock Golf Course.

On Friday, June 3, we will have our monthly Holy Hour from 4 to 5 p.m. This will be our last scheduled Holy Hour before the summer months. Come and join us for this period of adoration.

On Friday, June 10, the graduates of St. Mary's School will have their Graduation Mass at 7 p.m. and will follow this with a party at the City Island Yacht Club. The graduation exercises will take place the following week, June 17, at 6 p.m. in the Church. We congratulate all our graduates, both those in St. Mary's School and those in our Religious Education program who attend other schools, and wish them all well in their high school careers.

All are welcome to join us in the rectory after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 12, for coffee and refreshments. This will be our last coffee hour until the fall.

On Father's Day, June 19, we will honor our fathers with a special blessing at all the Masses.

St. Mary's Thrift Shop will be open during the month of June until June 25 when it will close for the summer months.

Our Parish Council will bring the year's activities to a close by gathering for a celebration dinner on Monday evening June 27.

At the end of the month, we will once again welcome Father Alexander Iheonunekwu, who will be returning to us from Nigeria for the summer months.

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer.
Sr. Bernadette, osu

City Island Republicans

The next meeting of the City Island Republicans will be held on Thursday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Post. All poll workers must attend if they intend to work this November. Currently, the only office that will be on the November ballot will be Bronx County District Attorney.

We need every registered Republican to sign since we have to qualify our four election districts in order to make sure our eight county committee seats are filled. The County Committee includes City Island's representatives to the Bronx Republican Party. The Party reorganizational meeting will be held in early October, when the

officers of the Bronx Republican Party will be elected for a two-year term.

Next year, of course, there will be a presidential primary; the date has not yet been officially set by New York State but it will probably be in March or April. Only registered Republicans will be able to vote, and we need to nominate a good presidential candidate for the 2012 general election. The deadline to change parties is Friday, October 7, 2011. If you want to change your party or are unsure if you are a registered Republican, you can call District Leader Fred Ramftl Jr. at 718-885-0984. We encourage everyone who wants to nominate a good candidate to challenge the President to consider switching their registration to Republican.

As reported by County, the Board of Elections is in the process of streamlining the poll worker process to make the day much easier than in 2010. Pollworker training classes will be held later this year; no dates have been set as of yet.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

Temple Beth El

Temple Beth-El of City Island is an unaffiliated, all-inclusive egalitarian synagogue. We are a spirited Jewish congregation meeting under the leadership of Rabbi Shohama Wiener.

Located at 480 City Island Avenue, we conduct Sabbath services each Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. We use the Rabbi Marcia Prager prayer book, mostly in English and easy to follow.

Rabbi Shohama will lead services Friday, June 10. Our annual meeting, an important meeting for ALL members, is Tuesday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m. Please, everyone, plan to attend.

We will join the churches on the island for the Blessing of the Fleet on June 26.

Ken Binder

AARP Chapter 3303

The chapter held a pizza and bingo party in lieu of a regular meeting on May 19. Before any bingo numbers were called, the 47 attendees received a surprise visit from State Senator Jeffrey Klein, who expressed his ongoing support of seniors and the City Island community. His efforts and achievements were outlined in a flyer that he distributed.

June 2 will be the last meeting before the summer break. You can still make reservations for the daytime soiree celebrating the 30th anniversary of Chapter 3303, beginning at 12 noon on Thursday, June 16, at the Davenport Beach Club. The price is \$49 per person and includes a cocktail hour, dinner and musical entertainment. Guests are invited. Transportation can be arranged for members who do not have a ride. Gentlemen are requested to wear jackets.

Reservations are sold out for the Red, White and Blue Cruise on June 7 and also for the Neil Diamond Tribute Show at the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City on July 11.

For information on the chapter and all social events, call Chapter President Karin Gorziska at 718-885-1740.

The Chapter meets at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month (except January, July and August) in the Trinity United Methodist Church Hall, 113 Bay Street. Following the summer break, meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on Sept. and 15, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 3 and 17, and Dec. 1 and 15.

Happy summer to all!

Paula Huffell



Photo by RICK DeWITT

Trinity United Methodist Church held its traditional sunrise service in Pelham Cemetery on Easter morning, April 24, 2011, led by George Cavalieri, Trinity's lay leader.

Grace Episcopal Church

Weekly worship schedule: Grace Church celebrates Holy Communion every Sunday at 10 a.m., with child care available on the first Sunday of the month. We also offer Evening Prayer in the Church every Monday at 7 p.m., and Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Bible Study and our "Hearts and Hands" knitting ministry take place most Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. For more information about services and programs at Grace, please call 718-885-1080, or visit our website, www.gracecityisland.org.

Here is an overview of special events at Grace Church during June:

Friday, June 3, 7 p.m.: Spaghetti-and-meatball fund-raiser dinner, sponsored by the Grace Church Men's Ministry. Cost is \$10 per person; for reservations, contact Scott Meyer at 718-885-0374 or scott.meyer@verizon.net.

Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m.: Overeater's Anonymous group begins (Parish Hall).

Tuesday, June 21, 2:30 to 8:30 p.m.: Blood Drive in thanksgiving for Emily Sexton's miraculous recovery. The blood drive will be held in conjunction with the New York Blood Center. For more information or to reserve an appointment time, contact Lisa Harding at 914-784-4643, or lharding@nybloodcenter.org.

Sunday, June 19, 11:30 a.m.: Father's Day Picnic, sponsored by the Children's Church School. Please come celebrate with us!

