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9/11 MEMORIAL DEDICATED

By JUDY RAUH

More than 70 people took part in an interfaith ceremony held on June 20, 2004, to dedicate a memorial honoring those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. The monument, located on the north side of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, was donated by the parishioners of St. Mary's. It commemorates those who died at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Taking part in the ceremony were Rev. Patricia Alexander, representing Grace Episcopal Church; Rev. Susan Chadwick, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church; and Rev. Robert Moore, pastor of St. Mary's. Violet Ellis and Morton Ellis of Temple Beth-El also took part in the service, as did members of St. Mary's choir, under the direction of Ken Farnum.

Embedded in the monument is a cross donated to St. Mary's by the D'Allara family. John D'Allara, a member of the New York Police Department's Emergency Services Unit (E.S.U.), perished in the rescue effort on Sept. 11. His twin brother, Dan D'Allara, a City Island resident, spoke at the ceremony and noted that the cross was made from steel that was part of Tower 1. Also attending the ceremony were representatives of E.S.U. Father Moore thanked them, saying, "You enable us to go on with

our daily lives."

A reception, sponsored by Jim McQuade of Schuyler Hill Funeral Home, followed the ceremony at Leonard Hawkins Post 156 of the American Legion.



Photos by MIKE RAUH

A ceremony dedicating a memorial to those who died on Sept. 11, 2001, was held at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church on June 20, 2004.



The ceremony was led by (l. to r.) Rev. Patricia Alexander representing Grace Episcopal Church, Rev. Susan Chadwick of Trinity Methodist Church and Rev. Robert Moore, pastor of St. Mary's.

Marine Street Developer Proposes New Plan

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

For more than a dozen years, the former boatyard at the east end of Marine Street has been vacant, awaiting the construction of a housing development that was originally approved in 1991 but never built. On June 21, 2004, a representative of the developer, Sea Breeze Estates, met with residents of Marine and Pilot Streets, to present to them the latest in a series of plans for the residential units and to inform them that construction would commence as soon as the city's Department of City Planning had approved the plans.

The first plan for Marine Street, which included a demapping of the street end and

involved the construction of more than 70 units, was approved by the New York City Council over community objections. This number was subsequently reduced to 51 units, but the developer now feels that the market will bear higher prices if the units are larger and more attractive. The latest plan, therefore, calls for 32 units, 16 on each side of Marine Street. These units will be one- and two-bedroom apartments in attached buildings, which is consistent with the property's commercial zoning.

According to Virginia Gallagher, man-

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OLYMPICS UPDATE: EFFECT ON C.I.

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

In May of this year, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) narrowed their selection of a candidate city for the 2012 Olympic Games to five cities: London, Madrid, Moscow, New York and Paris. Although the final decision will not be made until July 2005, the NYC2012 committee has refined its plans for the games, in preparation for a detailed proposal to be submitted to the IOC in November 2004.

Representatives of NYC2012 visited Community Board 10 to explain the current status of plans for New York City's bid for the games, as two of the venues—Orchard Beach and Rodman's Neck—are in Board 10's jurisdiction.

No taxpayer dollars will be used to fund the expensive venue construction, which will be paid for out of an estimated revenue base of \$3.6 billion from television rights, sponsorship and licensing and ticket sales. Nevertheless, the committee intends that much of what is constructed for the Olympic Games will be permanent structures that will become a legacy for the city.

If New York City is awarded the 2012 games, Orchard Beach would be the venue for both water polo and the pentathlon

competition (shooting, fencing, swimming, riding and running), and the legacy to Pelham Bay Park would be a swimming pool and a gymnasium.

Rodman's Neck would be the venue for shooting, and the legacy would include three indoor and partially enclosed ranges, as well as skeet and trap ranges, that would be left to the Police Department. Community activists who have been disappointed by the city's unkept promise to provide sound-abatement barriers will not be happy to learn that the legacy may also enable the Police Department to open the range to recreational target shooters after the games.

Members of the community who are concerned about increased traffic in an area that already suffers from excessive traffic in the summer may be reassured by the NYC2012 plan to use water ferries wherever possible and public transportation rather than private vehicles to access the venues.

Those who are interested in knowing more about the various plans being discussed for the project may visit www.nyc2012.com.



Photos by RENA HANSEN

The Bronx Rotary Club held a luncheon on June 8 at the Harbor Restaurant on City Island to honor 16 students from the St. Mary, Star of the Sea School and Public School 175. The principals from both schools attended. City Island Chamber of Commerce board member Mike Carew, of Captain Mike's Diving, is a Rotary Club member and a supporter of these awards. Shown above are the honorees from St. Mary's with club officers (top photo, front row, l. to r.): Ariana Rodriguez, Kasandra Ramirez, Deandra Delamar, Stephanie Diaz and Nicholas Forman. Back row: Paula Jannon, program chair; Sister James Patrick, principal; Isaac J. Mercado; Frank Apollo; Keenan Johnson; Dr. Arthur Wolstein, Rotary Club president; and Mr. Carew.

The awardees from P.S. 175 are (bottom photo, front row): Gerald McCormick, Karen Garcia, Daniela Sorbellini, Stephanie Burgos and Tiffany Geraghty, with Mr. Carew. Back row: Ms. Jannon; Bri'gette Brantley; Angelica Irizarry; Tina Gisante, P.S. 175 parent coordinator; Milagros Efre-Lopez, principal; and Dr. Wolstein.

BRIEFLY...

NYC POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING RECRUITS:

Qualified applicants have until Aug. 13 to apply for one of three examination dates in October: Friday, Oct. 22; Saturday, Oct. 23, and Sunday, Oct. 24. Interested New York City residents may visit the NYPD Web site at www.nyc.gov/nypd or call 212-RECRUIT. Applicants may apply for the exam online at the Web site or by submitting a paper form.

THE BARTOW-PELL MUSEUM SUMMER WORKSHOPS

on 19th-century crafts will take place on three consecutive Wednesdays, July 14 (samplers), July 21 (paper quilling) and Aug. 4 (basket weaving). The workshops run from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and are open for ages 9 through adult. Bring a bag lunch and stay for a tour highlighting examples of 19th-century handiwork in the museum's collection. The cost is \$10 per person (materials and tour included). Families are welcome, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited so make your reservations soon by calling 718-885-1461 or e-mailing bartowpelled@aol.com.

MAMMOGRAPHY VAN: St. Barnabas Hospital will have a free screening on their van for women of all ages on Wednesday, August 18. The van will be parked in front of the City Island Library.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during April 2004. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list nor are complaints for crime occurring on the mainland.

APRIL

- 1 - HARASSMENT
- 1 - LOST PROPERTY
- 2 - PETIT LARCENY
- 1 - AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT
- 1 - DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)
- 1 - MENACING

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

- 4/3 - Police are searching for an unidentified male who menaced a female, 19, at Hawkins Street and City Island Avenue at 2 p.m. The victim was traveling north on the avenue when a car pulled alongside. The perpetrator made crude remarks and waved a club anti-theft device at her in a threatening manner.
- 4/10 - At 6:45 a.m., on Windward Lane, police received a complaint of aggravated harassment. A female, 50, was receiving threatening phone calls from her ex-boyfriend, 38, causing annoyance and alarm.
- 4/16 - A male, 42, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) at Cross Street and City Island Avenue at 12:01 a.m. The defendant had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. He admitted

to police that he had been drinking at a friend's house.

Local Bar Raided by Police

Police found more than they originally intended at the Island Pub, 238 City Island Avenue, on June 3, 2004. After discovering several bags of alleged cocaine, police arrested the owner, Islander Gerard Pirraglia, 46, and charged him with possession of narcotics.


According to officers at the 45th Precinct, police were conducting an underage drinking operation at the bar after reports that alcohol was being sold to minors. An undercover minor working for the police succeeded in purchasing alcohol at the pub.

When police arrived to issue summonses at about 10:30 p.m., they observed "in plain view, glassine envelopes containing alleged cocaine and cocaine residue," one officer told *The Current*. No one in the bar was observed taking or using the alleged narcotics.

The owner, who was not present at the time, was called to the bar and arrested at the scene. Mr. Pirraglia is also a firefighter with the New York City Fire Department. According to police, he did not resist arrest.

Mr. Pirraglia was issued a Desk Appearance Ticket and is scheduled to appear in Bronx Criminal Court, according to a spokesperson for the district attorney's office.

