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## MUSICAL TRIBUTES HIGHLIGHT TEMPLE AWARDS

By KAREN NANI



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Temple Beth-El celebrated its 78th anniversary on May 5, 2012, at the Pelham/Split Rock Golf Course. Honored at the gala dinner were (seated above, l. to r.) Aimee Breen, Rabbi Shohama Wiener and Violet Smith. Joining in the tributes were (standing) Shulamit Fagan, Lauren Wiener, David Daniel Klipper, Eva Sax-Bolder, Olga Berde Mahl, Reb David Evan Markus, Goldie Milgram, Rabbi Jay Weinstein, Paul Klein and Alan Dattner. Rabbi Shohama led more than 100 guests in a musical thank-you and prayer.

Members of Temple Beth-El and more than 100 guests spent a moonlit, music-filled evening at the Pelham/Split Rock Golf Course celebrating the synagogue's 78th anniversary on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Three outstanding women were honored for achievements and contributions to the temple and to the City Island community.

The congregation welcomed the opportunity to celebrate after a difficult few months in the life of the "Shul by the Sea." On Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, the temple, located at 480 City Island Avenue, was vandalized. Burglars broke into the Ark and stole a number of ritual objects.

"We lost the silver crowns on our Holocaust-era Torahs and our silver Kiddush cups," Rabbi Shohama Wiener told the City Island community in a letter sent to all the churches after the burglary. In addition to the structural damage, the vandals left the sanctuary a mess and damaged the sound system. According to Paul Klein, president of the temple, the restoration has continued with the support of many City Island residents and off-Islanders from all over the world.

Reb David Markus opened the festivities at the anniversary dinner by welcoming guests who had come from places as close as City Island and as far as California and New Mexico to participate in the celebration. Then he introduced the evening's "gems of holiness," the three honorees: Aimee Breen, Violet Smith and Rabbi Shohama Wiener.

Reb David introduced honoree Aimee Breen as a "supportive neighbor" of the temple. Aimee is a clam digger whose great-great-grandfather was a resident of City Island. She has a degree in accounting and business management and is currently the manager of Seafood City, which is across the street from Temple Beth-El. The restaurant recently celebrated its 10th year in business and has supported many community events. In particular, they have given the temple congregation access to

the parking lot, for which the members are very grateful.

The next called to the podium was Islander Violet Smith, who was introduced as "a spark for the community." Violet came to City Island from St. Louis. She fell in love "as soon as I reached the middle of the bridge." Her family of five daughters and three stepsons continues to grow. She has 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, nine of whom are clam diggers.

Violet retired after teaching for nearly 40 years. She is active in two local environmental groups, the Hutchinson River Project and Friends of Pelham Bay Park. Violet was drawn to Temple Beth-El when one of her grandchildren died tragically. A friend put his name on the memorial list to be prayed for each Friday night for a year.

She continues to come to the temple because it is a blessing for her. "Though you are honoring me tonight, it is I who should honor you for being the welcoming, joyful, inspiring and spiritual place that our Shul by the Sea is. And so I say thank you very much."

Dual tributes were then paid to Rabbi Shohama Wiener, who is celebrating 10 years as leader of Temple Beth-El, as well as her upcoming 70th birthday. When she began her service at the City Island temple in 2002, she brought with her the fruits of two decades of leadership in the Jewish world.

Rabbi Shohama graduated from Wellesley College and Harvard Graduate School of Education. She became a bat mitzvah at the age of 36 and then earned her rabbinic ordination from the Academy for Jewish Religion and her Doctor of Ministry degree from New York Theological Seminary.

From 1986 to 2001, Rabbi Shohama led the non-denominational Academy for Jewish Religion, first as dean and then as president. As the first woman to lead a rabbinic seminary, she helped the academy flourish and inaugurated a new era in trans-denominational rabbinical education.



In 2004, just two years after coming to the City Island pulpit, she was named Head of Spiritual Development for the ALEPH Ordination Programs, a trans-denominational "seminary without walls," which trains rabbis, cantors and rabbinic pastors to serve communities whose focus is Jewish spirituality.

Ever energetic, she is also a Senior Clergy for Reclaiming Judaism, an innovative, non-profit organization dedicated to research and development of new programs, rituals and resources for meaningful Jewish living.

At the core of Rabbi Shohama's life is her large and extended family, "cousins by the dozens." She is married to Alan Dattner, a holistic dermatologist and musician. In their blended family, they delight in four wonderful adult children and their partners,

and six precious grandchildren.

Along with the many accolades to Rabbi Shohama given by students, teachers and rabbinical colleagues, her husband sang a musical tribute to her, including a spirited harmonica solo. Not to be outdone, the rabbi picked up her trademark guitar and serenaded the audience with a musical thank-you and prayer. (Dance music was later provided by the Lickety Split Band.)

Resplendent in hot pink, the rabbi humbly told the gathering: "I stand on the shoulders of my teachers, and I follow in the trailblazing ways of my parents, who worked with children with disabilities."

When asked about her lasting wish for the future, she replied: "At the end of the day, the question is whether I made people feel valued and nurtured, and whether I brought more lasting happiness into the world. I hope so."

Temple Beth-El has been a part of the City Island community for 78 years, starting with a small group of 17 men in 1934 who met for prayers in a private home on Hawkins Street (then Orchard Street). As the group began to grow, they rented space on City Island Avenue. In 1942 the first Jewish school classes were held at Trinity Methodist Church, which opened its doors to them. Later that year, the expanding City Island Jewish community began fundraising toward a permanent home.

In 1947 the group purchased a small parcel of land, and the organization became known officially as Temple Beth-El. Then in 1956 the dream became a reality and construction began on the building at 480 City Island Avenue. Temple Beth-El was officially dedicated in 1957 as a home for Jewish worship and education, and has been the congregation's home ever since.

## PRESERVATION CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

By KAREN NANI



Photo by JANE PROTZMAN

Boy Scouts of Troop 211 offered a knot-tying workshop at the Nautical Museum's Open House on May 5 and 6, 2012.

The Partners in Preservation voting campaign ended on May 22, with an announcement of the four winners of the popular vote, which will receive the full amount of their requested grants. Among

them was our close neighbor the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, whose staff and board did yeoman work to get out the vote so they could restore the gardens at the

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**BRIEFLY...**

**THE 2012 CITY ISLAND REUNION** is planned for Saturday, Aug. 18. Email [cityislandreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:cityislandreunion@yahoo.com) for more information.

**THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET** will take place on Sunday, June 24, at 1 p.m., with the support and cooperation of the City Island Power Squadron and the Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post #156. Multi-denominational clergy will bless vessels from the Fenton Marine Dock located in City Island Harbor. Boats should assemble in City Island Harbor by the ferry dock on Hart Island at 12:30. Communications on VHF #71 will begin at that time. For more information, call Dennis Gormley at 718-652-3056.

**SPEAK UP FOR THE CITY ISLAND LIBRARY:** The New York Public Library needs your help to stop a proposed \$43 million city budget cut. It takes just seconds to sign a letter urging elected officials to reverse the harshest cut in NYPL's history and help preserve vital library services. Go to [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org) to sign a letter and spread the word to everyone you know to do their part to help the library right away. Post this message on Facebook and Twitter, or send it in an e-mail to your friends and family.

**SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE** held by the Bronx Masons will take place on Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 241 City Island Avenue. Because POTS (Part of the Solution) has limited storage space, the Masons are asking for only men's, women's and children's summer clothing, separated in different bags for quicker distribution. On the same day, Hebron Lodge 813 (also located at 241 City Island Avenue) will be holding a tag sale.

**RALLY TO SAVE LADDER 53:** The City Island Civic Association and Councilmember James Vacca will be holding a rally on Monday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Star of the Sea School gym, so that Island residents will have an opportunity to tell elected officials and the news media what we think of the projected cut of Ladder 53 in Mayor Bloomberg's proposed new budget.

**45 BLOTTER**

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

- 5 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 1 - HARASSMENT
- 2 - LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT
- 1 - ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A MINOR
- 1 - PETIT LARCENY
- 1 - ASSAULT

Police provided details on the following incidents and arrests for the period from April 25 to May 20, 2012.

4/25 - At 5 p.m., an unknown vehicle struck the fence in front of a house on Sutherland Street causing it to fall over in an act of criminal mischief.

5/2 - Police investigated an incident at 4:44 p.m. on City Island Avenue. A verbal dispute between a male and female resulted in cross-complaints of harassment when the female slapped the male in the face and the male shoved the female. There were no injuries.

5/5 - On King Avenue and Reville Street, an unknown vehicle rear-ended the complainant's car at 11:13 a.m. and fled the scene of the accident before the police arrived.

5/10 - An unknown person broke the window of a shed behind a house on Ditmars Street in a report of criminal mischief.

5/11 - On Beach Street at 7 p.m., an unknown perpetrator broke the rear passenger window of a vehicle, but no property was removed.

5/12 - Police from the 45th Precinct arrested an Island male, 37, on a charge

of criminal mischief after he was observed puncturing the tires of a vehicle on Minneford Avenue and Cross Street at 5 p.m.

5/15 - On City Island Avenue and Winters Street, a verbal dispute between a husband and his ex-wife erupted over the home they once shared. The husband filed a harassment complaint after his ex-wife allegedly threatened him.

5/17 - At 7:50 p.m., an unknown perpetrator pushed the complainant to the ground following a verbal dispute. The assault victim received lacerations to the head and was treated at Jacobi Hospital.

5/17 - Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Fordham Street and City Island Avenue at 8:15 p.m. A silver Toyota pick-up truck allegedly backed into the complainant's car and left the scene of the accident. The victim photographed the license plate and a complaint report was filed with the state.

5/19 - Two off-Island females, ages 21 and 25, were arrested on City Island Avenue and charged with endangering the welfare of a minor. The defendants allegedly left three children, ages 3 to 5, unattended in a parking lot while socializing in a bar/restaurant.