Rev. Patricia Alexander

City Island Nautical Museum

We've been very busy this spring hosting various school and tour groups, but our favorite visitors were the second- and third-grade classes from P.S. 175. We were delighted that so many of the children were interested in City Island history and boat-building. We have also welcomed many people from all over the world who were intrigued by the movie "City Island" and decided to pay us a visit from their home ports in Australia, England, Brooklyn and even Throggs Neck!

We are very grateful indeed, not only to the community service kids who distributed membership letters throughout the Island under the tireless direction of Brenda Prohaska, but also to the many Islanders who responded by becoming members and donating to our endowment fund. We rely on donations for our survival, along with grants and the occasional windfall (thank you, "Boardwalk Empire"!); and we are especially gratified when Islanders show their support.

This summer we are planning a major exhibit on the Orchard Beach pavilions, which celebrate their 75th anniversary this year yet are in a sad state of repair. We also plan several lectures and other events of interest.

We were especially happy to be able to host Captain Ed Sadler's 95th birthday celebration on May 1. The Sadler family and Ed's many friends made this a truly joyous occasion.

Barbara Dolensek

Trinity United Methodist Church

Our weekly worship service and Sunday school are at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Prayer service is held every weekday at 9:15 a.m. We encourage you to bring your children to Sunday school to further their knowledge of the teachings of Jesus Christ. Trinity often has a coffee hour after the service. Come and join us for worship and fellowship.

As the warmer weather of spring and summer arrive so do the fantastic bargains at the Budget Corner. It will close for the season on June 18, so now is the time to shop! Please consider donating your gently used goods or, if you can, volunteer to help out a little. Stop by the shop for more information.

Rick DeWitt

REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

Narcotics Anonymous:

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous:

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

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church: 718-885-1218

Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080

Overeaters Anonymous:

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

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

Open Monthly Meetings of the Board are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Main Room at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend. For up to date information, visit www.cityisland-communitycenter.org, call 718-885-1145 or "Like" us on Facebook.

SPECIAL EVENTS

June Classic Movie Night: Friday, June 10, at 8 p.m. "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." \$2 per ticket. Concessions available. For more information, please e-mail BxShanley@optonline.net or call 917-721-8747.

Drama Club Show: Drama class performances of "Stone Soup" will be held at the Center on Tuesday, June 7, at 4:30 and 7 p.m. \$3 suggested donation will go to the Center. Doors will open 15 minutes before show time.

Weekly Schedule

YOUTH PROGRAM

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

Note: The following program is suspended for the summer and will resume in September: **Mommy and Me Fitness:** A high-energy aerobic class that allows you to bring your children with you. All levels welcome. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m. \$8 per class. For more information, call Sarah Persteins at 718-885-9122.

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

Tai Kwando Classes: For men, women and children. Lil Dragons/Hapkido for teens and adults/Body Blast cardio kickboxing for men and women. For schedule, fees and information, please call Sensei Eddie at 917-742-2007 or visit www.dragonspathacademy.com.

ADULT PROGRAM

Get Ready, Get Set . . . (An Intro to Exercise): The relaxed pace allows you to learn the basics of many different types of low-impact aerobic, strength training and stretching exercises, which will help to improve cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and range of motion. This class also utilizes chair (seated) exercises. Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Fee: \$10/session (45 min.). First session is free of charge. Contact Judy Farnum, group fitness instructor, at 914-548-4184 or judyfarnum@aol.com.

Gentle Yoga-Qi Gong class with Norma: Thursdays at 7 p.m. Get into shape, relax the body and mind and have some fun doing it! This class is a combination of low-impact Hatha Yoga and Qi-Gong (free form Tai Chi) and mild stretches. Although this class is geared to those who have not exercised in a while, all levels are welcome. Price per class is \$7. Please bring a yoga mat, yoga strap and yoga blocks. Most of these items are available at Barnes & Noble, Modell's, Target or K-Mart. Straps and blocks will be available for purchase on the day of the class. For more information, please call 718-730-3442. Namaste.

Fit for Life with Sarah: Hi-Lo impact aerobic and strength-training class. All levels welcome. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Sarah

Persteins at 718-885-9122.

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

Rhythmic Movement Exercise Class: A fun way to combine exercise with various styles of dance. Mondays from 6 to 7:15 p.m. \$15 per person. If you have questions, please call Judy Farnum at 914-548-4184 or e-mail judyfarnum@aol.com.

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

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

Yoga with Vincenza: All levels welcome. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Classes \$10. Please bring your own mat.

Tai-chi: Please join us at 9 a.m. on Saturdays for gentle Tai-chi and yoga sessions. Using bamboo props, balls, straps and partnering to increase flexibility and strength. For more information, please call Marc Kaplan at 718-885-2445.

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

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

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

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

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

Amy Gottlieb

PSS Healthy Senior Exercise Program

PSS Healthy Aging: Zumba with Stephanie on Mondays at 10:30 at the Community Center; Cardio Fitness with Mary on Tuesdays at 9:30 at Grace Church Hall; Sittercise with Patty on Tuesdays at 10:20 at Grace Church Hall; Orchard Beach Walk on Wednesdays, leaving Pilot Street at 9:30 a.m.; Yoga Stretch with Michael on Thursdays at 9:30 at Grace Church Hall; Arthritis Exercise with Patty on Thursdays at 10:30 at Grace Church Hall; Fit for Life with Sarah on Fridays at 9:30 at Grace Church Hall. Remember that you can attend all classes for \$20 per month or all classes for \$6 per week. Or you may contribute for individual classes at \$2 for exercise and \$4 for dance.