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City Island Civic Association



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Members of the 2004 graduating class of Public School 175. First row, bottom (l. to r.), Graduates: Kristina Saracco, Marissa Karabel, Daniela Sorbellini, Trinea Romaine, Shakilah Scarborough and Angela Rosario. Faculty: Jeanne McDonald; Josephine Rondi, assistant principal; Milagros Efre-Lopez, principal; Jacqueline Jensen; and Karen Heil. Graduates: Terese Macindoe, Shalane Harris, Sarima Ali, Deanna Rivera, Karen Garcia. Row two, Graduates: Gjuljeta Beqiri, Tashiel Beckford, Ashley DelGiudice, Nicole Harty, Daniella Maldari, Jasmine Manigo, Angelica Irizarry, Clarissa Mahony, Kelly Carmody, Christine Arnone, Kristina Pearson, Bri'gette Brantley, Nikita Haughton, Stacey Cruz, Elizabeth Borodkin, Leah Simoncek, Stephanie Burgos, Rachel Schlottman, Tiffany Geraghty, Paige Washington, Samantha Rufa and Nichelle Rodriguez. Faculty: William Fecht. Row three, Graduates: Anthony Grillo, Mateusz Przewlaka, Joseph Ciarletta, Kenneth Clancy, Joseph DeWitt, Maurkiece Campbell, Gerald McCormick, Esteban Gonzalez, Jerry Muzsik, James McGowan, Nicholas Mastracchio, Stephen Granieri, Christopher Patton and Christian Padagas. Row four, Faculty: Johnny Gomez and Ludwig Vouitsis. Graduates: Armando Byrnes, Nikko Dessereau, Anthony Daddario, Kevin Lyons, Bryan Barry, Ronnel Padagas, Christopher Butterworth, Christopher Meliti, Augustus Robinson, Elms Omari, Matthew Vaughan, Benjamin Marcus, Frankie Beqiraj, Brian Esola, Nicholas Milano, Ismael Perez Jr., David Lewis, Paul Saulnier, Corey Baturay-Patton, Alfred Cox and Benjamin Mendez. Top row, Graduates: Edward Major, Michael Malloy, Karol Wojtczak, Jason Weinfeld, John Marmo, Nader Nourae, Gregory Richards, John Acevedo, Emil Berger, Frank Ramftl, Matthew Bollati, James Doyle, Angelo Labate and Anh Vo.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!

By VIRGINIA DANNEGGER

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

At St. Mary's graduation on June 11, principal Sister James Patrick made the following presentations. The General Excellence Awards, with savings bonds donated by the City Island Chamber of Commerce and plaques donated by the school, were presented to Leonard Coldman and Michael Vatti. The American Legion Award, with a savings bond donated by the Ladies Auxiliary of Leonard Hawkins Post #156, for the best essay on "What Does the Pledge of Allegiance Mean to Me" went to Matia Jaysura. A savings bond from the American Legion Post #156 for the best essay on "Why America Should Vote" was presented to Brian Montalbano.

Awards were also given in individual subject areas: the Religion Award to Akilah Young; the Language Arts Award to Brian Montalbano and the Reading Award to Matia Jaysura. Melissa Alejandro received the Vocabulary Award; the Creative Writing Award went to Jason Mangual; the Science Award was given to Jelani Doeman, the Social Studies Award to Raymie Middleton and the Mathematics Award to Daniel Blake.

The Music Award and the Art Award were given to Alysha Callender and Jonathan Corredor, respectively, and the Christian Service Award was presented to Leonard Coldman and William Lawrence. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Award for the Most Improved Student was awarded to William Lawrence (Chapter 3303) and Melissa Alejandro (Chapter 318).

Jelani Doeman won the Catherine Scott Literary Award donated by *The Island Current*; Rashida Hull received the Brother Robert Award; Nancy Nieves was given the Joann Cullen Leo Award, donated by Dr. and Mrs. Vladimir Kvetan; the Farenga Service Award went to William Lawrence and the Rotary Award for Respect and Cooperation was presented to Keeman Johnson and Stephanie Diaz. Computer Awards went to Nysha Davis, Leonard Coldman, Melissa Alejandro and Alysha Callender.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future to all the 2004 graduates!

Public School 175

At the June 18 graduation ceremony, principal Milagros Efre-Lopez made the following

presentations. The Mary P. Fitzpatrick Award for Academic Excellence was presented to Sarima Ali, and the Award for General Excellence from the City Island Chamber of Commerce went to Matthew Bollati and Leah Simoncek.

The essay award from the American Legion Hawkins Post was presented to Joseph Ciarletta, and the essay award from the Legion's Auxiliary went to Clarissa Mahony.

The Lucrezia A. Fusco Award for Effort and Perseverance was given to Armando Byrnes and Augustus Robinson; the Alice Persteins Award for Outstanding Service to School and/or Community with Conviction and Integrity went to James McGowan; the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) Citizenship Award for Academic Achievement and Character was presented to Angelo Labate, who was also the recipient of the CSA Award for Outstanding Leadership.

The UFT Millie Scheintaub Service Award went to Christine Arnone; the Gloria Misurki Award for Fairness, Involvement and Concern for Others was given to Sarima Ali; the Alice Connolly Award for Service was presented to Kelly Carmody and the Catherine Scott Literary Award from *The Island Current* went to Nader Nourae.

Matthew Bollati received the Ena P. Ellwanger Award for Compassion, Humor, Integrity and Love of Learning; Angela Rosario was the recipient of the Christine Jorgensen Hansen Award for Community Service; Shakilah Scarborough was awarded the Philip J. Abinanti Award for Service and Leadership and Christopher Meliti was given the Blanch Schwartz Award for Effort.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Award for Most Improved Student went to Trinea Romaine (Chapter #3303) and Brian Esola (Chapter #318); the Madeline Provenzano Certificate of Merit was given to Nicole Harty and Mateusz Przewlaka; the Association of Assistant Principals Award was presented to Samantha Rufa and Nader Nourae; the NYCESPA Principal's Award for Excellence was given to Ashley DelGiudice and Elizabeth Borodkin.

Leah Simoncek was the recipient of the New York State Senate Award for Academic Excellence and Character; Sarima Ali and Angelo Labate received the NYC Comptroller