**CORRECTION**

In the letter to the Editor from Jon Arnow that was published in the Winter issue of *The Current*, the author's e-mail address was given incorrectly; the correct e-mail address is [Huguenot10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Huguenot10@sbcglobal.net).



Photo by MARK NANI

Shortly before midnight on May 23, the driver of a motorcycle missed the turn and ran straight into the City Island circle. The driver, who was later charged with DWI, and passenger suffered minor injuries and were taken to the hospital by ambulance.



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A German visitor to the Nautical Museum's Open House found a canoe that had been built on City Island by his grandfather in the 1930s (top left); Kevin Flynn entertained visitors with sea chanteys and folk songs both days. Below: a photo montage of "Museum on the Avenue" designed by Joe Burck in the window at 282 City Island Avenue.

## PRESERVATION CAMPAIGN

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mansion in Pelham Bay Park.

Although the City Island Nautical Museum ended up in the 21st position, right in the middle of the 40 sites, it is still possible that the museum will receive a grant, if the Partners in Preservation advisory committee finds that it ran a unique campaign and demonstrated a need for funding. Anyone who has seen the front steps of the museum at 190 Fordham Street will understand the true need for replacements! And as to the unique nature of the campaign, who else could boast of having a volunteer staff made up of four Barbaras and one Jane? The announcement of additional grants will be made on June 15.

The museum volunteers are delighted with the response of many Islanders who voted regularly on its behalf and who passed the word to their friends (see letter, page 4). Everyone who visited the museum during Open House weekend, May 5 and 6, enjoyed the festivities, including many

bloggers who wrote glowingly of City Island (see box). The museum's membership has risen, as has attendance, a trend that the volunteers are determined to improve as time goes on.

## READ ALL ABOUT US

The following blogs devoted space to their experiences visiting City Island and the Nautical Museum as part of the Partners in Preservation campaign:

[www.forgotten-ny.com](http://www.forgotten-ny.com)

<http://www.examiner.com/article/kevin-flynn-uses-music-to-help-raise-awareness-for-city-island-s-rich-history>

<http://www.walkingoffthebigapple.com/2012/05/visit-to-city-island-nautical-museum.html>

<http://theloopny.com/blog/cool-finds-city-island-nautical-museum/>

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/city-island-nautical-museum-bronx>

<https://foursquare.com/v/city-island-nautical-museum/4516454df964a5200b3a1fe3>

<http://newyork.untappedcities.com/2012/05/11/the-city-island-nautical-museum/>

<http://nycitymama.com/2012/05/nyc-landmark-city-island-nautical-museum/>

<http://www.facebook.com/medialset/?set=a.2141977165367.60275.1724344675&type=1&ft=2144058857408&l=3c2b4bdd4a>

## LADDER 53 AT RISK AGAIN

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Although Mayor Bloomberg did not specify the 20 firehouses that would be affected by budget cuts when he presented his draft budget for the fiscal year 2013 on May 3, 2012, it is widely believed that City Island's Ladder Company 53 is among them, and Island residents are gearing up for its annual fight with City Hall.

A hearing on the Fire Department cuts will be held at noon on June 1, and a town hall meeting is scheduled to be held on City Island at St. Mary, Star of the Sea gymnasium at 7:30 on Monday, June 4. Potential mayoral candidates, including Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Public Advocate Bill di Blasio, have been invited, and all residents of City Island are urged to attend.

Since December 2008, Ladder 53 has been included in the list of cuts because it has the lowest number of runs in the city, an artificial statistic resulting from the fact

that the ladder company is not allowed off the Island except for runs to Pelham Bay Park. In spite of campaigns organized by Islanders, including two town hall meetings, a candlelight march on the firehouse and trips to City Hall to attend hearings, Ladder 53 continues to be put on the list, and it is expected that this will be the case again.

In previous years, the City Council has managed to find the money to keep all of the firehouses intact, and that may occur again this year, but with so many other departments in the city affected by budget cuts, nothing is certain.

It continues to puzzle Islanders as well as elected officials why the city should target City Island, which is both remote from nearby firehouses and vulnerable to fire damage with so many wooden buildings so close together. Removing Ladder 53 would double the response time for ladder companies from Co-op City or Pelham Bay.

## JOHN DOYLE HONORED

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos by BARBARA DOLENSEK

Islander John Doyle (left in photo at right) and Captain Russell Green, commanding officer of the 45th precinct, were honored at a breakfast hosted by the 45th Precinct Community Council on May 9, 2012.

At a well-attended breakfast hosted by the 45th Precinct Community Council on Wednesday, May 9, Island resident John Doyle received an award for his service to the community. Captain Russell Green, commanding officer of the 45th, was also honored for his remarkable leadership.

Robert Bieder, president of the Community Council, was delighted with the large turn-out for the breakfast, which was also attended by NYC Comptroller John Liu, Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene, the Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson, NYPD Chief of Community Affairs Philip Banks and Chief Carlos Gomez, Borough Commander.

Other honorees included Thomas Leahy, Chief of the Investigative Division of the Office of the Bronx District Attorney; Frances Maturo, Executive Director of the Archdiocese Drug Abuse Prevention Program; Leonard Murrell, longtime community leader, and Anne Marie Morrison, Community Affairs Officer for the 45th Precinct. Unfortunately, Ms. Morrison was unable to attend to accept her award, as she is seriously ill and currently on leave.

Islanders present were especially happy about John Doyle's award, as he has worked diligently on behalf of the community through his position as Director of Community Affairs in the office of State Senator Jeff Klein. John, who was born in Pelham Bay in 1985 to James and Teresa



Doyle, the first of their four children, is a third-generation Bronxite and a lifelong resident of the borough. In 1991 his parents moved their family to City Island, where he was raised and where they continue to live. John attended P. S. 175, Fordham Prep and Le Moyne College, a small Jesuit school in Syracuse, New York. He graduated in 2007 with a dual major in history and political science and received special recognition for his notable community service efforts.

After graduation, John's interest in government led him to apply for a job with State Senator Jeff Klein, and since then he has worked on many different initiatives and is now one of his senior aides. In this role, John has made it a priority to familiarize himself with the needs and concerns of all of the communities in the 34th District, working diligently with the senator to find common ground to solve some of the difficult problems that have arisen.

In addition to his role on the senator's staff, John is active in several local community organizations, including the City Island Civic Association and the Ancient Order of

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**Thanks from the Nautical Museum**

To the City Island Community:  
On the weekend of May 5 and 6, the City Island Nautical Museum held an Open House to commemorate May as Preservation Month and to celebrate our participation in the Partners in Preservation program, in which we competed with 39 other sites for grant money (see story on page 1).

Not surprisingly, the museum did not end up in the top four vote-getters, as we were up against some very large institutions with considerable resources, but we hope to end up with some funding, because we ran a unique campaign and can certainly demonstrate a need for the funds, which is to replace the crumbling front steps in front of the building at 190 Fordham Street.

Whether we get the funding or not, however, those of us who volunteer for the Nautical Museum were absolutely overwhelmed by the amazing community support for the project. Many of you voted early and often to help us keep our rank steadily in the middle of the pack, and for that we are immensely grateful. You sent requests to your friends and organizations, and every little bit you did helped our cause.

Dottie Payne revamped our public image by designing a striking new logo, a campaign poster and, best of all, a brand-new website ([cityislandmuseum.org](http://cityislandmuseum.org)), which is rich with information and pictures. Robbin Harrison made some great videos that we posted on our Facebook page and will soon appear on the website.

And for our Open House, we were gratified by the generous donations of time, effort and goods that were supplied by our sea-chantey singer Kevin Flynn, our docent Helena Curbelo, the City Island Diner, the IGA, JGL's Wines and Liquors, members of Boy Scout Troop 211 and the Chamber of Commerce. The City Island Theater Group offered their people skills to bring visitors to the museum from the Bronx Seaside Trolley, and various "old timers," including Ducky Rauhauser, Russell Schaller and Sister James Patrick, shared stories with visitors. George Callas donated shrubs and improved the appearance of the museum's front lawn, and Jim Kortleven got the porch columns looking like new in time for the Open House.

We would also like to thank the principals of both City Island schools, Amy Lipson and Jane Dennehy, for distributing flyers about the campaign to students and parents, and the churches, especially St. Mary, Star of the Sea, and Grace Episcopal Church, for informing their congregations about our fund-raising efforts.

Skip Giacco allowed us to post a big banner at Lickety Split, and John Weis allowed us to post it temporarily near his about-to-open farmer's market. The Pecoraro family and Buddy's Hardware also posted large signs for us, and many local sites al-

lowed us space on their bulletin boards. And of course we continue to be grateful to the City Island Diner for allowing us to hang our sign on their window box!

Thanks to the generosity of Cheryl Brinker and the talent of Joe Burck, we have a temporary "Museum on the Avenue" at 282 City Island Avenue to remind residents of our existence and to inform visitors to the island who may not be aware of us.

One of the greatest benefits of the campaign was the volunteer spirit shown by a handful of City Islanders who spent hours strategizing, photographing, writing, designing, film making, welcoming, telephoning. This core group includes, of course, the "Barbara Shop Quartet" (Barbara Hoffman, Barbara Harrison Kaye, Barbara Dennis and yours truly), plus the non-Barbaras, Jane Protzman and Darrell Smith. New volunteers have joined the "staff," and we are delighted to have on board Gail Hitt, Paula Huffell, Tom Vasti, and Amanda and Tanya Kraemer.  
**Barbara Dolensek, Administrator**  
City Island Nautical Museum

**Response to Repaving**

A copy of the following letter was received by The Current.

Dear Mr. Nani:  
Community Board 10 has received a response from NYC DOT concerning the re-milling and repaving issues that you identified on Minneford Avenue.