The Legacy Writing Group will resume sessions in June on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Grace Church Hall. For further information or to sign up, please call the Writing Group leader, Joan Nilon, at 718-885-1604.

Telephone Reassurance: If you live



Photo by EYVONNE BAKER

The Men's Ministry of Grace Episcopal Church hosted a barbecue on Sunday, May 22, 2011, for the residents of the Goldman house on Pilot Street.

alone or know someone who lives alone, a telephone call every day might be of benefit. Please call Patty at 718-885-1891.

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

Transportation Services: Everyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services. Call Anthony Mazzella at 347-834-6466 a day ahead for Island and off-Island trips. Regular afternoon shopping trips are Monday: Bay Plaza; Thursday: Stop & Shop; every other Wednesday: Shop Rite in New Rochelle. Trips are also made to Fairway, Target, Trader Joe's, Home Depot, the Christmas Tree Shop, Key Food, Empire City and more. The suggested contribution for round trips is \$1 on City Island and \$2.50 off-Island.

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

Pat Grondahl

Garden Club

Thanks to the volunteers who came out and helped clean up City Island on Saturday, May 14, which we sponsored with the Civic Association. And to those who helped with the plantings in Hawkins Park and in the planters along the Avenue on "It's My Park Day" on May 21.

We are busy with the plans for our splendid 50th anniversary celebration at the Morris Yacht Club on Saturday, June 18, and we still have a few spots available. The view will be wonderful and the dinner delicious. Festivities start at 6:30 p.m. Please call Ruth Collins for reservations at 718-885-1361.

Barbara Harrison

American Legion Post # 156

June is an important month for the American Legion. Our entry into World War II was June 6, 1941, and this year will be the 70th anniversary of that event. Seventeen Islanders were killed in the war and many were wounded. I was just a teen when I entered the service in 1943 and wasn't discharged until October 1946. I saw much of this country while in training, as well as England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. From a small National Guard unit from Meridian, Mississippi, we grew into the 33rd Recon Squadron, which was deactivated at Camp Miles Standish in Boston in October 1945. The unit was twice awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and the personnel were awarded many individual medals.

By the time you read this, our Memorial Day parade will be a mere memory. Each

year the commander of the Post invites all members to participate. There will be no floats in the future but all incapacitated veterans will be invited to the reviewing stand at the post.

Comrade Bill Clancy is seeking to be the Bronx County Commander for 2013. Your support is requested.

We mourn the passing of Comrade Richard Knapp. Please remember him in your prayers.

Meetings for the month of June are as follows. Regular meeting: Monday, June 6, election of officers and selection of essay winners from P. S. 175 and St. Mary's School; executive board meeting: Monday, June 20.

Until next month, at ease.

Russ Schaller, Sgt. Emeritus

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported our recent Cancer Bingo, which was held on Thursday, May 12, and was "standing room only." We are happy that a large donation will go toward cancer care and research. This small-town event was a huge success, thanks to more than 100 donors and to everyone who came to enjoy the bingo and spent money on chances to win beautiful prizes and gift certificates. Thanks to each of you for your help in making this fund-raiser so worthwhile.

We will have our wrap-up dinner meeting on Wednesday, June 8, at the Crab Shanty at 7 p.m. Please drop by the recently renovated Post (great job!) for details.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, the day after Labor Day! Until then have a wonderful and safe summer. Enjoy!

Regina Murphy

Sons of the American Legion Squadron # 156

The golf outing was a huge success, and we raised \$3,500 for the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization that pays for wounded troops to receive the latest prosthetic body parts that were lost in service. Many thanks go out to all of those who sponsored a hole. A special thanks to our finance officer, Jimmy Livingston, for all his hard work traveling around City Island collecting sponsors and setting up the event with the golf course. The squadron would also like to thank all of those who volunteered and attended this event. Without you, this day would not have been such a success.

Stop by the renovated bar for a cocktail. We recently purchased new bar stools and now all the stools actually match! During

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Mind Control

Controlling the mind can take many forms, and Hollywood explores many ways. One method is by using an individual's special powers to mind-control the outside world. In the classic "B" movie **Donovan's Brain** (1954), brilliant brain specialist Dr. Patrick Cory (Lew Ayres) extracts a dying patient's brain, and with the help of his wife, Janice (Nancy Davis, Ronald Reagan's second wife), keeps it alive. Dr. Cory's personality undergoes a grim change when the brain starts to control him.

In **The Village of the Damned** (1960 and 1995), everyone loses consciousness for one day, and nine months later all the women give birth to blond-haired children with neon blue eyes. The children possess powers beyond mortals and must be stopped. The town doctor is played by George Sanders in the first version and by Christopher Reeve in the remake.

A very young Sissy Spacek plays the title role in **Carrie** (1976). Based on Stephen King's first novel, the film tells the story of a high school student who is the victim of terrible bullying. She gets her revenge at the prom with her special psychokinetic powers. The supporting cast includes Piper Laurie as her fanatical mother, Betty Buckley as her protective gym teacher and Nancy Allen, Amy Irving and John Travolta as students at the school.

Stranger than Fiction (2006) is an extremely original and clever film starring Will Ferrell as Harold Crick, an IRS agent who finds his life being written and narrated by author Karen Eiffel (Emma Thompson). He seeks the help of Professor Jules Hilbert (Dustin Hoffman) to figure out the author's identity. Along the way he falls in love with baker Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal). Queen Latifah is featured as Penny Escher, Karen's comical assistant.