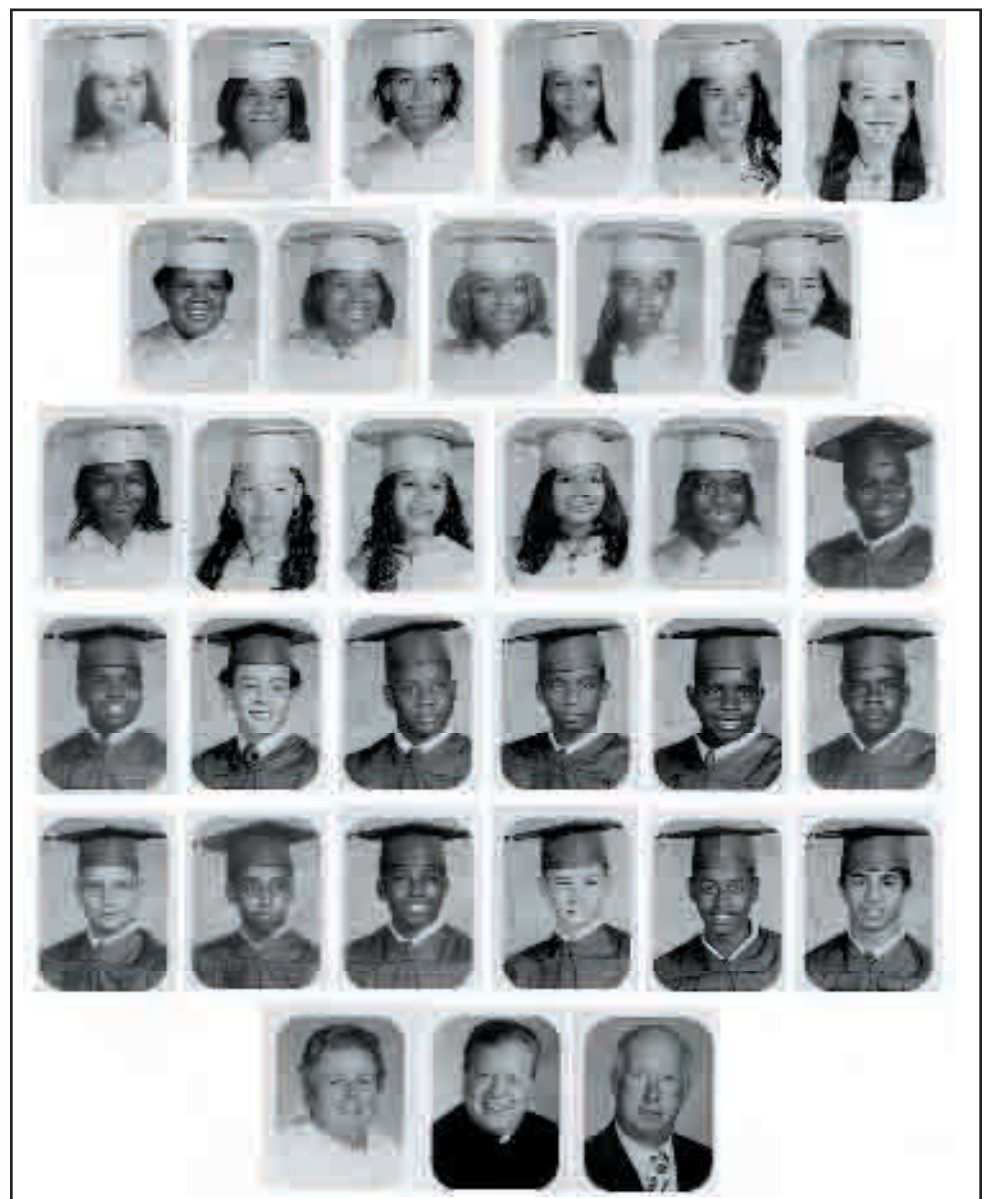


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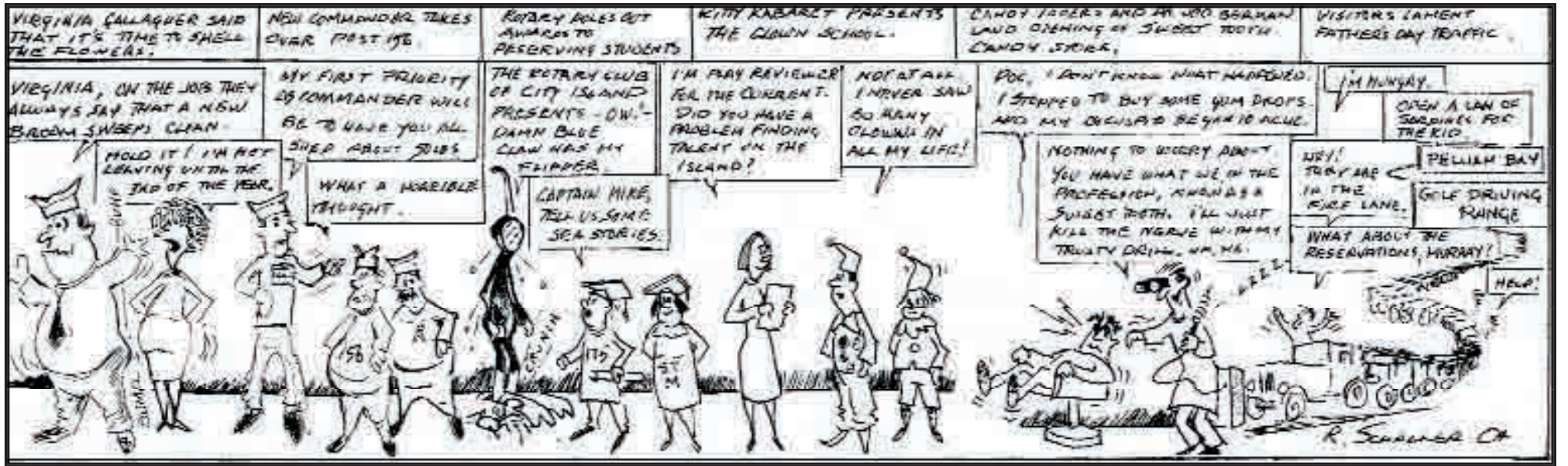
Pictured above, the graduates of St. Mary Star of the Sea School are: First row top (l. to r.): Melissa Alejandro, Alysha Callender, Dayauna Clyburn, Nysha Davis, Stephanie Diaz and Ashleigh Doremus; second row: Dinah Francois, Rashida Hull, Matia Jaysura, Jonelle Murdock and Nancy Nieves; third row: Bernadette Pankey, Kristin Ramos, Ariel Rolon, Kimberly Vazquez, Akilah Young and Daniel Blake; fourth row: Leonard Coldman, Jonathan Corredor, Jelani Doeman, Justin Gentles, La Don Holmes and Keenan Johnson; fifth row: William Lawrence, Jason Mangual, Raymie Middleton, Brian Montalbano, Garee Schoffner and Michael Vatti; sixth row: Sister James Patrick, principal; Reverend Robert Moore, pastor; and Mr. Peter Caddell, teacher. Not shown, Sophia Malone.

Achievement Award; the Assemblyman Jeff Klein Civic Award went to Bri'gette Brantley and Angela Rosario; the Bronx Rotary Club gave community service awards to Daniella Maldari, Angela Rosario and Jason Weinfeld; the Mayor's Office and the Commission on Women's Issues presented a certificate to

Bri'gette Brantley.

The P.S. 175 Academic Achievement Awards (90 percent or better) were given to Sarima Ali, Christine Arnone, Tashiel Beckford, Matthew Bollati, Elizabeth Borodkin, Kelly Carmody, Joseph Ciarletta, Kenneth

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We welcome letters and opinions. Letters longer than 250 words will be edited, with every effort made to preserve their substance. We reserve the right not to print letters that are copies, libelous, inaccurate or in bad taste, or those that cannot be verified. Include your phone number. Anonymous letters will not be printed, but names will be withheld upon request.

A Grateful Veteran

To the Editor:
We would like to thank the Leonard H. Hawkins American Legion Post 156 for the way they honored the World War II veterans in a tribute that was long overdue. The post took us to Lehman High School, where on a large screen we watched the dedication of the World War II Memorial at the same time it was being dedicated in Washington for the whole country to see.

We walked into the school on a large red carpet; we felt like movie stars. Inside, we were entertained by Joe Franklin in person. There were all kinds of entertainment, including St. Mary's cadet drill team and a color guard. Then the Transit Pride pipe and drum team made the hair on our necks stand up! We were proud to be called the Greatest Generation.

Afterwards, the City Island vans took us back to the Legion for a first-class dinner. We want to thank everyone involved with the Legion for a wonderful day. God bless them all.

George Plaeger

In Appreciation

To the Editor:
Our families would like to express our sincere appreciation to friends and neighbors who were very supportive after the passing of our son and brother Michael Carmody. The expressions of sympathy and the prayers were very much appreciated.

The Carmody and Cepek families

Thanks for Writing

To the Editor:
On behalf of the City Island staff, I extend special thanks to the City Island community, faculty and students of P. S. 175, and to the City Island Friends of the Library. We are grateful for your generous support during our letter-writing campaign to restore the \$5.4 million proposed budget cut. We are very optimistic that all of your efforts will have a positive, motivating impact on all legislators involved.

Evelyn Geroges, Branch Librarian

Thank You C.I. School

To the Editor:
A special thank-you to the faculty and students of the City Island School for the letters and drawings they gave to the library to help keep a five-day week.

You were all a big help, and maybe our Borough President will give us some attention.

Frank B. Ring Sr.

School Vandalism

To the Editor:
Since January 2003, the Learning Landscape Committee (part of the P.S. 175 PTA) has worked to create open-air, hands-on learning at the school. This spring, the school administration asked us to construct a planter to protect the exposed side of the second-grade Learning Cottage from normal recess yard wear-and-tear.

With a PTA contribution and help from many hard-working volunteers, we accomplished this. We built a 50-foot-long planter and filled it with healthy and hardy plants. The planter looked great. We received letters and drawings from students and appreciative comments from teachers and parents. Many, many thanks to the volunteers who gave so much—time, tools and soil. Your effort created something that benefited the school community.

And then came Memorial Day weekend. Someone ripped up every plant and stomped the remains. We volunteers are New Yorkers, and we are not naive. We expected some vandalism. But this was nearly total—or so it looked. With the help

of the school custodian, Mr. Federico, we replanted what we could, and some plants have recovered. We are offering a \$100 reward. Please contact me. In the meantime, we know we can continue counting on community support.

Harlan Sexton

Traffic Traffic Everywhere . . .

To the Editor:
At the April meeting of the City Island Civic Association meeting, Officer Mike O'Connor told us that the 45th Precinct would no longer leave us dangling. They promised (perhaps for the 45th time?) that they would have officers there to control the traffic flow on City Island during each forthcoming summer weekend, no longer just an occasional presence on expectedly heavy weekends.

Once again, on Father's Day, the traffic was brutal. I made my way at about 3 p.m. from Pilot Street toward the bridge and did not observe a single officer. What I did observe were oncoming folks who feel above or exempted from the law taking to the fire lane with a sense of personal entitlement. The lane was rapidly filling up before me.

Either I snapped or had a moment of crystalline clarity: The 45th doesn't care, its promises are worthless, we can no longer sit there like a group of nice little sheep when they reassure us that all is well.

All this occurred to me, as I said, in a moment of clarity. As I sat in the north-bound lane, I saw vehicles beginning to pull into the fire lane coming toward me, so I pulled my car into the fire lane facing them. I flipped my headlights at them, put on my hazard blinkers and refused to budge. I faced down the startled drivers and signaled them back into their lane (from inside my car).

The first car came right up to my bumper and then realized that he was facing a very angry, red-faced man of undeterminable strength and temper. He then struggled to be allowed back into the proper lane, to the sound of the horns of the regulation-observing drivers. It was probably their ire, as much as my own posture, that caused the driver to realize his transgression. He even became a bit cowed and rolled up his window as he passed me so he couldn't receive my tongue-lashing.

Most of those following him in the fire lane began trying to merge back in, to similar disapproval of the traffic that they had smugly trumped. All except one, a highly coiffured and elegant lady in her Mercedes,

who gave me a tongue-lashing in return (from behind her closed driver's window), but she too pulled back in, having no possible alternative. Significantly, I believe, none of the cars, once driven back into their lane pulled back into the fire lane after they had passed me.

I did this for about three minutes until the lane in front of me was entirely emptied. They got the message. During this time, I called the 45th and gave them a harangue about their broken promises and told them what I was doing. After the officer asked me to calm down, I did so. He said they had two patrolmen on the Island, a probable lie, but I told him there were not enough officers to control the situation. Later I called again, having seen no officers all the way to the stables, and this time I offered an uninterrupted harangue about having been lied to and hung up.

Minutes later, having picked up my cousin at the Pelham Bay Station, I was trying to get back onto the island and was surprised, and pleased, to see at least two patrol vehicles, with their lights flashing and horns sounding, making their way through the traffic by the dump, weaving their painful way through the mess that police intransigence had allowed to develop.

Therefore, I have a suggestion for City Islanders frustrated with drivers who continually break the law and make City Island Avenue an impassable mess. Let us stop believing what the 45th tells us and let's take control of our own island's safety and emergency access by doing just what I had found so successful: Block illegal usage of the fire lane whenever we are confronted with it. Let the lawless understand that we as citizens do care about our safety and rights. Let City Island earn its reputation as a place where the residents will defend their interests.

I intend to do one of my mail campaigns (the Mayor, various newspapers, television news advocates, etc.) to publicize, and, just perhaps, shame the 45th into action by letting the world know what we are forced to do and why. I ask all Islanders to do the same. Although it smacks of vigilante action—taking the law into our own hands—I think that the law should at least be in someone's hands—when the 45th precinct abrogates its promise to uphold it.

