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Wildlife Traffic Increasing Too

By KAREN NANI

On the morning on May 25, 2006, the staff and residents of Pilot Cove Manor awoke to find a young deer standing on the front lawn of the senior citizen residence. After a two-hour chase by police, the doe was tranquilized, captured and released safely into the woods around Orchard Beach.

This second deer sighting on City Island in the last year comes on the heels of the much publicized attempted rescue of two deer from the front steps of St. Benedict's church nearby in the Bronx earlier in May.

It raises the question: are we in for increasingly more wildlife visits in the future? "It certainly seems that way," said *Current* columnists John Sheridan and Maria Sutherland, noting the Island's proximity to Pelham Bay Park. John and Maria re-

cently interviewed Dr. Robert DeCandido, also known as "Birding Bob," for their May "Sights and Sounds" column.

"There is a recent increase in deer in the park," Bob told *The Current*. He also said, "Pelham Bay Park is an important spot for migrating birds to stop and feed. [This] urban habitat is a critical stopover site for migrants, and people and wildlife can coexist, so long as people want to make that happen."

The New York City Police Department is doing their part to enable this safe co-existence. When the doe arrived at Pilot Cove, staff members Ray Reyus and Gary Bonicoro called the 45th Precinct. Officers Corsa and Papeneger arrived on the scene first and corralled the doe until the Emergency Services Unit (ESU) arrived.

Officers Morrissey and McGovern then shot two tranquilizer darts into the frightened animal and waited for it to drop. She dropped once, but then rebounded and darted around the Pilot Cove parking lot, eluding capture. Two more darts were needed until the doe finally succumbed to the an-

esthesia, but not before its head became wedged in the fence separating Pilot Cove and Grace Episcopal Church.

The four officers lifted the sleeping doe onto a gurney and strapped it to the front of the ESU truck. It was taken off City Island,

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Photos by KAREN NANI

A young deer appeared in front of Pilot Cove Manor on May 25, 2006 to the surprise of residents and police. After a chase around the parking lot on Pilot Street, the doe was tranquilized by officers from the Emergency Service Unit, then transported and released in the woods behind Orchard Beach.

NO ROOM AT THE INN

By GERI SEITER

City Islanders were surprised on May 23 to find out that the former Curves building at 268 City Island Avenue had been converted into Sanders Inn. It turns out that the building was not going to open a hotel, however, but was to serve only as the backdrop for a movie being filmed on City Island.

On Wednesday, May 24, the cast and crew of a movie called "The Untitled Noah Baumbach Project" arrived on City Island for three days of filming. Noah Baumbach, the acclaimed writer-director of "The Squid and the Whale," chose various areas here to complement scenes of the film that were shot primarily in the Hamptons.

This comedy-drama, written and directed by Mr. Baumbach, is set over the course of one weekend during which a mother takes her son to visit her sister at their family's beach home, only to find drama and, eventually, resolution.

Originally titled "Nicole Goes to the Country," a name change was required when Nicole Kidman was cast in the starring role. The cast of the film, which is being produced by Scott Rudin and distributed by Paramount Classics, also includes Jennifer Jason Leigh, the wife of Noah Baumbach and the daughter of ac-



tor Vic Morrow who is best known for her role in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"; Jack Black of "Saturday Night Live" and "King Kong"; and John Turturro of "Secret Window" and "Secret Passage."

Scenes for the film were shot inside Trinity Methodist Church and outside Tony's Pier, the former Curves, My Dolls,

the Black Whale, Hawkins Park and other familiar locations along City Island Avenue. Fortunately for the director, the deer that meandered down the avenue Thursday morning didn't disrupt the production.

The film is scheduled for release in 2007.



Photos by YVETTE WARD

Academy Award-winning actress Nicole Kidman created a stir on City Island Avenue as she exited the Black Whale Restaurant on May 24, 2006, during the filming of scenes for an upcoming movie called "The Untitled Noah Baumbach Project."

BRIEFLY...

MARRERO'S MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY, in conjunction with the City Island Community Center, will be offering a four-week summer program. The program will be held Monday through Thursday from July 10 through Aug. 3. Areas of study will include kickboxing, tai chi soft and hard, self-defense, self-discipline, physical fitness, and tournament prep. Class times will be 10 a.m. (ages 4-7); 11 a.m. (ages 8-12); 12 noon (ages 13-19); 1 p.m. (adult). The full summer session is being offered at an incredibly low price of \$100, including the uniform! Please call early to reserve your spot, as space will be limited. Call José at 646-671-7264 or Amy at 718-885-3502.

VOLUNTEER IN PELHAM BAY PARK: Join the Friends of Pelham Bay Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, to help restore the trails in Pelham Bay Park. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the northeast corner of the Orchard Beach parking lot or in the parking lot of the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum. Wear comfortable clothing with long sleeves and bring your lunch. The Parks Department will supply the tools and instruction and you will get a light physical workout and the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped the ecology of the park.

LIFE AT LOW TIDE: On Saturday, June 24, Jim Paul of the Norwalk Maritime Museum will lead a search for wet and slithery creatures that appear at low tide at Orchard Beach. Wear old sneakers or boots and a hat. Meet at 4 p.m. at the northeast corner of the Orchard Beach parking lot.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET: This annual event will take place at Fenton's marina on Sunday, June 11, at 1 p.m. If you plan to go by boat, start lining up south of the dock by 12:30.

BRONX MASONS CLOTHING DRIVE will be held on Saturday, June 10 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the City Island Masonic Temple, 241 City Island Avenue. All clothes donations received will go to St. Athanasius Church in the south Bronx. Please separate clothes into individual bags for men, women and children. These clothes will go to needy recipients. For more information about this one-day event, call Scott Meyer at 885-0374.

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Wildlife

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with a police escort, and safely released into the park, according to ESU officers.

Officer Corsa noted, "We are the most full service police department in the country. In most places, this deer would have been shot [dead] and hauled away. We made sure it was safely delivered back to the woods."

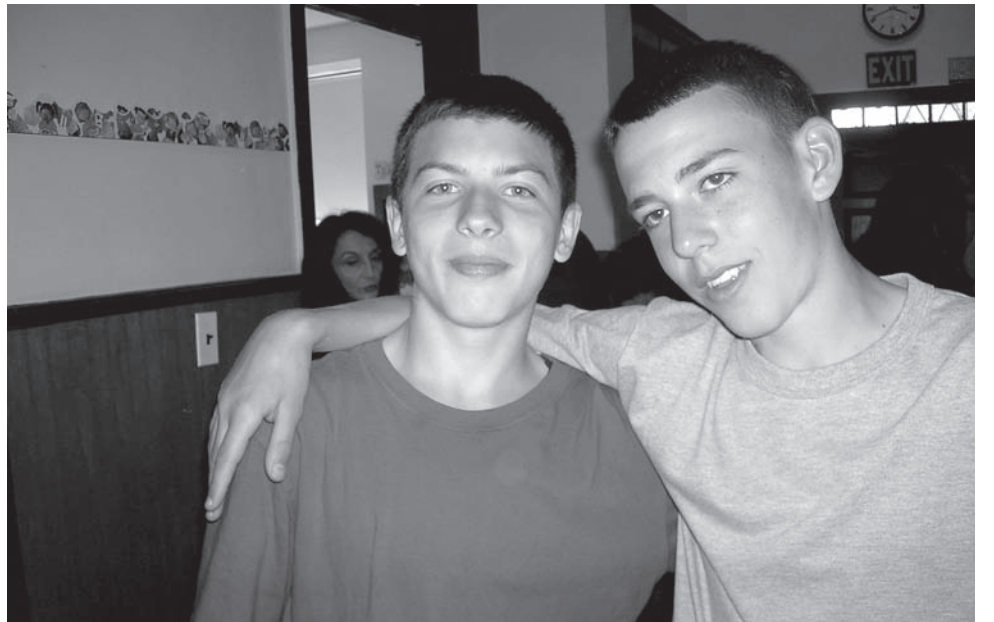
Will their services be increasingly needed if wildlife continues to cross the bridge or swim to City Island? "Probably.

There was a coyote sighting in March near Glover's Rock and a wild turkey was spotted in the environs of the Tier Street lot in May," according to John and Maria. "Our island remains a natural habitat, in spite of its development."

Perhaps the deer, turkeys, skunks, racoons, opossums, parrots, hawks, seals and other mammals and birds arriving are seeking safe haven. Pilot Cove manager Virginia Gallagher noted ironically that the doe was hiding behind the statue of St. Francis, patron saint of animals, when police arrived to capture her.