There are equipment related issues that have been identified by DDC, a colleague agency. Once these issues have been resolved, the re-milling and repaving work will resume, and the affected areas will receive notice prior to work.

**Kenneth Kearns,**  
District Manager, Community Board 10

*Editor's Note: The Current learned from the company that is doing the work that the job is scheduled to be completed during the week of May 28, depending on weather.*

**Window Dressing**

A copy of the following letter was received by The Current.

Dear City Island Theater Group:  
I am writing to thank you for doing such a beautiful job on the storefront window [at 282 City Island Avenue]. As a City Islander with a young and growing family, I take pride in where we live and often feel depressed by the empty or dilapidated storefronts that seem to be increasing in number each year. Over the last few months, however, my spirits have been lifted to see — time after time — the window that you all put together so gorgeously. My family and I really appreciate your efforts. Please share my sentiments with anyone responsible for the window, and please keep it up.

**Clementina Esposito**

**In Support of Those That Serve and Protect**

To the Editor:

On Friday, May 18, a police car with Police Officer Sanon was patrolling City Island. He was located at times in a driveway close to Bay Street and City Island Avenue. Several of the city residents were actually condemning his presence. I could not believe their attitudes. I applaud this officer for doing a great job. Many people abuse the sidewalks for parking, sometimes fac-

ing the wrong direction with their vehicles. People in general drive badly when they come onto the Island, often abusing fire lanes as well as parking laws.

It was a welcome pleasure to see a police officer working hard to establish order among our citizens and outsiders. I for one enjoy this historic Island and welcome any police assistance we can obtain.

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# GARDENING AT P. S. 175

By LISA FINE



Photos by LISA FINE

Students in the second grade at P. S. 175 participated in the gardening program. Above left (l. to r.) are Joseph Peloso, Aidan Hanley-Piri, John Russell and Joshua Calderon; above are Jaida Phillips, Johanna Doyle and Kaia Alston.

# HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY!



St. Mary's School class of 1966 held its 60th birthday bash on Saturday, April 28, 2012, and everyone agreed that it was a fantastic success. Classmates came from as far away as Washington, Iowa, Ohio, Florida, North Carolina and Maryland. In the group picture are (seated, l. to r.): Dorothy Comeau D'Allesandro, Billy Pfleeger, Anna Marie Reilly Camella, Jimmy Byrnes, Anne Marie DeCristofaro Gerhard, Margaret Paccione Vrettros, Peggy White and Kikikpa Kretzer; second row: Jesse D'Allesandro, Bobby Lutz, Lorraine Nicoletti, Diane DiRusso Dobbins, Donny Penny, Diane Cullen Ziotas, Patti Lynch Jawski, Lynne Ferris Richy and Alison Bates Paradise; third row: Russell Reda, Tom McMahon, Jay Doyle, Andy Matteis, Mark Rice, John Vaughn and Joe Buckley. The memorial table, for those who have passed away, honored Robert Barrett, Jimmy Waring, Adele Williams Freymuth, John Herlihy and Tom D'Andrea.

Have you noticed the continuously blooming flower garden in front of P. S. 175 this spring? A few years ago, Han Yu Hung, P. S. 175 parent and Plant Educator with the Bronx Botanical Gardens thought that the school gardens could use some TLC. With encouragement and help from Principal Amy Lipson, the school custodians and some parent volunteers, Han removed the thorny barberry bushes and replaced them with daffodils, tulips, lilies, pink yarrow, evergreens and more. And thanks to donations from City Island resident Dennis Owens of Owens Brothers Tree Service, the attractive wood chips spread on the garden will help retain good plant health and keep down weeds.

Not only is the school's street-side garden blooming, but the gardens behind the school have also been planted. In April, for the fifth consecutive year, P. S. 175 second-graders planted several varieties of lettuce seedlings between perennial herb plants in a 200-square foot raised garden bed. As part of this program, also developed and directed by Han Yu Hung, the students examine soil organisms and materials while they learn about compost and soil components, basic plant biology

and plant maintenance. Healthy eating habits and nutritional values of vegetables are explored in this program which culminates in June with a harvest and Salad Festival. As an aside, although I am a vegetarian and make salads with dinner every night, my son began to eat salads only after participating in the second-grade Salad Festival five years ago.

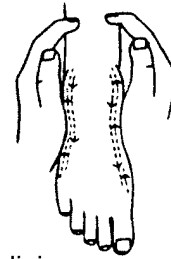
This year P. S. 175 was honored to receive a \$2,000 Grow to Learn NYC mini-grant. The funds will be used to incorporate hands-on garden lessons, including the second-grade Salad Program, into the state-mandated curriculum. A small part of the grant will be for the purchase and installation of a rain-barrel system to help irrigate the gardens. By collecting runoff, rain barrels store rainwater until it is needed for watering the plants, thus helping with water conservation, runoff control and surface water protection. Although we were sad to see the closing of Aggie's Roll, we're happy to report that their environmental spirit will continue at the school through the re-use of their rain barrel.

By the way, the *Half Moon*-inspired model boat formerly featured in the school's front garden has been temporarily removed for refurbishment. Designed and built by Bob Adams and the late Ed Rothschild, parents of P. S. 175 graduates, with sails donated by Tommy Nye, the boat was not designed to withstand City Island winters, even as mild as this last one was.

The school is thankful to have an active parent volunteer garden committee and a supportive community. In addition to the generous donations by Owen Brothers of plants and wood chips, P. S. 175 is grateful to the City Island Garden Club for their donation of gardening tools for the school.

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# Community Center Hosts Sleep-away Camp Info Session

By MICHAEL SHANLEY

For many parents, the summer months present a unique challenge as they scramble to find affordable, high-quality, supervised activities for their children and teens while they are at work. Sleep-away camp is an option for some families, but the cost is often prohibitive. For others, the greatest challenge is just finding an appropriate camp or deciding if sleep-away camp is right for their child. This process can often be a daunting experience.

For over a decade now, I have been sending my boys to Camp Vacamas. For me, this was an easy choice, because this is the camp that I attended as a boy every summer during the 1970s. I can honestly say my Vacamas experience was one of the highlights of my youth, and as a father I was anxious to enrich my children's lives with sleep-away camp as soon as they were old enough to attend.

Established in 1924, Camp Vacamas is located about one hour from City Island in rural northern New Jersey. The camp grounds are beautifully situated on 560 wooded acres nestled in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains surrounding Lake Larriwein. It is fully accredited by the American Camp Association and provides a safe and caring environment for both boys and girls, ages 7 through 17, from diverse ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds. The camp's program is based on a non-competitive philosophy and engages campers in a multitude of activities, including swimming, boating, hiking, fishing, arts and crafts, archery, camping and cook outs, woodshop, creative kitchen, a challenge course and a wide variety of sporting activities. The camp counselors are both American and international staff, often with a background in education, psychology or social work.

Each summer Camp Vacamas offers

three three-week sessions and serves approximately 400 young people each session. In the Junior Camp, campers are housed in wooden cabins, according to age, in groups of eight supervised by two counselors. These units are referred to as "bunks." Children under 10 have bathrooms and showers in their bunks, and those aged 10 to 13 have a central bathhouse in each division. Eight bunks constitute a "division" and operate like a little village community. In the Teen Camp, Vacamas offers nine different options ranging from rustic outdoor adventure programs to sophisticated performing arts, lifeguard training and leadership in training programs as well as sports and weight management programs for teenagers.

Camp fees are set on a sliding scale, taking into account family income, and scholarships are available based on eligibility. No child or family is ever turned away from Vacamas because of financial hardship.

Sleep-away camp can be a fantastic opportunity for kids and teens to grow more independent and develop their strengths and interests. It offers much more than just a summer activity. It enables young people to begin a new phase of their increasingly independent lives. For this reason, the City Island Community Center has hosted an information session for the past four years with Camp Vacamas. To date, dozens of City Island youth have benefited from the positive and affordable camp experience offered by this remarkable camp.

If you and your children are interested in learning more about Camp Vacamas please join us at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street, on Wednesday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. For additional information e-mail [BxShanley@optonline.net](mailto:BxShanley@optonline.net).



If you have a new business, or if your old business is offering a new service, write to The Current, P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464 by the 10th of the month.

**Starving Artist Cafe & Gallery** (249 City Island Avenue, 718-885-3779) starts the first month of summer with the debut of Frank Fotusky and his country blues on Friday, June 1, at 8 p.m. Mid-month it's a "Saturday Night Blues" party with Bennett Harris on Saturday, June 16, at 8 p.m. At month's end, No Stringz Attached (Laura Valenti and Charlie Spina) join us on Saturday, June 30, at 8 p.m. On Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, we've got City Island's Freddie 'Flip' Lando on stage, beginning at 3 p.m. The first Sunday of the month (June 3, 3 p.m.) is our regular "Elliott & Friends" Songwriters' Showcase—live on the Internet as well—and the last Friday of the month (June 29, 8 p.m.) is our Open Mic Night for songwriters, singers, poets, comics, actors and such! For our complete schedule, please visit our website at [www.StarvingArtistOnline.com](http://www.StarvingArtistOnline.com).

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**Uptown Coffeehouse** presents Rod MacDonald on Sunday, June 3, at 6 p.m. at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street, lower level. For information, call 718-885-2955. Admission is \$15; children under 12, \$5. Bronx Cultural Cards are accepted. Rod has been entertaining for 35 years with ballads and modern folk songs; he possesses the heart of a troubadour, the soul of a poet and the voice of a virtuoso.

**Turtle Cove Golf Center** in Pelham Bay Park is now open for business and pleasure! Hours are seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The renovated site features covered grass tees, golf simulators, miniature golf, PGA instruction programs, batting cages and an event space. Looking for a great family activity? Spend the day at Turtle Cove! Play a round of miniature golf or take a golf lesson designed for the whole family. Enjoy a healthy and delicious lunch al fresco at the Turtle Cove Café. For more information, call 718-885-1129 or visit the website [www.turtlecovegolfcenter.com](http://www.turtlecovegolfcenter.com).