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2004 ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR



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Although the weather was not so fair for the annual Spring Arts and Crafts Fair on June 5 and 6, Island artists and other vendors proudly displayed their handmade goods, paintings and other items of interest along City Island Avenue. The Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the event, told *The Current* that the event attracted many Islanders and visitors. They are planning a fall fair for the weekend of Sept. 18 and 19, complete with arts and crafts, as well as live music in Hawkins Park.

THE KIDDY KABARET GOES TO CLOWN SCHOOL

By LAURY HOPKINS



Photos by RICK DeWITT

Congratulations to all the participants in this year's Kiddy Kabaret. It was a bushel of laughs, from the disappearing peanut butter, thanks to Bizarro Bert (Robert Leavy) and the Pie in the Face, courtesy of Patty Pam (Aimee Zambrana) and Miss Sugar Mixitup (Stephanie Zambrana). Dot (Elizabeth Arnone) slipped on a banana peel and had to be operated on by Dr. Empty (Ilana Gross) with the help of Nurse Cutesie Wootsie (Jean Flick).

The Clowns' teacher, Miss Fizzywig (Kristina Pearson), kept them in line, and Henry the Janitor (Elizabeth Balfe) made sure all the jokes were clean. Mr. Blue (Joe DeWitt), Marlin the Magnificent (Liam Flynn), Sparky (Gregory Sexton) and Bizzaro Bert tested their strength in a weight-lifting contest, along with Not It (Jonathan Rosa), who was a very Scary Clown from Outer Space. Miss Gummy Bean (Abigail Adams) and Peach Melba (Phoebe Mankiewicz) entertained us with a dance as "Clownemecia," and Tina Ballerina (Cristine Arnone) and Hannah Sheehy danced their way into our hearts, as Dot danced over our funny bones. Bubbles (Rebecca Taffet), the sad clown, made it through Clown School "one brick at a time."

The Little Sillies—Anna Manfredonia, Christen DeCuffa, Devin Jon Perez, Lily Kolb, Brianna Whelan, Lindsey Zapata, Emmett Foxe, Kyle Daniel Morales, Madalyn Piscatelli, Gwyn Hopkins, Nicholas Gjonaj, Ruby McClellan and Andrea Berardo—sang (what else?) silly songs! The Senioritas—Jillian Cea,

Sarah Eccles, Janie Hayes, Kaylin Fitzpatrick, Alize Olmo, Ali McIntyre, Jackie McIntyre, Sarah Williams, Chelsea Connoll, Blakely Nagy and Gwyn Hopkins—proved that they can do the Can-Can; and in case you didn't know, Zorro, that masked man, was Jonathan Nagy.

Who could forget the little birdies, Anna Berardo, Joey Gjonaj and Anita Beqiraj. Tweet, Tweet, Tweet! All this, and so much more, was introduced masterfully by our amazing Ringmaster, Kristina DiIorio. The roustabouts who organized a zillion props were Hannah Sheehy, Samantha Emmert, Emily Sexton and Tanya Verghese. Musical direction and accompaniment was provided by Steve Marcus. We also had help from Joe and Miriam Nixon and lots of parents.

The production was made possible, in part, with public funds from the Bronx Council on the Arts through the NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization Program and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs Greater New York Arts Development Fund, Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrión Jr., the Bronx Delegation of the City Council via a grant to the City Island Community Center and the City Island Theater Group, as well as a grant from C.O.L.O.N.Y. The City Island Community Center provided a space for rehearsals, and the Trinity United Methodist Church provided the space for a great show! The kids helped design their costumes and their face paint, and they contributed lots of funny ideas. They did a great job and I am very, very proud of them!

Senior Nutrition Program To Change Sponsor

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

As of July 1, 2004, the nutrition program for seniors, sponsored by the City Island Community Center and housed at the Pilot Cove Manor for more than 20 years, will be turned over to Presbyterian Senior Services. The program will continue without interruption at Pilot Cove, according to Jorge Romero, assistant commissioner in the Bureau of Community Services for the New York City Department for Aging, which administers the program.

According to Mr. Romero, the department sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) in February 2004 to local groups, including Community Board 10, but there was no response. Another RFP was sent out, and the Community Center responded with a proposal, but the Department for the Aging chose to turn the contract over to

another sponsor.

Because the Department for the Aging does not want the program to be jeopardized in any way, officials decided to turn it over to one of their current Bronx providers to manage until the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. At that time, another RFP will be sent to local groups who may be interested in taking on the program.

Mr. Romero told *The Current* that a meeting was scheduled between representatives of Pilot Cove and the Presbyterian Senior Services to make certain that the transition takes place with as little disruption as possible.

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The Bronx-Manhattan Board of Realtors celebrated its 80th anniversary at a banquet in April 2004, when Island realtor Jacqueline Kyle Kall was honored for 35 years of membership. She was also inducted into the Million Dollar Club for her outstanding record of sales in 2003. Shown above at the banquet are Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion with Mrs. Kall and Sandra Silverman, a past president of the Bronx-Manhattan Board.



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

Each unit at **Mariner's Pointe**, the new condominium development on east Bowne Street, offers panoramic harbor views from a private rooftop garden and sitting area. The living room and dining areas open to a waterfront balcony, and six of the end units have balconies off the master bedroom. There are two bedrooms and baths in each unit, as well as a galley kitchen, and a two-car tandem garage offers indoor parking. Unit ownership includes mooring rights with dinghy access from a dock. Units are priced from \$449,000; there will be no real estate taxes for 11 years and common charges are only \$167.24 a month. Interested buyers may visit the on-site sales office at 254B Bowne Street on weekdays from 12 to 5 p.m. and on weekends from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 718-885-3500 or 885-0088.

The **Kathlyn Moses Gallery** at 327 City Island Avenue will show works by Lois and Gil Weingarten, Mary Rappold, Joe Giongetti and Cheryl Brinker through July. An opening reception will be held Friday, July 9, from 7 to 10 p.m.

On the menu in July and August at the **Starving Artist Café & Gallery** (249 City Island Avenue) are musical performances and art exhibitions. Singer-songwriter Sam Leopold will perform again at the café/gallery on Saturday, July 10, starting at 7 p.m.

The City Island Jazz Trio will be making music on Sundays, July 11 and 25, and again the next month, on Aug. 8 and 29. All performances begin at 3 p.m. On Saturday, July 31, the rock-folk trio Works in Progress, featuring City Islander Lucille Rivin, returns to the café/gallery, with a performance starting at 7 p.m. Making their debut at the **Starving Artist** on Saturday, July 17, starting at 8 p.m., is Port O' Monkeys, an eclectic mix of Spanish, Middle Eastern and original music, featuring City Islander Dr. Chris Wertenbaker. Art this summer includes an exhibition of the work of City Islander Heike Neumeister, starting with a reception on Saturday, July 24, from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Saturday, Aug. 21, with a 3 to 6 p.m. reception, husband and wife Nadyja and Glen Goldstein will showcase their fine art/photography work. And the **Starving Artist** holds its third acoustic jam on Sunday, Aug. 22, starting at 3 p.m. Always on the menu at **Starving Artist** are the handmade jewelry creations by Elliott Glick, fine art/craft by various artists, and coffee, tea, cappuccino, espresso—now also iced as the weather heats up—and treats, including Jen's Sweets, the pastries that are works of art.

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At The Library

Children's Room
Arts and Crafts Program: Wednesday, July 28, and Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m. Ages 4 to 10.
Summer Reading Program: The theme for this summer is "Read, White and Blue." The list of recommended titles is available at the City Island Library. Pre-K through high school.

Adult Programs
Mammography Van: St. Barnabas Hospital will have a free screening on their van for women of all ages on Wednesday, Aug. 18. The van will be parked in front of the library.

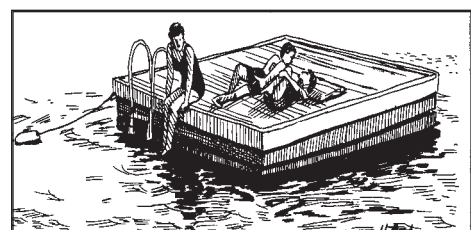
Book Sale: The City Island Library plans to be open on the Saturday of Fleet Weekend in September. A book sale is planned for that day. We will be accepting donations of books in good condition only.

For information about any of these children's or adult programs, call the City Island branch at 718-885-1703.

REAL ESTATE REVIEW

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

Address	Closing Date	Sale Price	Type
10 Landing Way	5/30/03	\$480,500	Condo
176 Cross Street	11/07/03	\$460,000	1 Family
273 Fordham Place	11/11/03	\$350,000	1 Family
337 King Avenue	12/18/03	\$300,000	2 Family
653 Minneford Ave.	3/22/04	\$375,000	1 Family
64 Tier Street	3/24/04	\$280,000	1 Family



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Borough President Adolfo Carrión Jr. and his wife Linda, who moved to City Island in June, joined the City Island Garden Club at its annual luncheon at the City Island Yacht Club on Thursday, June 17, 2004. Pictured (l. to r.) are Virginia Gallagher, Bronx Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski, Ruth Collins, the Borough President, Jacqueline Kall, Linda Baldwin Carrión, Rabbi Wiener of Temple Beth-el and Patricia Ernest of the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum.