Another mode of mind control is through dreams. **Dreamscape** (1984) is a sci-fi fantasy thriller about a government-funded project that projects people into other people's nightmares to help them fight their demons. The movie stars Dennis Quaid as Alex Gardner, a particularly gifted psychic who is enamored of Dr. Jane DeVries (Kate Capshaw), assistant to the director of the dream lab, Dr. Paul Novotny (Max von Sydow).

An original and very complicated dream film is **Inception** (2010), which stars Leonardo DiCaprio as Dom Cobb, who hacks into people's brains rather than computers. Cobb's "dream team" includes Ariadne (Ellen Page) and Arthur (Joseph Gordon-Levitt). Cobb encounters his late wife, Mal (Marion Cotillard), as he tried to unlock a secret for Saito (Ken Watanabe), a businessman with the power to enable Cobb to return home to his children. This visually stunning film requires more than one viewing to comprehend, but it is definitely worth a second look.

Sometimes the government or an outside entity can alter a mind. There are two versions of the highly charged political thriller **The Manchurian Candidate** (1962 and 2004), in which brainwashing is the theme. The first film is set in the aftermath of the Korean War and the remake takes place after the first Gulf War. The plots are similar, with Staff Sergeant Raymond Shaw (Laurence Harvey/Liev Schreiber) returning from the war, a highly decorated hero. Each is prodded by his politically ambitious mother (Angela Lansbury/Meryl Streep). Ben Marco (Frank Sinatra/Denzel Washington) is a fellow platoon member who is having terrible dreams.

In **The Matrix** (1999), the world is a complete computer fabrication with people's brains hooked into a massive artificial

intelligence system. Neo (Keanu Reeves), Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) and Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss) team up to save the world.

Source Code (2011) stars Jake Gyllenhaal as Capt. Colter Stevens, a soldier who is continuously put on a train by Sgt. Colleen Goodwin (Vera Farmiga) for a few minutes at a time to try to stop an explosion. In every sequence, he encounters and falls for Christina Warren (Michelle Monaghan). Is it all in his mind or is it really happening?

In **Brainstorm** (1983), research scientists Dr. Michael Brace (Christopher Walken) and Dr. Lillian Reynolds (Louise Fletcher) invent a machine that can record thoughts and be played back into someone else's mind. In this, her last movie (she died before filming ended), Natalie Wood appears as Brace's estranged wife, Karen. It eventually becomes apparent that their funding source has evil intentions.

Other methods of mind alteration are the theme of **Total Recall** (1990). Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as Quaid, a futuristic construction worker who pays to have "memories" of a vacation implanted in his mind, since he cannot afford a real trip to Mars. Sharon Stone appears as Quaid's wife, Lori, and Rachel Ticotin is Melina, his Martian sweetheart.

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004) stars Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet as Joel and Clementine, lovers who have separated. They are so sad that they decide to have their memories of each other erased by Dr. Mierzwiak (Tom Wilkinson) with fascinating visual effects.

In **Limitless** (2011), Eddie Morra (Bradley Cooper) a struggling writer, takes a mind-altering drug that enables him to use 100 percent of his brain. On the path down which he is propelled, he encounters creepy businessman Van Loon (Robert DeNiro), and we learn that intelligence does not correspond with wisdom. The special effects are sparingly interspersed which adds to the story rather than detracts.

And until next time, happy viewing. . .

Organization News

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the last few weeks, we resurfaced the bar and now it shines.

To stay up to date on events at the Post, stop by and check out the three bulletin boards to see what each group is doing.

A big thank-you goes out to service officer/bar chairman Bob Mennona, along with Auxiliary members Carol Mennona and Ann Sullivan, and social member Betty Jordan, who spent an entire morning cleaning the bar from top to bottom after the resurfacing was complete. It has become known that the floor in the entranceway will soon be replaced.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of life member Richard Knapp. He was one of our original advisors to the Sons when our Squadron was reestablished in 1990. He will be missed.

Plans have begun to mark the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day. Details will follow over the next few months.

The CeBill campaign for Bill Clancy Sr., who is the leading candidate for state commander in 2013, is off to a great start.

We will begin collecting 2012 dues in July; they will once again be \$30. Those who owe back dues should drop them off at the Post by June 15 or we may have to drop you from the roster.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

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St. Mary, Star of the Sea School

Best wishes to all the eighth-grade graduates, who will attend the following high schools in September: **Archbishop Hendricken** (Rhode Island): Conner Saulnier; **Archbishop Stepinac**: Ryan Medina; **Blessed Sacrament / St. Gabriel**: Timia Akins, Walter Brennan, Amanda Brown, Isaac Rowser; **Cardinal Spellman**: Sasha Bannister, Maya Lugo, Akio Rosario, Bryton Snowball; **Iona Prep**: Ryan Herrera-Murphy, Brian Thompson; **Manhattan Village Academy**: Brianna Ocasio; **Monsignor Scanlan**: Bryce Campbell; **Mount St. Michael**: G'Sean Coley, Justin Martinez; **Preston**: Gabriella Federowicz; **St. Catharine Academy**: Danielle Billingsy, Saquasia Terry; **St. Raymond Academy**: Lynette Cartagena, Eliana DeJimenez (\$1,000 scholarship), Emily DeJimenez, Kaitln Valez Brown; **Salesian**: Donte Nesbeth, Michael O'Connor; **Truman**: Amber Davis.

