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Crowd Rains Problems and Praise on Police

By KAREN NANI

An overflow crowd of concerned Islanders gathered at Trinity Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, to hear from police representatives from the 45th Precinct. Residents voiced frustration over the recent rash of vandalism, while also complimenting the increased police presence during the last couple of months.

The town hall meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Frank Fitts, president of the City Island Civic Association. He introduced the representatives from the police department, including Captain James Alles, Lieutenant Michael Brenyo, Sergeant Mike Gunther, and Officers Ann Marie Morrison, Mike O'Connor and Vicky Alier.

Captain Alles addressed the crowd of over 150 Islanders first and was pleased to announce that the 45th Precinct was third in crime reduction in the Bronx. He then provided these statistics for year-to-date 2006 on City Island:

- Out of 576 major crimes in the entire 45th Precinct, only 17 were reported for City Island. There were no murders or rapes on the Island.
- 6 Burglaries (3 residential, 1 commercial, 1 shed, 1 boat)
- 7 Grand Larceny (4 property, 3 identity theft)
- 3 Grand Larceny Auto
- 1 Robbery (chain taken from 13-year old, arrest made)

In addition, the captain acknowledged 38 incidents of Criminal Mischief on the Island, including property damage to buildings, car windows and mirrors. He reported that windows at the school had been broken during the previous week and that "five kids were arrested" and charged with the vandalism.

Captain Alles delivered a wake-up call to the crowd when he said: "Most crime on the Island is committed by City Island residents." He also reminded Islanders that "living here is not a license to violate the law."

He referred to the attitude shown by some residents who believe they should be exempt from tickets and summonses because of their City Island address. The captain drew laughter from the crowd when he told of pulling a car over for a traffic violation and having the indignant driver announce, "I'm an Islander." He told the driver, "I'm a Rangers fan myself," then proceeded to give the driver a summons.

Captain Alles announced increased police coverage with the recent assignment of five rookie police officers to the Island, each working 10-hour shifts, to supplement the radio car and Sergeant Gunther. Additional traffic police have also been assigned for the summer weekends.

Acknowledging that traffic is the biggest problem on City Island, the captain said officers have increased their efforts to enforce speed limits, fire lane clearance and double parking violations.

The first question from the audience came from Sue Bellinson, who asked about making left turns immediately over the City Island bridge when heading toward Minnecord and King Avenues. Referring to drivers who jump into the fire lane just after the

circle and speed over the bridge, she asked "Legally, how soon should we get into the lane to make the left turn?" The captain responded that the law actually says you shouldn't be in that lane until just before you make the left turn.

However, he advised using common sense and pulling into the fire lane slowly about four or five car lengths before the turn while still on the bridge. Given the dangerous potential for head on collisions at that spot, driving cautiously and slowly is of utmost importance.

The most intriguing answer came to the next question from Schofield Street resident Nancy Adams who asked what police were doing about the obvious "drug dealing on City Island Avenue around Schofield Street only a block and a half from the school?" Captain Alles peaked Islanders' curiosity when he answered, "I can't comment now, but you can anticipate good news in a couple of months regarding this situation."

Frustration over police response to the recent rash of vandalism on Centre Street and to the City Island Nautical Museum was voiced by Mike Esposito and Barbara Dolensek. Mr. Esposito said he was glad to hear about recent arrests for vandalism but asked why the response to the many broken car mirrors reported in April was so slow. He further questioned, "Will the increased manpower still be here in the off season?"

Captain Alles promised the crowd that the rookie officers, who were assigned after the incidents, will remain in place in the off season continuing to work 10 hours a day until 1 or 2 a.m. in the morning if necessary.

In addition, Mr. Fitts and Joseph Savino, former Commissioner of the Bronx Board of Elections, announced that funding for video surveillance equipment was being obtained so that cameras could be placed in some of these high risk locations in an effort to identify vandals and have them arrested. This was met with cautious optimism by residents and P.S. 175 parents who had raised money to repair the playground equipment behind the school, only to have it vandalized again.

Arthur Klein requested more "proactive" policing between the hours of 8 p.m. and 2 a.m., when many of these incidents seem to be occurring at the same locations along City Island Avenue.

There were several requests for police enforcement of alleged noise and parking violations by some City Island restaurants. Tier Street resident James O'Brien told the audience that he had repeatedly called both 311 and the 45th precinct directly about the noise emanating from Seafood City, including loudspeaker announcements and blaring music past 11 p.m. *The Current* learned the following morning that Officer Alier had followed up on the noise complaint directly after the meeting.

Dorothy DeRusso voiced similar frustration with the Lido Restaurant near Pilot Street. She claimed that Lido parking attendants park patrons' cars all over Pilot, Marine and Reynolds Streets and City Island Avenue, ignoring parking restrictions and blocking residents' driveways. The situation



Photo by RICK DEWITT

Captain James Alles, commanding officer of the 45th precinct, addressed a large crowd at a town meeting on Tuesday, June 13, called by the City Island Civic Association to address issues of concern to the community. To Captain Alles's right in the photograph is Frank Fitts, president of the Civic Association, and to his left is Lieutenant Michael Brenyo.

has worsened during the past year since half of the Lido's parking lot cannot be used because of excavation.

Lieutenant Brenyo promised to visit both establishments and check for violations. He claimed that summonses had been written in the past, especially to the Lido, but he said he would talk with the restaurant's management again.

The perennial problem of traffic congestion was raised by several audience members. While police were complimented for keeping traffic moving this past Mother's Day, Tom McShane asked why there are no police to regularly manage the congestion and double parking at dismissal time in front of P.S. 175. Captain Alles said that Officer Rosario has been very aggressive writing tickets for double parking throughout the day, but Mr. McShane urged the captain to assign him regularly to P.S. 175 around dismissal time when "often only the fire lane is passable."

Russell Schaller complained about the fact that drivers regularly ignore the yield sign at the City Island circle and that without police presence and cones at the entrance to City Island, traffic gets backed up and drivers aggressively push ahead of those in the right lane.

Ed Sadler complained about an aban-

doned car on Schofield Street that had received 26 parking tickets but had not been removed even after numerous complaints. The day after the town meeting, *The Current* was informed that the car had been removed and that this was "a feather in the captain's hat."

Resident Ed Cullen praised the stepped-up efforts of the police to deal with problem teenagers on the Island and their efforts to control illegal drug dealing. He joined the chorus of requests for enforcement of speed limits on City Island Avenue, especially in the fire lane.

Captain Alles ended the meeting by urging a partnership between police and residents. "We are here to help you, but we need residents to report crimes and identify the offenders, even if they are Islanders. You are our eyes and ears."

With Fourth of July approaching, he reminded the crowd that the mayor's tough policy on fireworks will result in arrests of those caught with firecrackers and other illegal pyrotechnics.

After the meeting adjourned, around 9 p.m., the captain told *The Current* that he would also work with the editors to reinstate the regular Blotter column to keep residents informed about crimes and arrests on City Island.



Photo by JANE PROTZMAN

The detonation of fireworks at Rodman's Neck spews acrid smoke that blankets City Island when the wind is blowing from the northwest, an unfortunate but not uncommon prelude to the Fourth of July. This photograph was taken on June 10, 2006.

BRIEFLY...

MARTIAL ARTS PROGRAM: This summer the City Island Community Center will hold a four-week martial arts program from July 10 to Aug. 3, Monday through Thursday. The fee of \$100 for the four weeks includes uniform. Ages 4 through 7 will meet at 10 a.m.; ages 8 through 12 at 11 a.m., ages 13 through 19 at 12 noon, and adults at 1 p.m. (Times may be changed according to need.) Please call Amy at 718-885-3502 for information and registration.

ARTS PROGRAM AT BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE During the months of July and August, Bronx Community College will be providing courses and workshops for adults and children in various subjects, including ceramics, drawing and painting, photography, stained glass, glass mosaics, paper craft, the fiber arts (weaving, dye-painting and knotting), writing, comic book creation, dance and performance, and the art of French cooking. The cooking program, for adults only, will be taught by City Island's own Pierre Saint-Denis of Le Refuge Inn; he will offer classes in the preparation of stocks and sauces, hors d'oeuvres preparation and wine basics for the food lover. For information and registration, call 718-289-5170 and ask for a free brochure.

GIUSEPPE VERDI'S "RIGOLETTO" will be performed by the Metropolitan Opera at Orchard Beach on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at 8 p.m. as part of the "Met in the Parks" summer program. The performance is free of charge, and no tickets are required. The cast of "Rigoletto," a moving musical portrait of a hunchback court jester who loses his beloved daughter in an ironic twist of fate, includes soprano Norah Amsellem as Gilda, mezzo-soprano Nancy Fabiola Herrera as Maddalena, tenor Roberto Aronica as the Duke of Mantua, baritone Mark Delavan as Rigoletto and bass Raymond Aceto as Sparafucile. Joseph Colaneri conducts. For more information, call 212-362-6000.

COMMUNITY TILE PAINTING—LAST CALL! There will be one final tile-painting session for the community wall at P.S. 175. Join the tile-painting group on Monday, July 10, between 5 and 7 p.m. at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street. For a donation of \$25 to the PTA, you will be able to paint a beautiful image that will be a permanent record of your generosity and talent!

COMMUNITY CENTER BEACH PARTY! The Community Center will be holding a Pot Luck Fundraiser at the Fordham Street Beach Club on Saturday, Aug. 12, at 5 p.m. The cost is \$5 if you bring a dish and \$10 if you don't. Kids 4 and under eat free. Come support the Community Center and enjoy good music, company and food! Call 718-885-1145 for reservations and more information. Tickets will also be available for sale at Six Mile Cross, 288 City Island Avenue.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK: Come enjoy a delightful evening or two of theater in Hawkins Street Park on Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, at 8 p.m. The City Island Theater Group will present scenes from "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare: Abridged," a collection of hilarious spoofs. Bring a chair or a blanket; admission is free.

FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL If you use fireworks, you or someone else can get seriously hurt. If you have fireworks, you can be arrested, your car can be confiscated and your business can be closed. The New York City Police Department will pay a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons possessing or distributing fireworks. Concerned citizens may report anonymously the delivery, sale or storage of fireworks. Call 911 for crimes in progress; call 311 to provide information.

Teens Caught Red-Handed


By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Five Island youths were caught by the police on Thursday, June 22, after having burglarized a residence on Pell Place. Police officers were called when the teens were found in the residence and managed to round them up on City Island Avenue, where they were allegedly found in possession of stolen property. Three of the youths were sent to Bridges Juvenile Center on Spofford Avenue. Two more young men involved in the Thursday incident were arrested on Friday, June 23.

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FATHER'S DAY TRAFFIC DOUBLE BOGEY

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Everyone on City Island knows that Mother's Day is the worst traffic day of the year for the Island—worse than Easter, worse than concerts at Orchard Beach. This year, however, Father's Day won that dubious distinction, with thousands of cars blocking the roadways leading through Pelham Bay Park on Sunday, June 18, from the early afternoon until well into the evening.

This time the main attraction wasn't restaurants or the beach, in spite of the fact that Sunday was a holiday with beautiful, hot weather. The trouble was caused by the fact that the U.S. Golf Association (USGA) had leased the Orchard Beach parking lot to hold the cars of ticket-holders to the U.S. Open tournament, which was being played at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck. The tournament began early in the week of June 12, with practice rounds from Monday through Wednesday and championship rounds from Thursday through Sunday.