St. Mary's in the Movies



Photos by HELEN McMAHON

City Island once again provided the backdrop for an upcoming film entitled, "Austin's Angels," a comedic spoof written and directed by Sal Rinella. Filming was done in May 2006 at several locations around the island, including Jackie Kall's real estate office and St. Mary, Star of the Sea School. Mrs. Kall along with Islander Dominick DeCeasare will be featured in the film along with actors Judy Prianti and Lou Marini of HBO's "Sopranos." Also getting in the act were some Island children who posed as students during the scenes at the school, including Bernadette McMahon, Danielle Kaufman, John Mazzella, Patrick LaBate, Andrew McGuire, Kristen Clark, Nicholas Ruggiero, Connor Saulnier, Nickolas Maniotis, Danny Masterson and Alycia Daloya-Moore.

Temple Beth-El is 72!



Photos by BARRY GOLDMAN

State Senator Jeffrey D. Klein proclaimed Saturday, April 29, 2006, as Temple Beth-El of City Island Day and presented the official proclamation to Temple president Bob Berent at the temple's 72nd Anniversary Dinner Dance. The event, which took place at the City Island Yacht Club, was attended by many other political and religious leaders, friends and members. Shown starting the festivities at the close of the Sabbath with the blessing over the bread are (from left to right) Rabbi Shohama Wiener, Ray ("DJ Ray") Weiss and members of the temple, Cheryl and Bob Berent, Carl Gold, Philip Feinberg and Florence Lenhard.

Summer and Fall Internship Opportunities

Students interested in government or public service are being encouraged by

State Senator Jeff Klein to apply for one of several summer and fall internships available this year in the senator's district office.

"As someone who began his career as a staffer in a legislative office, I encourage anyone with an interest in learning more about our state government to apply for one of these internships," Senator Klein said.

Interns assist in performing a variety of office functions and special projects, and many colleges and universities permit students to earn academic credit for such internships. The application deadline for summer positions is June 1 and the deadline for fall positions is August 15.

Interested students should fax a resume and cover letter to 718-822-2321 or download an application from www.NYS-Senate34.com. For more information, call Senator Klein's office at 800-718-2039.

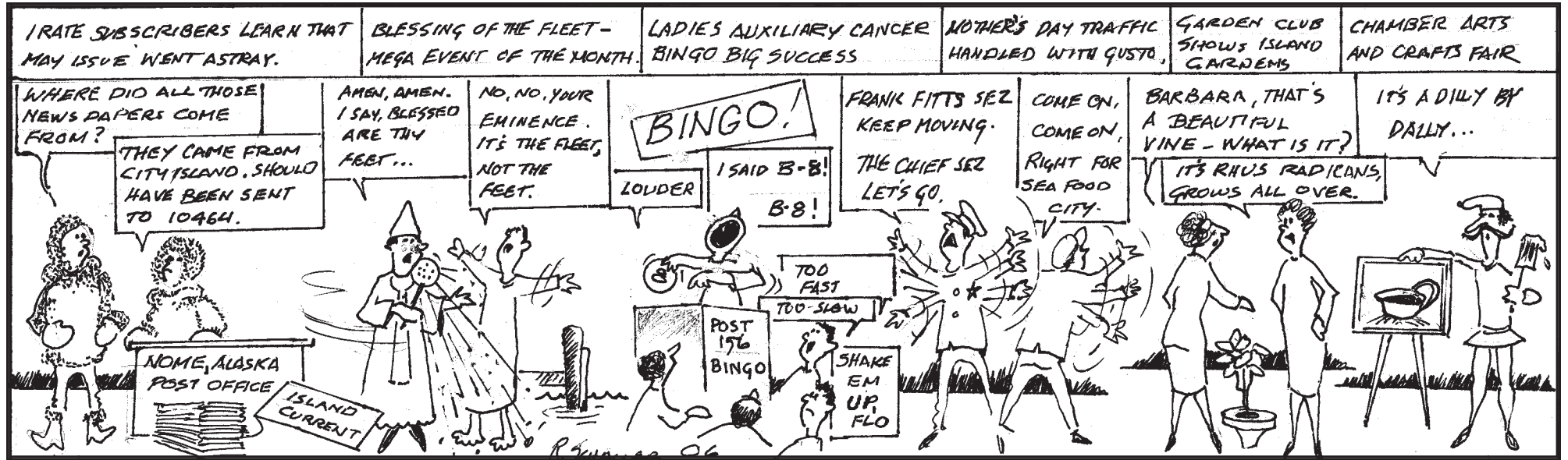
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Party Thanks

To the Editor:

I was recently honored on my 90th birthday with a grand party at the City Island Nautical Museum. I am very grateful to my family, especially my daughter Jeane, for this wonderful afternoon, and I would also like to thank everyone who came to celebrate with me, especially those who made generous donations to the City Island Historical Society and Nautical Museum on that occasion.

Captain Ed Sadler

Thanks from Hungry Students

To the Editor,

I am writing to let Islanders know the kindness and professionalism our school received at SixMileCross Restaurant during a recent trip to City Island. Thirty youngsters from various grades were to attend a school outing that included lunch at a local restaurant.

At the last minute and regardless of a prior reservation made, the restaurant could not accommodate us. Scrambling for another place to take our hungry students, I remembered what friendly service my family recently received at SixMileCross and decided to give it a try. The restaurant welcomed our children with open arms at a moment's notice, fed them delicious food at reasonable prices, and even provided entertainment - who knew one of the staff could juggle? I would like to publicly thank SixMileCross for their hospitality and encourage all Islanders to patronize such a community-minded establishment. I know I'll be returning, as will my co-workers.

Jennifer Etzel
Co-director of After-School Programs,
P.S. 83

Support for Polio Victims

To the Editor,

I had polio at age two and a half when I lived on City Island. I was fine after my recovery for many years and worked as an R.N. in the O.R. In 2002, I began to have symptoms of Post Polio Syndrome. I had to stop working in 2003. I started a support group and would like to hear from other City Islanders who might have had polio. My email is info@tomsrivernjpolio.org.

Susan Payne Gato

Recognize Anyone?

To the Editor,

Last week I was on City Island and had a chance to donate a small book of memories to the City Island Library entitled "City Island Memories."

Speaking of memories, I am enclosing a copy of my 1935 kindergarten picture and the names of my fellow classmates as I recall them. Unfortunately, fellow City Islander and teacher, Ruby Dill, is not in this old image. The class parents had made these red and white band uniforms, trimmed in gold, for our performance. I cannot recall for what occasion

we played.

There are three girls who you may recognize in the middle row: Connie Davis [Cantor], Wilhelmina Hunter, and the shoemaker's daughter, Concetta DeRosa.

Can anyone identify the back row of four boys? One was a tall redhead, second from the left.

I also found an old postcard that shows our old school as Public School No. 12. Can someone lend an explanation for that?

You can write to me at 132 Jenny Lind Street in Netcong, NJ 07857 or to *The Current*.

Hope everyone enjoys the summer.

Fay Jordaens

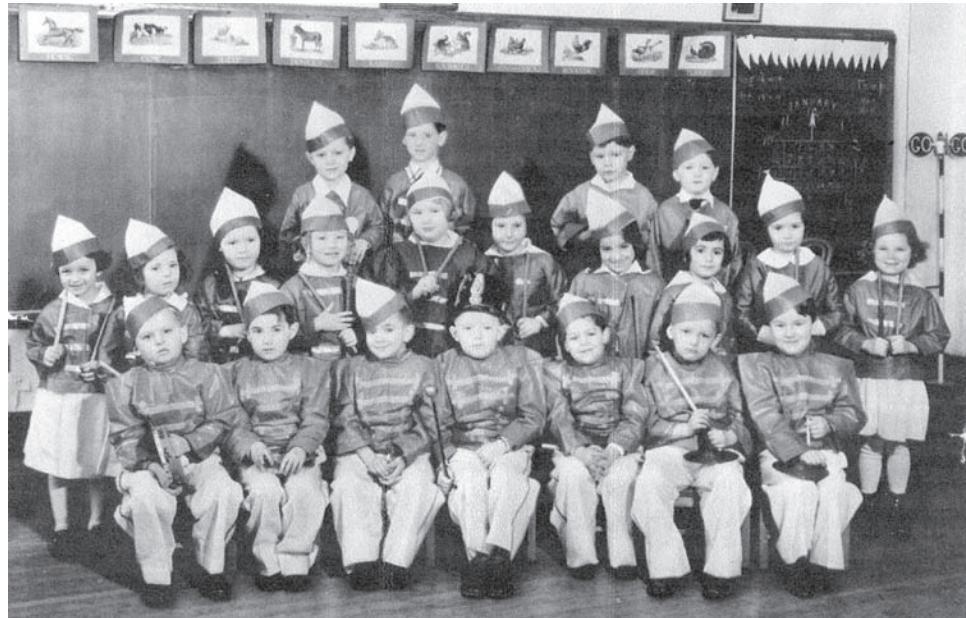


Photo Courtesy of FAY JORDAENS
The 1935 kindergarten class of P.S. 175 (bottom row, l. to r.): Ed Ljostad, Frank McKenna, Teddy Urban, Bob Jenkins, Anthony Pontecorvo, Billy Darling and Paul Schmitz. Middle row: Helen Morino, Jean Dunlop, ?, Connie Davis, Wilhelmina Hunter, Janet Schmidt, Concetta DeRosa, ?, Grace Curtis and Fay Schmahl. Top row: unknown.