GRADUATES OF 2004

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Clancy, Nicole Harty, Angelo Labate, Mateusz Przewloka, Samantha Rufa and Leah Simoncek.

The P.S. 175 Effort Awards were given to Bryan Barry, Bri'gette Brantley, Ashley DelGiudice, Nikko Dessereau, Tiffany Geraghty, Shalane Harris, Terese Macindoe, Clarissa Mahony, Daniella Maldari, James McGowan, Benjamin Mendez, Nader Nourae, Elmis Omari, Kristina Pearson, Deanna Rivera, Augustus Robinson, Trinae Romaine, Matthew Vaughn and Jason Weinfeld.

The P.S. 175 Service Awards were given to John Acevedo, Sarima Ali, Christine Arnone, Matthew Bollati, Bri'gette Brantley, Kelly Carmody, Joseph Ciarletta, Kenneth Clancy, Joseph DeWitt, Ashley DelGiudice, Nikko Dessereau, Marissa Karabel, Anthony Grillo, Angelo Labate, Terese Macindoe, Daniella Maldari, Benjamin Marcus, Gerald McCormick, James McGowan, Christopher Meliti, Benjamin Mendez, Nader Nourae, Kristina Pearson, Christian Padagas, Deanna Rivera, Nichelle Rodriguez and Jason Weinfeld.

The Physical Fitness Award was given to Emil Berger, Maurkiece Campbell, Kelly

Carmody, Kristina Pearson and Augustus Robinson. Gregory Richards received an award for Perfect Attendance.

Congratulations to all the award winners and all the 2004 graduates!

Marine Street

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ager of Pilot Cove Manor on Pilot Street, the architect—coincidentally the same firm that designed the Pilot Cove building—has produced a very attractive plan, which also includes 2500 square feet for a public park, 96 parking spaces (a number of them underground) and slips for 70 boats, which will be offered first to owners of the condominiums in the development.

Marine Street residents expressed concern about the condition of the soil on the site, which the developers are required to clean up before construction can start. An environmental analysis must be approved by appropriate state, federal and local agencies before work can begin on the site.

P.S. 175 PUTS PENNIES TO GOOD USE

By JOHN FRANK



Students from P.S. 175 donated \$500 from their Penny Harvest to the residential facility on Pilot Street run by the Association for the Advancement of the Blind and Retarded (AABR).

Students from Public School 175 who participated in this year's Penny Harvest program made a generous donation to the group home on Pilot Street managed by the Association for the Advancement of the Blind and Retarded (AABR).

Residents of the home were presented with a check for \$500 on May 20 by the students, who were delighted to see what their gift meant to the recipients.

Bri'gette Brantley, a student at P. S. 175, said, "We thought they deserved it the most." She and several of her classmates had previously volunteered at the home under adult and staff supervision.

"We would play games with them mostly," said Chelsea Rodstrom, a classmate. "We wanted to buy them new puzzles and games; some of them were old." The money will also go toward recreational trips for the eight group-home residents.

Before the check was presented, students who had not visited the resi-

dence were given a tour along with social studies teacher Audley Green and Tina Gisante, parent coordinator at the school.

This year's citywide Penny Harvest raised nearly \$600,000, and funds were distributed to worthy organizations throughout the world. The two other groups to receive money from the students at P. S. 175 were the Marine and Wildlife Program at the school and the Global Relief Fund.

In the New York metropolitan area, AABR serves nearly 1,000 children and adults who are blind, developmentally disabled or suffering with autism. AABR's executive director, Christopher Weldon, was recently recognized for his efforts when he was given the Lawrence Ferrara Children's Advocate Award by the Knights of York.

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We announce Sister James Patrick, O.P. has accepted an administrative position with the Archdiocese of New York. We thank her for 19 years of service and wish her well in her new position.

Organization News

News on this page concerning organizations, and events listed in, are submitted by representatives of those organizations. A limit of 150 words is requested for all news items submitted. In most cases news will be edited and every effort will be made to preserve the substance of longer items. News and calendar events must be received by no later than the 20th of each month except December and July. If the 20th falls on a holiday or Sunday, the deadline is the 19th. Mail submissions to P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464. YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED.

Current Calendar

JULY

Tues., July 20, **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 27, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 8 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Sat., July 31, **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., August 28, **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, cubes of cheese, ham, turkey, etc.).

Tues., Aug. 31, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 8 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

SEPTEMBER

Sat., and Sun., Sept. 18 and 19, **Arts and Crafts Fair** sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Island Avenue.

Sat., and Sun., Sept. 18 and 19, **Fleet Weekend 2004**.

Garden Club News

The Garden Club wants to thank the residents who participated in our garden tour in June for allowing us to view their lovely gardens.

Our 44th annual Spring Luncheon was very successful, and we were delighted to welcome the Borough President Adolfo Carrión Jr. and his wife, who are new residents of City Island. Everyone enjoyed winning the wonderful prizes of gift baskets and gift certificates donated by many of our local restaurants to our raffle.

Gardening Hint: The long hot days of summer are upon us. Remember to continuously check moisture levels and keep your garden well hydrated. Water plants in the evening or early morning to allow full penetration of the sun's rays.

Have a wonderful summer.

Phyllis Goodman

Chapter 3303 AARP

As we have done in the past, the Minneford Chapter 3303 made its annual donation of cash awards to graduating students from P. S. 175 and St. Mary, Star of the Sea School. The students were selected by the principal of each school. Frank Ring, chairperson of our Community Service Committee, contacted the principals and made all the arrangements for the awards. He also represented the Minneford Chapter at the graduation exercises of each school. We offer our congratulations to the students selected and wish them success in their future endeavors.

Reservations are being accepted for an exciting five-day vacation trip to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Provincetown and Boston from Monday, Sept. 27, to Friday, Oct. 1, 2004. Every day we will be touring the famous and historical sites, including Providence, Rhode Island, and Hyannis Harbor Cruises. Day tours will include visits to the important cities in the area. The trip will have first-class accommodations, all meals, deluxe motor coach transportation with a professional tour manager and much more.

On Thursday, Oct. 21, the chapter will sponsor its annual fair in the Trinity United Methodist Church Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free, and refreshments will be available. The fair promises to be

bigger and better than ever. The members are busy preparing gifts and articles for the fair. We invite all City Islanders and guests to come and participate in this wonderful fair. Prices and more details for these events will be discussed at our meetings, or you may call Tina De Cristofaro at 718-885-0865.

Lucy Puglia

Grace Episcopal Church

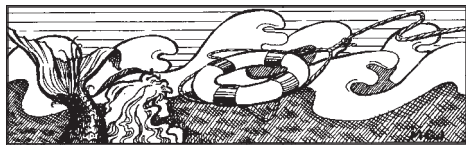
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The red doors are traditional for America's Episcopal churches, and it is widely believed that in the earlier days of the church a soldier could not pursue an enemy that had entered through the red doors of a church. The red doors were a symbol of refuge and sanctuary for all people who entered. The red signified the blood of Christ that had been shed, so that all who came to him could be saved. Anyone who passed through those doors was safe as long as they stayed behind them. Over time, Christian people began to see the red doors of the church as symbolizing not only physical refuge and safety, but spiritual refuge as well.

The blood of Jesus and of the church's martyrs symbolized by the red doors of the church would protect you from evil, both physical and spiritual. The red doors spoke to the world of holy ground that existed inside those doors, space that had been purged and made clean by God's Holy Spirit. Today people choose to paint their church doors red for many of the same reasons that churches did centuries ago.

Grace Episcopal Church of City Island would like to be recognized as a place of peace, refuge and salvation for all people in our community. So if you are looking for a peaceful break in the middle of your busy week, please join us for evening prayers any Wednesday at 7 p.m. This 20-minute service includes a scripture reading, prayer requests and prayers of thanksgiving. We also invite you to join us in celebrating the Holy Eucharist any Sunday at 10 a.m.

If you would like to learn anymore about the Episcopal Church, please call the Parish Office at 718-885-1080.



Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-el of City Island, 480 City Island Avenue, between Beach and Bowne Streets, conducts services on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. Our doors are open to all and holiday attendance is free.

On July 23, our annual Shabbat under the Stars by the Sea will be held on the lawn at the Morris Yacht Club (1 City Island Avenue) at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. We suggest you bring blankets or folding chairs. Services will be followed by an optional chicken dinner: \$24 for adults, \$12 for children two and older; children under two, free. (If it rains, the service and dinner will be held at the temple.) Please make reservations for dinner by July 14. Call Violet at Midtown Antiques,

Come to our annual summer dance on Thursday, July 8, at the Stuyvesant Yacht Club (10 Center Street), from 7 to 11 p.m., with complimentary swing lesson at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome! Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, coffee and tea will be served. A cash bar is available, along with a great view of the bay. Casual attire, no partner required. Advance tickets are



Barbara La Rocco signing copies of her new book, "Going Coastal," a guide to New York City's waterfront, at a reception hosted by the City Island Nautical Museum on Sunday, June 6, 2004.

City Island Theater Group

We are pleased to report that our annual Kiddie Kabaret was a success. Special thanks go out to Laury Hopkins, who knows how to make City Island's youngsters shine!

Once again, we are pleased to bring you more summer fun! On the evenings of July 30 and 31, we will be performing selections from the work of William Shakespeare at Hawkins Street Park. Our first outdoor event, titled "A Midsummer Night's Festival," will include scenes, sonnets, songs, dances, soliloquies and fun.