Ticketholders driving from south of Mamaroneck were instructed to park their cars at Orchard Beach, where buses would convey them to the golf course. Those from the north were directed to park in White Plains.

Islanders headed north on the Hutchinson River Parkway during the week before the tournament were alerted to the possibility of heavy traffic on the roadway between June 12 and 18, but no individual or organization on City Island seems to have been given official notice about the possibility of heavy traffic in and out of Orchard Beach during that time.

To make matters worse, Frank Fitts, president of the City Island Civic Association and president of the 45th Precinct Community Council, learned on Friday

morning, June 16, that the USGA had asked Parks to close down Orchard Beach for the weekend because of the high volume of visitors with tickets to the golf tournament. Apparently, the Parks Department was prepared to allow this, but the Police Department and other city agencies protested vehemently when they learned of the decision on Friday.

The Police Department, which had done a good job dealing with the traffic on Mother's Day, recognized that 95-degree sunny weather and a Sunday holiday would attract many beachgoers to Orchard Beach, and that city residents would be infuriated to be turned away because of a golf tournament. As it turned out, the beach parking lot filled up anyway, and all the major roadways leading into the area were blocked. Several residents of City Island were able to get home by showing their identification, but thousands of people had to endure hours of waiting for the Orchard Beach parking lot to empty out.

According to Frank Fitts, who spoke with community leaders in Larchmont and Mamaroneck, residents of those towns were furious because of the traffic jams; even the roads into White Plains had to be closed down because of the tournament. He finds it extremely interesting that none of the local newspapers mentioned the traffic tie-ups. The situation would certainly have gotten attention, he said, if any accidents had occurred, because emergency vehicles would have been unable to get through the traffic.

Winged Foot has hosted the U.S. Open on four previous occasions, in 1929, 1959, 1974 and 1984. It seems possible, therefore, that this may not happen again for another couple of decades.

St Mary's School Celebrates 75th Anniversary

By LARRY SAULNIER

During the first weekend of June 2006, St. Mary Star of the Sea School celebrated 75 years of excellence in Catholic education. Numerous events were held as part of the gala festivities.

On Thursday, June 1, the school held its first annual golf outing. Nearly 90 golfers came to play at the Split Rock Golf Course and enjoyed a breakfast at the course and dinner at the Lido Restaurant.

A boat ride on the *Riptide* was scheduled for Friday, but unfortunately, because of the threat of dangerous lightning, the event was moved to the school gym. The unexpected change of venue did not dampen the spirits of the alumni, however, who enjoyed live music provided by alumni Frank Strazzera and Mike DiMaggio and their band. Old friends renewed their friendships and reminisced about old times. The boat ride will be rescheduled for the end of the summer.

On Saturday a buffet luncheon was held at the Harbor Restaurant for 100 alumni, some of whom graduated in the 1930s. State Senator Jeff Klein surprised the alumni with a presentation of a pro-

clamation that declared June 2, 2006, as St. Mary, Star of the Sea Day in New York State.

On Saturday night an old-fashioned Afters Party took place in the school gym, and nearly 235 alumni partied from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. The gym was beautifully decorated with an indoor tent and a candlelight setting. The dinner was donated by JP's Restaurant, and the music was provided by alumnus Nick Bivona.

Mass was celebrated on Sunday, June 3. Father Michael led the procession, which included former St. Mary's priest, Father Gus, Deacon Bill Mueller, and Deacon Jimmy Carroll (both alumni). Immediately afterward, the group enjoyed a lovely breakfast compliments of the Black Whale Restaurant.

By all accounts, the weekend was a grand success. The committee is now determined to build a strong alumni association and to develop a database of alumni. Those who would like to register are invited to log on to the school's Web site at www.stmarystaroftheseacityisland.com or to call the school at 718-885-1527.



Photo courtesy of FRANK HOFFMAN

Four alumni of the class of 1945 at St. Mary Star of the Sea School joined the celebration of the school's 75th anniversary at a luncheon on June 3, 2006. Pictured here are (l. to r.): Richard O'Keefe of City Island; Peggy Hanley Walczek of Boulder, Colorado; Dorothy Knapp Eddy of West Harwich, Massachusetts; and Frank Hoffman of City Island.



The hardworking committee that organized the 75th anniversary festivities at St. Mary, Star of the Sea School included (l. to r.): Helen and Tom McMahon, Kelly and Larry Saulnier, Kate and Pete Green and Angela and Bill Muller (not shown: Eileen Hess).



Photos by LARRY SAULNIER
Father Michael Challinor (r.) gets into the swing of the 75th anniversary celebration of St. Mary, Star of the Sea School by participating in the golf outing at Split Rock Golf Course on June 1, 2006.





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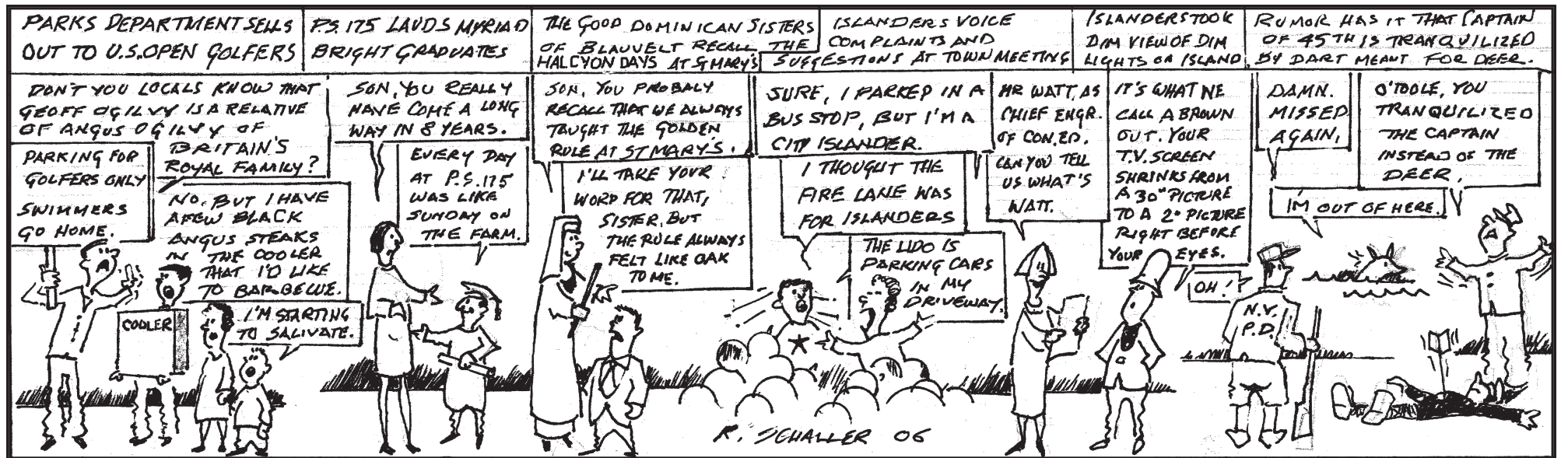
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Community Wall Tile Project

To the Editor:

On behalf of the P.S. 175 Fundraising Committee, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in Phase 1 of the Community Wall tile project. The first tile painting party on May 16 was an outstanding success that surpassed our greatest expectations. The response from the community was tremendous, with every demographic group well represented. Children, teens, seniors, elected officials, local businesses, Island organizations and members of our churches and synagogue joined the school's faculty, students and alumni for what turned out to be an immensely enjoyable evening. The artistic contributions painted that evening are fantastic. Each painted tile is uniquely wonderful and will collectively capture the creative spirit of our Island community.

I wish to specifically thank the many Island artists who so eagerly gave of their time and tremendous talent to this endeavor. Those who view this wall for generations to come will appreciate their efforts and guidance.

I would also like to acknowledge the generosity of the many Island businesses and organizations that made sizable contributions to this project. This will enable us to expand on music, art and sports programs at the City Island School.

After our last painting session, scheduled for July 10, the painted tiles will be professionally fired and installed over the summer. We will continue this project every year until each brown brick in the auditorium is covered with a tile hand painted by a member of this community. It is our intention to invite you back to the school this autumn for the official unveiling of the Community Wall.

Thank you once again for your commitment to our children, school and community.

Susan Bellinson

Thanking the 45th

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

Captain James Alles
45th Precinct
2877 Barclay Avenue
Bronx, NY 10465

Dear Captain Alles:
The officers and the board of the City Island Civic Association thank you and

your precinct officers for leading the discussion at our town hall meeting on June 13. The attendance was excellent, the residents' questions and concerns were those often expressed at our monthly meetings, and your responses helped to clarify the issues for all concerned.

We welcome the five officers who are our "street presence." The feedback on this plan has been positive.

I have called a Civic Association Executive Board meeting for next week to develop plans to keep up the momentum and to support your efforts as well as those of the Civic Association.

Thanks to Officer Alier, who after the meeting went to Seafood City, found the PT Cruiser with the loud music system in the parking lot, sent him away and then followed up with a call to the City Islander who spoke to the issue at the meeting.

Again, thanks from the City Island residents.

Frank Fitts, President,
City Island Civic Association

Street Lighting Complaint

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

To Borough President Carrion, Mayor Bloomberg, Senator Klein and Councilman Vacca:

It is with much concern that I write you about the dangerous lack of lighting on Pelham Bay Park area roads by the Bartow Circle.

It is a testimony to bureaucratic inefficiency and lack of agency cooperation and collaboration that lights by the circle and the exit off the Hutchinson River Parkway have been in total blackness for well over a year.

On Dec. 29, 2005, in the Bronx Times

Reporter, Kay Sarlin, spokesperson for the Department of Transportation (DOT), said that installing a transformer could take as many as two more months. That was five months ago!

Starting on March 3, 2006, I have personally called 311 many times, as well as the Community Board 10 office, the Borough President's office, the Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum, Con Edison's liaison William White at least three times, and the same goes for DOT. Darkness still prevails.

311 told me that there is no direct number to your office, Mr. Mayor, but that I could write you—a sorry state, sir.

I have gotten the good old runaround from everyone except from the Public Advocate's office, which did take two steps. On April 13, Ms. Gotbaum's ombudsman, Kedisha James, wrote Constance Moran and Joseph Palmieri, the present and former commissioners for DOT in the Bronx, about the emergency situation. On May 2 (two and a half weeks later), Ms. Moran responded that the repair request was forwarded to their street-lighting unit for inspection.

She wrote that we would be advised of their findings upon completion of their investigations. Mind you, that was on May 2. How long do they take to check an emer-

gency situation.

So now I write to you four, with copies to the Bronx Times Reporter, the *Island Current*, DOT's Bronx Borough Commissioner's office and the public advocate's office.

Will any of you finally see to it that those lights get turned on before a serious tragedy occurs?

Toby Z. Liederman


Editor's note: The *Island Current*, which reported on this situation in the January/February issue, was assured by a spokesperson for DOT that the lights would be on within 90 days (i.e., April). The lights are still not on, although workers have been seen working on the transformer for a few weeks now and DOT insists that the job will be completed by the end of June. Stay tuned.

With Appreciation

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Sinclair family, I cannot express fully enough my sincere thanks for the outpouring of sympathy we received upon Scott's death. It made me very proud to be a City Islander. Scott no doubt enjoyed watching his memorial service and reception.