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The Wartime Experiences of Thomas Costello: Part I

By RUSSELL SCHALLER

This is the story of a young American soldier, Thomas P. Costello, who served in the United States Army European theater of operations during World War II. You may know Tom since he and his late wife, Anne, raised their family here on City Island. Although his beloved Anne passed away a couple of years ago and their five children have remarried and relocated, Tom still resides, with his rich memories, in the family home on Tier Street.

Tom is an excellent writer, and I am going to quote extensive excerpts from his wartime log, a diary of his experiences in combat and after his capture. Those of you who were assigned to combat areas probably recall not being able to keep diaries lest they fall into enemy hands, so Tom was not able to start this diary until after he was captured in April 1944 at Anzio, Italy. He was able to barter his watch with a German prison guard for the material he needed to write his war log. The guard provided Tom with a bound notebook, and to conserve space, Tom made his recordings in very small script, which is still legible even after all these years.

Before we get to the wartime log, here is some background about this extraordinary man.

Before the War

Thomas P. Costello was born on Sept. 21, 1923, to Michael and Mary Jane Costello shortly after their arrival in the United States from Ireland. He was their firstborn and was soon followed by Joseph, Mary, Theresa and Patricia. Growing up on Country Club Road in the Bronx, Thomas enjoyed a childhood of warmth, love, struggle and victory.

As a student at Our Lady of Assumption Grammar School in a time of economic hardship, Thomas excelled in all his subjects and went on to attend Power Memorial High School. Power did not field a football team, however, and since Tom was a promising athlete determined to play the game, he decided to approach the administration at Mount Saint Michael, where he was told that scholarships were awarded to promising athletes. That was not school policy, but Tom's moxie impressed Brother Francis Xavier, who offered him a scholarship on the condition that he make the first team and start in every game that season. Brother Xavier never believed that this young sophomore could fulfill this condition, but when Tom did so, Brother Xavier was as good as his word. Tom graduated as valedictorian of his class and eventually went on to become valedictorian and president of the class of 1948 at Holy Cross College in Massachusetts.

Joining the Army

Tom's college career, however, was cut short by World War II. He enlisted in the Army in May 1943 and reported to Fort Dix in New Jersey where he was assigned to Camp Wheeler in Macon, Georgia. In December, he was given a 10-day furlough, the type of furlough that was a precursor to an overseas assignment. Tom spent his leave well, enjoying time with his family and bidding farewell to old friends.

"My last night at home is one that I will never forget as long as I live. It had rained

that day and the evening was damp and for the most part miserable. I had already said good-bye, maybe permanently, to Mount Saint Michael's, my alma mater; but now came the real ordeal. I must bid adieu to Pelham Bay—the beautiful park, the wide boulevard, Assumption Church, and to County Club, my old grammar school, the quiet homes, the friendly bay, and above all I must say good-bye to the family, to Mom. That was the toughest part of it all."

After a stop at his father's tavern, Tom proceeded to the subway station with his father and a close family friend. He bid them good-bye, dropped a nickel in the turnstile and ascended the stairway to the upper level. As he recalls it: "In a few minutes a train whisked me away, away from Pelham Bay, my home, my love, my heart. A deep and meditating gloom was my only companion. My very heavy barracks bag was a small burden."

The next stop on Tom's odyssey was Fort Meade, Maryland, and then on to Virginia's Camp Patrick Henry, which Tom describes as a macabre place with tarpaper-covered barracks and mud everywhere. During basic training, he started keeping a journal: "Thousands upon thousands of men and officers everywhere, and I was alone." But he soon had to give up his log and destroy what he had already written. It was here that he met Zigfried Bernheim, a German Jew who had come to the United States from Stuttgart during the late 1930s and would play a significant role in Tom's survival at Anzio.

The European Theater

On Jan. 22, 1944, Tom's unit left for the trip across the Atlantic to Europe aboard a liberty ship called the *Levi Woodbury*. The quarters, as on all troop ships, were cramped and the food left much to be desired, but Tom was reunited with many soldiers he had befriended during basic training. An ardent reader, Tom also spent much of his time devouring whatever written material he could find.

Land was sighted by Feb. 10 or 11, and soon the convoy was anchored in Gibraltar Bay, one of the most beautiful sights Tom had ever beheld. The ship departed that same day, however, headed for Oran in North Africa, where Tom expected to spend the next six months. This was not to be. After a few days, Tom was transferred to the *Highland Chieftain*, an ocean liner (a big improvement over the *Levi Woodbury*!) that was headed for Italy. "Cheer up, lads," Tom told his shipmates. "Every day is a day closer to home or heaven."

When the ship reached Naples, Tom found that the once-beautiful city had lost its luster, having been ravaged by war. He was touched by the poor children and shared what C-rations he had with them. Little did he know that in a few months he too would be starving and suffering.

At this point in the war, the Americans had been able to defeat the Germans in North Africa and Sicily, but the Germans still controlled most of Italy and were holding fast at Monte Cassino, the site of three of the most important battles of the war that led eventually to the American capture of Rome.

By train and truck, Tom and his colleagues were shipped to a placement depot about 30 miles south of Monte Cassino, where he was assigned to the Third Infantry Division. It was obvious that 17 weeks of basic training was all these young men would get before being thrown into the cauldron of combat. From the placement depot, Tom returned to Naples, where he boarded an LST (Landing Ship, Tank) headed for the small port town of Anzio.

The next morning, Tom stood on the

deck, when "a big explosion occurred and a large splash of water was seen about 100 yards off the stern. A Jerry shell! A shell aimed at the ship. A shell that was meant for destruction, not only of the ship and its materials, but also of the human cargo on board. It was aimed at me. My life was meant to be taken. Someone was trying to kill me. Never will I forget this experience! I who loved my fellow man, I was dumbfounded, amazed. I had had my first real war experience."

On Feb. 26, the LST landed at Anzio and were greeted by "whistling Pete," the German's big railroad gun some 25 miles away. Tom and Zigfried Bernheim teamed up to build their first foxhole, and their friendship began. One day a squadron of bombers supported by fighters flew over, headed toward the German lines. Suddenly one of the planes was hit by German ack ack, and flames burst in all directions. Tom prayed for the crew and for those mothers who would never see their sons again.

"One afternoon around three o'clock, I was caught in the midst of an artillery barrage—my first. The warning signal of the oncoming shell was a terrible, shrill sound. I bounded into my hole, and then came an explosion pretty close by, and then one and then another. As the shells burst all around me, I lay flat on my face, quivering from head to toe and reciting one rosary after another, pleading with God to spare me as I had never pleaded before....As with all things in life, the barrage finally ended. The first sight I beheld was a G.I. sitting against the massive rock only a few yards from me, with blood flowing from his head down both sides of his face. I thought of Christ's face as it was when his head was crowned with thorns. A pitiful picture, but the soldier lived and is still living today, I believe. Close by him another G.I. lay dying. One man was killed, and two were wounded."

After a fire fight in which 41 Germans were captured, Tom described his first impression of the enemy. "These Jerries were the first I had ever seen. They were a sad-looking lot, and fear seemed to be the dominant trait in their faces. I did not hate these men. Far from it. I rather pitied them and then thought how lucky they were; the war for them was just about over. They would not have much more sweating to do.... I felt that I had a great deal in common with these men. . . They had kissed tearful parents good-bye just as I had, and when that first shell came whistling near them, they knew like myself that they wanted no part of this unholy mess. ((Many of my POW buddies would front on me for that statement and the sentiments I have expressed here, but I respect their opinions and all I ask is the same of them)."

