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CILL 2004 SEASON BATTERS UP!



Photos by RICK DeWITT

The 2004 Little League season started off with an opening day parade and ceremonies on Saturday, April 17. This year, the participants were blessed with a beautiful day. Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano served as Grand Marshal. She was joined by State Senator Guy Veleva, Assemblyman Stephen Kaufman and Borough President Adolfo Carrión in offering encouraging words to the players and coaches. The American Legion provided the color guard, and the Aquinas High School band played the marching music. One of the themes of this year's season is to get more parents involved in the program. The league got off to a good start, as volunteers formed work parties that helped prepare the field and grounds for opening day. The coaches and officers are looking forward to another fine season of baseball on City Island, and they encourage everyone to come down and catch a game at Ambrosini Field next to P.S. 175.

Gala Chamber Evening Highlights Community Spirit

By MARIA SWIECIKI



Photo by RICK DeWITT

Honorees and special guests at the City Island Chamber of Commerce awards dinner at the Lido Restaurant on April 2, 2004, are (l. to r.): Tom Messina, Thomas Lucania, Peter LaScala, James Vacca, Bob Carmody, Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrión Jr., Peter Karikas, Rena Hansen and Joe Burck Jr.

The City Island Chamber of Commerce honored five individuals at their 93rd Awards Dinner held at the Lido Restaurant on April 2, 2004. These four men and one woman were selected for their "dedication and exemplary voluntary efforts" to the City Island community and beyond.

The Sam Bierman Business and Community Service Award was presented to Robert (Bob) Carmody, who has owned and operated Atlantic Emeritus Realty, Inc., on City Island since 1990. In addition to his involvement in real estate, Bob is very active in local causes and activities. As vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, he is currently involved in a project with representatives of IDEA, the Civic Association, the Millennium Moms, COLONY, the Community Center, St. Mary's Parish Council, the City Island Theater Group, the City Island Historical Society and Nautical Museum, the Little League and the American Legion to develop a recreational/educational center for City Island. During his acceptance speech at the awards dinner, Bob pledged \$10,000 to help "get the ball rolling. It is time that City Islanders got together to purchase for

their own use vacant land or boatyards for recreational use before it's too late."

Peter Karikas of the Lobster Box Restaurant was given the Tom Cerreta Accomplished Business Service Award. When he is not managing this famous eatery at the southern end of City Island, Peter keeps active as an enthusiastic supporter of the City Island community. This father of three (another baby is due in July) is also active in sports and is a proficient photographer. His work is on display at the Lobster Box.

Jimmy Vacca is remembered by many City Islanders as a teenage activist, now district manager of Community Board 10. His tireless efforts on behalf of City Island and the rest of the community are legendary. At the tender age of 13, Jimmy organized a drive to improve bus service for his fellow classmates at P. S. 101, and once bitten by the bug of community service, he never stopped and is now into his 24th year at Community Board 10. The Chamber of Commerce honored Jimmy with its Special Recognition of Exemplary Service Award.

The Service to Community Award was

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BRIEFLY...

ORGANIC VEGETABLES: There is still time to join the City Island CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) group and get fresh organic vegetables from a local New York farm for 24 weeks. Buy a vegetable share in the farm for \$380; fruit is also available at \$175. To join, call Dr. Carolyn Dean at 718-885-1104 and sign up before June 1, or pick up brochures at Exotiqua, Sugar and Spice, Starving Artist Gallery and Alice's Restaurant. Deliveries to City Island will begin mid-June. For more information about CSAs, visit www.justfood.com.

GARDEN TOUR: The City Island Garden Club will sponsor a tour of City Island gardens on Saturday, June 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. The tour will start at 21 Tier Street, where a map of the gardens will be distributed. A donation of \$5 is suggested. For information, call Phyllis Goodman at 718-885-0521.

A BLOOD DRIVE, sponsored by the Bronx Masons, will be held on Tuesday, May 11, between 4 and 8 p.m. at the United Trinity Methodist Church Hall, 113 Bay Street. Anyone between the ages of 17 and 75, weighing at least 110 pounds and in good general health, can be a blood donor. A photograph or signature identification and social security number are required at the time of donation.

GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON: The annual luncheon will be held this year on Thursday, June 17, at the City Island Yacht Club on Pilot Street. As usual, there will be lots of wonderful gift baskets and gift certificates to Island restaurants. The cost is \$25 per person. For reservations, call Ruth Collins at 718-885-1361. Don't forget to contribute to the City Island beautification campaign by sending a check, made out to Garden Club of City Island Beautification Account, to Joan Ficarra, 69 Earley Street, City Island, N.Y. 10464.

A BOOK PARTY to celebrate the publication of "Going Coastal: A Guide to the Waterfront" will be held at the City Island Nautical Museum, 190 Fordham Street, on Sunday, June 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. A review of the book appears on page seven.