J.B. Sinclair

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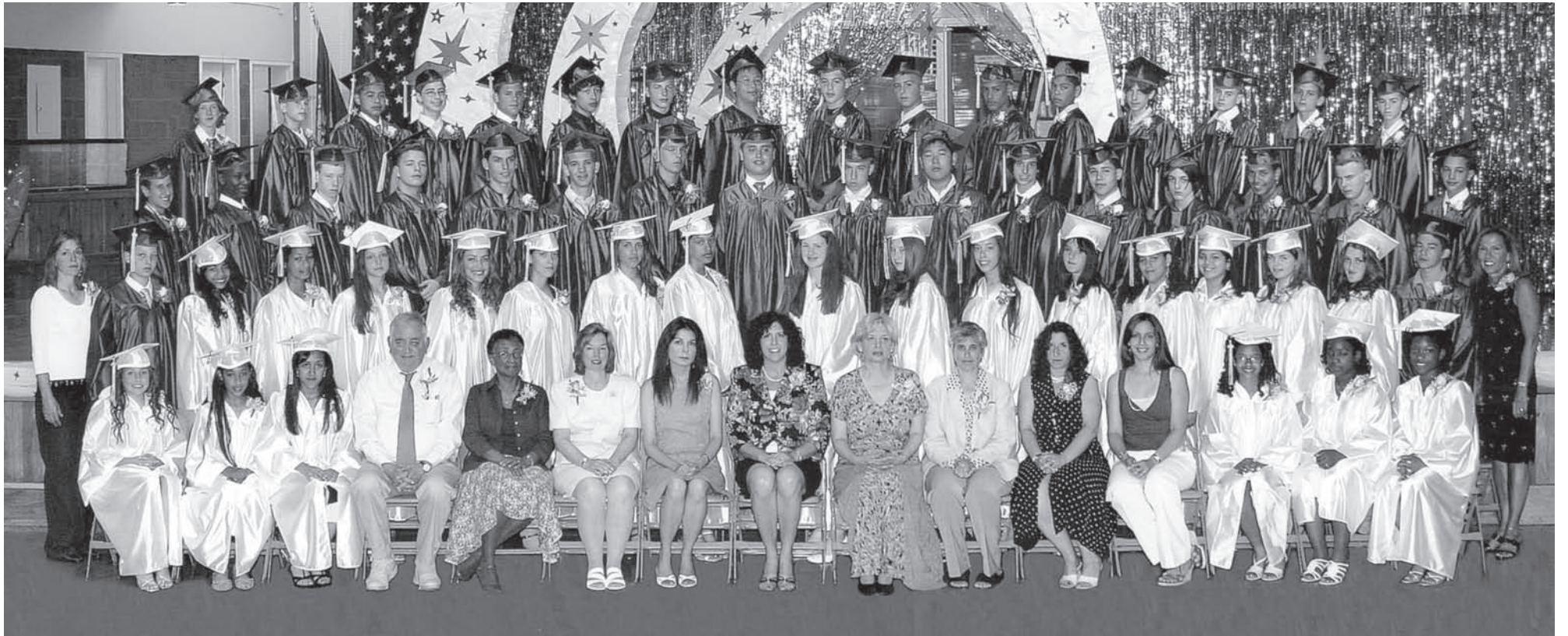


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Members of the 2006 graduating class of Public School 175. First row; bottom (l. to r.): Graduates: Bernadette McMahon, Rachael Sanchez, Aricelis Cay; Faculty: Peter McConnell, Joyce DeGrasse, Jeanne McDonald, Jacqueline Jensen and Amy Lipson, principal; Josephine Rondi, assistant principal; Karen Heil, Andrea Horowitz, Danielle Ramos. Graduates: Jennifer Branch, Tamika Cummings, Kariel Beckford. Second row: Faculty: Jacquelyn Moscone; Graduates: Alessandro DiFilippo, Michelle Barreto, Tiani Ortiz, Blerta Mujaj, Cherise Mercado, Christina Garzillo, Gabrielle Pena, Bianca Escorbores, Elizabeth Arnone, Melanie Muzsik, Deanna Garzillo, Alyssa Owens, Diana Awadallah, Charmain Feliciano, Samantha Masiello, Danielle Kaufman, Ryan Clarke. Faculty: Helen Masotti. Row three: Joseph Aceto, Derek Lowery, Kieran Spencer, Nicholas Nespolini, Geraldo Zefi, Erik Zeidler, Brendon Lizardi, Joseph Nohavicka, Michael Sowa, Ji Hun Kim, Anthony Mikolinacz, Christian Garza, Matthew Sasko, Marcus Dupree, Robert Burke, Thomas MacIndoe. Top row: Liam Flynn, Peter Porzio, Omar Salas, James Gisante, Thomas Cambria, George Badillo, Patrick Labate, Irving Yew, Michael Cambria, Frank Eicher, Christopher Rios, Gabriel Pena, Alex Skokos, Timothy Byrnes, Terence Leonard, John Mazzella.

Graduation 2006!

By VIRGINIA DANNEGGER

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

At St. Mary's graduation on June 16, principal Jane Dennehy made the following presentations.

The General Excellence Awards, with \$50 each donated by the City Island Chamber of Commerce, were presented to Octavia Smith and Briana Floyd.

The American Legion Award with a \$100 savings bond from Post 156 for the best essay entitled "What are the Responsibilities of American Citizenship?" was presented to Jovan Smith. A \$100 savings bond was donated by the Ladies Auxiliary of Leonard Hawkins Post 156 to Octavia Smith for the best essay on "Should the American Flag be Protected by an Amendment?"

Awards were also given in individual subject areas, including the Religion Award to Frank Apollo, the Reading Award to Nikita Singletary, and both the Language Arts Award and the Mathematics Award to Serena Clemons-Greshaw. Christian Albright received the Science Award; awards for Creative Writing and for Art were presented to Caroline Watson, and the Music Award went to Christina Perez. Sonia Andrades was the recipient of both the Social Studies Award and Computer Award, and the Physical Education medal was given to Jovan Smith.

The AARP Chapter 3303 Award for Most Improved Student and a \$50 check were given to Joshua Smith; *The Island Current* Catherine Scott Literary Award with a \$50 check was presented to Sonia Andrades, and Octavia Smith received the Farenga Brothers Community Affairs Award, which included a check for \$100.

The Triple C Award for Commitment, Character and Courage from the State of New York Office of Attorney General Eliot Spitzer was given to Frank Apollo and Nikita Singletary, and the St. John's University Women in Science Certificate of Recognition was presented to Octavia Smith and Briana Floyd.

The State of New York Office of the State Comptroller Alan Hevesi Certificate of Recognition for academic excellence was awarded to Briana Floyd; Sonia Andrades and Serena Clemons-Greshaw were recipients of both the Comptroller of the

City of New York William C. Thompson, Jr. Certificates of Recognition of Outstanding Scholastic Achievement and the New York State Senate Student Leadership Awards.

In the Computer Typing Contest for speed and accuracy, first place went to Caroline Watson, second place to Nikita Singletary and third place to Briana Floyd. In Computer Touch Typing, certificates were presented to Christian Albright, Frank Apollo, Rashad Bryant, Kristen Clark, Triston Howell and Joshua Smith.

Congratulations to all the award winners and all the 2006 grads!

Public School 175

At the June 23 graduation ceremony, principal Amy Lipson made the following presentations.

The Mary P. Fitzpatrick Award for Academic Excellence was presented to John Mazzella, the NYCESPA Principal's Award for Excellence was given to Elizabeth Arnone, and the Lucrezia A. Fusco Award for Effort and Perseverance went to Diana Awadallah.

At the Awards Dinner on June 21, the following presentations were made: The Award for General Excellence from the City Island Chamber of Commerce was given to Thomas Cambria and Matthew Sasko; the CSA Award for Outstanding Leadership was presented to Bernadette McMahon; the UFT Citizenship Award for Academic Achievement and Character was given to Elizabeth Arnone.

The Alice Persteins Award for Outstanding Service to School or Community went to Danielle Kaufman; the Gloria Misurski Award for Fairness, Involvement and Concern for Others was presented to Rachael Sanchez; the Alice Connolly Service Award was given to Alessandro DiFilippo; James Gisante was the recipient of both the Ena P. Ellwanger Award for Compassion, Humor, Integrity and Love of Learning and the Philip J. Abinanti Award for Service and Leadership.

The New York State Senator Jeff Klein Civic Award was presented to Tamika Cummings and Danielle Kaufman; the Assemblyman Michael Benedetto Perseverance Award went to Alyssa Owens; the NYC Comptroller Achievement Award was given

to Kariel Beckford and Gabriel Pena; the City Council Citation for Achievement was awarded to Tamika Cummings.

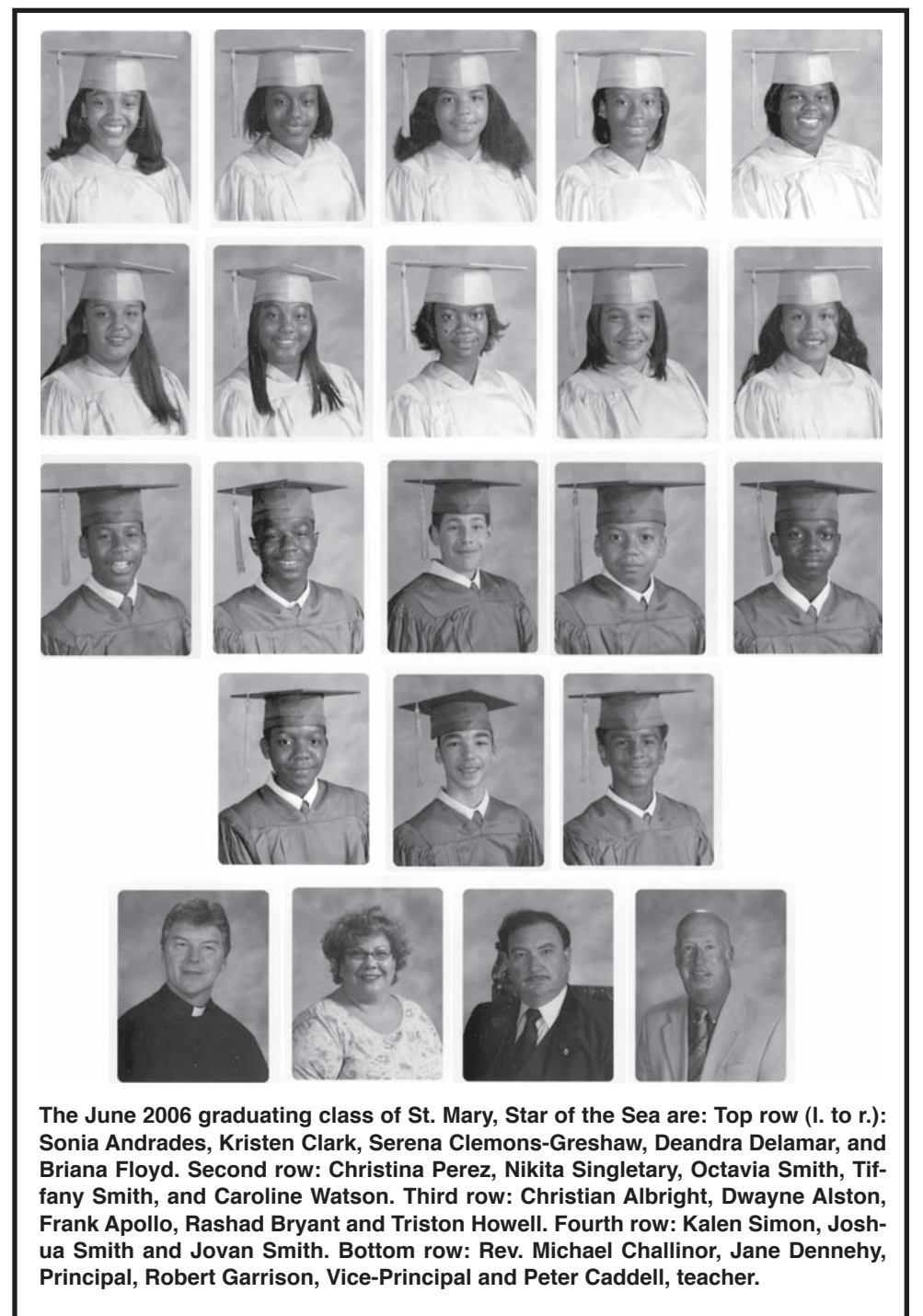
Jennifer Branch received the City of New York Commission of Women's Rights Leadership Award and the City Island Seniors Service Award; the Catherine Scott Literary Award from *The Island Current* went to Deanna Garzillo; the American Legion Women's Auxiliary essay contest winner was Samantha Masiello.