During the lull after another attack, Tom heard the cries of the wounded. "We had hit a Jerry and he was begging for mercy. What his words were I knew not, for I am unfamiliar with the language, but it was evident that he was crying for help. As soon as he pleaded his mournful petition, one of our Browning automatic rifles opened up in his direction, and a few grenades were probably thrown his way, for he was very close and we were taking no chances. I could not blame our boys in the least. When a man is fighting desperately for his life, it is ridiculous if he takes any unnecessary chances. After this German quieted down, another one started moaning. This was indeed a night of terror and horror.

"The early rays of morning light were very welcome. There is something terrible about the night on the front line. It is the story of the unknown in the unknown. I would much rather fight realities and not shadows. The light was a sign of hope for something better; darkness was filled with despair and fear."

The Day of Capture

Shortly afterward, "an agreement was reached between the American and Ger-



Thomas Costello

man officers, with Zigfried Bernheim acting as interpreter, that for three hours no small arms or artillery fire would take place. During that time the Germans walked among our positions and, of course, knew the picture of the set-up perfectly. This fact made their task much easier, of course, and was the key to our eventual capture."

On the morning of April 26, 1944, I was awakened (having fallen asleep at dawn after a long night on the front line) at around 9 a.m. by sporadic machine-pistol fire. I heard two Jerries talking as though they were long lost friends and it sounded so close. Why, they must be just outside my hole in the ditch below me. My mind was working fast. Sporadic Jerry fire and no return fire from our men.... The men must have retreated and in their haste forgot to tell us about it. What were we to do? In those fearful moments, I prayed for guidance from the Virgin Mary, and I feel quite sure that she inspired me to my final action.

"I took a quick glance out of my hole, and much to my amazement directly below me in the ditch were two Jerries, and directly opposite me there were two more. What a spot to be in with just an M-1 rifle! Should we fight these people, wait and try to escape, or give up? To fight meant certain death. To wait also meant death, for Jerry was examining all the holes by first dropping grenades into them. Surrender seemed our only alternative, and even then we knew not what our fate would be. Bernheim probably helped decide the issue for me. During those terrible moments of indecision, I heard him say: 'Thomas, it's useless. Give up.' He was not giving me away. He was just trying to help me."

"Daniels went out with his hands up, and I lay low waiting to see how he made out. If he were going to be shot, I figured they would shoot him right then and there. If he were shot, I would die fighting and I mean to take a few Jerries with me. But Daniels made out all right, and so out I came to sweat those first terrible seconds as a prisoner."

"Six of us spent most of that terrible day carrying our wounded to a place behind the German lines, where they could be given emergency treatment and then transported to a permanent German hospital for further treatment. Vivid in my mind today is the young German soldier, dark haired and quite handsome, who stood on a little knoll in broad daylight waving a Red Cross flag to signal our troops to withhold their fire so that our wounded comrades might be evacuated safely."

"Later on I was to see him lying dead on the ground on his back, killed by our artillery. The Red Cross flag was still cradled in his arms. Fresh red blood was trickling from his mouth onto the ground. Ground that he and I had fought over. Ground that was not his or mine. If there is one picture in my mind that signifies the futility of war, this is it."

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As summer begins, the music gets hotter at the **Starving Artist Café & Gallery** (249 City Island Avenue; 718-885-3779). Start the month off with laughs at Open Mike Comedy Night, on Thursday, June 1, beginning at 8 p.m. Then come hear the harmony of Project Mercury as they make their debut acoustic rock and modern folk performance on Saturday, June 3, at 8 p.m. On Sunday, June 4, travel back in time to the Renaissance with Musica Flammaram, beginning at 3 p.m.

On Friday, June 9, City Island's Dave and Anthony, who signed after several appearances at our open mike songwriter nights, will debut their original sound/act at 8 p.m. On Saturday, June 10, Lawrence "Lipbone" Redding brings his soulful sound to the stage, starting at 8 p.m. On Sunday, June 11, it's time to mellow out with the "jazz man" himself, Lou Volpe,

at 4 p.m.

Open Mike Songwriter Night is mid-month this June; join us to play or enjoy the sounds on Friday, June 16, at 8 p.m. City Island's Dr. Chris Wertenbaker brings his band, Port O' Monkeys, back to Starving Artist on Saturday, June 17, for a "fiesta" of Spanish and Middle Eastern music, beginning at 10 p.m. Then on Sunday, June 18, treat your dad to our Father's Day "Guitar Jam-boree," with a 3 p.m. start.

On Friday, June 23, be with us at 8 p.m. for a dual debut: Laura Monaco (pop/rock singer and songwriter) and Paige 23 (acoustic folk singer-songwriter). Another face is on tap for Saturday, June 24, at 9 p.m., singer-songwriter Peter Oliva. Then on Sunday, June 25, it's jazz time again, with the City Island Jazz Quartet, starting at 4 p.m. On Thursday, June 29, there's Open Mike Poetry Night, beginning at 8 p.m. And end the month with a lady who always hits all the right notes, the "sweet-heart of the Starving Artist," singer-songwriter Theresa Sareo, will perform on Friday, June 30, at 8 p.m. and will sign copies of her newly released CD, "Alive Again." For more on our schedule, visit www.starvingartistonline.com.

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First, fill out an application for a new card (Form SS-5), which you may obtain from the Society Security Web site (www.socialsecurity.gov) or at your local Social Security office. Then you should take or mail the completed application with certain types of identification to your nearest Social Security office. The offices nearest City Island are at 1380 Parker Street, Bronx, 10462, and 85 Harrison Street in New Rochelle 10801.

To prove identity, an acceptable document must be current (not expired) and show your name, identifying information (date of birth or age) and preferably a recent photograph. A U.S. driver's license, passport or a state-issued non-driver identification card are all acceptable. If you do not have one of these documents or cannot get one within 10 days, you may show an employee ID card, a school ID card, a health insurance card, a U.S. military ID card or an adoption decree. To prove citizenship, acceptable documents include a U.S. birth certificate, U.S. consular report of birth, U.S. passport, Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship. Non-citizens must provide documentation to prove legal immigration status and work authorization.

All documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. Photocopies or notarized copies of documents are not acceptable. The replacement Social Security card and number will be mailed to you as soon as all of the information has been submitted and verified. Your original documents will also be mailed to you.

Keep in mind that you are limited to three replacement cards in a year and 10 during your lifetime. Legal name changes and other exceptions, such as changes in

non-citizen status that require card updates, do not count toward these limits. Also, you may not be affected by these limits if you can prove you need the card to prevent a significant hardship.

Be sure to treat your Social Security number as confidential information and avoid giving it out unnecessarily. Keep your card in a safe place with your other important papers. Do not carry it with you unless you need to show it to an employer or service provider. This will minimize the chances of losing your Social Security card or having it stolen.

If you would like more information about how to get a Social Security replacement card, just visit the Web site or call the toll-free number 800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the publication "Your Social Security Number and Card."

On the Move? Let Social Security Know

Every year millions of American families pack up their belongings and move to another state or another town or another neighborhood in their home town. For anyone who is moving and is also receiving Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, it is important to let Social Security know your new address and phone number as soon as possible.

Even if you receive your benefits by direct deposit, Social Security needs to have your correct address so letters and other important information may be mailed to you. Your benefits could be stopped if Social Security is unable to contact you.

You should let Social Security know about your change of address any time that you move, even if you relocate for only part of the year. For example, if you live in a different place during the summer than you do in the winter, you need to change your address each time you relocate.

If you are getting Social Security benefits, you can probably change your address at the Web site www.socialsecurity.gov/changeaddress.html, by answering a series of questions that match the records.

You can also change your address on the Internet if you have established a permanent password. If you don't have a password but would like to get one, you can apply online, or you can call 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778) to get a password or to change your address.

To protect everyone's privacy, each person who wants to change his or her address must request it. For example, your spouse and other members of your household will each need to log on to do this. Each person decides when the change of address will take effect.

You will receive a confirmation screen at the end of your report notifying you of the effective date of the change. In addition, you will receive a confirmation letter in the mail.

You cannot change your address online if you are getting Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. You also cannot change your address online if you are a representative payee (someone who handles Social Security money for another person). To change your address in these cases, you can call 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778).



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On Saturday, May 13, 2006, a group of park enthusiasts gathered to reminisce about the efforts made in 1976, led by City Islander Virginia Gallagher, to save much of Pelham Bay Park from becoming landfill dumps for the city of New York. Without the intervention of civic groups and residents of the northeast Bronx, sections of Hunter Island, Goose Creek, Tallapoosa West and what is now the Thomas Pell Wildlife Sanctuary would be buried under mountains of garbage. Seated at left is Virginia Gallagher, with Margot Perron, Pelham Bay Park administrator, to the right. Standing are (l. to r.): Paul Rondono, Bill Tuomey, Angel Vasquez and Jorge Santiago.