This event is free to the public, and we encourage everyone on the Island to bring their chairs and picnic blankets and to bask in the wonderful night air and enjoy the works of one of the world's greatest writers. "A Midsummer Night's Festival" promises to be filled with intrigue, romance, drama and the magic that only Shakespeare can create. Come watch as the Bard's characters come to life on City Island. For more information or to learn how to volunteer, call 718-885-3066.

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Shabbat Under The Stars: Friday, July 23rd
7:30 pm at the Morris Yacht Club (1 City Island Ave.)
 (For optional chicken dinner, see info in ORGANIZATION NEWS COLUMN.)



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

Announcements

The **Kiddy Kabaret Goes to Clown School** was a great success, and the participants would like to thank the City Island Community Center for the generous donation of their space for rehearsals and the creation of sets and props.

Ongoing Events

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

To schedule events at the Center, call Laury Hopkins at 718-885-3202.

Teen Center: Saturday evenings. To volunteer your time so that we can keep the Teen Center open, please call Jay Howard at 718-885-2192.

Dance Classes: Preballet, jazz and tap for kids. Call Linda at Dance Connection, 914-576-5515.

Millennium Babies: A Moms and Babies Playgroup. Call Brenda Prohaska at 718-885-9040.

Senior Nutrition Program: Held at Pilot Cove Manor, weekdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All senior citizens are welcome; the cost is only \$1.00 per meal. Call 718-885-0727 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for your monthly calendar with daily lunch menus and schedule of visits to shopping centers.

Summer art classes: Call Laury Hopkins at 718-885-3202.

Irish dance: Call Deirdre O'Mara at 201-947-8535.

Kundalini Yoga: Saturdays at 10 a.m.; call Ann Ward at 718-885-1478.

Adult Tap Classes: Call Corinne Grondahl at 718-885-2011.

Photography Classes: for adults and teens. Call Ron Turner at 718-885-1403 or inquire at Focal Point Gallery.

Step Aerobics Classes: Sundays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Mondays and Wednesdays 7 to 8:00 p.m. Call Mary

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Yoga: Basic level Hatha Yoga classes include yoga postures, deep relaxation and breathing practices, and stress management for peace of mind and physical well-being. Call Annette at 718-885-0724 for further information.

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Boy Scout Troop 211

The troop has been extremely busy for the past two months working on projects to advance in rank. Peter Coyle completed his Life project by repairing the ceiling in the scout storage room and taking inventory of the scout supplies. Griffin Burnett led a group of scouts at Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum in clearing the overgrowth from around Thomas Pell's Treaty Oak. This was in preparation for the 350th anniversary on June 27 of the Pell purchase of 9,166 acres from the Lenape people. This land now makes up much of the east Bronx and lower Westchester. The project was a requirement for Peter's advancement to Life Scout. Stephen Erosa organized a troop hike to the museum to complete the cleanup as a requirement for his advancement to Star Scout. Robert Engel, the museum's director, requested these projects.

Matthew Butterworth undertook another major clean-up project in Pelham Cemetery to earn his Star. As requested by John Ulmer, cemetery management, Matt and a group of scouts cleared the tangled overgrowth from the southeast fence. You can now see the water through the fence!

Edward Ciarletta, Peter Coyle, Thomas Delaney and Christopher Hennessy will attend Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, this summer. Philmont is the premier scout ranch in the United States and is filled with high adventure activities.

In August the troop will trek off to Ten Mile River Scout Camp, where they will earn merit badges, complete requirements to advance in rank, hone up on their Scouting skills and, most of all, have fun.

Regular troop meetings will resume on Friday, Sept. 24. Boys interested in scouting and in joining our troop are encouraged to come by and register at any troop meeting. Troop meetings are held each Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Trinity's Fellowship Hall from September to June.

Scoutmaster Esposito is proud of all the achievements of his scouts and wishes everyone a safe summer. As he says, "Use your scouting skills and be prepared."

Stephanie Statkowski-Coye



Photos by RICK DEWITT

Leonard Hawkins Post 156 installed its officers for 2004-2005 on June 21, 2004. Top row, l. to r.: Bill Clancy, adjutant; Mike Treat, first vice commander for membership; Jack Hartigan, judge advocate; Tom McMahon, chaplain; Ron Rodriguez, historian; Dave Carman, sergeant-at-arms. Bottom row, l. to r.: Vinny Hecker, second vice commander for activities; Mike Rauh, commander; Richie O'Keefe; Russ Schaller, third vice commander for Americanism; and Bob Mennona, service officer. Not pictured is Larry Lane, finance officer. Re-elected to the executive committee were Bob Booth, Buddy Pontecorvo, Dr. Fred Hess and John Ulmer.

Inset: Leonard Hawkins Post 156 honored two life members on June 21, 2004. Receiving his life-member card for 50 years of membership was World War II veteran Joe Bartels (right), with membership officer Mike Treat (left), and outgoing commander Vinnie Hecker. Not present but also honored for 50 years was Ralph Savarese.

Legion News

The installation of officers took place at our last meeting, Monday, June 1. The officers were listed in the June issue of the paper, so no need to repeat the roster. A dinner befitting the occasion was prepared by the kitchen crew. Since I don't have all the names of those who helped, I'll shelve the plaudits until the next newsletter.

As you know, our outgoing commander is on a sabbatical from his job at the post, and he asked that I convey to all his appreciation for the help he received during his three-year reign.

I also want to thank the flag crew, the volunteers who place the flags on more than 100 poles along City Island Avenue and on King Avenues in front of the cemetery on our holidays. Most are post members, but several are among the good burghers of City Island. They are Mike Kelly, Tom McMahon, Joe Goonan, Ernest Santucci, Matt Murphy, Ed Shipp, Mike Rauh, Jim Doyle, Gene and Eric Valesio, Mike Bunyan, Chris Skokos, Richard Frey, Richard

Muller, Charles Vincent and Bill Clancy. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Robert Branizza is home following his second hip operation and is doing well. Lou Probst is still in rehab and will be there for another month or so.

We mourn the passing of Austin Gerry Lopez. Austin, a Marine Corps veteran, was awarded both the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. He was a lawyer and, in his youth, a Golden Gloves boxing champion.

Regular meetings for July are Monday, July 5 and 19; an executive board meeting will be held Monday, July 12; and for August, the regular meeting dates are Aug. 2 and 16, and the executive meeting will be on Aug. 9th.

And you WWII buffs, Adolf Hitler liked the Harvard "Fight, Fight, Fight" song so much that he had it adapted as "Sieg Heil, Sieg Heil" marching song.

Before closing, I'd like to welcome our new commander, Mike Rauh. He arrives with impeccable credentials. A Vietnam veteran and retired New York telephone executive, Mike has been an officer of the post for a number of years. In his acceptance speech, he outlined his ambitious program for the post. Contrary to rumors circulating around the hallowed environs of the bar, Mike is not encouraging the more portly veterans (the WWII group) to embark on a regimen of health foods and running.

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Fathers and Sons

Complex relationships between fathers and sons have been explored over the years in a wide variety of movies. In the comedy drama **Nothing in Common** (1986), a young Tom Hanks plays David Basner, a topnotch advertising executive who has to pick up the pieces when his parents (Jackie Gleason and Eva Marie Saint) decide to divorce. The supporting cast includes the gorgeous Sela Ward as Cheryl Ann, a client he lusts after; Bess Armstrong as Donna, one of his best friends; and the delightful Hector Elizondo as Charlie Gargas, his understanding boss. When David's father becomes ill, both men are surprised by how David handles the situation.

In **Memories of Me** (1988), Billy Crystal plays Abbie, a high-powered New York City surgeon. After undergoing a humbling health problem, Abbie goes west to visit his dad, Abe (Alan King), a movie extra. JoBeth Williams, also a physician, comes along as Abbie's love interest. While poignant in its telling, the film has wonderful puns and groans galore from these superb comedians.

Set in 1940s Brooklyn, **The Chosen** (1981) stars Rod Steiger as Reb Saunders, the leader of a sect of Jewish Hassidim, the very orthodox group who follow the teachings of a rabbi from 17th-century Poland. Robby Benson is his brilliant son, Danny, whom he is raising in silence. Counterpoint to this is David Malter (Maximillian Schell), a Zionist who is working to establish the free state of Israel and his son, Reuven (Barry

Miller). The teenagers become friends, and the conflicts within the Jewish culture and their relationships with their fathers is fascinating.

A Broadway play was the basis for the movie **Da** (1988), the story of Charlie, a successful playwright (Martin Sheen) who returns to Ireland for his father's funeral (Barnard Hughes). Much of the film is about an ongoing dialogue between son and father, who even in death haunts his son with advice and reminiscences that drive Charlie crazy.

Dad (1989) stars Jack Lemmon as Jake Tremont, in a magnificent performance as an old codger whose mind is slowly going, and Olympia Dukakis as Annie, his painfully doting wife. When illness strikes, it is up to their son, John (Ted Danson), to keep things together. Kevin Spacey has a scene-stealing role as Mario, John's brother-in-law.

For those who like action-adventure films, there is **Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade** (1989). This quest is for the Holy Grail, Jesus Christ's chalice from the Last Supper. Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) is assisted this time by a perfectly cast father, Sean Connery, as Professor Henry Jones.

Moving into the 1990s, we have the excellent docudrama **Searching for Bobby Fischer** (1993). Inspired by chess prodigy Josh Waitzken and written by his father, Fred, this is the story of Josh (Max Pomeranc), whose father (Joe Mantegna) is thrilled to discover that his son is a chess genius. When Josh is placed under the tutelage of callous chess master Bruce Pandolfini (Ben Kingsley), this inspiring film reveals the dangers inherent in allowing the boy to put competition above sportsmanship.