The AARP Chapter #3303 Award for Most Improved Student went to Alyssa Owens; the Blanche Schwartz Award was

given to Michele Baretto; the Association of Assistant Principals Certificate of Merit was awarded to Anthony Mikolinacz and Irving Yew; the Christine Jorgensen Hansen Award for Community Service was presented to Liam Flynn.

The UFT Millie Scheintaub Award for Service was given to Samantha Masiello. The UFT also presented awards in individual subject areas: Language Arts, Matthew Sasko and Christina Garzillo; Mathematics, John Mazzella, Kariel Beckford and Melanie Muzsik; Science, Deanna Garzillo and

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The June 2006 graduating class of St. Mary, Star of the Sea are: Top row (l. to r.): Sonia Andrades, Kristen Clark, Serena Clemons-Greshaw, Deandra Delamar, and Briana Floyd. Second row: Christina Perez, Nikita Singletary, Octavia Smith, Tiffany Smith, and Caroline Watson. Third row: Christian Albright, Dwayne Alston, Frank Apollo, Rashad Bryant and Triston Howell. Fourth row: Kalen Simon, Joshua Smith and Jovan Smith. Bottom row: Rev. Michael Challinor, Jane Dennehy, Principal, Robert Garrison, Vice-Principal and Peter Caddell, teacher.

Virginia Gallagher to Head Board 10

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Island resident Virginia Gallagher was selected by Community Board 10 members to serve as chair beginning in July 2006. She replaces Joann Sanicola Dell'Olio, who served one term during the difficult period of transition following the resignation of district manager James Vacca, who is now a member of City Council.

Mrs. Gallagher has been a member of Community Board 10 for 29 years, since its inception, and she has served as chair twice before. According to board member Leonard Murrell, head of the nominating committee that recommended her to the full board, she was the best choice in light of the recent installation of the new district manager, Kenneth Kearns.

Mrs. Gallagher currently serves as head of the board's parks committee and is one of the most active members of the board. She has served the community for many years, as president of the City Island

Civic Association, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, a tax commissioner for the borough of the Bronx, and a founder of the City Island Historical Society. She was active in limiting the scale of the Pelham Landfill and in setting aside parts of Pelham Bay Park as a sanctuary. She is manager of the Pilot Cove Residence, which she helped to build.

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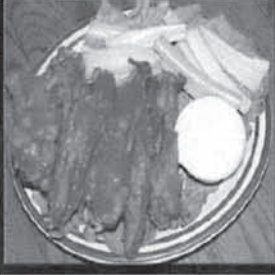







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As part of its "On the Road" series, Bronx 12 did a special segment on City Island on Friday, June 23, 2006, broadcasting live interviews at Catherine Scott Promenade with Islanders who talked about different aspects of the community, including the Garden Club, the Nautical Museum, the Civic Association and *The Island Current*.

2006 SPRING FAIR



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Islanders and visitors were entertained with music, arts and crafts at the annual Arts & Crafts Fair sponsored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce on the weekend of June 3 and 4, 2006.

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Theater Group Presents Awards

By JUDY RAUH



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The City Island Theater group (CITG) held its first annual awards ceremony on June 11, 2006, during its Tony Awards party. Pictured above, (l. to r.): Nick Sala, president of CITG, with award winners Susan Rauh; Linda O'Donnell accepting for her mother, Carole Sullivan; and Councilman James Vacca.

This year the City Island Theater Group (CITG) chose the night of the Tony Awards, June 11, 2006, to hold its first annual awards ceremony of its own. Nick Sala, president of the group, presented the awards to two Island residents and to the City Council member representing City Island.

In presenting the Theater Wings Award to Carole Sullivan, Mr. Sala noted that she has been with CITG since the beginning—doing costumes, working the kitchen and the dressing rooms, cleaning up everywhere. In accepting the award on her mother's behalf, Linda O'Donnell referred to the movie "Yankee Doodle Dandy," saying: "My brother thanks you, my sisters thank you, my father thanks you, and most especially, my mother thanks you."

City Councilman James Vacca was

given the Friend of the Theater Award for supporting the arts and for supporting City Island. He said in his acceptance remarks: "If I can do anything to supplement the arts, I will."

Susan Rauh was given the Golden Star for Acting Award. Mr. Sala called her "one of the most talented actresses I've ever worked with. She brings so much to the stage. She's City Island's Mary-Louise Parker." Ms. Rauh's responded by saying: "The real award is being able to perform with such wonderful people, and doing it in the town where I live."

The award ceremony was held at the Snug, with food provided by the Snug and its owner, Susan Hayes. Tara Brant, Tee Cotter and Christopher McGowan formed the Awards Party Committee.

FAREWELL TO MARY LOBRUTO

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by BARBARA DOLENSEK

Mary LoBruto

On June 29, Mary LoBruto, administrator of the nutrition program held at Pilot Cove, will retire, after 22 years in the position. Although she is not a resident of City Island, she is a familiar figure whose presence on the Island will be missed.

Mary has lived in Pelham Bay all her life, and worked for several years for American Airlines before she left to get married. In 1980, James Vacca, director of the Northeast Bronx Senior Center as well as district manager of Community Board 10, hired her to coordinate programs at the center. After four years there, he asked her to take over the nutrition program on City Island, which was then part of the City Island Community Center.

Mary's fondest wish for the program

is that more Island residents would participate. The program has been managed by Presbyterian Senior Services for the past six years, and executive director David Taylor has been working toward an expansion of the program in order to serve more seniors in the City Island community. Mr. Taylor told *The Current*: "Mary is the quintessential professional who is dedicated and cares greatly for the seniors she serves. She will be greatly missed."

When asked what her plans were after retiring, Mary told *The Current* that she planned to move upstate to Dutchess County to be near her son, who is married with two children. We all wish her every success in the future.

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We apologize to anyone we may have overlooked!

To all of our Alumni, many whom attended the
events of the entire weekend ~ Thank You!

We sincerely hope you will carry these memories
with you.

Visit our website for upcoming events ~ www.stmarystaroftheseacityisland.com.

Children's Summer Reading Program

A summer reading program that will award certificates for "Excellence in Reading" is being offered by State Senator Jeff Klein to encourage children to continue learning while school is out. The program is designed to promote parental participation by encouraging families to read together and take part in experiences such as visiting the local public library or forming a book club.

"Reading with your children not only helps them to learn, but it is also an opportunity for both parents and children to enjoy quality time together," Senator Klein said. "We all live in a hectic, fast-paced environment, where it is often difficult to take time to spend with family. This program not only promotes learning through read-

ing, but also encourages family interaction in the process."

Upon successful completion of the program, a New York State Senate "Excellence In Reading" Certificate will be awarded to children who read a certain number of books or participate in reading-related activities over the summer.

Information about the program is outlined in a brochure available from Senator Klein's office. In addition to a suggested reading list, the brochure describes sample reading "experiences" that parents can participate in with their children and a form that may be submitted to Senator Klein's office after the reading requirements are completed.

To obtain a copy of the summer reading brochure, or for further information about the summer reading program, call Senator Klein's district office at 800-718-2039.

CONSTANT GARDENERS



Senator Klein discusses local issues with City Island Civic Association President Frank Fitts during the Senator's Neighborhood Office Hours on City Island on May 20, 2006. Throughout his time in office, Senator Klein has hosted numerous Neighborhood Office Hours across his district to allow constituents yet another local opportunity to express their opinions on legislation or request assistance in dealing with state government agencies.



Members of the Garden Club of City Island worked hard on Saturday, May 20, cleaning up Hawkins Street Park in their annual clean-up, raking beds, planting annuals and removing debris.

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Borough President Adolfo Carrion and his wife, Linda Baldwin, were honored guests at the Garden Club Luncheon on Thursday, June 8, 2006. Also in attendance were Ken Kearns, district manager of Community Board 10, Terry Marchica, director of New York's District 9 of the Federated Garden Clubs; Margot Perron and Eileen Connolly of the Department of Parks.

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Current Calendar

JUNE

Fri., June 30, **Bronx Fireworks Spectacular**, 9:15 p.m., Orchard Beach.

JULY

Mon., July 10, **PTS 175 Tile Fund-raiser**, 5 to 7 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street

Tues., July 25, **Pelham Cemetery Lot Owners meet**, 7:30 p.m., Leonard Hawkins Post, 550 City Island Avenue. This meeting is for lot owners only.

Tues., July 25, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Sat., July 29, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: barbecued or baked chicken with rice.

AUGUST

Sat., Aug. 12, **Community Center Beach Party Pot Luck Fund-raiser**, 5 p.m., Fordham Beach Club.

Sat., August 26, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: Chef's Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, ham, turkey, etc.).

Tues., Aug. 29, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Temple Beth-El

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

Rabbi Shohama and Cantor Elaine will lead the Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday, July 7 and Aug. 4.

On June 2, we celebrated the holiday of Shavuot and conducted the installation of our officers and of our new Rabbinic Pastor, Daniel Klipper. Our next event will be our annual Summer Dance (see below). Our Shabbat by the Sea (with optional dinner) is being planned for Friday, Sept. 8, at the City Island Yacht Club. Finally, our various classes including Yoga/Tai-Chi will resume in the fall.

Our Annual Summer Dance will be held on Thursday, July 27, at the Stuyvesant Yacht Club (at the foot of Centre Street). Join us from 7 to 11 p.m. for an evening of music, dancing and refreshments. A complimentary ballroom dance lesson by Elaine Belasco will begin at 7 p.m. Hot and cold appetizers, plus coffee and tea will be served. A cash bar will be available. Advance tickets (purchased by July 18) are available at Midtown Antiques and Exotiq International Arts. \$18 for TBE members, \$22 for non members and \$25 (for all) at the door. For information, call 718-885-2820 or 3090. Visit our Web site at www.yourshulbythesea.org

Bob Berent

City Island Republicans

The month of June was a busy one. Despite the rain, several of our neighbors were kind enough to carry petitions so that we could help obtain the number of signatures needed to help get our slate on the ballot. We would like to thank the following Islanders who helped us circulate petitions: Russ Schaller Sr., Miles Mahoney, Margie McNulty, Mary Hodges, Carmelia Ramfil and Tom Carra. If I left anyone out, I apologize.