Photo by SUSAN BELLINSON

Elliott Glick was one of several artists who joined children and their families, along with other Islanders, in an evening of tile painting at P.S. 175 on May 16, 2006. The hand-painted tiles will be professionally fired and installed in a community wall in the auditorium of the school.

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Current Calendar

JUNE

Sat., and Sun., June 3 and 4, **Arts and Crafts Fair** sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Island Avenue.

Thurs., June 8, **Garden Club Garden Spring Luncheon**, 12 noon, City Island Yacht Club, Pilot Street.

Sat., June 10, **Bronx Masons Clothing Drive**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., City Island Masonic Temple, 241 City Island Avenue.

Sun., June 11, **Blessing of the Fleet**, 1 p.m. off Fenton's Marine Dock, VHF Channel 71 beginning 12:30 p.m.

Thurs., June 15, **Community Board 10 meets**, 7:30 p.m., Preston High School, 2780 Schurz Avenue, Bronx.

Sat., June 17 to Sat., June 24, **Bronx Week 2006**, sponsored by The Bronx Tourism Council.

Sat., June 24, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: Chef's Salad (lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, cubes of ham, turkey, etc.).

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

Garden Club News

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be on Monday, June 5, at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club.

It is not too late to make reservations for our spring luncheon on Thursday, June 8, at 12 noon at the City Island Yacht Club. Price \$30. Our raffle will have many wonderful prizes, including gift certificates and gift baskets. Call Ruth Collins at 718-885-1361 for reservations.

Phyllis Goodman

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island, "Your Shul by the Sea" (at 480 City Island Avenue, between Beach and Bowne Streets) is an all-inclusive egalitarian, multiethnic Jewish congregation with Sabbath services each Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Shohama and Cantor Elaine will lead the Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday, June 2, and July 7.

On June 2, we will celebrate the holiday of Shavuot and conduct the installation of our officers and of our new rabbinic pastor, Daniel Klipper.

Learn ballroom dancing with Elaine Belasco. Lessons in basic ballroom and Latin dance are open to the public. Classes are conducted on Wednesdays (from 7:30 to 9 p.m.) through June 21. Come and join us, and get ready for our summer dance by the sea next month. No partner required. Free for TBE members (\$10 per session for non-members). Registration accepted until classes are filled. Call 718-885-2154.

Yoga/tai-chi classes continue on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. all through June. Marc Kaplan's exercises will leave you more flexible, more energetic and refreshed. For more information, call Marc at 718-885-2445.

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The annual City Island Arts & Crafts Fair is also on the weekend of June 3 and 4 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the City Island Republicans will have a table at the event. We encourage all City Islanders to stop by and receive information about the different candidates running for office.

The next club meeting is Wednesday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 550 City Island Avenue. There will be a presentation of the different candidates running for office that will focus on the gubernatorial and United States Senatorial elections, since there will likely be a Republican primary for both offices. Our July meeting is on Wednesday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m., also at the American Legion hall.

See you on a block near you.

Frederick W. Ramftl Jr.

Trinity United Methodist Church

Spring is here, and summer will soon be upon us. Here at Trinity we are preparing for those lazy days when we all get a chance to take a deep breath and relax.

June 4 will be the last day of our Sunday school. As there will be no Sunday school during the months of July and August, we will be adding a family service to our schedule. The family service will be held at 8:30 a.m., with our regular service to follow at 10 a.m. All are invited to join us at both services.

June 4 is also Pentecost Sunday, and we at Trinity will be welcoming five new members at our 10 a.m. service. Everyone is invited to join us.

We at Trinity wish all of you a lazy, safe and fun summer. May God bless!

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The Court of Awards ceremony for the City Island Girl Scouts was held on April 29, 2006. Congratulations to all the girls for completing another successful year in scouting.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Family Movie Night

On Saturday, May 20, the St. Mary Star of the Sea Home/School Association hosted the first Family Movie Night in the school gymnasium. Thirteen families attended this event. Father Michael opened with a prayer and thanked everyone for coming. All in attendance agreed that they had a wonderful time. We enjoyed a homemade pasta dinner, compliments of Tina and Bob Ruggiero, and the children watched a movie and ate popcorn and Italian ices. The parents also enjoyed the movie and shared good conversation and celebrated community and friendship. We hope this is the first of many Parish functions that help to revitalize our relationships with each other. Over the summer we hope to host a "movie under the stars." We plan to enjoy an outdoor barbeque and view a family friendly movie in the schoolyard overlooking picturesque, Long Island Sound. Log onto to our Web site: www.stmarystaroftheseacityisland.com for updates.

Larry Saulnier

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Church celebrates Holy Communion every Sunday at 10 a.m., and you are warmly welcomed to join us! Childcare is available for young children in the Parish Hall beginning at 9:45 a.m.; for older children, Church School is offered approximately three times a month beginning at 10 a.m.

Here is an overview of what's happening at Grace Church during June and early July:

- Saturday, June 3, 12 noon: Memorial Service for Scott Sinclair, who died suddenly at the end of April. The entire City Island community is invited and encouraged to come celebrate and give thanks for Scott's remarkable life.

- Sunday, June 18, 11:30 a.m.: All-Parish Picnic, hosted by the Church School.

- Please note that our Sunday service time will move to 9 a.m. beginning on July 2 and continuing through Labor Day weekend.

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Enter the Drue Breen Literary Fund Slogan/Logo Contest! There are four chances to win. Create one (or all) of the following:

1. Slogan for the Community Center. The Center needs a catchy slogan that highlights us as a fun, educational, supportive environment, open to all.

2. Slogan for the Saturday Night Youth Center. The Youth Center is looking for a hip, new phrase that will encourage people to come check us out!

3. Logo for the Community Center. The Center needs a logo (a picture) that represents us with a simple, recognizable image.

4. Logo for the Saturday Night Youth Center. Design an image to represent the Saturday Night Youth Center. The image will be used on all future items (flyers, t-shirts, etc.) to promote youth night.

The deadline is July 10. Mail all entries to City Island Community Center, P.O. Box 135, City Island, NY 10464.

**NEW THIS YEAR
SUMMER PROGRAM**

Marrero's Martial Arts Academy Summer Program will be held Monday through Thursday, for four weeks, from July 10 through Aug. 3. Areas of study will include kickboxing, tai chi soft and hard, self-defense, self-discipline, physical fitness and tournament prep. Class times will be 10 a.m. (ages 4-7); 11 a.m. (ages 8-12); 12 noon (ages 13-19); 1 p.m. (adult). Fee for the full summer session is only \$100, which includes the uniform. Call José at 646-671-7264 to register or Amy at 718-885-3502 for more information.

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. Call Deirdre at 201-679-1450.

Jazz/Tap for Grades 2 through 6: Thursdays after school. Call Linda at Dance Connection, 914-576-5515.

Girl Scouts: Fourth Grade. For information, call Grace Nagy at 718-757-1338.

Daisies: Kindergarten. For information call Brenda Prohaska at 718-885-9040.

Small Potatoes-Creative Cooking for Kids: Thursdays. Give Gina a call for more information at 845-531-5011.

Teen Center: Saturday evenings 7:30 to 10 p.m. Please call Jay Howard at 718-885-2192 for more information.

ADULT PROGRAM

Belly Dancing With Myriam: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays. Call Myriam at 347-602-8968 for more information.

TNT (Tuesday Night Tap): Adult Jazz/Tap Classes. Tuesdays, from 7 to 8 p.m. Call Corinne Grondahl at 718-309-8041.

Aerobics With Mary: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 to 10 a.m. Babysitting available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793.

**FAMILY PROGRAM
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Wilma's Music Together: Music and movement for children ages birth through 5 and the adults who love them! Fridays, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Saturdays from 10:15 to 11 a.m. For more information, call 718-882-2223 or visit the Web site www.vilmasmusictogether.com or e-mail info@vilmasmusictogether.com.

Knitting Club: Beginner knitting classes for all ages! Thursdays, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call Carol at 718-885-3190 for more information.

Chess Club: Monday evenings from 7 to 11 p.m. For ages 13 and up. No need to register, just show up!

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, 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend.