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# TOBY Z. LIEDERMAN RECEIVES HONOR

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Each year the Bronx Times selects a group of 25 influential women from the Bronx for a special honor, and this year City Island's Toby Z. Liederman was selected for this honor, which will be awarded on Thursday, June 14, at Villa Barone Manor.

Most recently, Toby has been in the news for organizing a very successful celebration of Anne Hutchinson's 420th birthday, which was commemorated in many different events that took place throughout the Bronx during 2011. But she has been involved for a quarter of a century on City Island, showcasing her ceramic art, teaching art on different levels, and volunteering with different organizations, including the City Island Artists Organization (CIAO) Women on Our Way, the City Island Community Center, the City Island Library, Lehman

College and the Bronx Council on the Arts, from which she won a BRIO award in 1994. More recently she has been co-founder of the Hutchinson River Restoration Project, and each year she organizes a celebration of National Women's History Month on City Island.

Toby grew up outside Boston in the town of Malden, where she married and raised three children. She helped her husband, a social worker, win two terms as a representative to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, but in the 1970s, she went back to school to study art, became involved in issues relating to women's rights, and eventually moved to City Island, where she has lived for 30 years.

For information or to purchase tickets to the dinner celebration of the 25 Bronx Influential Women, call 718-742-3398.

# GREAT DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



Photos by DAVID GIPSON

The City Island Memorial Day parade, on Monday, May 28, 2012, was, as usual, a splendid event sponsored by the Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post and featuring veterans, sailors, marines, a marching band from Salesian High School, the Monaghan Pipe Band and elected officials, as well as Island organizations, including the Ladies Auxiliary, Boy Scouts of Troop 211, Cub Scouts of Pack 211, Girl Scouts, Little League, City Island Theater Group and the Garden Club.

## BARTOW-PELL EVENTS

Through July 1, the exhibition "Dibbles and Daisy Grubbers: The Art of the Garden Tool" celebrates the garden tool with selections from the extensive collection of landscape architect Mark K. Morrison. Beautifully crafted and exceptionally useful, these objects provide a fascinating glimpse into the art of gardening as it has been practiced in Europe and America since the 17th century. Specialized tools such as clod crushers, cucumber straighteners, and wasp catchers are displayed alongside more familiar objects such as dibbles and watering cans, each handmade in practical yet elegant forms.

Friday, June 1, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. join the First Friday Bronx Seaside Trolley that makes a continuous loop from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPM to City Island.

Bartow-Pell celebrates by offering music and light refreshments. The admission cost is \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors and students; and free for members. Registration requested.

Thursday, June 7, from 12 to 2 p.m., the mansion hosts its spring fund-raiser luncheon, at which Amy Freitag, executive director of the New York Restoration Project, will speak on "Extraordinary Women: Power, Influence and the Conservation of the American Landscape." Luncheon on the Pebble Court will follow her talk. Tickets are \$75, \$125 and \$175; higher levels include listing in the program. R.S.V.P. at 718-885-1461 or e-mail [info@bpm.org](mailto:info@bpm.org) by May 31.

Sunday, June 17, from 1 to 3 p.m., travel back in time and enjoy a "base ball match" with the New York Mutuals, playing by authentic 1864 rules against the Mineola Washingtons. After the game, kids get to join in the fun with a game of rounders with team members, plus free house tours and a raffle for the game ball. Registration requested. Cost is \$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.

Tuesday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. Award-winning journalist Guy Gugliotta, a former national reporter for the Washington Post, will read from his new book, "Freedom's Cap: The United States Capitol and the Coming of the Civil War," which has been called an "intensely researched historical gem." There will be a book signing and reception after the presentation. Registration requested. Cost is \$10 adults; \$7 seniors and students; members free.

## John Doyle Honored

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the Hibernians, Bronx County Division 3. One of his most recent achievements for City Island is helping to implement the installation of security cameras at various spots on City Island. For his part, John continues to be impressed by the many community activists who labor each day, on a volunteer basis, to make our region a better and safer place.

After presenting awards to several police officers who have contributed a great deal to the 45th Precinct, including Sgt. Dennis Tierney, Detective John Fennell, and Police Officers Robert Candrea, Mario Rodriguez and Dean Cassells, Captain Green was surprised to receive an award for his own role as Commanding Officer of the precinct. He received a standing ovation from the breakfast crowd, which reflects the strong support he has earned during his two years in the position.

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## Organization News

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### Current Calendar

#### JUNE

Sat., June 2, **Spring Clothing Drive**, 241 City Island Avenue, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Bronx Masons.

Sat. and Sun., June 2 and 3, **Arts and Crafts Fair**, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Island Avenue.

Mon., June 4, **Firehouse Rally**, sponsored by the City Island Civic Association and Councilmember James Vacca, 7:30 p.m. St. Mary, Star of the Sea gym.

Thurs., June 21, **Community Board 10 meets**, 7:30 p.m., Preston High School 2870 Schurz Avenue.

Sun., June 24, **Blessing of the Fleet**, 1 p.m. off Fenton's Marine Dock, VHF Channel 71 beginning 12:30 p.m.

Tues., June 26, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Fri., June 29, **"The Bronx Salutes America"** Fireworks, 9 p.m. off Orchard Beach.

Sat., June 30, **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.

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

On Friday, June 1, 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.

On Tuesday, June 5, we will have our fifth annual Golf Classic at the Pelham Country Club.

On Friday, June 8, 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 Harlem Yacht Club. The graduation exercises will take place the following week, June 15, 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 we wish them well in their high school careers.

On Fathers' Day, June 17, we will honor all our fathers with a special blessing at all Masses.

St. Mary's Thrift Shop will be open during the month of June. It will close at the end of the month for the summer months.

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

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer.

**Sr. Bernadette, osu**

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Reb David will lead our Shavuot service on Friday, June 1, and will also preside over the Saturday service and Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Gallardo on June 2 at 10 a.m. All are invited.

Rabbi Shohama and Reb David will lead the Kabbalat Shabbat service on June 15 honoring all our new members.

By popular request, our Sage-ing Group will continue into June. We will meet on

Thursday, June 21, at 7 p.m. to continue our exploration of Ethical Wills and the Vidui (confession and release near death). If you missed the last session and these terms sound new to you, please come and listen.

All other Friday services will be community led, often by Bob Berent and his accordian. Check our website ([www.yourshul-bythesea.org](http://www.yourshul-bythesea.org)) for more information.

We thank all our caring friends and neighbors who helped make our recent Shabbaton and 78th anniversary such a spectacular success. Happy sailing.

#### City Island Republicans

It is petition time once again. We will be circulating our usual petitions to put candidates on the ballot for state and local offices. Please sign if someone comes to your door. That is the only way the voters of City Island will have a choice come November.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Post. Petitions will be handed out then.

The next Republican primary will be held on Tuesday, June 26, at P.S. 175. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. The candidates running for United States Senator are Robert Turner, Wendy Long and George Maragos.

**Fred Ramftl Jr.**

#### Rotary Club of the Bronx

The Rotary Club of the Bronx would like to invite any and all persons to our President Paul Harris's dinner, "Some Enchanted Evening," which will be held at the Pelham Split Rock Golf Course on June 26. The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., to be followed by dinner. Throughout the evening, Islander and master magician David Fletcher will perform close-up interactive magic, as well as entertaining "center stage." Where else can you get world-class cuisine, entertainment and a beautiful party venue for the low price of \$104.09 per person? (Yes, that's an odd amount, but the Bronx Club is the 409th club chartered.)

A silent auction will feature such items as a foursome with golf cart at Pelham/Split Rock Golf Course, wine baskets, an opportunity to commission an original painting of your choice by artist Marguerite Chadwick-Juner, dinners for two and much more.

If you are looking for a great evening out with friends that supports an incredible array of important works at the same time, please call Mary Springman at 718-617-1600 and ask for information about "Some Enchanted Evening."

**Mary Springman**

#### Hutchinson River Restoration Project

The Hutchinson River Restoration Project (HRRP) is planning a fund-raising event to last from now until July 5. This involves a raffle at the HRRP table at the Arts & Crafts Fair on June 2 and June 3, and on the HRRP website through the July 4th weekend. Local businesses have been approached for contribution prizes. According to Patty Attis, board member of HRRP, these include a \$50 gift certificate from Doggie Island dog groomers, a \$50 gift card from Buddy's Hardware and Marine, a picnic backpack with wine-glasses, plates and an insulated cooler from "Your Healthy Gift Basket Store," a two-person inflatable boat with set of oars from Burcks, a \$30 gift certificate from Calico Juno Designs, a \$25 gift certificate from the City Island Diner, a Sunoco card for \$25, a set of manicure gift cards from Nail Island, and several other gifts.

HRRP has received a grant to research the best site for a kayak/canoe launch on the river and is busy surveying several sites with a professional consultant. Part of the work of HRRP is to determine community interest in the Hutchinson River. Please show your support by going to the website, [## SUNSHINE GIRLS!](http://Hutchinson-</a></p>
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Photo by PAUL NANI

The City Island Girl Scouts held a Mother's Day flower and bake sale in front of the City Island Little League field on Saturday, May 12, 2012. Shown above are the smiling scouts (l. to r.): Dusty Prohaska, Sabrina Jarvis, Catherine Ficke, Gianna Cambria, Jacyn Watson, Meghan McConaghy, Emma Ramos and Anastasia Geros.

[riverrestorationproject.org](http://riverrestorationproject.org) and visiting the HRRP table at the City Island Fair. Drawing for the prizes will be July 5. Also, mark your calendars that the annual cleanup will take place on Sunday, Sept. 23.