I am happy to report that as of Tuesday, June 20, we had collected 71 signatures, and a few of these Islanders were still hard at work collecting even more. We hope to get at least 100. In addition, thanks to all who signed the petitions. The candidates really appreciate all who did their part to get our slate on the ballot.

Although we were rained out on Saturday, June 3, the club did host a table the following day in front of Hawkins Park at the Arts and Crafts Fair. Literature on different candidates was handed out, and a few new members signed up.

At our last meeting, held on Flag Day, June 14, a brief presentation was given regarding the statewide Republican ticket, including the upcoming Republican primary for U.S. Senator.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 550 City Island Avenue. As of press time, Bronx Party Chairman and State Senate Candidate Joseph J. Savino will attend and say a few words. This meeting will focus on ideas to build up our club.

Frederick W. Ramfil Jr.

City Island Nautical Museum

Don't forget to visit the museum this summer; we are open every Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Or you can call 718-885-0507 for a special appointment. Enjoy the exhibits on City Island's yacht-building past and join us for reminiscing chats about the old days! And please share your ideas with us about the Community Room renovation.

Tom Nye

AARP Chapter 318

Please note since we are having no more meetings that our next trips to Atlantic City are on Tuesday, July 11, and Tuesday, Aug. 8. Please mark your calendar. For reservations, call Jean Ringel at 718-885-1479 or John Bonicoro at 718-885-1844. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. from 113 Bay Street.

Our luncheon was a nice affair at the Lido on City Island. Thanks go to Florence Quinn and Lucy Pontecorvo. It's a shame that so many members didn't take part. These women work hard to make sure that everyone has a good time.

Flo Bonicoro has been busy planning trips for the next season.

Please mark on your calendars that our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Trinity Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Annamarie Sill



Photo by BARRY GOLDMAN

Elaine Belasco recently welcomed the new officers and board of trustees of Temple Beth-El of City Island (l. to r.): Elaine Belasco, Rabbi Shohama Wiener, corresponding secretary Bob Berent, trustees Paul Klein and Violet Ellis, treasurer Ed Rothschild, new president Mort Ellis and (seated) Rabbinic Pastor Dan Klipper (not shown: vice presidents Nan Kaplan and Stephen Slotnik).

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

The alumni association of St. Mary, Star of the Sea School would like to thank everyone who supported the events of our gala 75th anniversary weekend. As indicated in our advertisement in this issue of *The Current*, many local businesses and individuals contributed their time, money and services to help us make this a success. If we have left anyone out, we are very sorry indeed.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events. We will be hosting our second Family Movie Night on July 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the schoolyard behind St. Mary's. We will enjoy a barbecue dinner and view a family-friendly movie under the stars overlooking Long Island Sound (think old-fashioned drive-in). Popcorn and soft drinks will also be provided. The cost for the event is \$40 per family. Log on to our Web site (www.stmarystaroftheseacityisland.com) or call Kelly and Larry Saulnier at 718-885-1313 if you would like to attend. Reservations are necessary.

Our Casino Night has been postponed until the fall, date to be announced. Our second annual carnival will be held in the schoolyard on Oct. 20-22. We are also planning an outdoor mass for a Saturday evening in the early fall, date to be announced.

Larry Saulnier

Garden Club News

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be a luncheon meeting for members on Saturday, July 8, at the City Island Yacht Club at 12 noon.

Our spring luncheon was a huge success, and we would like to thank the members who assembled and donated the beautiful gift baskets. We would also like to thank the following businesses and restaurants for their generous donations of gift certificates for our raffle prizes: Sammy's Fish Box, Six Mile Cross, the Lido, Johnny's Reef, Lina Petite, Nail Island, Le Refuge, the Tree House, Artie's, the Lobster Box, Ohana and the City Island Yacht Club.

Gardening hint: Even though we had quite a bit of rain in June, it is a good idea to continue watering your plants, especially those in full sun.

Phyllis Goodman

Grace Episcopal Church

Our big news is that Mother Patricia Alexander gave birth on June 16 to her third son, Andrew Alexander. Mother and baby are doing well. We send our prayers and love to all the Alexanders at this joyous time.

During Mother Patty's maternity leave, we are very fortunate to have the Reverend Curtis Hart as our supply priest for the summer, and we wish him a warm welcome to the City Island community.

During July and August, our Sunday services will begin at 9 a.m. instead of 10.

Vacation Bible School will be held during the week of July 9. Call Ann McGuire for information at 718-885-1710.

During the week of July 16, we are delighted to welcome several young people from Christ Church in Warwick, New York, who will be volunteering their time and effort to help us do some construction and maintenance work.

On Friday, Aug. 11, the parish hall will rock with teen bands in a concert that will be held to benefit Tanzanian children with AIDS. Call the parish office at 718-885-1080 for more information.

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-The CICC Board

PTA 175 Tile Fundraiser: Monday July 10th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Community Center, Main Room

Beach Party! Community Center Pot Luck Fundraiser @ The Fordham Beach Club, Saturday, August 12th, 5:00 p.m. \$5.00 w/dish, \$10.00 without. Kids 4 and under eat free. Call 718-885-1145

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

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

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

DEADLINE: July 10. Mail all entries to: City Island Community Center, P.O. Box 135, City Island, NY 10464

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The Martial Arts Summer Program will be held Monday-Thursday, for 4 weeks, beginning July 10th thru August 3rd.

Areas of study will include Kickboxing, Tai Chi Soft and Hard, and Self-defense. Ages 4-7, 10:00 a.m.; Ages 8-12, 11:00 a.m.; Ages 13-19, 12:00 p.m.; Adults, 1:00 p.m. \$100.00 for the 4-week session includes the uniform. Call Amy @ 718-885-3502 for additional information. Call Jose @ 646-671-7264 for registration.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE YOUTH PROGRAM

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

Youth Center: Saturday evenings 7:30 – 10 p.m. Please call Jay Howard at 718-885-2192 or Deana Weyhrauch at 917-418-1377 for more information. NOTE: Due to a lack of volunteer staffers, the Center will be closed until further notice. If you are interested in helping out, PLEASE CALL!

ADULT PROGRAM

Belly Dancing With Miriam. Tuesday mornings, Thursday nights & Sunday afternoons. Call Miriam @ 347-602-8968 for more info.

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

Aerobics With Mary: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Babysitting available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793.

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Millennium Babies Playgroup: A free playgroup open to all with babies and/or preschool children. Contact Brenda Prohaska @ 718-885-9040 for more information.

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Knitting Club: Join a knitting circle – open to all ages! Thursdays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Call Carol at 718-885-3190 for more information.

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

Monthly Meetings of the Board are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Main Room @ 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend.

Amy Gottlieb-McElroy



Photos by ANGELO BELLOCCHIO

On May 20–21, 2006, Cub Scout Pack 211 enjoyed a rigorous weekend, which began with a visit to the New Jersey State Aquarium in Camden and a trip aboard the battleship *New Jersey*. The young men withstood the boot camp atmosphere with high marks.

Legion News

Well, summer has arrived, and it certainly feels like it. Our last regular meeting was Monday, June 19, when officers for the coming year were installed. A roster of officers appeared in the June issue of *The Current*, but I made one faux pas in the list: I spelled our perennial Judge Advocate's name with a D instead of a T. The correct spelling is Hartigan.

This installation meeting is usually one of the better-attended meetings of the year, but this year the relatively low attendance could have been caused by the oppressive heat and the threat of violent thunderstorms. The fare, catered by Angelo's Deli, was excellent. The Reverend Michael Challinor and a plethora of past commanders were among the guests.

We are now on a summer schedule. There will be only one regular meeting in July, on the 17th, and one in August, on the 21st.

The annual clambake will be held on Saturday, July 29. Watch the bulletin for the time.

Mike Treat informs us that new members will be inducted at the July meeting.

July 4 is Independence Day and on July 27 the Korean War ended. We also celebrate VJ Day on Aug. 14. Surrender terms were signed on the battleship *Missouri*, September 2, 1945.

Russell Schaller

City Island Theater Group

Shakespeare comes to City Island! After the very successful spring production of "The Women," the City Island Theater Group is at it again. This summer the group is thrilled to present "Shakespeare Tonight," which will feature scenes from the hilarious play "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare: Abridged."

CITG is pleased to present this free event held at Hawkins Street Park for the third straight year. What better way to spend a summer evening than to sit under the stars and enjoy a fun night of theater? Grab a blanket or a chair and join us on Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15. The fun starts at 8 p.m. Don't miss it!

At our annual Tony Party in June, CITG honored Councilmember James Vacca and Islanders Susan Rauh and Carole Sullivan for their commitment to the arts and to the City Island Theater Group. Congratulations to these wonderful theater lovers!

In other CITG news, this fall we will present the classic stage thriller "Wait Until Dark." Be on the lookout for the auditions schedule. As always, we are looking for volunteers. Please call 718-885-3066 if you want to be part of the fun. See you in the Park!

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A highlight of this year's field day at P.S. 175 was the landing of a Black Hawk helicopter in the field adjacent to the school yard. Its visit was made possible by City Island resident Major Kerry Murphy, who is on active duty as a flight surgeon with the 106th Rescue Wing of the New York Air National Guard. Above photo: Major Kerry Murphy with her two daughters, Maeve and Nora. Nora is in the second grade at P.S. 175.



Photo by ROSE KOLB

Parents and students alike enjoyed the spring festival at P. S. 175 on Tuesday evening, June 13, 2006.



An Inconvenient Truth

Because it is now in theaters and is a film that will be around a long time via word of mouth, I want to write this month about **An Inconvenient Truth**, which I believe is the most important film you may ever see during your lifetime. It stars the planet of our birth, the Earth, and tells of the slippery slope on which humankind is teetering at this moment in time.

Do not be daunted by the fact that this film is a documentary. It is, to put it simply, the most important piece of education you could possibly give your children and your children's children.

An Inconvenient Truth is based on a lecture that Al Gore has been giving all over the world since the early 1990s. Do not view him as a man who has ever run for or held public office. He is a concerned individual doing everything in his power to warn the people about the future of this planet. This message is in no way political nor partisan. It is scientific fact that no responsible citizen in good conscience can afford to ignore: The Earth is on the brink of disaster.

Mr. Gore shows what global warming really means to us. Carbon dioxide and other gases naturally warm the surface of the planet by trapping solar heat in the atmosphere. By burning fossil fuels such as coal, gas and oil and by clearing forests, we have dramatically increased the amount of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere, which is causing temperatures to rise. As a result, the polar ice caps are gradually melting, and this is making the level of the oceans higher.

In the film, charts demonstrate how major coastlines around the world are destined to be engulfed by water, including the current site of the new World Trade Center in NYC. Over the last 14 years, the Earth has experienced the 10 warmest years in history. Japan and the Pacific are setting records for typhoons. Last year, South America experienced its first hurricane. When Hurricane Katrina passed over Florida, it doubled back over the Gulf, picking up strength from unusually warm Gulf waters, and went from Category 3 to Category 5. The number of Category 4 and 5 hurricanes has almost doubled in the last 30 years.

Mr. Gore tells us that of all the peer-reviewed journal articles published by scientists on this subject, there is "100 percent agreement" that global warming exists and is threatening our survival. Yet a database search of newspaper and magazine articles shows that 57 percent of them question the fact of global warming, which, he says, is the result of a disinformation campaign started in the 1990s by the energy industry. This is the same strategy used for years by the defenders of tobacco.