Emily DeJimenez also received a \$1,000 scholarship to Mt. St. Ursula; Maya Lugo received a \$3,000 scholarship to Preston; Isaac Rowser received a \$2,000 scholarship to Cardinal Spellman and Conner Saulnier received a \$4,000 scholarship to Iona Prep. Congratulations and good luck to all!

Public School 175

Best wishes to all the eighth-graders who, pending successful completion of promotion requirements, will be attending the following high schools in September: **Beacon**: Catherine Rooney Graves; **Belmont Preparatory**: Nina Faicco; **Blessed Sacrament / St. Gabriel**: Adora Hawkins; **Bronx H.S. of Science**: Stephanie Morrissey; **Bronx Lab School**; Maira

Santos Carino, Nileyris Sosa; **Cardinal Spellman**: Taylor Chafouleas, Kaylin Fitzpatrick, Michele Lombardo, Grace Ramos; **The Cinema School**: Roxana Herrera; **Eximus College Preparatory Academy**: Brandon Rosenblatt; **Fiorello LaGuardia**: Jorja Willis; **Fordham H.S. for the Arts**: Kayla Lawson; **Lehman**: Brian Buryakov, Marcello Cierro, Jessica DeMartini, Brandon Santo, Erin Schlottman, Justin Torres, Julian Ullah, Carlos Viguera; **Maria Regina**: Brianna Reilly, Amanda Valentino; **The Marie Curie School for Nursing, Medicine, and Allied Health Professions**: Latoya James; **New Rochelle**: Ludwing Xhokaxhiu; **Preston**: Adrianna Aceto, Briana Whelan, Donatea Zefi; **Renaissance H.S. for Musical Theater & Technology**: Ruben Caamano, Alison McIntyre; **St. Catharine Academy**: Samantha Fontana, Chelsea Negron, Samantha Pryor, Bianca Valenti; **St. Raymond H.S. for Boys**: Atanas Ivanov, Jake Ivanov; **Salesian**: John Branley, Cameron Cole, Carmine Valenti; **Talent Unlimited**: Taylor Robert; **Urban Assembly School for Math & Science**: Alba Borici; **Ursuline**: Anastasia Lacina, Sarah Williams. Undecided are Delyn Bernard, Nigel Green and Valentina Rugova.

Anastasia Lacina and Jorja Willis were also accepted to the High School of American Studies, and Sarah Williams was accepted to Brooklyn Latin School.

High-school scholarships were awarded to the following students: Taylor Chafouleas, Nigel Green, Anastasia Lacina, Stephanie Morrissey, Grace Ramos, Sarah Williams and Jorja Willis.

Good luck to all!

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SUMMERTIME TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

By JOHN SCARDINA

The end of the school year and the advent of summer vacation can be a cherished time in the life of a child. I can still picture in my mind being 9 years old, coming home at noon on the last half-day of school and realizing that I could play baseball every day until September. I was sitting in front of my house, with my baseball mitt and a brand new ball in my hands, waiting for my friends to arrive. I can still feel that sense of joyful anticipation, with a wide-open sense of possibility. It is, in fact, a feeling I still yearn for over 50 years later.

Parents may celebrate the end of the school year too, but there are also challenges for working families: child-care needs, camp costs and the logistics of getting everyone from one activity to the next. How can we make the most of this time, given the realities and stresses of our lives? How can we join our children in this celebration of summer, even in the midst of our daily responsibilities?

Here are some ideas to ponder for a joyful and productive summer vacation:

S - Spend time together that's unstructured: "wasting time" sitting outside together may be just what you need.

U - Upbeat attitudes are contagious: more time with your kids can mean more opportunities to share positive thoughts and feelings.

M - Making time for what we value

remains important: read more, learn more about your home environs, do community service, make art.

M - Memories come from "stupid life stuff": simple activities (like making sidewalk art with chalk or having a water fight) can be the most fun.

E - Enter into the natural world every chance you can: we live on an island, we are surrounded by nature in all its glory - get out there!

R - Remember that life is a journey, not a race: sometimes slow is better than fast, so we can stop along the way and smell the roses.

T - Thank the universe every day for all of your gifts: an attitude of gratitude is contagious and will get you through hard times.

I - Invest in the future by making goals now: let's read five chapter books together; let's learn about birds; let's start a children's garden.

M - Meet new people and make better friends with those you know: it takes a community of caring individuals to create an extended family.

E - Enjoy your kids; they grow up fast, you know!

City Island resident John Scardina is a school psychologist, parent educator, and child development specialist. Check out his website at www.ThinkLaughLearn.com.



Photos by EYVONNE BAKER and BARBARA DOLENSEK

The 8th-grade community service team at P.S. 175 has been hard at work this spring. Cleaning up the courtyard at Grace Episcopal Church, are (photo above, l. to r.): Brenda Prohaska (leader of the community service group) with Maira Carino, Latoya James and Jessica DiMartini. Helping the City Island Nautical Museum with its membership drive were (photo below, l. to r.) Emma Ramos, Carmine Valenti, Grace Ramos, Roxana Herrera, Stephanie Morrissey and Bianca Valenti. City Islanders are grateful to all these young people for their efforts on behalf of the community.



Obituaries

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

Christina Franklin

Christina Franklin, a former resident of City Island, died on April 18, 2011, in Dallas, Georgia, at the age of 71.

Affectionately known as Sissie, she was born Christina Panzarino on Feb. 11, 1940, and grew up in the Soundview community in the Bronx, where she developed street smarts and savvy. Friends and family who adored her city toughness and sassy attitude also loved her generous nature and great sense of humor.