45 BLOTTER

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

MARCH

- 1 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 1 - ASSAULT
- 5 - HARASSMENT
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- 3 - PETIT LARCENY
- 2 - MENACING
- 1 - DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)
- 1 - CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON

Police report the following arrest for the month of March:

3/16 - At 7 p.m., at 234 City Island Avenue, an Island male, 41, was arrested and charged with menacing and criminal possession of a weapon (see story in April Current).

Islander Convicted of Harassment


Island resident Angelo Bellocchio, 44, was convicted of harassment in the second degree and sentenced to a conditional discharge by Judge Michael Sonberg in a non-jury trial in Bronx Criminal Court on March 8, 2004, according to the Bronx District Attorney's office. The sentence requires the defendant to keep "a clean record" for up to one year in order to avoid

reappearing in court, said a spokesperson for the District Attorney's office.

Mr. Bellocchio was arrested on Dec. 2, 2002, following a traffic incident on Pelham Parkway involving another Island resident, Matthew Henning. According to the police report, the two vehicles collided, both drivers exited their vehicles and after an exchange of words, the defendant struck his head into Mr. Henning's face causing "pain, a laceration, with bleeding and swelling to the nose."

Police responded to the scene and arrested Mr. Bellocchio, charging him with "recklessly engaging in conduct which created substantial risk of serious physical injury to another person," according to the report. Mr. Henning was treated for his injury at nearby Jacobi Hospital.

An order of protection was also issued by the criminal court in 2003 ordering Mr. Bellocchio to stay away from Mr. Henning.



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PELHAM BAY LANDFILL UPDATE

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

In January 1979, after years of public and political pressure, New York City closed the dump that had been accumulating waste and creating a landfill in Pelham Bay Park close to the Pelham Bridge. When it was subsequently learned that toxic materials had been dumped at the site, New York City sued for funds from the federal government to be used in cleaning it up. Remedial work finally began a decade and a half later, in June 1994, after years of tests and studies and plans.

Because of suspicions that the dump was causing water pollution in Eastchester Bay and diseases in surrounding communities, including City Island, the city's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was obliged to perform innumerable tests, and these continue to the present day, although there appears to be no evidence of any pollution or disease caused by the landfill.

At the request of Virginia Gallagher,

chair of Community Board 10's parks committee, representatives of DEP outlined the steps that the department continues to take in monitoring the landfill site, which was capped in 1995 and covered with planted materials in 1998.

DEP performs a monthly inspection of the surface for standing water, holes in the cover material and grass that has grown higher than two inches. Pumps move the leachate from the landfill into tanks, where it can be tested before going into the sewer system. Other efforts include bird counts, monitoring wells and other projects, some of them on a biweekly basis.

In response to questions about when the site can be transferred to the Parks Department for recreational use, about the life expectancy of the surface cover and other matters, DEP agreed to provide the Community Board with a full report in the near future and to provide the parks committee with an onsite inspection.

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FRUSTRATION VOICED AT LATEST SEWER PLANS

By KAREN NANI

Community leaders could not hold back their anger when Department of Design and Construction (DDC) representatives presented the latest update on the massive sewer and water main project scheduled to start on City Island after Labor Day 2004. They charged DDC and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with ignoring the request they made six months ago to add specific flood zones to the restoration project.

James Vacca, manager of Community Board 10, complained that DDC was giving "bureaucratic dead-end answers" to his specific requests for the addition of four areas on the Island to the bid for the huge project. "It should be done once and done right," he told DDC directors of project construction.

The overflow meeting on April 1, at the DDC's Bronx Borough office in Fordham Plaza, was called to order by Sybil Dodson, DDC director of communication and outreach, and attended by representatives from numerous city agencies, including police, fire, schools, parks, buses, sanitation, the City Council, the borough president's and the mayor's offices. City Islanders were represented by officers from the Civic Association, the Chamber of Commerce, P.S. 175, Pilot Cove, and the Sailmaker and Boatyard condominiums.

DDC's Mehdi Asharian began by reiterating the need for the project (see December 2003 *Current*). The first phase was the replacement of water mains on City Island Road between the traffic circle and the bridge that took place during the winter of 2003-2004. The second phase will consist of replacing water mains and sanitary and storm sewers, specifically the old, unlined and obsolete cast-iron mains, along City Island Avenue and many of the cross streets (see dark lines on accompanying map). "The work was requested by DEP to eliminate water quality problems in the City Island area," Mr. Asharian told the crowd.

The scope of the project includes over 20,000 linear feet of water mains and almost 5,500 linear feet of sanitary sewers. "The design is 95 percent completed," Mr. Asharian explained. The three-year project will start in the fall of 2004 and is estimated to cost \$13.7 million. In order to minimize disruption during the busy summer months on the Island, DDC plans include a "summer embargo from May 9 to Labor Day" during which no work will be done, although it is possible that some work may be done on the side streets during this period.