"The world won't end 'overnight' in 10

years," Mr. Gore says, "but a point will have been passed, and there will be an irreversible slide into destruction."

I was aware of much of this information, but I found it absolutely chilling to actually see one photograph after another showing what is happening in the world today compared with 20 years ago. I never realized that the situation was serious enough that major catastrophes will increase exponentially in my own lifetime.

The good news, and there is good news in this horrifying film, is Mr. Gore's message of hope: "There still is time for each of us to make a difference!" Quoting from a flier being distributed at the movie theater where I saw the film are the following 10 Things We Can Do:

Change a light: Replacing one regular light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb will save 150 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂) a year.

Drive less: Walk, bike, carpool or take mass transit more often. You will save one pound of CO₂ for every mile you don't drive!

Recycle more: You can save 2,400 pounds of CO₂ per year by recycling just half of your household waste.

Check your tires: Keeping your tires inflated properly can improve gas mileage by more than 3 percent. Every gallon of gasoline saved keeps 20 pounds of CO₂ out of the atmosphere!

Use less hot water: It takes a lot of energy to heat water. Use less hot water by installing a low-flow showerhead (350 pounds of CO₂ saved per year) and washing your clothes in cold or warm water (500 pounds saved per year).

Avoid products with a lot of packaging: You can save 1,200 pounds of CO₂ if you cut down your garbage by 10 percent.

Adjust your thermostat: Moving your thermostat down just 2 degrees in winter and up 2 degrees in summer could save about 2,000 pounds of CO₂ a year.

Plant a tree: A single tree will absorb one ton of CO₂ over its lifetime.

Be part of the solution: Learn more and get active at ClimateCrisis.net.

Please see this film. Please do not think "I am only one person. How can I make a difference?" We all have to do our part. For starters, I'm taking public transportation more often, have moved up my air conditioner temperature and will change all my lightbulbs. As one reviewer wrote, "when I came home after seeing **An Inconvenient Truth**, I went around the house turning off the lights."

And until next time, tell your friends to see this film, and do whatever you can to make a difference. . . .

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Digging into History in Pelham Bay Park

By JORGE SANTIAGO

There are many prehistoric Indian sites in Pelham Bay Park, from shell middens (garbage heaps) to burial grounds to areas that have yielded artifacts such as arrowheads. One of the most intriguing set of relics is a grinding rock or knoll containing half a dozen holes that have been carved into the stone. Although their actual function is not certain, some experts believe that the holes were used for storing or grinding corn.

In 1988, as an enthusiastic amateur historian, I met with Vinnie Hauptner of City Island. He had an extensive collection of arrowheads and was very knowledgeable about local history. He told stories of how he and his friends Skippy Lane and Ed Sadler had explored Pelham Bay Park in the late 1920s. One of the places Mr. Hauptner knew well was an Indian gristmill site where the Native Americans were said to have ground their corn and cooked their meals.

After Mr. Hauptner pointed out the gristmill site to me on a map, I spent two months wandering around the park looking for the holes, many times standing nearly on top of the grinding rock itself. Finally, I poked a stick into the dry leaves on the bedrock and found my first pot hole; after removing all the leaves, I managed to expose three more.

A few years later, in 1993, I was directed to the work of Edward J. Kaeser, who had published a paper in 1964 in which he described his discovery of "a cluster of six pot-holes, situated on the eastern slope of one of these knolls and the contiguous area," which he had first examined in the autumn of 1956. He had also found a number of artifacts with these holes, including a shell deposit nearby and some boiling stones. Boiling stones were used throughout North America by different Indian groups to cook their food (and are still used today in some cultures). These stones were first heated over an open fire, and then placed with the food in a cooking vessel made

of animal skin or tree bark.

It turns out that Dr. Kaeser was not the first visitor to the grinding rock. In 1899, sponsored by the Museum of the American Indian, Michael Raymond Harrington first excavated the pot-holed knoll site in Pelham Bay Park. The artifacts that he found there were turned over to the American Museum of Natural History, where they remain today. In 1989, the late Dr. Lynn Ceci of Queens College did carbon-14 dating on some of the Harrington artifacts, and specimens from four pit sites yielded dates from 1205 to 1650, as well as evidence indicating that the site contained cultural deposits from at least two separate periods of occupation.

In a scientific paper published in 1998, Dr. Robert Loeb demonstrated that Native Americans planted corn and hickory on Hunter Island starting around A.D. 1075. This provides strong support for stories that have emerged about how the Lenape people (called Delaware Indians by the European settlers) lived in this landscape about a thousand years ago, how they grew corn and, as indicated by the evidence of these rocks, ground it into meal or flour. Historian Bill Twomey believes that the holes may also have been used to grind hickory nuts into flour, because a climate change in the late 1200s would have made it impossible to grow corn in the east Bronx. Mr. Twomey also suggests that the holes were used for boiling water and cooking, perhaps with the boiling stones that were found nearby.

On May 8 of this year, I led a field trip to visit these gristmills again, joined by Marianne Anderson of the Parks Department; Pat Ernest of the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum; Tom Nye and Barbara Dolensek of the City Island Historical Society; two scientists, an anthropologist, Dr. David Oestreicher, and a biologist, Dr. Paul Mankiewicz; and a photographer, Walter Pofeldt.

We had no difficulty finding two of the



Photo by PAT ERNEST

Jorge Santiago uncovers one of several gristmills used by the Lenape Indians to prepare food in Pelham Bay Park over a thousand years ago.

holes, which were filled with leaves that we cleared away so that we could examine the holes more closely. They were round with smooth sides that had obviously been deliberately and painstakingly carved, perhaps by rocks or other tools. We measured the holes and then filled them with leaves again to guard them from damage. Although we were no closer to determining their original purpose, we were very excited to feel such a direct link to the past.

We hope that in the not-too-distant future, the Parks Department, which is responsible for protecting archaeological sites, will have the resources to examine these holes in order to establish how they were made and used.

Much of the research referenced in this article can be found in A Brief Note on the Archaeological Resources in Pelham Bay Park, published in 1990.

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Tide chart by Tom Smith

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City Island Summer

Last month, when the editor of the *Island Current* called to ask for our opinion about the prospect of more deer on City Island, we had no idea then that the future was now. The deer that we predicted would return did, in fact, return in early June, and this time the adventure was captured by at least one local television station—WPIX. The animal was tranquilized on or near the beach on Center Street but not subdued. Apparently, the tide was low and so it was able to walk the beaches until about Tier Street. From there, it took to the bay and swam for Rodman's Neck. Its safe arrival on that shore was witnessed by Liz, its walk along the beaches, by Tom and Janette. Thanks to all for your willingness to share.

If you have a story to share, we invite you to do so at jdsstrat@msn.com. For those who do not have access to the Internet, you may send your handwritten correspondence to the *Island Current*, P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464. As always, we look forward to hearing from you.

By now, many of you have probably read that our streets are about to be torn up so that sewer lines may be replaced. (Editor's note: Work along City Island Avenue is not scheduled to start until after Labor Day.) There is an effort under way to convince city officials that now is the time to bury all telephone lines and cables underground. In the past, the city and Con Edison have balked at the idea because of the costs involved. Perhaps this time, with the city flush from all that extra tax revenue things will "go down" differently. Imagine City Island streets without the unsightly poles and lines. . . . Then trees would not have to be cut out of the way, as if it were the trees that were in the way in the first place. Can you imagine?

On the subject of city projects happening

on City Island, have you noticed the new Cuban's Ledge? For about a week a barge and crane were moored out there in Eastchester Bay, reconfiguring the pile of rocks affectionately known to City Islanders as Cuban's Ledge. Today the rocks are much more visible when the tide is low. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said when the tide is high. Oh well.

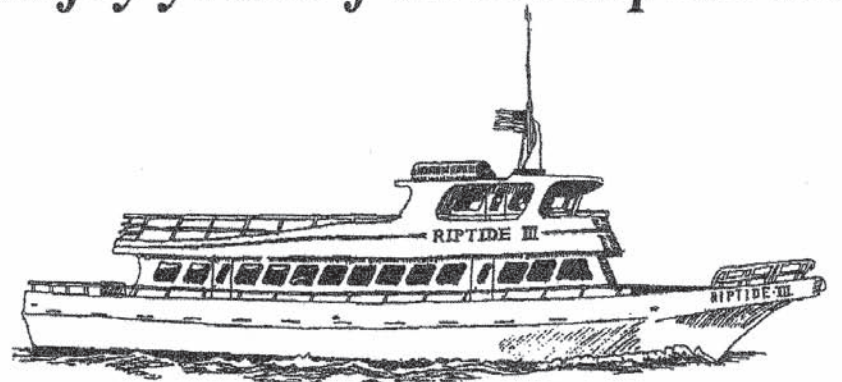
For years, the Garden Club of City Island has done its best to ensure that the public spaces of our Island are kept clean and attractive with seasonal plants and benches. It is easy to take for granted what they do, not because anybody can do it but because they have been doing it for so long. Today the Garden Club can use your help. Volunteers are always welcome—contact Susan Strazera, the Garden Club president, for information. Or be an anonymous volunteer: do something nice for City Island, something as simple as stopping to pick up someone else's litter and throwing it away.

This summer, be sure to take advantage of all City Island has to offer: learn to sail; go fishing; go swimming to cool off instead of riding that AC 24/7; have dinner at one of the yacht clubs and watch the sun set, and afterward, see if you can make out the lights of the George Washington Bridge in the distance; get up early and beat the crowds to Orchard Beach for a quiet morning stroll; catch the music at any one of an assortment of venues, including Orchard Beach. Have you noticed? Jazz seems to be making a comeback on City Island. You can hear it regularly at Starving Artist and several other places. And then there's the horticulture. If you missed the Garden Club's garden tour the day before Mother's Day, try a tour of your own. We were particularly impressed by a particular lawn on Kirby Street!

Take advantage of your Island this summer and never take it for granted. See you in September.

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The Wartime Experiences of Thomas Costello: Part II

By RUSSELL SCHALLER



Thomas Costello

In May 1943, young Tom Costello interrupted his college career to enlist in the U.S. Army, and by February of the following year, he was stationed in Anzio, a small port town in Italy, where he was immediately thrown into combat against the Germans.

On the morning of April 26, 1944, this young soldier, along with several of his colleagues, was captured by the German army in the middle of battle. As Tom wrote in his war diary, "Our whole day was spent carrying back our wounded and sweating out our own shells. I will never forget this day. My good friend Starnes was hit badly, and today I don't know if he is dead or alive. We helped him and many others back to safety areas. On the whole our treatment by the Germans on this day was excellent. From the moment we were first captured, they gave the best of aid to our wounded. They also offered us what food they had."

"Here is a picture I will never forget: The uninjured carrying back the injured; two or three Jerries guarding us; mortars coming in suddenly, intermittently, and close; the uninjured laying the injured gently down and scurrying for protection in a foxhole. A G.I. and a Kraut dove for the same hole and shared it gladly, understanding one another perfectly in those few great moments. How I longed to be transported out of the danger area. Finally, to my relief, we were. Prisoner life would soon begin for me. What a let-down that was to be!"

The first prisoner-of-war camp was the film studio Cinecitta, which was, as Tom describes it, "a miserable hovel." There was little food, just enough to survive. It was here that Tom was introduced to lice and fleas; dysentery, too, was ever present as a cause of perpetual discomfort. The prisoners quickly fell into the routine: coffee at 7 a.m., soup at noon and black bread at 5 p.m. Between these meager meals, Tom would read, wash clothes or participate in idle chatter, a sad existence.