**Rose Zervas**

requirements with honor and graduating into the ranks of Boys Scouts. These fine young men did their "Crossing the Bridge" into Boys Scouts Troop 211 and were met and welcomed by the Leaders and Scouts of Troop 211.

**Angelo Bellocchio**

#### St. Mary's Thrift Shop

**Bob Berent**

St. Mary's Thrift Shop will be open every Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the month of June. Gently used clothing, shoes, bags, linens, household appliances, CDs, tapes, records, books, bric-a-brac, and bathing suits are all on display. Look for our end-of-season specials when you visit, check out our new additions and enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee. Remember that donations are always greatly appreciated. The Thrift Shop will close for July and August and will reopen in September.

**Arlene Byrne**

#### Cub Scout Pack 211

On May 4, 2012 CUB SCOUT PACK 211 ended their season on a great note with their Blue and Gold Awards Dinner at the Morris Yacht and Beach Club. The Scouts were presented with many awards that they earned through out the year. During the awards dinner the Scouts also had their "Crossing the Bridge" ceremony. Congratulations to Nicholas Calbo, James McGaughn, Jaiden Marero and Joseph Leni for completing their

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

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

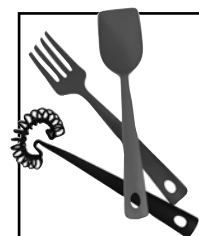
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#### SPECIAL EVENTS

**June Movie Night:** "The Wanderers," Friday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. \$2 per ticket. Concessions available. For more information, please e-mail [BxShanley@optonline.net](mailto:BxShanley@optonline.net) or call 917-721-8747.

**Uptown Coffeehouse:** Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 at the door or you can pay on PayPal through our website: [www.uptowncoffeehouse.org](http://www.uptowncoffeehouse.org). Dates: May 6, June 3.

**Martial Arts Movie Night,** presented by Dragon's Path Academy: \$5 with concession stand, 7:30 p.m. Last Friday of every month.

#### NEW CLASSES

**Art and Craft Classes:** Pre-school class and a K-2 class designed to improve cognitive skills and confidence. Fun, fun, fun for everyone with classes that will ignite the imagination, featuring painting, collage, paper sculpturing, printmaking and many other projects. Thursdays in May and June. For registration and more information, call Eileen Stodut at 914-633-1695.

**Introducing Fashion Designing:** Fashion design classes will include the creation of a fashion journal, including a brief introduction to the history of fashion. There will be an introduction to textile design, including tie dyeing and texture creations that will be applied to the final fashion show. Thursdays in May and June. For registration and more information, call Eileen Stodut at 914-633-1695.

**Introduction to Art Portfolio Prep:** For high school prep or just for fun! Five Mondays, May 7, 14, 21 and June 4 and 11, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Taught by Geri Smith, former LaGuardia H.S. teacher and exam auditioner. \$75.00 for five-week session; \$25.00 materials fee. (After the session ends, students may take materials home.) For registration or more information, call 718-885-1503.

**Zumba with Julia:** Want to lose that belly fat before summer? Well, here is your chance to Zumba with Julia. It's a high energy Zumba workout for an hour. Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30. \$10 per class. Call 917-601-5514. It's fun!

#### 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.deirdreamara.com](http://www.deirdreamara.com).

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

##### ADULT PROGRAM

**Fit For Life:** A balanced cardio and strength-training class for all experience levels. Classes are offered Tuesday and Thursday 4 to 5 p.m. For any questions, please call Sarah Persteins at 718-885-9122. Classes are \$8.

**Zumba with Letti:** Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Letti is a fantastic Zumba instructor who brings a lot of creativity and energy to her classes. Classes are \$10 or a five-class card for \$40.

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

**Zumba Gold:** A fun-filled dance/exercise session with a salsa beat. Meets Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Geared for ages 50 and up. Fee for the class is \$4.

**Belly Dancing:** *Shimmy by the Sea.* Theresa Mahon (a.k.a. Salacia) teaches the oldest documented dance in the history of mankind—Egyptian belly dancing. It is a low-impact way to get in shape and tone your body while having lots of fun. Terry has been a professional belly dancer for 25 years and a teacher of the art for 17 years. Classes are held every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. The fee for each one-hour class is \$15. Walk-ins are very welcome, along with spectators interested in seeing what the class is all about and meeting Salacia. Questions can be directed to Salacia at 845-358-0260.

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

**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

#### Trinity United Methodist Church

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

Trinity is pleased to welcome Suji Jung as the new Minister of Music. She brings with her more than 10 years of worship-accompanying experience in the New York and New Jersey area.

The Sunday school is joining the United Methodist Church for the Imagine No Malaria campaign to eliminate malaria in Africa by 2015. It is raising money to help buy and distribute bed nets and medications in affected areas. Partners in the effort include the Global Fund, the Melissa and Bill Gates Foundation, and the World Health Organization. The children will host a lunch and talent show on Sunday, June 3, after worship. Checks should be made out to Trinity, or you can contribute \$10 by texting: malaria, to: 27722.

Instead of closing for the summer, Sunday school will remain open, so the teachers are looking for helpers to cover teachers' vacation schedules. If you would like to help, please e-mail Pat LaPorte at [PatL724@aol.com](mailto:PatL724@aol.com). Pat is also collecting addresses and contact information for the new directory; if you want to be included, or have new contact information, drop her a line.

The Budget Corner is grateful to the many friends who donate their gently used items and come by to shop. With summer

fast approaching, the shop is preparing to close for the season, but there is still time to drop off items and shop! The schedule is June 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19 and 23. Remember, donations to, and proceeds from the Budget Shop help Trinity continue in its programs and outreach on City Island.

Rick DeWitt

#### City Island Theater Group

The City Island Theater Group is pleased to announce its next two productions. On Sept. 21 and 22 the group will present a staged reading of "The Laramie Project," by Moises Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project, and on Nov. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17, a major production of George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

"The Laramie Project" explores the aftermath of the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepherd, a gay University of Wyoming student who was tied to a fence and left to die. The murder was denounced as a hate crime and highlighted the lack of hate crime legislation in many states, including Wyoming. The play is based on hundreds of interviews with the town's residents by the theater company and the journals of members of the company, as well as published news reports.

Many performances of "The Laramie Project" in the United States have been picketed by representatives of Fred Phelps, pastor of the anti-gay Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas. The picketers are portrayed in this play at Matthew Shepherd's funeral, as they did in real life. "The Laramie Project" is particularly significant in this time of increased awareness of bullying on almost every level in our schools.

"The Man Who Came to Dinner" is set in the small town of Mesalia, Ohio, just before Christmas sometime in the 1930s. An acerbic New York critic, Sheridan Whiteside, has been invited to dinner at the home of wealthy factory owner Ernest W. Stanley. As he approaches the house, Sheridan slips, falls on the ice and breaks his hip. He and his entourage proceed to take over the house for a tumultuous six weeks of recovery, and the play presents the absurd, ridiculous and hilarious events that occur during those six weeks.

Audition times will be announced in the July-August issue. In the meantime, those interested in becoming subscribers should call 718-885-3066 and leave a message.

Watch for us in the City Island Memorial Day Parade and at the Arts and Crafts Festival on June 2 and 3.

Mary McIntyre

#### PSS Senior Programs

**Healthy Exercise Program:** You can attend all classes for \$20 per month or all classes for \$6 per week. Or for individual classes you may contribute \$2 for exercise and \$4 for dance. We need more participants. The schedule is as follows:

Zumba Gold with Stephanie on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. at the City Island Community Center; Cardio Fitness with Mary on Tuesdays at 9:30 at Grace Church Hall; Sittercise with Patty on Tuesdays at 10:30 at Grace Church Hall; Orchard Beach Walk on Wednesdays, leaving Pilot Street at 9:30 a.m.; Yoga Stretch with Michael on Thursdays at 9:30 at Grace Church Hall; Arthritis Exercise with Patty on Thursdays at 10:30 at Grace Church Hall; Fit for Life with Sarah on Fridays at 9:30 at Grace Church Hall through June 22.

**Senior Writing Group.** The group meets on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Grace Church Hall. For further information, call group leader Gail Hitt at 718-885-0444.

**Volunteering:** Please think about volunteering for one of our senior programs. We need help in many areas, including clerical and computer, reception, telephoning, visiting and help with parties and events, to name a few.

**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.** Call Anthony Mazzella at 347-834-6466 a day ahead for Island and off-Island trips. Regular afternoon shopping trips are Monday: Bay Plaza or Stop & Shop; Wednesday: Key Food on Shore Road; Thursday: Shop Rite in New Rochelle. Trips are also made to Fairway, Target, Trader Joe's, Home Depot, Cross County Shopping Center, the Christmas Tree Shop, Empire City and more. The suggested contribution for a round trip is \$1 on City Island, and \$2.50 off Island. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation service in our beautiful new van.

**Program Services:** Call Patty at 718-885-1891 to receive our detailed monthly calendar featuring trips and events, such as group theater discounts, including "George M" at Westchester Dinner Theater on June 21 or "The Music Man" on July 12. Also great discounts for good seats for Yankees or Mets games. Programs are funded by Presbyterian Senior Services, the NYC Department for the Aging.

Patty Grondahl

#### Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion

The Auxiliary Cancer Bingo held on Thursday, May 17, was a huge success. With the generosity of many donors, we had beautiful bingo prizes and more than 100 Sweeps and 44 Super Sweeps (these valued over \$100). We have too many people and establishments to name here, but the outpouring of donations was phenomenal. All proceeds of this yearly bingo go to cancer care and research. Thank you all!

We met as a "unit" for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, at 2 p.m. The lineup was on the corner of Pilot Street. We wore parade attire (navy pants with white blouse and scarf). This is always a great day on City Island.