Amy Gottlieb-McElroy

Legion News

By the time this issue of *The Current* hits the street, this year's Memorial Day parade will be history. The parade, as always, will be led by Post members, their stomachs now protruding from beneath what were once mighty chests. World War II veterans will greet the multitudes of spectators from a float bedecked with patriotic bunting. Korean and Vietnam veterans with non-service-connected afflictions, such as the gout, are expected to join their older comrades.

I just completed Tom Costello's wartime odyssey for *The Current*; it will appear in two parts beginning in this month's issue. Tom was captured at Anzio, Italy, during World War II. For you Anzio buffs, the cruiser *Anzio* is one of the ships visiting New York this year, welcoming visitors at Pier 90 on the Hudson River.

There are a number of old new faces among the officers for the 2006-2007 term who will be seated for the June 5 meeting. The following are the newly elected. Commander: Dave Carman; First Vice Commander—Membership: Michael Treat; Second Vice Commander—Activities: Richard O'Keefe; Third Vice Commander—Americanism: Ed Shipp; Adjutant: Bill Clancy; Service Officer: Robert Mennona; Sergeant-at-Arms: Thomas McMahon; Finance Officer and Treasurer of the Corporation: Michael Rauh; Judge Advocate: Jack Hardigan; Executive Committee: Fred Hess, Buddy Pontecorvo, Russ Schaller; Director of Homeland Security: Pat Bramley.

The meetings for the month are as follows: regular meetings June 5 and June 19; executive board June 12. Remember that all meetings start promptly at 7:30 p.m. Tardiness could result in demerits.

The reconstruction work on the southwest corner of the building has been completed. Plaudits to Bill Clancy and Ray Kelly, who labored many hours under the critical eyes of the Island's denizens.

Next on the proverbial agenda could be the unisex restroom on the first floor. Post pundits have advanced myriad suggestions to improve the facilities, most recently that of a talking urinal.

Some dates ahead to remember: Thursday, June 8, is the outgoing commander's dinner at JP's Restaurant. See bulletin board for details. Sunday, June 11, is the Blessing of the Fleet at Fenton's Marina; see bulletin board for details.

There will be no more smoking at the bar or in club facilities. A smoking area outside the building will be designated for those still addicted to the weed.

There are several days to remember on the June calendar. It was June 6, 1944, when American and British troops stormed the beaches of Normandy. We also celebrate Flag Day on June 14. A number of Islanders still think that the first flag was made at Ratsey's sail loft on June 14, 1777, by Georgia Washington Horton. The Korean War began on June 25, 1950.

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	Guinness	5	
	Dark roasted Irish stout lager		
	Cheezy Bread	5	
Fresh garlic, provel cheese & parsley			
	Thai Spring Rolls	5	
Crispy rolls w/ glass noodles, black mushroom & scallion served w/ lettuce, cilantro & sweet chilli sauce			
	CI Wings	7	
Honey garlic or traditional			
	Chicken Tenderloins	7	
Country style chicken tenderloins w/ house made honey dijon			
	Soup of the Day	5	
Ask your server for the "411"			
Salads	House Salad / Pita +1 / Wrap +1	5	
	Lettuce mix, cucumbers, tomatoes, red onions & our house dressing		
	Caesar Salad / Pita +1 / Wrap +1	6	
	Romaine lettuce, croutons, red onion, parmesan cheese Add feta cheese, kalamata olives & cucumbers +2 Add bleu cheese +1		
	Italian Salad / Pita +1 / Wrap +1	7	
Lettuce mix, artichoke hearts, pimentos, provel cheese & Italian dressing			
	Apricot Chicken Salad	9	
Lapsang Souchon tea poached chicken breast w/ apricots, basil aeoli, toasted pine nuts, celery & sweet onion			
Mexican	Tacos (Chicken / Bean & Cheese / Tofu)	7	
	Your choice of flour or white corn tortillas, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, queso blanco, cilantro, crema		
	Fish Tacos	8	
	Beer battered fish, lime marinated cabbage, tomato, cilantro, queso blanco & crema in your choice of flour or white corn tortillas		
	Tortas	8	
Ask your server about the torta selections. Most come w/ fresh avocado, lettuce, tomato, refried pink beans, crema, cilantro & queso blanco. Add Fries +2 to any item Add Chicken +3 to any salad Add Delmonico +5 to any salad			

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		Lunch	
Wraps	Bronx BLT	7	
	Smoked bacon, lettuce mix, tomato, mayonaise & black pepper in a spinach wrap		
	Lo-Fat, Lo-Cholesterol	7	
	Egg whites, one slice of bacon, one slice of American in a white flour wrap		
	Cuban	8	
Ham, roast pork, Swiss, yellow mustard & a pickle in a white flour wrap			
	Vietnamese Chicken	8	
Country fried chicken tenderloins, cucumbers, tomatoes, fresh cilantro & sriracha sauce in a spinach wrap			
	Buffalo Chicken	8	
Country fried chicken tenderloins, lettuce mix, cucumbers, tomatoes, crumbled bleu cheese, bleu cheese dressing & buffalo wing sauce tossed & served in a spinach wrap			
Pitas	Falafel (v)	8	
	Ground spiced chickpea patties fried & tossed w/ tahini, lettuce mix, tomato, cucumber & a pickle		
	Gyro (Beef or Chicken)	8	
Lettuce mix, cucumbers, tomatoes, tzatziki sauce & a pickle Add kalamata olives & feta cheese +1			
Sandwiches	Tomato (v)	3	
	Sliced fresh tomatoes on white bread w/ mayonaise, salt & pepper		
	Saloon Cheeseburger	8	
	Pan-seared ground chuck patty w/ your choice of cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle & onion on a brioche bun / Add bacon, mushrooms or sauteed onions +1		
	Voodoo Chicken	8	
	Blackened chicken breast, pickled jalapenos, voodoo sauce, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle & onion on a brioche bun		
	Fish	8	
	Fried flounder w/ American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle & onion served on a brioche bun w/ lemon & homemade tartar sauce		
	Philly Chicken or Cheesesteak	8	
	Sauteed onions, peppers, mushrooms & cheese sauce on a club roll		
	New-Islander	10	
Shaved turkey simmered in gravy, cheddar cheese, Swiss cheese, fresh garlic & crispy shallots served open faced on Terra Nova bread			
Delmonico Club	11		
Pan-seared delmonico steak on Terra Nova bread w/ American, Swiss, bacon, lettuce, tomato, mayonaise & black pepper			

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		Dinner	
Tappas	Hummus w/ Toasted Pine Nuts	6	
	Ground chickpeas, tahini, lemon juice, olive oil, parsley, toasted pine nuts & pita points		
	Smoked Clam Bruchetta	6	
	Minced smoked clams, tomato fresca, queso blanco, olive oil & fresh basil on crostini		
	Queso Freir	7	
	Pan sauteed queso blanco w/ toasted sesame new mole & crema		
	Mekong Chicken Sandwich	8	
	Country fried chicken tenderloins, cucumbers, tomatoes, fresh cilantro & sriracha sauce on Terra Nova bread		
	Tempura Scallops	9	
	Served w/ spicy Japanese mayo		
	Sweet Corn Crab Cakes	9	
Jumbo lump & claw crab cakes w/ sweet corn puree			
	Roasted Tomatillo y Tinga Tostadas	9	
Chipotle braised chicken thighs, roasted tomatillo, queso blanco & crema on fried flour tortillas			
Salads	House	5	
	Lettuce mix, cucumbers, tomatoes, red onions & our house dressing		
	Caesar	6	
	Romaine lettuce, croutons, red onion, pecorino romano cheese & caesar dressing Add feta cheese, kalamata olives & cucumbers +2 Add bleu cheese +1		
	Italian	7	
	Lettuce mix, artichoke hearts, pimentos, provel cheese & Italian dressing		
	Wedge	7	
Iceberg lettuce, shaved red onions, tomato & bleu cheese dressing			
	Vegan Chicken Salad (v)	8	
Tempeh, celery, onion, relish, lime juice & vegan mayonaise on a bed of boston bibb lettuce			
Soup	Soup du Jour	5	
	Ask your server about our soup selections		
(v) Vegetarian			