His next stop was Terni, north of Rome. Rome had fallen, and so the Germans and their prisoners retreated to Laterina in Tuscany. When they were in working parties, the prisoners found they could beg for food from the Italian peasants. Walking along the road, however, could be hazardous, since marching men were as likely to be enemy as allies. The prisoners were told to stand at rigid attention and to hold blankets clearly marked "P.O.W."

On June 17, the 3,000 men in the Laterina prison camp were moved out for the trek north. Some tried to escape, but the failed attempts were clearly visible in the bodies that lay along the road. Tom recalls the Laterina march as one of his worst wartime experiences:

"The wet streets were littered with dead prisoners of war. In a gutter in front of a picturesque Italian church lay the body of a prisoner. Most of that human form was flat—flattened by the trucks and horses and wagons and

tanks that had run over it all night. In the head, what was left of it, was a great gaping hole."

"In an open barbershop on the sidewalks lay six or seven other bodies, stone dead. These men had tried to escape the cruel German rule, and instead they escaped this cruel existence on earth. Never had I seen—not even amid the death and horrors of the front line—nor do I hope to see again in my life so terrible a sight as the one my eyes perceived on this drab Sunday morning in a small Italian village."

During the Laterina march, 150 men managed to escape, and 15 were killed. The rest went on to Germany by train in box cars. The prisoners worried that the train would be strafed by American planes. The older prisoners realized that for them Germany was a kind of promised land with Red Cross packages and better food.

Rumor had it that the Brenner Pass through the Alps had been destroyed, but Tom found out that this was not so and saw several of the picturesque villages that existed both north and south of the pass. High above the valley were the snow-capped Alps, luminous in the midday sun. Then came Tirol, with its beautiful green fields, streams and forests teeming with wildlife, towns with their omnipresent church spires and people in native dress.

Onward the train sped, and soon the prisoners were in a huge marshaling yard. Tom's mind turned to food, and soon it was before him. Red Cross packages were distributed, having been sent by the British Red Cross, and they contained such delicacies as curried lamb and rice, Yorkshire pudding, cheese, bacon, cocoa and tea. Each package would last a man one week. By this time Tom had lost about 70 pounds.

The trip then continued by train to Stalag IIB, and the men rode in box cars that were called "40 or 8," meaning 40 men or 8 horses. There were about 50 men in each car, so it was necessary for them to sleep in a sitting position. Tom remembers the journey as "box car hell."

Stalag IIB was known as a "kommando camp," since most of the detainees were privates who were used by the Germans as farm laborers. The camp was located in Pomerania, an area known for producing potatoes. Food was plentiful, and the farmer shared his bounty with the kommandos. Tom and several others, however, were sent back to Stalag II for not performing as well as they should have. Indeed, Tom did not like crawling around on his hands and knees picking potatoes, but the report that accompanied them indicated that he and his fellow prisoners had refused to work. Because of this accusation, they were locked up for a short period, but eventually the truth came out and they were released within the camp.

Tom took advantage of the time available to him and whenever possible would visit the camp library, which he found to be excellent. But a good deal of what he learned there didn't come from books; he realized that the phrase "the only good German is a dead German" was meaningless, and he railed against the discrimination that was suffered by the black soldiers.

"I can still see IIB so clearly and so vividly. It was bleak, lonesome, not meant to be. Barbed wire fences, towers where German guards watched or were supposed to, flat land all about, the playfield, the compounds, the stone barracks. A monotonous area to be sure, but life was there—real life. Hopes and fears, longings and doubts, the struggle for existence, all were here. It was a little world set apart, but it was true to the world outside."

Christmas is a special time of year, even in a prison camp. Imbued with the spirit of the season, the Germans allowed their prisoners to celebrate. Christmas packages came from the Red Cross and were enjoyed by all. Many prisoners were allowed to go to midnight mass and to keep their lights on as late as they wanted.

Light at the End of the Tunnel

Tom Costello's family had been noti-

fied by telegram that he was missing in action shortly after he was taken prisoner. Their world was crushed, for it was not until August that they were told that he was alive as a prisoner of war. There was little news of Tom's brother, Joe, other than that he was still in Europe, perhaps in France, Belgium or Holland. It was in January 1945 that the Costellos learned of the Battle of the Bulge and the German claim that they had taken 20,000 prisoners.

Back at the camp, the ominous sound of artillery could still be heard in January, for the Russians were not far off. Orders were given to evacuate the barracks, and a journey on foot began on a bitterly cold day during a snowstorm. Alongside the prisoners were German civilians in countless wagon trains, fleeing the Russians. After days of marching westward, the weary prisoners reached a village on the Elbe River, where they were told by their captors that Germany had surrendered and that they were free to go. The German guards vanished, and the American G.I.s appeared, looking clean, well fed and well dressed.

After a few days, it was on to Hannover, and along the way the men saw rampant destruction. Not a single building was left whole. Along the way, billeted in a hotel, Tom and his group were frying a large quantity of bacon, when an old worn-out German woman appeared, looking at them longingly. When they were finished eating, she meekly asked for the bacon fat, and when they gave it to her, she was overjoyed. Tom remembers thinking that the suffering and insecurity of a defeated nation were etched in her tired features.

The soldiers then flew to Rheims by plane and from there to Camp Lucky Strike in Le Havre, France, where a happy encounter would take place. Tom's brother Joe had been taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge; Joe knew that Tom had been a prisoner, but Tom had no knowledge of Joe's fate. One day, Tom was at the side of the road when he saw his brother, who was very thin. Tom immediately knew that he too had been a prisoner. He called out "Hey, soldier, are you looking for someone?" The two brothers were able to get a telegram to their parents with the help of an Army major, who made an exception to the rule because of this exceptional circumstance. Both men were placed under the same orders and shipped home together.

"One of the things that Joe and I will always remember about Camp Lucky Strike is the rich egg nogs served by the American Red Cross. We drank quarts of these egg nogs every day. With all the rich eating and drinking, we soon changed from starved prisoners to fat soldiers. By the time we got home, we were a little overweight, which must have surprised

our family and friends!"

The brothers were given an opportunity to go on to Paris, England or Ireland, but they passed it up in order to take the first boat home. They looked forward to sailing into New York Harbor and seeing the Statue of Liberty, but this was not to be, for they were shipped instead to Boston. However, there was steak for dinner and a train ride to New York (very similar to my own return home from Europe a few months later). Tom recalls passing Split Rock Golf Course and feeling so close to home, yet so far. When they got to Penn Station, taxis refused to pick them up because they were headed for the Bronx, so the boys had to take the number 6 subway home.

Tom doesn't recall the details of his trip from the Buhre Avenue station to 3151 Country Club Road, but he vividly remembers the front door opening and the whole family standing there waiting. What a joyous reunion it was.

Tom Costello received his honorable discharge from the Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on Dec. 23, 1945, and was home for Christmas, back on Country Club, where his odyssey had begun so many months before.

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The following article is the first in a series of articles about Bronx County called "The Far Side of the Bridge." The author is lifelong resident of the Bronx who currently lives on City Island and a licensed New York City tour guide who specializes in the Bronx.

A River Runs Through It

By MICHAEL SHANLEY

It seems only fitting that the first article in this series is about the Bronx River, since in 1898, when all five boroughs were integrated into New York City, the Bronx was chosen as the name of the borough after the river that runs through it.

The Bronx River is 23 miles long and runs from the Kensico Dam in upper Westchester County through the heart of the Bronx. As it meanders downstream, the river passes through the New York Botanical Garden and the Bronx Zoo and continues through the southeast Bronx, where it spills into the East River at Hunts Point.

In 1639, a wealthy Swede named Jonas Bronck purchased 500 acres from the Mohegans. Soon mills began to sprout up and down what was soon to become known as "Bronck's River." By the mid-1700s as many as 12 mills were manufacturing paper, flour, pottery, tapestries, barrels and snuff, powered by water from the river.

During the era of Robert Moses (1940s to the early 1960s), the Bronx fell into a period of urban decay. The quality of life, particularly in the southern part of our borough decreased dramatically. Neighborhoods were fragmented by the construction of numerous highways, especially the Bronx River Parkway, the Major Deegan, the Sheridan and the Cross-Bronx Expressways. These highways further distanced the Bronx River communities from each other and from the river itself, and for decades, the river became a dumping ground for industrial and residential waste. It was severely polluted and strewn with junk. Sadly, it became a virtual dead zone for wildlife.

But like the borough itself, our river is making an amazing comeback. Starting in 1974, a small band of community activists began the arduous process of cleaning up and restoring the river. They began pulling carcasses of cars, tires, refrigerators and other debris from the river. Their effort gained strength

and numbers in 1997, when the Bronx River Working Group was formed. This umbrella organization brought together more than 60 community organizations, public agencies and businesses committed to reclaiming the river and improving access to it.

Restoration efforts took a tremendous step forward in 2001, when the Bronx River Working Group formed the Bronx River Alliance as a permanent organization to continue this work for the long term. The Alliance acts as a coordinated voice for the river. It works collaboratively with public and private partners to protect, improve, and restore the Bronx River corridor and greenway.

In March of this year, over 200 herring were released into the Bronx River. The reintroduction of the herring marked the return of a native species to the river for the first time in living memory. These fish are expected to be the seed colony for a breeding population that will attract birds and other animals. This is the first time in more than a generation that the Bronx River has been able to support this sort of wildlife. Restoring wildlife will help continue the river's shift from being a mistreated backwater to a treasured resource for generations to come. This is a major victory for environmental restoration.

In many spots, the river today is a respite from everyday urban life. Here are a few locations for visiting our river.

- **Muskrat Cove.** North of 238th Street on Nereid Ave is a quiet and little-known section of Bronx Park named after the small population of muskrats that inhabit the forested streambanks in the area. The re-paving and striping pathway enhancements in Muskrat Cove serve as the Bronx River Greenway link to Westchester.

- **Shoelace Park.** The narrow and linear Shoelace section of Bronx Park lines the river from Gunhill Road to 233rd Street. Shoelace Park has rolling hills and traditional park spaces, including two playgrounds and exercise stations. The canoe/kayak put-in at 219th Street serves as a launch site for public canoe tours and river-wide events such as the Amazing Bronx River Flotilla and the Bronx River Golden Ball.

- **Duncomb Bridges.** The stone-arched Duncomb Bridges have carried the Bronx River Parkway over the river just south of Gun Hill Road since 1925. The pathway that runs under the bridges along the east side of the river will be enhanced and striped over the course of the next few years and serve as a link along the Bronx River Greenway.
- **The Bronx River Forest** is just north



Photo by MICHAEL SHANLEY

This tranquil river walk is just a few blocks north of the very busy East Tremont Avenue in the West Farms community.

of the Botanical Garden in Bronx Park, a remnant of the magnificent red maple-hardwood floodplain forest that once blanketed the Bronx River valley. Over the years, the river and forest have served as a major bird migration route and provided homes for a diversity of wildlife, including heron, muskrat, beaver and turtles. The wooded pathways throughout the forest are used by local residents and serve as a peaceful refuge. Groups have been active in the Bronx River Forest for the better part of the last decade, bringing groups of children into the old-growth forest to teach them about native flora and fauna, as well as the value of community service.