Our upcoming meeting/dinner meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Portofino's Restaurant on Tuesday, June 5 (members only). Call the Post with any questions. We meet again on Sept. 4. Have a fun-filled and safe summer.

Regina Murphy

#### AARP Chapter #318

AARP Chapter 318 meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church Hall on Bay Street. Our next meeting will be on June 6. On June 20, Chapter 318 will enjoy an end-of-the-year luncheon at the Lobster House Restaurant on Bridge Street at 12 noon. The price is \$40 per person, and all are welcome. There are no meetings in July and August. Meetings will resume in September. Have a wonderful summer!

Rosetta Woods

#### Grace Episcopal Church

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

Wednesday Morning Prayer is suspended until further notice.

Here is an overview of what's happening at Grace Church during May:

Sunday, June 3: Lambs babysitting available, beginning at 9:50 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Monday, June 11: Hearts and Hands, 7:15 p.m., Parish Hall. All are welcome to join this knitting group, which provides caps, shawls and lap robes for patients at Calvary Hospital.

Scott Meyer

# 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.



Edith Urban

## Edith A. Urban

Edith A. Urban, 89, died on May 1, 2012. She was born on August 26, 1922, in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, the youngest of nine children. She studied textile design and was employed in the garment industry until she married Bill Urban.

In 1956, she and Bill moved from Manhattan to City Island, where they raised their family. She was a parishioner of St.

Mary, Star of the Sea Church, a member of the AARP Minneford Chapter and the City Island Seniors. She was also one of the oldest members of the Touring Kayak Club.

Mrs. Urban was predeceased by her husband and is survived by her son Carl Urban of New Rochelle; her son Eric Urban of Greenport, NY; her daughter Carol Urban-Pastore of City Island, NY; and her grandson, Max Pastore.

## Joan Roberta Jordan

Joan Roberta Jordan, a 50-year resident of Torrance, California, passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2012, in Mission Viejo, California, after a brief illness. Born in New York on Feb. 2, 1928, Joan grew up on City Island and then married James Martin Jordan and moved to California.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Jordan-Lascheck (Jay), of Costa Mesa, California; her son, Gary (Kimberly), her grandchildren, Ashley, Jeannette and Colin of Capistrano Beach, California, and her sister-in-law, Betty Jordan of City Island. She was preceded in death by her husband, James.

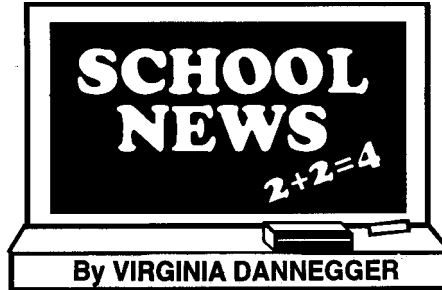
Joan loved animals, travel, music, walking at the beach and going to the movies. She leaves behind friends across the country who will miss her spirit and joy of living. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)), Best Friends Animal Society ([www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org)) or a charity of your choosing. A celebration of her life was held on Monday, May 21, in Torrance, California.

## Ricardo J. Viales

Ricardo J. Viales, age 58, passed away peacefully in his home in Oceanside, California, on April 2, 2012. Rick was a second-generation clam digger, the beloved son of Adele (née Winterfield, also an Island native) and Julio Viales. Rick loved growing up on City Island and spent all his free time on the water.

Even after his move to California in 1978, Rick continued to be avid fisherman and sailor and lived the last 15 years a block away from the Pacific Ocean. His smile, sense of humor, passion and love of the water will be remembered dearly.

Rick is survived by his sister, was well loved by many and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.



## 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**

**Stepinac:** Kyle Caso; **Blessed Sacrament / St. Gabriel:** Chelsea Francois, Destiny Vargas; **Bronx H.S. of Science:** Graham Herrera-Murphy; **Cardinal Spellman:** Jared Candelaria (partial scholarship), Nia Drew, Andrew Henderson-Hill, Azaria Laster, Eddie Ocasio, Taisja Roberson, Douglas Skinner, Jaquell Terry; **Christ the King:** Ashlie Howell; **Fordham Prep:** Ryan Mendez, Jabari Weste; **High School of Fashion Industries:** Dana Johnson; **Iona Prep:** Nicholas Murdock; **Mamaroneck H.S.:** David Stephens; **Mount St. Ursula:** Brianna Marrero; **Salesian:** Fernando Gonzalez; Undecided are Angelique Cordero, Erynn Owens, David Ozoa and Briana Smith.

Jared Candelaria also received a full scholarship to St. Raymond H.S. for Boys and a full scholarship to Mount St. Michael Academy; Fernando Gonzalez received a partial scholarship to Blessed Sacrament /St.Gabriel; Graham Herrera-Murphy received a full scholarship to Cardinal Spellman and a \$7,000 scholarship to Iona Prep; Dana Johnson received a partial scholarship to Cathedral H.S.

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: **Bronx H.S. for Law and Community Service:** Gabriel Gojani; **Bronx H.S. of Science:** Lily Kolb, Nora Kuka; **Cardinal Spellman:** Alexis Candelaria, Shaiann Lubelli, Shaban Paljevic; **DeWitt Clinton:** Devin Dyal; **Dobbs Ferry:** Chloe Brelsford; **Fiorello LaGuardia:** Michael Santomassimo, Emmett Shanley; **Frank Sinatra H.S.:** John Desgroseilliers; **Gramercy Arts:** Shabri Cummings; **High School of Computers and Technology:** Ameer Baksh; **High School of Fashion Industries:** Francesca Paradiso; **Iona Prep:** Michael Bellocchio, Michael Labriola, Nicholas Labriola, Michael Pirraglia; **Manhattan Hunter Science:** Valerie Kornitchouk; **New York City Museum School:** Catherine Langkamp; **Preston:** Briana Powers; **Renaissance H.S. for Musical Theatre and Technology:** Ashley Goldman; **Repertory H.S. for Theatre Arts:** Hannah Glick; **St. Catharine Academy:** Amanda Beqiraj, Karina Desantis, Shannon Faulkner; **Salesian:** Dominik Comerico, Scott Cruz, Nicholas Gjonaj, Jean Juis Gonzalez, Xavier Medina, Justin Ramos, Robert Weyrauch; **Talent Unlimited:** Amanda Devlin, Kathleen Kramer; **Truman:** Trevor Zelaya; **Ursuline:** Francesca Strazera.

Congratulations and good luck to all!

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**A Selected Filmography of Robin Williams**

Robin Williams is best known as a zany comedian who came into the public eye in the television show "Mork and Mindy." Although some of his films are comedies, he demonstrates a powerful range as an excellent dramatic actor. In **The World According to Garp** (1982), the film version of the John Irving novel, Williams plays the title role as an aspiring novelist who is the son of unmarried, unconventional feminist Jenny Fields (Glenn Close in her film debut), who often overshadows him. He is successful and happily married to college sweetheart Helen Holm (Mary Beth Hurt). The film features John Lithgow as Roberta Muldoon, a transsexual ex-football player. Both Close and Lithgow received Oscar nominations.

**Moscow on the Hudson** (1984) stars Williams as Vladimir Ivanoff, a Russian saxophone player in a circus who is torn between a sweet home life and being oppressed by his society. When the circus comes to New York, Williams goes on a shopping trip to Bloomingdale's - where he impulsively decides to defect. He is given a place to stay by security guard Lionel Witherspoon (Cleavant Derricks) and falls for fellow immigrant Lucia Lombardo (Maria Conchita Alonso). It is interesting to note that virtually every character he meets in the film is from a country other than the United States.

Williams received an Oscar nomination for his role as DJ Adrian Cronauer in **Good Morning Vietnam** (1987). Broadcasting over the Armed Forces Radio in 1965, he instantly becomes the most popu-

lar DJ in country, much to the consternation of Lieut. Steven Hawk (Bruno Kirby) and Sgt. Maj. Dickerson (J.T. Walsh). This is a brilliant tour-de-force role that displays Robin Williams's comedic prowess.

In **Dead Poet's Society** (1989) Williams plays an unconventional educator, John Keating, who introduces his prep school students to the wonders of poetry and free thinking at the Welton Academy in 1959. His students include aspiring writer Todd (Ethan Hawke), aspiring actor Neil (Robert Sean Leonard) and hopeless romantic Knox (Josh Charles). Keating encourages his students to live their lives boldly, but this philosophy leads to an unexpected tragedy. The film was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Actor for Williams; it won one, for Tom Schulman's original screenplay.

**Cadillac Man** (1989) is a quirky comedy about a stereotypical fast-talking car salesman named Joey O'Brien who has a compassionate side that is irresistible to women. During a huge sale at his dealership, he is expected to sell a lot of cars or lose his job. His day is interrupted by Larry (Tim Robbins), the insanely jealous husband of dimwitted showroom receptionist Donna (Annabella Sciorra). When a hostage situation ensues, Joey realizes that it's up to him to use his wits to persuade Larry not to kill anyone.

**Awakenings** (1990) is based on a true story by neurologist Oliver Sacks, a former resident of City Island. It stars Williams as the Sacks-like character, Dr. Malcolm Sayer, who takes a job at a Bronx psychiatric hospital in 1969. There he takes over the care of several seemingly catatonic patients who begin responding under his painstaking guidance. Sayer is given permission to test a new drug on one of his patients, Leonard Lowe (Robert DeNiro), who gradually comes out of his shell, which encourages Sayers to administer the drug to the other patients under his care.

**The Fisher King** (1991) stars Jeff Bridges as Jack Lucas, a totally self-absorbed, coarse-mouthed radio talk show host whose career is in ruins. He lives with Anne Napolitano (Mercedes Ruehl's Oscar-

winning role), the owner of a run-down neighborhood video store. While he is on a drunken spree, Jack's life is saved by Parry (Robin Williams), ironically a tragic victim of Jack's previous misfortunes. Jack tries to atone for what happened by helping Parry meet the girl of his dreams, Lydia (Amanda Plummer). Healing is the central theme of this film, which is filled with fascinating, over-the-top imagery, as well as a not-to-be missed transformation of Grand Central Station into a giant ballroom.