In **Sleepless in Seattle** (1993), widower Tom Hanks and his son, Jonah (Ross Malinger), have moved to Seattle to start a new life. When Jonah tells a radio talk-show host that his father needs a new wife, the program is heard by Annie Reed (Meg Ryan), a reporter from Baltimore who is smitten by the story and the family and won't let mere geography

get in her way. A wonderful supporting cast includes Rosie O'Donnell as Annie's boss, David Hyde Pierce as Annie's brother and Bill Pullman as Annie's fiancé. This film is homage to the wonderful 1950s tearjerker **An Affair to Remember**.

The Sum of Us (1995) is set in Sydney, Australia, where Jeff (Russell Crowe), a gay man, lives with his widowed father, Harry (Jack Thompson). Harry is accepting of his son and desperately wants him to be happy, but he crosses the line and is intrusive when he is trying to be kind.

The Birdcage (1996) is a remake of the French film **La Cage aux Folles** (1979). It stars Robin Williams as Armand, the sophisti-

cated gay owner of a transvestite bar in South Beach, Florida. Armand lives with Albert (Nathan Lane), the star of the show, and together the two men have done a wonderful job of raising Armand's biological son, Val (Dan Futterman). When Val decides to marry Barbara (Calista Flockheart), hilarity results because she is the daughter of the ultra-conservative Senator Keeley (Gene Hackman) and his naïve wife, Louise (Dianne Wiest). Christine Baranski is superb as Katharine, Val's natural mother, and Hank Azaria steals every scene as the flamingly funny houseboy. This is a funny, sometimes vulgar, brilliantly acted film.

And until next time, happy viewing. . .

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5th	Chris Brown	23rd	Tim & Trevor
9th	Mike & Pat <i>from Sylvester Brothers</i>	24th	A.K.A
10th	We'll let you know	25th	Miller Farrell
11th	Artie Tobia	30th	Charlie & Jesse
		31st	Space Party

AUGUST			
1st	Jim Kneally	15th	Chris Brown
6th	Larry from Bluu	20th	Mike Barry
7th	Cover Dogs	21st	Kidz on Candy
8th	Twister	22nd	Artie Tobia
13th	We'll let you know	27th	We'll let you know
14th	Boomerang	28th	We'll let you know
		29th	Jim Kneally

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The winning team at the 2004 P.S. 175 Field Day is shown raising the "Weis Cup" trophy on June 11. The trophy is named after D.J. Ray Weis who offers his many services to school events.

BEAT THE HEAT

Very warm weather can be dangerous for many people, and New York City is preparing for a long, hot summer. The Mayor's Office and the Emergency Management Commissioner have issued a list of personal health and safety tips so that New Yorkers can help protect themselves against the heat.

- Stay out of the sun and avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing, which will reflect some of the sun's energy.
- Drink fluids, especially water, even if you do not feel thirsty. Your body needs water to stay cool. (Those on fluid-restricted diets or taking diuretics should consult their physicians.)
- Water is the safest liquid to drink during heat emergencies. Avoid beverages containing alcohol and caffeine.
- Eat small, frequent meals.
- Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- Avoid strenuous activity, especially during the sun's peak hours—11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- If possible, stay in an air-conditioned building for several hours during the hottest parts of the day. New York City operates Cooling Centers around the five boroughs. To find the one nearest you, go to www.nyc.gov/oem or call 800-426-6569.

Symptoms include a mild form of shock marked by heavy sweating, weakness, headache, weak pulse, dizziness, exhaustion, fainting, nausea or vomiting and cold, clammy skin. Body temperature will seem normal.

- Treatment: Call 911 immediately for medical attention. If not treated, heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke. Place victim in a cool place, loosen clothing and apply cool, wet cloths to the neck, face and arms. If conscious, have the victim drink water slowly every 15 minutes. Do not give anything to an unconscious person.

Heat Stroke

Symptoms include hot, red skin; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing; loss of ability to sweat; throbbing headache; dizziness, nausea, confusion and unconsciousness. Body temperature can be so high (103 degrees F. or higher) that brain damage or death may result in fewer than 10 minutes if medical attention is not immediate.

- Treatment: Call 911 immediately. Take victim to a cool place; remove clothing and cool his or her body by wrapping it in wet sheets and fanning them. Watch for signs of breathing problems. Keep the victim lying down and as cool as possible. Do not give the victim any fluids.

A small but crucial gesture can help ensure that we all have a safe and healthy summer. Get to know your neighbors, and contact them—in person or by phone—at least twice a day. Pay special attention to the elderly, the very young and anyone with a pre-existing medical condition. Seniors should keep their homes well ventilated and seek immediate help if they feel symptoms of heat stress.

Although it is tempting for residents to cool off by opening a fire hydrant, the Fire Department warns all New Yorkers about the dangers of improperly opening fire hydrants and urges the use of "spray caps." Properly used, spray caps reduce hydrant output to a safe 25 gallons per minute while still providing relief from the heat. To obtain a spray cap, an adult 18 years or older with identification can go to the local firehouse and request one. Or call 800-201-PARK for locations of the city's 14 miles of beaches and 53 outdoor swimming pools.

Heat Exhaustion

Severe heat can cause serious medical problems and conditions, so individuals are encouraged to exercise caution while exercising and to monitor their health during a heat crisis.

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Michael Oates

Michael Oates, a resident of City Island since childhood, passed away on May 10, 2004. He was 38 years old.

Born on Aug. 9, 1962, Mike will be remembered as the Tom Sawyer of Hawkins Street, an adventurous boy with red hair and freckles. When he was about 14, he nearly drowned on Thanksgiving Day, when he and a friend capsized their

boat and clung to its side for a couple of hours before they were seen by a jogger at Orchard Beach and subsequently rescued. The boys were treated at Jacobi Medical Center for hypothermia.

In later years, when Mike was on a fishing cruise with friends from work, one of them fell overboard, but Mike immediately jumped into Long Island Sound and saved his friend from drowning.

Mike is survived by his father, Harry; his mother, Johanna, and stepfather, Sal; his sisters, Laurie and Linda; and his brothers, Robert and Peter, as well as nine nieces and nephews. He was much loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed.

A Mass was celebrated at St. Theresa's Church, and he was buried at St. Raymond's Cemetery.

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02 Fri	0822	-0.8	1204	7.5	1817	0.1			Fri 02
03 Sat	0011	8.7	0716	-0.8	1303	7.8	1819	0.0	Sat 03
04 Sun	0110	8.5	0812	-0.8	1401	7.7	2020	0.0	Sun 04
05 Mon	0212	8.3	0905	-0.6	1459	7.7	2121	0.1	Mon 05
06 Tue	0315	8.0	0959	-0.3	1558	7.7	2222	0.3	Tue 06
07 Wed	0420	7.7	1054	0.0	1658	7.7	2324	0.4	Wed 07
08 Thu	0524	7.3	1150	0.4	1757	7.8			Thu 08
09 Fri	0626	6.5	0927	7.1	1248	8.8	1855	7.8	Fri 09
10 Sat	0126	6.8	0726	8.8	1341	8.8	1851	7.8	Sat 10
11 Sun	0223	6.8	0823	8.8	1435	1.0	2044	7.8	Sun 11
12 Mon	0317	6.5	0916	8.8	1526	1.1	2136	7.7	Mon 12
13 Tue	0407	6.4	1008	8.8	1613	1.1	2221	7.7	Tue 13
14 Wed	0453	6.4	1052	7.0	1655	1.1	2305	7.6	Wed 14
15 Thu	0538	6.4	1135	7.0	1735	1.1	2343	7.8	Thu 15
16 Fri	0614	6.4	1216	7.1	1805	1.1			Fri 16
17 Sat	0014	7.8	0847	0.4	1247	7.2	1828	1.1	Sat 17
18 Sun	0082	7.8	0712	0.4	1309	7.2	1851	1.0	Sun 18
19 Mon	0051	7.8	0726	0.4	1324	7.4	1923	0.8	Mon 19
20 Tue	0121	7.8	0753	0.3	1351	7.8	2001	0.7	Tue 20
21 Wed	0158	7.9	0826	0.3	1427	7.7	2049	0.6	Wed 21
22 Thu	0241	7.8	0905	0.3	1508	7.8	2129	0.6	Thu 22
23 Fri	0327	7.8	0948	0.8	1654	8.0	2219	0.6	Fri 23
24 Sat	0417	7.4	1035	0.4	1845	8.0	2314	0.6	Sat 24
25 Sun	0513	7.1	1127	0.8	1740	8.0			Sun 25
26 Mon	0617	6.7	0614	8.8	1224	0.7	1840	7.9	Mon 26
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28 Wed	0308	6.4	0841	8.7	1448	0.8	2058	8.1	Wed 28
29 Thu	0420	6.1	0959	7.0	1611	0.8	2211	8.3	Thu 29
30 Fri	0520	-0.3	1106	7.3	1721	0.3	2317	8.5	Fri 30
31 Sat	0614	-0.8	1202	7.7	1821	0.0			Sat 31