		Dinner	
Pasta	Cajun Cavatelli Carchofi (v)	15	
	Cavatelli ricotta w/ pan roasted garlic, artichoke hearts, kalamata olives, olive oil, fresh thyme, bell peppers & cajun seasoning		
	Ziti w/ Broccoli & Spiced Apples (v)	15	
Ziti noodles in a cream sauce w/ steamed broccoli, Moroccan spiced apples, fresh grated carrot & pecorino romano cheese			
	Indonesian Long Noodle w/ Scallops	20	
Noodles tossed w/ julianned leeks, carrots, celery, onion, bell pepper, sweet soy, chili garlic sauce, seared scallops & cilantro			
Rice	Chicken Tinga	15	
	Chipotle braised chicken thighs, mexican rice, refried pink beans, crema, cilantro & flour tortillas		
	Vietnamese Pork Chop	17	
Lightly breaded pork chop over jasmine rice w/ scallions, grated carrot, cucumber, tomato, cilantro & a fried egg			
	Fire Rice (v)	17	
Jasmine rice w/ bell pepper, scallion, onion, snap peas, cashews, garlic, pineapple, fresh tomato & don't forget the hot chillies!			
Main	Baked Chicken w/ Orange Brandy Glaze	20	
	Chicken breast glazed & baked served w/ seasonal vegetables & roasted potatoes		
	Masaman Curry	20	
	Thai peanut based curry w/ new potatoes, Asian eggplant, cashews & fresh avocado served w/ jasmine rice w/ your choice of beef, chicken or tofu		
	Country Style Pork Chops	20	
	Breaded pork chops served w/ country black pepper gravy, roasted potatoes & seasonal vegetables		
	Salmon Vindaloo	22	
	Fillet of salmon simmered in Indian vindaloo sauce served w/ rice & roasted asparagus		
	Seared Brazillian Delmonico	24	
Pan-seared Delmonico steak w/ chimichurri sauce served w/ fried plantains & seasonal vegetables			
Special	Daily Special		Market
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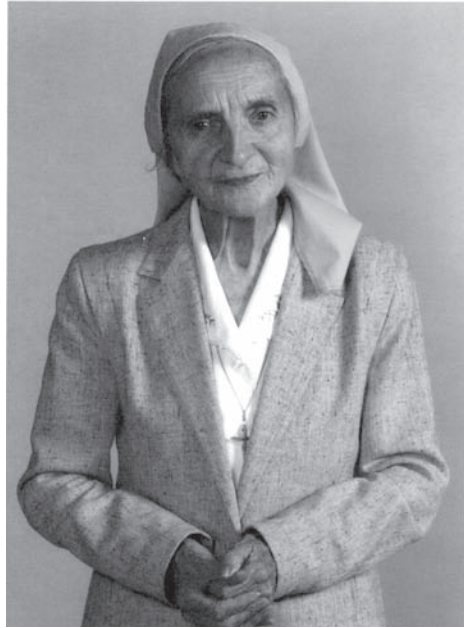
Sister Marie Flynn

Sister Marie Flynn, who lived for years on City Island, died on March 22, 2006, at the age of 91.

She was born on June 26, 1915, in a small village in County Clare in western Ireland, the fifth of nine children. She worked for years as an ophthalmic optician, although she herself never owned a pair of glasses, and took many bicycle trips around Ireland and abroad. She entered the Medical Missionaries of Mary (MMM) in 1952 at the age of 35 and was given the post of secretary to the foundress when she was just a postulant.

Sister Marie came to the United States in 1974 and was assigned to use her considerable secretarial and administrative skills with the staff at Pope John XXIII Seminary near Boston, Massachusetts. She served there for a number of years before being assigned to the City Island House as secretary to the USA leadership team.

After suffering a broken shoulder in 2003, Sister Marie had to give up her daily



Sister Marie Flynn

walks to the Post Office, a familiar sight to many Islanders. She officially retired in January 2005 and returned to her native Ireland, although she was very sad to leave City Island, the MMM community and her many friends.

A memorial Mass was held in her honor at St. Mary, Star of the Sea on May 13, 2006.



Photos by VIRGINIA DANNEGGER and LARRY SAULNIER

Activities were in full gear at St. Mary's Star of the Sea in May following the good news about the school (see May Current). The church hosted a family movie night on May 20 complete with popcorn for the children (see top photo). A tag sale was held for the school on May 6. Organizers Kelly Saulnier, Tina Ruggiero and Hilda Morales (bottom photo, l. to r.) declared the sale a fundraising success.

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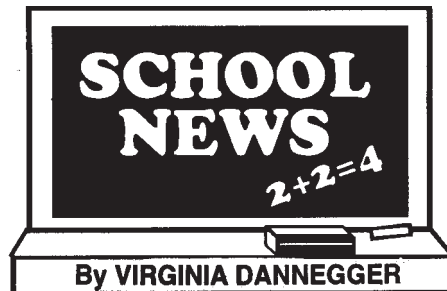
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Public School 175

Best wishes to all the eighth-grade graduates, who will be attending the following high schools in September: **Academy for Careers in Sports:** Ryan Clarke. **Aquinas:** Christina Garzillo, Deanna Garzillo. **Archbishop Stepinac:** Timothy Byrnes. **Bayard Rustin High School for Humanities:** Bianca Escorbore. **Blessed Sacrament / St. Gabriel:** Michelle Barretto, Robert Burke, Terence Leonard, Peter McKenna Porzio, Anthony Mikolinacz, Alyssa Owens. **Bronx Health Sciences:** Brendon Lizardi. **Bronx High School of Science:** Erik Zeidler. **Cardinal Spellman:** Diana Awadallah, Thomas MacIndoe, Melanie Muzsik, Michael Sowa. **Columbus:** Austin Deines. **Dewitt Clinton:** Kariel Beckford, Ji Hun Kim. **Discovery High School:** Christian Garza. **Eagle Academy for Young Men:** Irving Yew. **Explorations Academy:** Anyia Livingston. **Food and Finance:** Rachel Sanchez. **Fordham Prep:** James Gisante, Kieran Spencer. **High School for Teaching and the Professions:** Jennifer Branch. **Iona Prep:** Michael Cambria, John Mazzella, Joseph Nohavicka. **Lehman:** Derek Lowery, Blerta Mujaj, Gabriel Pena.

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In addition, Kieran Spencer received a \$1,000 scholarship to Iona. Erik Zeidler received a \$3,500 scholarship to Fordham Prep, a \$1,500 scholarship to Iona and a \$1,700 scholarship to Salesian. Congratulations and good luck to all!

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

Best wishes to all the eighth-grade graduates, who will attend the following high schools in September: **Blessed Sacrament / St. Gabriel:** Dwayne Alston, Deandra Delamar, Joshua Smith, Tiffany Smith. **Cardinal Spellman:** Frank Apollo, Nikita Singletary. **Cathedral:** Kristen Clark, Serena Clemons-Greshaw, Christina Perez, Octavia Smith (partial scholarship). **Lehman:** Triston Howell. **Mount St. Michael:** Christian Albright, Kalen Simon, Jovan Smith. **St. Francis Prep:** Briana Floyd. **St. Raymond:** Rashad Bryant. **St. Vincent Ferrer:** Sonia Andrades (partial scholarship). **Validas Preparatory Academy:** Caroline Watson.

In addition, Octavia Smith received a \$4,000 scholarship to St. Michael's High School, a full scholarship to the HEAF (Higher Educational Activities Fund) Program, and was accepted into the gifted program at Cheshire Academy (Conn.). Sonia Andrades received a partial scholarship to St. Barnabas High School. Congratulations and good luck to everyone in September!

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Political Satire

Hollywood has a particular knack for putting together films that are social commentaries with a twist, also known as political satires. One of my favorites is **Brazil** (1985), which won the Los Angeles Film Critics' Best Picture award, although it almost failed to be released by Universal Studios. Set in an imaginary country at some point in the future, the movie tells the story of a low-level government bureaucrat, Sam Lowry (Jonathan Pryce), who has visually amazing dreams about a beautiful woman (Kim Greist), who turns out to be a real terrorist. Sam's mother (Katherine Helmond) keeps trying to get him promoted, that is, whenever she's not having plastic surgery to look younger. When the Deputy Minister of Information is asked "What do you think is behind the recent increase in terrorist bombings?" he replies, "Bad sportsmanship." There is a 3-disk DVD version of the film that contains a studio cut with a "happy" ending. Director Terry Gilliam's cut is an absurdity well worth seeing.

Bob Roberts (1992) was Tim Robbins's brilliant writing and directorial debut in which he also played the title role. This is an amazing, satirical, mock documentary about an exceedingly manipulative, "rebel conservative" senatorial candidate who writes and performs reactionary folk music. His songs include "The Times are Changin' Back" and "This Land

was Made for Me." As his campaign manager, Lukas Hart III (Alan Rickman), says, "Here is a man who not only had a brilliant mind and wonderful wit, but could also sing."