In the Disney animated film **Aladdin** (1992), Williams's hilarious voice of the Genie is the main attraction. After a sultan (Douglas Seale) gives his daughter, Jasmine (Linda Larkin), three days to find a husband, she escapes the palace and encounters the street-savvy urchin Aladdin (Scott Weinger), who charms his way into her heart. While the sultan's Vizier, Jafar (Jonathan Freeman), weaves a spell so that he may marry Jasmine and become sultan himself, Aladdin discovers the Genie's lamp in a cave, rubs it and sets the mystical entity free. With the Genie's help, Aladdin begins his quest to defeat Jafar and win the hand of the princess.

**Mrs. Doubtfire** (1993) stars Williams as Daniel Hillard, an eccentric actor who specializes in dubbing voices for cartoon characters. When Daniel's wife, Miranda (Sally Field), files for divorce, with help from his make-up artist brother Frank (Harvey Fierstein), Daniel is disguised as Mrs. Iphegenia Doubtfire, a stern but caring Scottish nanny so that Miranda will hire him to take care of the children. Pierce Brosnan is on hand as Miranda's new boyfriend, Stu (Pierce Brosnan).

In **Birdcage** (1996), Williams plays Armand Goldman, a gay cabaret owner who, with his drag queen companion (Nathan Lane), agrees to put up a false straight front so that their son, Val (Dan Futterman), can introduce them to his fiancée, Barbara (Calista Flockhart). The masquerade is deemed necessary because Barbara's parents are the ultra-religious right-wing Senator Keeley (Gene Hackman) and his naive wife, Louise (Dianne Wiest). Featured are Christine Baranski as Katharine, Val's biological mother, and Hank Azaria as the hilarious Greek house boy Agador.

Williams has a fine supporting role in **Good Will Hunting** (1997), which stars Matt Damon in the title role as an intellectually gifted MIT janitor. Will is "discovered" by MIT Professor Lambeau (Stellan Skarsgard), who rescues him from police custody on the condition that Will study with him and get therapy. Psychotherapist Sean McGuire (Williams) challenges Will emotionally, especially when Will falls for Skylar (Minnie Driver), a British medical student. Ben Affleck plays Will's supportive best friend, Chuckie.

Get out the tissue box if you like to cry at movies for **What Dreams May Come** (1998). It stars Williams and Annabella Sciorra as Chris and Anne Nielson, soul mates who marry, have children and then have to deal with unbearable tragedy.

Yet this is visually the most original and lushly gorgeous cinematic feats I've ever witnessed. To see an artist paint a magnificent landscape, and see a person who has crossed to the other side sloshing through the not yet dried paint on the canvas, is stunning to the eyes and imagination. In this excruciatingly sad film, we see love's power propelling a husband through an original visualization of heaven and hell.

**Patch Adams** (1998) is the fact-based story of an unconventional physician who attempted to heal patients with laughter. Williams stars in the title role as Hunter Adams, a troubled young man whose experiences in a mental institution in the late 1960s convince him to become a doctor. He dedicates his life to providing emotional and spiritual relief along with medical care. Adams clowns around for his patients as he gets to know them personally. Although his efforts seem to work wonders and the hospital nursing staff is grateful for the levity that Adams provides, his methods alienate his uptight roommate, Mitch (Philip Seymour Hoffman), as well as the staff and faculty of his school. Adams's antics put his career in jeopardy and force him to defend his philosophy before a board of physicians that is determined to bar him from practicing medicine.

**Insomnia** (2002) is set in a small Alaskan town where LA detective Will Dormer (Al Pacino) and his partner, Hap Eckhart (Martin Donovan), have arrived to assist the police chief (Paul Dooley). A young woman has been killed, and Will and Hap are assigned to help crack the case. They are followed by an eager young detective, Ellie Burr (Hilary Swank). Though he doesn't appear until halfway through the film, Williams plays Walter Finch, a small-time crime novelist, who happens to be the murderer.

In **One Hour Photo** (2002) Williams plays the very creepy role of Parrish, the control-freak manager of a one-hour photo stand in the Sav-Mart superstore, which allows him to peer into the lives of his customers. He becomes obsessed with the Yorkin family, especially the son, Jakob (Dylan Smith), and the beautiful, smiling mother, Nina (Connie Nielsen). When he discovers that Nina is upset with her husband, Will (Michael Vartan), Sy starts stalking him. As his life starts to unravel, the audience is riveted by Williams's outstanding performance.

**The Night Listener** (2006) explores a shadowy region between truth and fiction. Gabriel Noone (Robin Williams), a middle-aged writer with a radio show and a fondering relationship (his younger boyfriend, Jess [Bobby Cannavale], has just moved out) strikes up a long-distance friendship with a teenager named Pete (Rory Culkin), who claims to be one of Gabriel's biggest fans. The boy, who has AIDS, is also the author of a memoir describing the horrific sexual abuse he suffered before he was adopted by Donna (Toni Collette), a kind-hearted nurse. When Noone goes to see him, Donna is overly protective and this segues into an ending with a twist.

And until next time, happy viewing. . .



Photo by RICK DEWITT

With the help of DJ Ray, everyone had a great time at this year's Girl Scout Dance held at the Stuyvesant Yacht Club on April 21. Showing off their clothespin-accessorized outfits are Isabel Shaw, Serena Balassi, Sabrina Fontana, Fiorela Minia, Gianna Cambria, Meghan McConaghy, Dusty Rose Prohaska, Emma Ramos and Sabrina Jarvis.



## SAILING LIFE ON CITY ISLAND

By JOYCE MULCAHY



Photo by JOYCE MULCAHY

The 2011 northeast regional J24 regatta off City Island.

"I do not know how anyone can live without some small place of enchantment to turn to," wrote Pulitzer-Prize winner Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings in 1939. Many Islanders know that same sense of enchantment when they cross the City Island bridge, chat with people along the avenue, open their front doors and step over the thresholds of their homes. For me, and for many sailors on City Island, that magic extends onto the water.

I understand that people appreciate the Eastchester Bay and Long Island Sound for various reasons, but this column is

called "Sailing Life on City Island," so I write about the allure of sailing. Last year when I was in a race looking for the upwind mark, the captain knew that I would appreciate the sight of a double rainbow. Rather have me squint through a pair of binoculars trying to find a yellow buoy, he said simply "Look up" and, wow—a red, yellow, green tripecta x 2. Unfortunately, I didn't take a picture of that glorious rainbow, but here is a photo I was able to take that illustrates the enchantment of sailing life on City Island. (Note: more to come in the next issue.)

## SURVIVAL TIPS FOR TEENS AND THEIR PARENTS

By JOHN SCARDINA

Given all of the uncertainty and worry that being a teenager (and raising a teenager!) can entail, it is sometimes good to know what is supposed to be happening during the adolescent years. Here are some of the issues that any teenager may be facing:

1. How do I experience my gender and my sexuality? What is it like to be a male or a female in this society? In my school? In my own body?

2. How can I learn the difference between being assertive and aggressive? How can I stand up for myself and still respect the boundaries of others?

3. How can I learn to be more independent and make my own decisions without simply reacting against the rules of adults?

4. How can I figure out the person I want to be using the traits of the person I am? What are my strengths? What am I good at doing? Where do I want to be in 10 years?

5. How can I learn to live in the middle and not be too big or too small? Am I "right-sized" in my dealings with others? Can I avoid being overdramatic (too big) or invisible (too small)?

6. How can I learn to be a critical thinker? Can I make sense of the world around me, using my thinking skills to make good decisions?

7. How can I establish and maintain healthy friendships with my peers? What do I look for in a friend? Am I a good friend?

8. How can I come to terms with my changing body? In a culture that idolizes only certain types of bodies, can I become comfortable in my own?

That's quite a list! As adults, how do we measure up on these tasks? With all humility and good faith in human nature, we must promote these skills in ourselves and our loved ones.

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

JUNE 2012									
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	
01 Fri	0315	-0.03	0852	7.28	1507	0.14	2114	8.49	Fri 01
02 Sat	0424	-0.46	0959	7.43	1616	-0.06	2214	8.68	Sat 02
03 Sun	0524	-0.83	1103	7.61	1720	-0.23	2313	8.79	Sun 03
04 Mon	0620	-1.07	1202	7.75	1821	-0.32			Mon 04
05 Tue	0010	8.78	0715	-1.13	1259	7.82	1919	-0.30	Tue 05
06 Wed	0108	8.64	0808	-1.03	1357	7.83	2018	-0.19	Wed 06
07 Thu	0207	8.38	0902	-0.79	1455	7.78	2116	0.01	Thu 07
08 Fri	0308	8.04	0956	-0.45	1554	7.69	2217	0.25	Fri 08
09 Sat	0413	7.68	1051	-0.07	1654	7.61	2318	0.46	Sat 09
10 Sun	0518	7.36	1147	0.28	1753	7.56			Sun 10
11 Mon	0019	0.61	0621	7.13	1243	0.58	1851	7.56	Mon 11
12 Tue	0118	0.67	0720	6.99	1337	0.79	1946	7.60	Tue 12
13 Wed	0215	0.66	0816	6.95	1429	0.92	2039	7.67	Wed 13
14 Thu	0308	0.58	0908	6.96	1519	0.99	2128	7.74	Thu 14
15 Fri	0357	0.48	0957	7.02	1604	1.02	2214	7.80	Fri 15
16 Sat	0442	0.39	1043	7.08	1646	1.03	2255	7.82	Sat 16
17 Sun	0524	0.33	1125	7.13	1722	1.03	2332	7.82	Sun 17
18 Mon	0602	0.29	1204	7.16	1749	1.01	2358	7.81	Mon 18
19 Tue	0634	0.28	1235	7.18	1807	0.94			Tue 19
20 Wed	0009	7.84	0657	0.27	1250	7.25	1834	0.81	Wed 20
21 Thu	0032	7.95	0715	0.21	1307	7.40	1910	0.68	Thu 21
22 Fri	0107	8.03	0743	0.12	1340	7.60	1950	0.57	Fri 22
23 Sat	0148	8.06	0819	0.06	1419	7.78	2035	0.50	Sat 23
24 Sun	0232	7.99	0900	0.06	1503	7.91	2123	0.48	Sun 24
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26 Tue	0413	7.58	1035	0.21	1644	8.02	2313	0.52	Tue 26
27 Wed	0510	7.31	1129	0.33	1742	8.02			Wed 27
28 Thu	0019	0.53	0613	7.06	1228	0.45	1844	8.03	Thu 28
29 Fri	0145	0.42	0723	6.94	1336	0.50	1951	8.10	Fri 29
30 Sat	0313	0.11	0842	6.98	1458	0.43	2103	8.24	Sat 30
JULY 2012									
01 Sun	0420	-0.29	0959	7.19	1618	0.21	2212	8.41	Sun 01