AUGUST 2004

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01 Sun	0016	8.8	0705	-0.7	1255	7.9	1816	-0.2	Sun 01
02 Mon	0111	8.5	0754	-0.7	1346	8.1	2008	-0.2	Mon 02
03 Tue	0204	8.3	0842	-0.5	1435	8.1	2102	-0.2	Tue 03
04 Wed	0258	8.0	0929	-0.2	1529	7.9	2155	0.1	Wed 04
05 Thu	0350	7.6	1016	0.2	1618	7.8	2250	0.4	Thu 05
06 Fri	0447	7.2	1105	0.8	1714	7.5	2343	0.7	Fri 06
07 Sat	0547	6.8	1158	1.0	1812	7.4			Sat 07
08 Sun	0047	6.9	0548	8.8	1255	1.4	1912	7.3	Sun 08
09 Mon	0147	1.0	0748	8.5	1353	1.5	2010	7.3	Mon 09
10 Tue	0248	1.1	0844	8.8	1449	1.6	2104	7.4	Tue 10
11 Wed	0335	1.0	0936	8.8	1530	1.8	2159	7.5	Wed 11
12 Thu	0422	0.9	1024	7.0	1625	1.6	2238	7.7	Thu 12
13 Fri	0505	0.7	1107	7.2	1705	1.3	2317	7.8	Fri 13
14 Sat	0542	0.8	1145	7.4	1759	1.1	2348	7.8	Sat 14
15 Sun	0614	0.5	1214	7.5	1808	0.9			Sun 15
16 Mon	0607	7.9	0657	0.4	1231	7.8	1832	0.8	Mon 16
17 Tue	0227	8.0	0857	0.3	1250	7.8	1908	0.4	Tue 17
18 Wed	0308	8.1	0723	0.1	1320	8.1	1940	0.2	Wed 18
19 Thu	0138	8.0	0757	0.1	1357	8.2	2021	0.1	Thu 19
20 Fri	0218	7.8	0836	0.1	1439	8.3	2106	0.2	Fri 20
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27 Fri	0415	0.2	1007	7.2	1625	0.8	2225	8.1	Fri 27
28 Sat	0510	-0.2	1103	7.7	1723	0.2	2322	8.4	Sat 28
29 Sun	0600	-0.4	1153	8.0	1818	-0.2			Sun 29
30 Mon	0013	8.5	0847	-0.6	1259	8.3	1805	-0.4	Mon 30
31 Tue	0101	8.4	0731	-0.5	1323	8.3	1952	-0.5	Tue 31

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DAY	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	DAY
01 Wed	0148	8.2	0813	-0.3	1408	8.3	2037	-0.3	Wed 01
02 Thu	0231	7.9	0859	0.1	1449	8.0	2123	0.0	Thu 02
03 Fri	0317	7.5	0930	0.5	1531	7.8	2211	0.4	Fri 03
04 Sat	0405	7.0	1005	1.0	1616	7.4	2302	0.8	Sat 04



The Blessing of the Fleet took place at Fenton Marine on Sunday, June 6, 2004.



SUMMER RETURNS

If the sights and sounds of the next two months are anything like the last, we're in for one heck of a ride this summer. Let us begin where we left off: with the cats and the crows. Now, crows are some of the most intelligent birds in the bird world; indeed, scientists claim to have deciphered a rather sophisticated language between them. It was, therefore, with genuine concern that we hurried to the sound of one especially raucous black bird outside our window. We've seen the movie; he could have been signaling to his friends (remember Hitchcock's "The Birds"?). What we found, instead, was a face-off between one cat and one crow about 20 feet high in a nearby honey locust tree. It was the first of many such face-offs last month, the worst of which occurred about 50 feet up. Our thanks once again go out to Kathy and Eddie for their help in bringing that one to a safe and victimless conclusion.

In other bird and cat news, there's another new litter of kittens at Stelter's boatyard. Dan found one little guy under the tarp as he was getting his boat ready for the big spring clean-up. It gave him quite the spook. Happily, though, for all concerned, mother and "child" were reunited in the end. Interestingly, this same drama was played out the following week: same cat, same kitten, same happy ending, different boat.

A young squirrel on Bay Street was not so lucky. Tom saw a hawk pluck it from its nest and take it to the beach, where, he tells us, the squirrel was quickly and greedily devoured. And what report on the news of birds and cats in our area would be complete without a reference to the local catbirds? Catbirds are sometimes mistaken for mockingbirds because of their mostly gray color and their tendency to mimic the song of other birds. But there is no mistaking the catbird's shrill "mew" (not unlike a cat's "meow"), which it uses monoto-

nously to ward off, you guessed it, cats.

A prehistoric ritual was replayed on the shores of City Island with the return of the full moon in May. Horseshoe crabs by the thousands emerged from the deep to lay their eggs in the sand along our beaches. It is truly an extraordinary event to see so many of these creatures in one place at one time. And to think that it has been happening this way for millions of years, guided by the light of the full moon, only adds to the wondrous quality of it all.

Horseshoe crabs aren't the only ones back for the summer. The bunnies are back, too! Appearances in recent years have been spotty at best, ever since that coyote spotting and brush fire over by Glover's Rock. Perhaps this is the year they come back as they have before.

There's nothing wrong with the striped bass population. Hal caught a 24-pounder off Rodman's Neck, and Michael caught enough keepers to sell to the local restaurants. Next time, he says, he'll trade one or two for fresh vegetables (but we've got first dibs). Apparently there's nothing wrong with City Island's skunk population, either. In addition to past reports from Sutherland Street, Dan (#2) says that he has spotted at least one of these increasingly brash black-and-white critters foraging in the Bay Street/Fordham Street vicinity.

And finally, here's a little color to conclude with. Be on the lookout this summer for goldfinches in the coneflowers, ruby-throated hummingbirds in the weigela and spinnaker spectacles out on the nay. Also, take a look at the monk parakeet nest on the telephone pole above the Sammy's Fish Box parking lot. What they lack in color they more than make up for in girth. They're approaching monster-like proportions!

Have fun this summer. Enjoy. Be safe and we'll see you in September. jdsstrat@earthlink.net

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The fourth grade at P.S. 175 presented their family histories to the City Island Historical Society on June 21, 2004. Teacher Judy DiMaio stands in the background, and Joanne Brogan, genealogist, stands in the center, as the children describe what they learned while researching their families.

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Birthday hugs and kisses to our newest teenager, Maria Christina Swieciki, who turns 13 on Aug. 22.

Happy birthday on Aug. 9 to Minnieford Avenue's Jack Doyle, with love from your family.

Get-well wishes across the miles to Earley Street's Mary Reville, who is visiting with her daughter Linda in Madison, Wisconsin.

Congratulations to Marissa Karabel of Bay Street on her graduation from the City Island School's eighth grade. Good luck at St. Catherine's. With love from Mom, Dad, Jay and Krista.

Best wishes for continued success to Jay Karabel, who graduated from Iona Prep and is headed to John Jay College. Keep up the good work! Love, Mom, Dad, Krista and Marissa.

Happy Fourth of July birthday to Nicky Carmody, with love from the Carmody and Cepek families.

Happy birthday(s) to Cathy Cepek, who will celebrate her big day on Aug. 3 and to her son Frankie, who celebrates on Aug. 22.

Happy July 9 birthday greetings go out across the miles to former Tier Street resident Dr. Ellen Dierenfeld, who now lives in St. Louis, Missouri. Your City Island friends and Bronx Zoo family miss you.

Happy first anniversary to Christa (Lachman) and Nathan Cady on July 26. My, how time flies! God bless!

Happy birthday to "Yodeler" Bob on Aug. 12. Love you in that Austrian hat with all those pins.

Get well wishes to Gloria Tarantino of the Lina Petite Salon. Gloria is recovering from surgery.

To Dianne and John; you ARE the best! It's been 30 years of bliss! Happy anniversary, Bob. Love you, MaryLou.

Happy July birthdays to Beth and Susie Rauh, Sally McPherson and Christa Chatrnuch.

Happy August birthdays to Linda Wright, Marisa Chatrnuch and Philip Dolensek.

Happy birthday on July 2 to Mary Ellen Power and on July 4 to Juliette Conover, with love from your friends and families. You're getting up there, girls!

Happy August birthdays to Paula and Siobhan Dooley, with love from your family and friends.

Welcome back to Earley Street's traveling Dooleys—Paula and Austin. Heard England was great. By the way, Austin, we heard your stand-up show was terrific!

And from all of us at *The Island Current*, we wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer. See you in September!

Maria Swieciki

GIRL SCOUTS' COURT OF AWARD



Photos by MARIAN SHEEHY

The Court of Award for all Girl Scout troops on City Island took place on Sunday, June 13, at the Trinity Methodist Church. The first year Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 1123, under the leadership of Cathy and Ray Masiella, are (left to right) Kaylynn Lopez, Kaitlin Masiella, Estela Carino, Hayley Walker, Jessica Carino, Treasure Loudermilk, Alyssa Owens and Samantha Masiella.



The second-year Junior Girl Scouts, troop 1181 led by troop leader Marian Sheehy, are (l. to r.) Tanya Joseph, Samantha Emmett, Emily Sexton and Hannah Sheehy.



Photo by MARIA SWIECIKI

On May 26, 2004, four Islanders graduated from Fordham Preparatory High School in the Bronx. The proud graduates shown above are (l. to r.): Bobby Cavinee, David Hennesy, Stephen Swieciki and Justin Rodstrom. Congratulations and best of luck to the boys as they go on to college.

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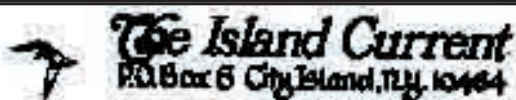
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