Sissie was working as a New York Telephone Company operator when she met and married Robert Charles Franklin in 1961; they moved to City Island in 1965. Before the birth of her daughter, Kelley Ann, in 1969, Sissie worked at Pelham Bay General Hospital as a nurse's aide and after Kelley was born, she stayed at home to raise her daughter. Once Kelley reached school age, Sissie took a job at the former Ship's Galley restaurant on City Island.

She was a talented craftsperson who decorated her own home and that of her

parents on Marine Street. She was hard-working by day but relished quiet evenings at home with family and friends. She moved to Georgia in 1995 to help raise her grandchildren, Trevor and Vanessa, who were among the great joys of her life.

Sissie was preceded in death by her parents, Vincent and Georgianna Panzarino; her husband, Robert; and her two brothers, Frank and the infant James. She is survived by her daughter and grandchildren, by her brother Vincent of City Island, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Temple Awards

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needs of the many members of a community, "each according to their work."

She and Bob willingly and with joy keep a steady and constant hand on the tiller of Temple Beth-El, whether it is keeping the lights on every Sabbath Friday, meeting people by chance as they clean the yard or working with a diverse congregation during holidays and other special events. They are both known for their warmth and dedication, and their contributions to the community have been welcomed by everyone who knows them.

The dinner and dancing to the music provided by Skip Giacco's Lickety Split band were most enjoyable, and the spirit of celebration will be felt for a long time to come.

Seasons of Savings

By JERI STARK

The seasons may come and go, but your energy bills remain.

On average, the heating and cooling of your home amount to about 56 percent of your total energy bill. That comes to roughly \$2,200 a year, a nice chunk of change. And think of the chunk of energy you put into earning the money that goes toward your energy bill. In other words, the energy that heats or cools your home doesn't just happen. You make it happen.

That's one reason why it is important to manage your energy consumption. Another is so that you can be kinder to the planet while being responsible about your family's health, safety and comfort.

Admittedly, the weather has been up and down in recent weeks—unseasonably cold on some days and unseasonably warm on others—challenging our concept of spring. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't move full steam ahead getting your home ready for summer. So let's start with a few summer cooling tips.

Money-Saving Tips for Summer Cooling

No. 1. If you don't have a programmable thermostat, we highly recommend that you buy one, because you can save nearly \$200 a year. Depending on the complexity of the device and whether you do it yourself or have

one professionally installed, a programmable thermostat can run from about \$40 to a little more than \$200, possibly paying for itself in savings within a few months.

No. 2. We all know that the White House is plagued by "leaks," but what about your house? Is valuable cool or warm air escaping to the back porch or front yard the way that national secrets find their way to press? Most houses lose about 20 percent of their cooling energy through leaky ducts. Search your home for leaky ducts and drafts from windows and doors. Seal them off in any one of a number of effective manners, from sheets of plastic to professionally installed insulation.

No. 3. Is it time to upgrade your air-conditioning system? The EPA recommends that you get a qualified professional to inspect your system, regardless of whether you use room air conditioners or a centralized system. One thing you can do on your own, though, is to inspect and replace filters at least every three months.

No. 4. Don't overlook those great energy efficient light bulbs that use two-thirds less energy and generate less heat than incandescent bulbs. Replacing your old round bulbs with these modern coil bulbs will shed a cooler, less costly light on what matters to you.

No. 5. What's not to love about ceiling fans? Let's just say that the energy is what gets wasted when you're not in the room. Make sure your fan is spinning clockwise to ensure a cooling effect, and turn it off when you leave the room. Fans cool people, not rooms. In fact, turn off all appliances and lights when they are not in use. Coffee makers and toaster ovens don't need to be plugged in all day.

Lisa P. Jackson, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency administrator, said recently that "a few simple changes will help create real reductions in high summer electric bills... and can help [consumers] save money during these challenging economic times."

So this summer, be cool and save money. You deserve it.