Photos by MARGUERITE CHADWICK-JUNER

The Garden Club of City Island held its annual luncheon at the City Island Yacht Club on May 24, 2012. Picture above (l. to r.) are Garden Club officers Paula Huffell, Barbara Harrison Kaye, Susan Strazzera and Barbara Hoffman. Artist Mary Colby (photo below, at right) donated one of her paintings for the raffle. The delighted winner was Barbara Dennis (l.).






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## SIGHTS & SOUNDS

By JOHN SHERIDAN and MARIA SUTHERLAND

### THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE BIRDS

It was a very patriotic month for birds. Within a three-week span, we crossed paths with a scarlet tanager, a pure white parakeet and an eastern bluebird. That's a red, a white, and a blue! And here it is only June.

To be honest, the bluebird we saw was in Gettysburg, that not-so-far-away destination that does not disappoint; it is real history in a bottle down there. The bluebird we came upon during our driving tour was a most handsome specimen. It was one of many details that added to the experience.

In another two-hour span in mid-May, we watched a cormorant and an eel tussling above and below the waves, along with a family of swans, including three of the tiniest cygnets we've ever seen, and an osprey that saw what we saw.

The cormorant got the better of the eel, but in the end he may have come to regret it. Swallowing its foot-long catch seemed to cause the cormorant stress, and it spent an extra 20 minutes at least swimming in no particular direction with its neck outstretched and beak pointed upward—all this, it seemed, in an effort to move the digestion process along. The cygnets were so small that we thought there were only two, and it

wasn't until the family made a landfall on Fordham Street that we realized there were three. The hungry osprey that saw them, too, was preparing for the kill—or so it seemed—when the branch on which it has alighted suddenly snapped, which caused the osprey to fly off in a different direction.

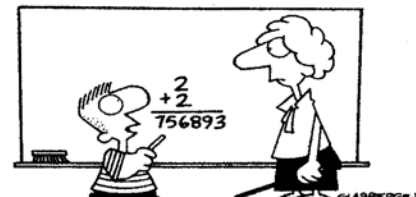
By the light of the next full moon, horseshoe crabs by the thousands will be arriving on City Island shores to lay their eggs. Cut these prehistoric creatures a break this year and leave them to their procreating business in peace. Or better yet, between now and the end of the month, you might come across a stranded female or two who couldn't make it back to the water after depositing her eggs; take the time to gently lift her by the tail and leave her in the shallow water. It doesn't hurt and you might even get a warm fuzzy feeling.

At this point in our column we usually leave you with our e-mail address for the encouragement of audience participation, but not so this month. This month we leave you with a different web address: <http://metobs.ssec.wisc.edu/aoss/cameras/hawkcam-flash.html?dontcareboutdupes=true>. This is a live feed from a red-tail hawk's nest in Madison, Wisconsin. Last time we looked, there were three chicks and two adults. Enjoy!

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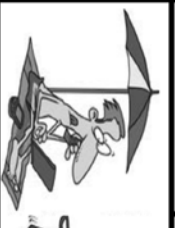

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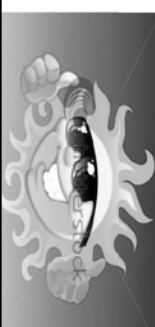
"In an increasingly complex world, sometimes old questions require new answers."

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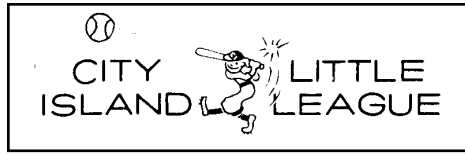
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City Island Little League is off to a great start. Two out-of-the-park home runs by Jaiden Marrero for the American Legion really got the team excited, and everyone's hitting is starting to improve. Pitching by John Tomsen, Jaiden Marrero and James McGaughan has been great. Nick Calbo, Michael Lionardo, Christopher Tomsen and Carlo Fine have been doing a great job in the

infield. Outfielders Brandon McGaughan, Jeffery Santana, Joseph Santana and Andy Almonte have also been doing a fantastic job. Jake Garforth has been helping in the dugout every game since he broke his wrist.

Local 79 has started off the season very well. First-year minor leaguers Alex Persteins, Matthew McGaughan, Jason Lacina, Jonathan Delgado and Paul Goonan have contributed to the team with hits and fielding plays. We have had several good fielding plays by many members of the team, and everyone on the team has gotten a few hits. Our stand-out players so far who have received player-of-the-game honors have been Joseph Goonan, Marco Mazzella, Ginutis Sipas and Matthew McGaughan. Peter Luderman, Joseph Persteins, Carlo Fragola and Travis Prohaska have all played well over the last season. The coaches James Goonan, Paul Mazzella, Jimmy McGaughan and Mike Prohaska look forward to more improvements over the rest of the season.

Jack's Bait and Tackle is having a solid year at the plate and in the field. The players are learning the fundamentals of baseball and are showing improvement from game to game. Our offense is powered by Aidan Hanley-Piri, John Russell, Mark Piri, Mikey Masella and Marc LaMonico. Noticeable improvements have been made by all the players, especially Neeva Smith, Ben Nicoletti, Ramon Vargas and Chelsea Manna. Tee Ball is going great thanks to Dom Esposito, Gregory Clancy and all the Tee Ball volunteers.

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**Joseph William Noschese**

Congratulations to King Avenue's Kevin Whelan, who will graduate from Fordham Prep on May 23 (the third generation of Whelans to attend) and who received a four-year Jesuit scholarship to the University of Scranton, where he was accepted into their physical therapy program. You make your mother, father, Briana, Christine, and your grandmothers, Barbara and Anna, very proud.

Congratulations and happy birthday to Joe DeWitt for completing the 10-mile, 20-obstacle Tough Mudder at Mount Snow, Vermont, on May 5; your under-four-hour complete time is great! Love, Mom, Dad, Sam, Gwyn and Uncle Craig.

Best wishes for a very Happy Birthday on June 23 to the Sailmaker's John Iovieno, with love from his family.

Congratulations to Joseph William Noschese, as you graduate from Iona Prep. From "day one," you have always kept us on our toes, and we know that you will continue to make us proud as you enter Boston College in the fall. Keep up the good work. May God bless you. Love, Mom, Dad and family.

Birthday wishes go out to Tier Street's Marion Rosenfeld on June 1, with love from your friends at Atlantic Emeritus Realty.

Happy birthday to Marine Street's Ann Butterworth, who will celebrate her big day on June 29. With love from your family and friends.

Congratulations to all who made the St. Mary, Star of the Sea Class of 1966 reunion such a huge success. Classmates came from as far away as Washington, Iowa, Ohio, Florida, North Carolina and Maryland to share memories and renew old friendships.



**Christopher Rene Matos**

Happy 92nd birthday wishes across the miles to Vera Thompson in Orlando, Florida. She shares her birthday month with her son John Wright, and her daughter, Judy Rauh.

Former Winter Street resident Dylan Callahan was named one of the top 10 high school pitchers in Connecticut by ESPN. Dylan, whose grandfathers are Russ Schaller of King Avenue and Jim Callahan of Earley Street, plays as both shortstop and pitcher for the Greenwich (Connecticut) High School Cardinals. The Cardinals just completed a 20-0 undefeated season and are the number one seed in both the State and FCIAC play-offs. Dylan will be attending and playing baseball for Trinity College in the fall.

Jeff Stark, formerly of 54 Carroll Street, and his wife, Ruth, are happy to announce the April 18 birth of their daughter, Lily Halen. Proud grandmother is Beth Stark.

Best wishes for continued success to Nicholas Ruggiero, who will graduate from Salesian High School on June 2. Nicholas will be attending John Jay College for Criminal Justice in the fall to pursue a career as a U.S. Marshal. Also, a very happy birthday to his dad, Robert, who celebrates on June 18.

Happy birthday on June 20 to Fred Ramfl. Have a wonderful vacation in Iceland. Love, Mom, Dad, Frank and Gianna Marie.

Birthday greetings to my Uncle Fred. Don't forget to bring me a sweater from Iceland. Love, Gianna Marie.

Belated first birthday wishes on May 25 to Christopher Rene Matos, with love from your family and friends.

Happy June 8 birthday wishes to Pilot Street's Toby Liederman.

Happy birthday to the *Island Current's* Karen Nani, Margaret Lenz, Ginger Dannegger and Rose Kolb.

And a very happy Father's Day to all our wonderful fathers and grandfathers.

**Maria Swieciki**



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Joe DeWitt competed in the 10-mile, 20-obstacle Tough Mudder at Mount Snow.

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