- **The New York Botanical Garden.** The waterfall in the garden is one of four waterfalls in the New York City section of river that were built as dams to harness the river's energy and use it to power the mills that lined the river in the late 19th century. This dam was built to power the Snuff Mill, which still stands on the east side of the river in the Garden.

- **The Bronx Zoo Riverwalk** is located just inside the Zoo's Bronx Parkway entrance, providing free public access during regular Bronx Zoo operating hours. The trail begins at the iconic site of the Healing Totem and proceeds along a section of the stream bank that has been restored as a demonstration of the scientific techniques used in habitat restoration. Viewing stations on the bank convey information about the River's ecology and wildlife. Interpretive exhibits and materials help visitors to identify the birds, mammals and reptiles that live here at different seasons, to understand how they migrate, and to visualize where they have been and where they are going.

- **River Park** is located at E. 180th Street and Boston Road. The most notable feature of this park is the beautiful waterfall and dam that are located just outside the southern boundary of the Bronx Zoo. The park is a favorite spot for barbecuing and picnicking next to the river, which defines this gem of an open space in the West Farms community. Just down stream a few blocks, you will find The Bronx River Arts Center at 1087 East Tremont Avenue, a 16,000-square-foot four-story warehouse. The Center was founded in 1980 as part of the Bronx River Restoration project and was incorporated in 1987 as an independent non-profit, multi-arts organization dedicated to providing art and environmental programming for residents of the Bronx.

- **Starlight Park** has always been known

for its many ball fields and basketball courts, but few people know that a river runs the length of the park. The Sheridan Expressway on the West Side and 174th Street Bridge to the north define the boundaries of the park. In recent years, local groups have discovered Starlight Park's waterfront and have begun to monitor the conditions of the river, host canoe trips, pick up shoreline debris and plant native trees.

- **Cement Plant.** For many years, industrial development and highway construction have limited public access to southern stretches of the river. In an unprecedented effort, local groups and government agencies are working together to transform an abandoned cement plant to a safe, green, waterfront-accessible park.

- **Hunts Point Riverside Park.** In 1998 Hunts Point Riverside Park was an abandoned dead-end street in a community that lacked both open space and waterfront access. In recent years, however, it has been transformed into a waterfront park, the only point in the Hunts Point community that has provided public access to the Bronx River in 60 years. The park is located at the intersection of Edgewater Road and Lafayette Avenue. Since its creation, the park has been at the heart of community involvement with the river and has served to uncover the vitality and beauty of the river for local residents. The park is currently host to boating and fishing programs, scientific monitoring projects and large-scale community events, such as the Bronx River Golden Ball and the Amazing Bronx River Flotilla.

- **Soundview Park.** Rounding off the southern end of the Bronx River, Soundview Park is known for its sports fields, its fishing and its beautiful views across Hunts Point to Manhattan. Soundview Park is the largest park lining the Bronx River at 163.5 acres.

Note from the author: As a Bronx native and lifelong resident, I have always been immensely proud of my hometown. Even in the years of its decline, I always had confidence that the pendulum would begin to swing in the other direction and that the Bronx would rise again. Thankfully, that time has come. Living in the shadow of Manhattan (the cultural capital of the United States and possibly the world), the many treasures of Bronx County are often overlooked. In this series I intend to highlight some of the places and things that make the Bronx the special place that it is. These columns will be based primarily on opinion, but I will make every effort to be factual whenever necessary. My hope is that it will inspire some readers to take a closer look at our very diverse, interesting and ever-changing borough. Any and all comments are welcomed at BxShanley@optonline.net.

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Scott Rutherford Sinclair

Scott R. Sinclair died on April 30, 2006, while on vacation in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at the age of 55. He passed away in his hotel room as the result of a subdural hematoma.

Scott was born on Oct. 12, 1950, and lived on City Island most of his life. The short period of time he spent off the Island was when he lived in Miami with his grandmother and a family friend, Harry Briggs.

After a short period of time working at Consolidated Yachts and Ulmer Sails, Scott went to work as a messenger in Manhattan. He knew the New York transit system better than most New Yorkers. He loved to walk and was well suited for his job.

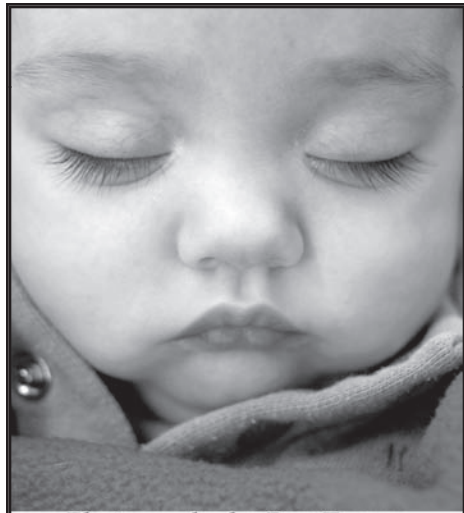
After the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001, Scott found his job much more difficult and he decided to retire. He cut the grass at the City Island Yacht Club and worked as an artist sculpting clay and making silver cut-outs and sketches of people and objects. Scott was a proud member of the Sons of the American Legion.

Scott is survived by his mother, Marilyn Sinclair, his brother, John, and his sister Lynn, all of City Island, and by his sister Claire of New Fairfield, Connecticut and five nieces and nephews.

His life was celebrated at a memorial mass held at Grace Episcopal Church on City Island on June 3, 2006.

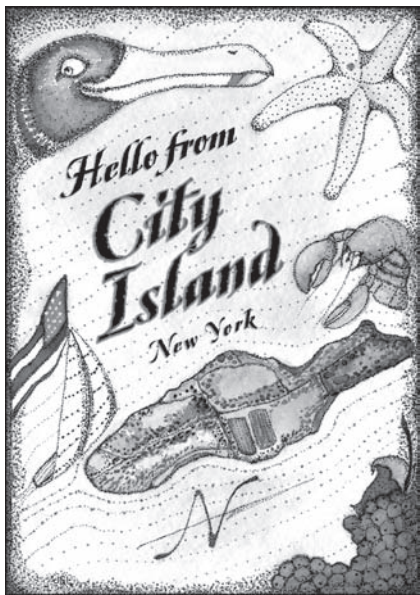


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 Scott Sinclair marching in the Memorial Day parade on City Island, May 2005.



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Gabriel Pena; Social Studies, John Mazzella and Matthew Sasko; Computers and Technology, Christina Garzillo, Deanna Garzillo and Alexander Skokos; Foreign Language, Thomas Cambria and Danielle Kaufman.

Awards in Physical Education went to Kieran Spencer and Michele Baretto; in Art to Robert Burke; in Effort to Charmain Feliciano, Blerta Mujaj and Terence Leonard.

The Attendance Award was given to Derek Lowery.

On the Honor Roll were Elizabeth Arnone, Diana Awadallah, Kariel Beckford, Thomas Cambria, James Gisante, Danielle Kaufman, John Mazzella, Melanie Muzsik, Rachael Sanchez, Matthew Sasko and Kieran Spencer.

The P.S. 175 Service Awards went to Diana Awadallah, Jennifer Branch, Michael Cambria, Thomas Cambria, Alessandro DiFilippo, Liam Flynn, James Gisante, Danielle Kaufman, Bernadette McMahan, Anthony Mikolinacz, Melanie Muzsik, Rachael Sanchez and Kieran Spencer.

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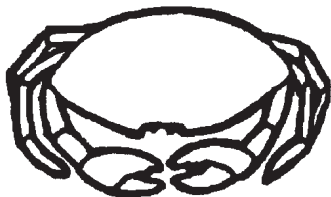


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Information for the Talebearer must be received in writing no later than the 15th of the month except July and December. Mail to The Island Current, P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464; include your name and telephone number.

City Island has two new Boston College alumni! Congratulations to Thomas Cokeley and Roger Nani, who graduated from Boston College on May 22. The commencement speech was given by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice under sunny skies on the 50-yard line of Alumni Stadium at the university. Tommy majored in political science, and Roger's major was biochemistry. Proud parents are Cathy and Bernie Cokeley of Minneford Avenue and Karen and Paul Nani of King Avenue.

The Rosenquist Doyle family of Bowne Street proudly announces the birth of Sonya Rebecca—the family's first clam digger—on May 9, 2006.

Congratulations to Susan Rauh, who received the Golden Star Award for acting from the City Island Theater Group on June 11. We are so proud. Love, Mom, Dad, Beth, Matt and K. C.

Happy August birthday to Linda Wright.

Happy July birthdays to Susan Rauh and her sister, Beth Rota.

Happy 52nd anniversary wishes go out to Bob DeTorres with love from his wife, Cyndi, who also wants to wish him a very happy 72nd birthday on Sept. 17.

Happy July 9 birthday across the miles to Dr. Ellen Dierenfeld in St. Louis, Missouri. Your City Island neighbors and friends from the Bronx Zoo miss you!

Fordham Street was the place to be on May 6 as Kiki, the Siberian husky, was feted by his fellow canines on the occasion

of his 15th birthday. Kiki's owner, Mark Hohenstein, presented Kiki with a birthday cake prepared by Starving Artist chef Elliot Glick. Both Mark and Kiki thank everyone for all the doggy treats, toys and enough vitamins to keep Kiki strong for another 15 years.

Happy birthday to Grandma and Grandpa Penny's "little firecracker," Kayla Kathryn, who is celebrating her second birthday on the Fourth of July! Lots of xoxoxo.

Happy 15th birthday to Bay Street's Maria Christina Swieciki, who celebrates her big day on Aug. 22.

Happy birthday on Aug. 30 to Samantha Emerick.

It's a girl! Welcome to Stevie Annalise Henning, who was born on June 14. Proud parents are Debby and Matt Henning and thrilled siblings are Matthew, Julia Skye and Ben.

And it's a boy! Mother Patty Alexander of Grace Episcopal Church and her family welcomed Andrew Alexander on June 16. Welcome from all of your friends on City Island!

Way to go, Matthew Sasko! The P. S. 175 graduate, Class of 2006, received a full scholarship to the George School. Your family is very, very proud of you!

Belated birthday wishes to the Mazzaro twins, Russell and Thomas, and Michael and Ellen, all grandchildren of Russell Schaller and Pat and Anne Mazzaro.

Congratulations to Adam Kearns, who graduated cum laude from Cooper Union, having maintained a 4.0 grade average during his last three years. Dubbed "the brain" by his siblings, he is employed by the U.S. Department of Defense as a project engineer in Washington, D.C. Proud parents are William and Marie Kearns, grandmother Dorothy Noble of Tamarac, Florida, and grandfather Russell Schaller of City Island.

From the Talebearer to all our friends, neighbors and readers: Have a wonderful and safe summer. See you in September.

Maria Swieciki



Representatives of the American Legion Post 156 and the Power Squadron joined members of the clergy for the annual Blessing of the Fleet at Barron's Dock on Sunday, June 11, 2006.



The Moe's, a group of City Island youths well known during the early 1960s, held a reunion at the Lido Restaurant on May 30, 2006. The old photograph (above) was taken in Hawkins Street Park in March of 1963, when Kennedy was president and the Beatles had not yet invaded America. Top row (l. to r.) Richard Frey and Bob Leupp; bottom row Walter Henning, Ron Antonelli and Charlie Hawkins (who has since passed away). The new photograph shows Bob seated in front of Richard, Ron and Walter. Kevin Murphy and John Neuner also attended the reunion, with their wives.



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