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

JUNE 2011									
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	
01 Wed	0612	0.21	1206	7.05	1743	0.86	2343	7.98	Wed 01
02 Thu	0638	0.11	1225	7.18	1820	0.72			Thu 02
03 Fri	0018	8.14	0707	0.01	1257	7.36	1901	0.62	Fri 03
04 Sat	0059	8.24	0742	-0.05	1336	7.53	1946	0.55	Sat 04
05 Sun	0143	8.24	0823	-0.06	1420	7.66	2034	0.53	Sun 05
06 Mon	0231	8.13	0908	-0.01	1508	7.75	2127	0.54	Mon 06
07 Tue	0323	7.90	0957	0.09	1601	7.79	2225	0.57	Tue 07
08 Wed	0420	7.60	1051	0.23	1658	7.81	2332	0.58	Wed 08
09 Thu	0522	7.29	1151	0.35	1801	7.84			Thu 09
10 Fri	0056	0.49	0633	7.05	1301	0.43	1910	7.92	Fri 10
11 Sat	0220	0.21	0755	6.96	1420	0.40	2023	8.07	Sat 11
12 Sun	0328	-0.15	0913	7.04	1531	0.27	2130	8.25	Sun 12
13 Mon	0428	-0.49	1016	7.19	1632	0.12	2230	8.40	Mon 13
14 Tue	0523	-0.74	1113	7.36	1728	0.01	2325	8.48	Tue 14
15 Wed	0615	-0.85	1205	7.48	1821	-0.03			Wed 15
16 Thu	0017	8.45	0704	-0.81	1255	7.56	1911	0.04	Thu 16
17 Fri	0106	8.32	0752	-0.62	1344	7.57	1959	0.19	Fri 17
18 Sat	0154	8.09	0838	-0.32	1431	7.52	2046	0.41	Sat 18
19 Sun	0242	7.79	0922	0.04	1519	7.43	2134	0.68	Sun 19
20 Mon	0330	7.45	1005	0.43	1607	7.32	2222	0.95	Mon 20
21 Tue	0421	7.12	1046	0.80	1657	7.21	2313	1.19	Tue 21
22 Wed	0516	6.82	1126	1.12	1749	7.13			Wed 22
23 Thu	0008	1.35	0614	6.59	1204	1.36	1843	7.09	Thu 23
24 Fri	0105	1.42	0712	6.46	1245	1.51	1935	7.11	Fri 24
25 Sat	0201	1.38	0808	6.42	1334	1.58	2025	7.18	Sat 25
26 Sun	0254	1.23	0900	6.48	1425	1.56	2110	7.3	Sun 26
27 Mon	0343	1.02	0948	6.59	1512	1.45	2148	7.45	Mon 27
28 Tue	0427	0.77	1031	6.74	1556	1.28	2216	7.64	Tue 28
29 Wed	0508	0.51	1107	6.92	1638	1.05	2243	7.88	Wed 29
30 Thu	0544	0.25	1134	7.15	1721	0.79	2319	8.11	Thu 30
JULY 2011									
01 Fri	0617	0.01	1202	7.41	1804	0.53	2359	8.30	Fri 01
02 Sat	0651	-0.20	1238	7.68	1849	0.30			Sat 02
03 Sun	0043	8.41	0728	-0.34	1319	7.92	1936	0.14	Sun 03
04 Mon	0129	8.38	0809	-0.39	1403	8.08	2025	0.07	Mon 04
05 Tue	0218	8.22	0853	-0.34	1451	8.14	2118	0.09	Tue 05
06 Wed	0310	7.93	0941	-0.18	1543	8.11	2217	0.20	Wed 06



TIDAL TERMINOLOGY

How is your tidal terminology? For most of us, a basic understanding of the difference between high tide and low tide will suffice. But every once in a while some know-it-all comes along and throws around tidal vocabulary, such as ebb and flood, spring and neap, and our personal favorite, the proxigean spring tide. Do you want to impress your friends this summer? Try introducing a proxigean spring tide into the conversation. You're a City Islander, for heaven's sake. Don't let these show-offs get the better of you.

First, it is important to remember that tides on Earth are caused by the gravitational pull of both the moon and sun. Ocean water bulges or builds up toward the moon, since it is the moon's gravitational pull that dominates (it is nearly twice that of the sun's). As the water moves in that direction, or comes in, as most of us would put it, the more scientific among us would say that the tide is flooding. Tides that are in the process of going out are said to be ebbing. When the water has finished moving and just sort of sits there preparing to reverse course, the tide is said to be slack.

The interplay of gravitational pulls on Earth account for more tidal terminology. For example, when the moon is full or new, it is because the sun, moon, and Earth are aligned. This alignment causes extra high and low tides, otherwise known as spring tides, because of the extra pulling power. When the pulling powers of sun and moon are working at cross purposes, then the tides are neap, or not especially high or low. These weaker, so-called neap tides occur when the moon is in its quarter phases.

A proxigean spring tide is an extra high spring tide. It happens when the moon is not only aligned with the sun and Earth

but is also closest to the Earth. The word "proxigean" comes from "proxigee," the smart-aleck's way of saying the moon is at its closest point to Earth. These unusually high and low tides happen once about every year and a half.

Ordinary high and low tides happen twice a day, twice a lunar day, that is. Whereas it takes Earth 24 hours to complete a rotation relative to the sun (i.e., to start and finish a solar day), it takes Earth 24 hours and 50 minutes to complete a rotation relative to the moon (i.e., to start and finish a lunar day). That is because the moon is moving (revolving, actually) in the same direction as Earth is rotating. In order to complete a rotation—that is, for Earth to return to the same spot with respect to the moon—it has 50 more minutes of rotating to make up. This explains why the new day's tides are always about 50 minutes later on the clock for us.

Actually, ordinary high and low tides take place twice a day in those places on Earth where the tide is said to be semidiurnal (another term for impressing that special someone). A diurnal tide is where there is only one high and low tide a day. This usually happens where ocean water is, in effect, insulated from normal tidal activity by continents. The Gulf of Mexico, for instance, has a diurnal tide.

If your tidal talk doesn't make the impression you were hoping for this summer, you can always try a little tidal humor, such as why did the killer whale cross the ocean? To get to the other tide, of course!

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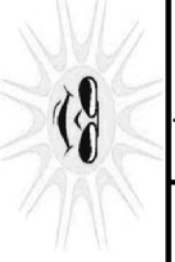

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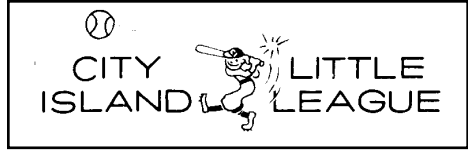
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Great start, Team Legion. Michael Bellocchio hit two triples in his last outing. Emmitt Shanley, Jean-Lius Gonzales and A.J. Carrion have all been proving themselves to be great pitchers, and John Tomsen and Mario Castillo have been doing a great job at first base.

Elior Borici and John Manna are doing great fielding; John caught a fly ball that saved extra base hits. Scotty Cruz is playing like a pro whether he is hitting those balls into the outfield or playing catcher. Jaiden Marrero made some great plays at third base. Coach John is really proud of Michael Moore, Michael Amos, Damon Hamblin, Nicholas Moore and Jimmy McGaughan for showing real team spirit and hard work.