Written by Elaine May and directed by Mike Nichols, **Primary Colors** (1998) is an intriguing portrayal of presidential candidate Governor Jack Stanton (John Travolta) and his wife, Susan (Emma Thompson). The film gives the viewer special insight into an incredibly complex and sometimes self-destructive man, who is both a philanderer and a charismatic icon. The story is seen through the eyes of the black grandson of a civil rights leader (Adrian Lester). Also on the campaign staff are a strategist (Billy Bob Thornton), a pretty scheduler (Maura Tierney), and a foul-mouthed idealist (Kathy Bates), who deals in digging up dirt and steals every scene in which she appears. This is a mature film with depth and complexity in every character.

In Barry Levinson's **Wag the Dog** (1998), the current United States president (Michael Belson) is caught in a sex scandal two weeks before the election. As a diversion, his chief advisors, Conrad Brean (Robert DeNiro) and Winifred Ames (Anne Heche), hire a top Hollywood producer, Stanley Motss (Dustin Hoffman), to fabricate an international crisis in Albania. Singer Johnny Green (Willie Nelson) writes a song, "Good Old Shoe," about a made-up hero. Kirsten Dunst is on hand as a fictional Albanian girl fleeing with her kitten (actually a bag of chips on a blue screen). This is a witty, over-the-top satire with teeth.

Two notable political satires have been released this year. The first, **Thank You for Smoking**, stars Aaron Eckhart as a very slick, fast-talking tobacco lobbyist named Nick Naylor. He dines regularly with the MOD Squad (Merchants of Death), which is made up of himself, alcohol lobbyist Polly Bailey (Maria Bellow), and firearms lobbyist Bobby Jay Bliss (David Koechner). The group spends its time debating which of their products kill the most people. Nick is a protégé of the Captain (Robert Duvall), a tobacco industry czar who loves Nick's idea about putting more smoking back into the movies, and Hollywood uber-agent (played by a hilarious Rob Lowe) is happy to comply. Also on hand are William H. Macy as Senator Ortolan Finistire, Nick's main opponent; Katie Holmes as reporter and love interest Heather Holloway; and Sam Elliott as Lorne Lutch, a former Marlboro Man who is dying of cancer. Although the topic seems rather gruesome, the biting satire and outstanding acting work very well.

American Dreamz has two plots, which come together at the end. The first is a take-off on "American Idol," with Hugh Grant as host Martin Tweed. The contestants we get to follow are an ambitious blonde (Mandy Moore), an orthodox Jewish rapper (Adam Busch), and a musical-comedy enthusiast from Iraq (Sam Golzari), who is actually a terrorist. The other plot concerns the president of the United States (Dennis Quaid), who shocks his staff by deciding to read a newspaper for the first time since he took office. The First Lady (Marcia Gay Harden) has her hands full when her husband refuses to be seen in public for several weeks. She finally gets him out to be a guest on the season finale of "American Dreamz."

And until next time, happy viewing. . .



City Island Witches

This month we could not help but veer a little from our usual natural history give-and-take in order to report an exciting historical fact about City Island that has recently resurfaced. Many of our readers probably know that City Island was at one time included in the manor of Pelham, known variously as Mulberry Island, Minneford's Island and Great Minneford's Island. The Lord of the Manor, Thomas Pell, contracted with the local Siwanoy Indians to purchase land, which would become the site of his manor, in 1664, the same year the English took New Amsterdam away from the Dutch and renamed it New York.

What readers may not know is that two of our island's earliest settlers were accused of being witches. Ralph Hall and his wife, Mary, were charged with "Witchcraft and Sorcery" in the New York Court of Assizes in 1665. The jury acquitted Ralph but not Mary, not completely, anyway. Their sentence was that Ralph "should be bound Body and Goods for his Wife's Appearance at the next Sessions and so on from Sessions to Sessions, as long as they stay in this Government. In the mean While to be of good Behaviour."

And so they remained under the court's watchful eye, until Mary too was officially absolved in 1668. This whole account is recorded in Samuel G. Drake's "Annals of Witchcraft in New England and Elsewhere in the United States," published in 1869. In it Mr. Drake quotes from the court record: "Under these Bonds," it says, referring to the jury's decision, "[Mr. and Mrs. Hall] continued until the 21st of August, 1668, at which Time they were living upon the Great Miniford's Island."

We wish we could take credit for this most interesting rediscovery, but we cannot. Mr. Blake A. Bell and his award-winning Historic Pelham Web site are responsible. If you are not familiar with this site and you get a kick out of this sort of thing, you must visit www.historicpelham.com.

Mr. Bell digs deeper than all the other local historians we know. He has transcriptions of ads that appeared in 18th-century New York City newspapers about City Island when it was for sale before Benjamin Palmer owned it and sliced it up into 25-by-100-foot lots.

Speaking of lots, a wild turkey was not only spotted in the environs of the Tier Street lot last month, but it was actually photographed as well. Thanks go to Jane, who just missed the opportunity to photograph the last turkey that made an appearance, for the documentary evidence that our island remains a natural habitat, in spite of its development.

And, finally, we are still awaiting word from Ward Stone regarding some of the swans of City Island. As some of you may recall, it was recommended to us that we contact Mr. Stone for more information about our swans. Unfortunately, he has not yet responded to our e-mails. If you would like to respond to this column or any others, you can send your own e-mail to jdsstrat@msn.com. As always, we look forward to hearing from you.



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A wild turkey recently seen in the Tier Street lot.

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with the Parks Department to make this transition as comfortable as possible.

All of our divisions are quite competitive this year and the instructional division has had a large response. Some of our ballplayers are competing in a New York City Tournament at various fields in Manhattan over Memorial Day Weekend, and we wish them the best of luck.

Our trophy day and picnic will be on Saturday, June 24, beginning at 9 a.m. Feel free to come down to the field and join us in celebration.

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Happy June 23 birthday wishes to the Sailmaker's John Iovieno, with love from the Iovieno and Swieciki families.

Oops! Judy and Mike Rauh went to visit their brother and sister, John and Linda Wright, not John and Linda Rauh, as we reported last month. But Judy was a Wright and Linda was a Rauh, so who's counting? What???

Congratulations to Buckley Street's Midshipman Ethan Heben, who graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Maryland, with honors. On May 26, Ethan was sworn in as an ensign in the U. S. Navy and will be initially stationed in Japan. Way to go, E! Your Mom, Dad and brother, Ben, are truly proud of you.

Happy June birthdays to Judy Rauh, John Wright and their mother, Vera Thompson.

Best wishes to Nicholas Vaughan, who recently graduated from Iona Prep in New Rochelle. Nick will be attending the Business School at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, in the fall. We wish him happiness and success as he moves on to college. He will be missed on King Avenue.

Happy birthday on June 4 to Hawkins Street's Rose Kolb from Geri and Max.

Congratulations to the Cebek boys. Frankie graduates from Iona Prep and Alex from Iona Grammar. The Cebek and Carmody families are very proud of you both.

Happy 70th birthday on June 8 to City Island's artist/potter, Toby Liederman.

Happy birthday on June 29 to Marine Street's Ann Butterworth, with love from Chuck and your boys Matthew, Christopher and David.

Happy birthday to Carroll Street's Fred Ramfl with love from Mom, Dad, Frank and Gram. And congratulations on your recently achieved master's degree from Iona.

Happy June 1 birthday to Tier Street's Marion Rosenfeld, with best wishes from the gang at Atlantic Emeritus Realty and, of course, Barney.

Friends and neighbors are invited to celebrate the life of Herman (Hy) Cantor at a memorial service on Saturday, June 24, 2006 at 10 a.m. at Temple Beth-El on City Island. Also, a memorial service for Scott Sinclair will be held on June 3rd at 12 noon at Grace Episcopal Church.

Happy birthday and retirement wishes to my Grammie Catherine! Now I can stay and play with you all day. Love from your grand-



Photo by RON TERNER

Drs. Jeannine Giacobelli and Arturo Mazzeo were married on May 20, 2006.

puppy, Presley, and Olivia, too.

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Drs. Jeannine Giacobelli and Arturo Mazzeo, who were married on May 20 at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City. Proud parents of the bride are Jane and Joe from Hawkins Street. The photographer was Ron Turner and the band was Alive-n-Kickin, both from City Island. The guests were treated to fond memories of New Orleans since the bride is a graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine. The guests drank mint juleps, had crawfish boil and even at alligator pie!

A very happy first birthday to Marco Mazzeo on June 19. Also, belated fourth birthday wishes to big brother Paul, who celebrated his special day on May 11, and Mommy Karen, who celebrated her birthday on May 17.

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