In the Minor League Division, Jack's players are enthusiastic about the new baseball season and are building on the fundamentals of hitting, fielding and running that they learned last year in T-Ball and in the minors. Good hitting has been provided by Angelo Nieves, Frankie Lubelli, Rudy Etzel, Carmine Testa, Joseph Goonan, Mark Piri, Lamire Bryant and Aidan Hanley-Piri. Good defensive plays have been made by John Russell, Aidan Hanley-Piri, Mark Piri and Angelo Nieves.

J.P.'s is having a great season so far. Ginutis Sipas, Chris Tomsen, Brandon McGaughan, Steven Rice and Joshua Rosario have all been hitting the ball extremely well, and Meghan McConaghy and Wesley Hranyczny are doing great playing catcher. Jackson Welper, Patrick Livingston, Peter Luderman and Sarah Vega are adjusting well to the minor leagues. They have been rotating around the field and trying each position. A special shout out to our most improved players on J.P.'s goes to Patrick Hehir and Steven Mazza: "Way to go, guys!"

The players love the cheers, so please come out and check out a game!

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Congratulations to the *Current's* intrepid editor, Karen Nani, who was honored by Temple Beth-El at their 77th anniversary dinner. Karen works very hard to get this paper out. She may give the staff the credit, but we couldn't do it without her.

Happy birthday to Marine Street's Ann Butterworth on June 29. We love you!

Belated happy May 30 birthday wishes to City Island's friendliest mailman, Tommy Cleary.

It was great having Frank Ring visit at St. Mary's on May 15 after the 10 a.m. Mass. Friends and former neighbors stopped by the rectory to wish Frank a very happy 89th birthday and enjoy birthday cake and coffee.

Birthday greetings to the Sailmaker's John Iovieno, who will celebrate his big day on June 23.

Earley Street's newest arrival, Michael Thomas McGonegal, was born on May 12. He was welcomed home by big brother, Will, and proud parents, Eileen and Larry McGonegal. Michael's Nana and Pop-Pop, Julia and Frank DiMaio of Buckley Street, Grandma and Grandpa Kathy and Jack Abele of Southold, NY, and Aunt Christina, Uncle Michael and cousins Trevor and Ryan are all thrilled with the new addition to the family.

Mike and Judy Rauh had a great time in New Orleans at Easter, visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Matt Rota. They really enjoyed Easter Mass at St. Louis Cathedral, the dinner cruise on the steamboat *Natchez* with the Dukes of Dixieland, lunch at the Stage Door Canteen in the World War II Museum and the Jazz Brunch at the Commander's Palace restaurant. It was also great to hear Matt playing banjo with his band, the Tanglers. Mike even found a race to run: the Crescent City Classic (10K). The food, the



Michael Thomas McGonegal

music and the sights to see all make New Orleans a great place to visit!

Belated happy birthday to Marine Street's Chuck Butterworth on May 22.

Happy 24th birthday wishes to Matthew Butterworth on May 26 and also to his cousin Meaghan Strnad, who turned 18 on May 21, with love from your family.

Keep up the good work to Alycia Da'Loia-Moore, who was named ACC Freshman of the Year! Alycia, a Boston College freshman, was also named to the All-ACC Team for Rowing at their championship awards ceremony. Alycia got her start in rowing at the Ursuline School and has continued to excel ever since. Her head coach at Boston College, Steve Fiske, noted Alycia's "strong contribution to BC's success in the freshman boats during the fall season." Way to go!

Welcome to Jessica Coen, Chase's new home loan officer. Stop by any Wednesday to say "hello."

Happy June 1 birthday greetings to Marion Rosenfeld from your family, friends and Lucy.

To my precious Opal - all's well and by the time you read this Talebearer, you will probably already know about the great changes. Happy summer, thank God, and I love you always. Your E.B.

Happy Birthday wishes to Debra Erickson, who will celebrate on June 19, with loads and loads of love from Mom, Barbara and sister and brother-in-law, LZ and Ken.

Also, the *Island Current's* Karen Nani and Margaret Lenz share June 7 birthdays. Happy birthday to both of you ladies, with love from your families!

Happy 75th birthday greetings on June 8 go out to Toby Liederman, who "feels very lucky to be living on City Island for the past



Photo by RICK DEWITT

Captain Ed Sadler celebrated his 95th birthday with a lively party at the City Island Nautical Museum on Saturday, May 1, 2011. He was joined by several members of his family: seated (l. to r.) are Lauren Sadler, Brooke Vandemark and Captain Sadler; standing are Jennifer Pezone, Mary Vandemark, Russell Vandermark, Dick Sadler and Jeanne Pezone.

30 years." We wish you many more, Toby!

Happy June birthdays to Vera Thompson (her 91st) and her son and daughter, John Wright and Judy Rauh.

Congratulations to Susan Rauh on another successful performance with the City Island Theater Group.

Happy birthday wishes to Ginger Danegger and Rose Kolb, who are both celebrating June birthdays.

Hearty congratulations to Sebastian Whitcombe-Wiley on his graduation and for making it into the Repertory Theater Company High School! What a huge achievement! You exceeded our high expectations, as usual! We are all so proud of you and know you will just keep on knocking them dead and making us proud. Always

remember that if you can dream it, you can achieve it! We all love you so much, Mom, Charles, NaNa, and Pop-Pop.

And a very Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and grandfathers! Enjoy!

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