When work is under way, the goal is to maintain one lane for traffic in each direction on City Island Avenue at all times. Questions were raised about the feasibility of this when work is done in front of P.S. 175, for example. At dismissal time, there

is often traffic congestion and double-parking as several school buses and a multitude of cars arrive to pick up students.

Ms. Dodson distributed a "Reconstruction Newsletter," which will be updated and is available to all residents. The newsletter explains community issues, such as driveway access, street parking restrictions and water service interruption during the construction. She explained that the goal is to keep all businesses, schools and residents aware of work progress and traffic restrictions.

She also announced that a community construction liaison, Andrew Macagnone, had been assigned to the project and may be reached at 718-391-2281 for questions. As part of the "three-tiered approach" to keep all Islanders informed, there will be a survey of residents and businesses, and the DDC Web site will provide computerized updates on the project. As with the first phase of the project in 2003, DDC will have an office on City Island Avenue with a community liaison to handle complaints during the construction.

In anticipation of the work on the water and sewer mains, Con Edison, also represented at the meeting, has been relocating 4,000 feet of gas pipes. This work began in March 2004 at various intersections along the avenue, such as the corner of Ditmars Street in front of Artie's Restaurant.

After the last meeting with DDC in November, 2003, Mr. Vacca sent a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which determines where water mains and sewers need replacing, asking that four additional flood areas be included in the three-year project:

- East Bay Street from City Island Avenue to King Avenue

Fleet Weekend Moved to September

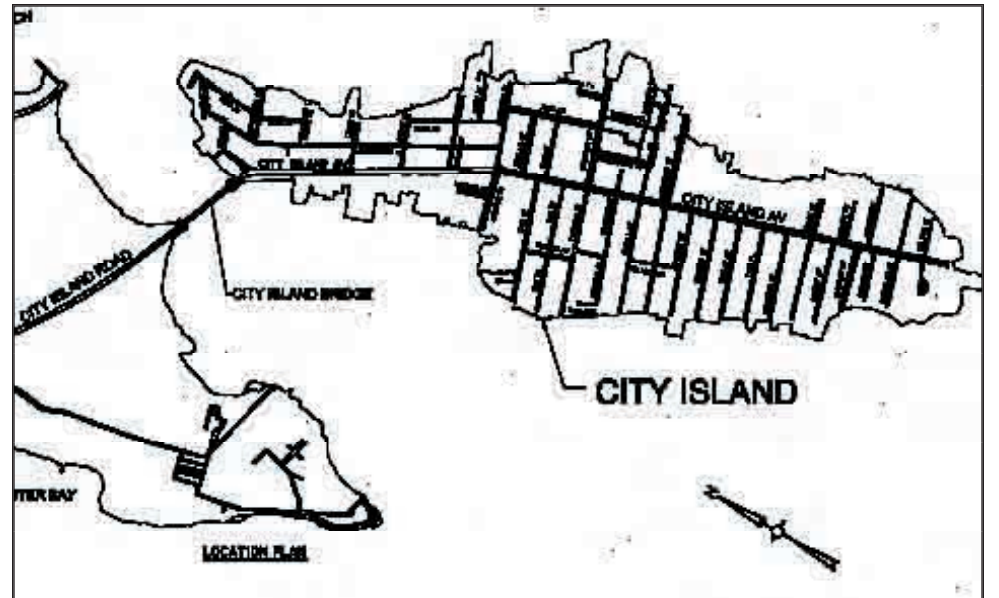
By BARBARA DOLENSEK

The Fleet Weekend committee has decided to hold its 2004 festivities in the early fall this year instead of the first week in June, as has been the tradition for the past several years.

Because of the long, hard winter and the timing of various other activities, the committee felt that the annual event would attract greater attention and a wider audience if it took place after the summer rather than before.

The awards dinner, the road race, the parade and the field day will continue to be important Fleet Weekend activities, and other events may be included as well.

Volunteers are needed to help make Fleet Weekend a grand success, as it has been in the past. For information, e-mail thenewidea@aol.com.



- Intersection of Tier Street and William Avenue
- Minneford Avenue, between Bridge and Terrace Streets
- City Island Avenue between Beach and Bowne Streets

After expressing his frustration over lack of follow-up from DDC and DEP from that meeting, Mr. Vacca received a letter from DEP on April 14 explaining the issues associated with each of the above sites.

According to DEP, the section of Bay Street at issue is a private, unmapped street and DEP is therefore barred from utilizing public funds to initiate repairs. At Tier Street and William Avenue and in the Minneford Avenue problem zone, "poor soil conditions" prevent installation of seepage basins. DEP has ordered surveys of both spots to determine if alternative solutions are possible.

Finally, on City Island Avenue between Beach and Bowne Streets, the DEP has already begun the process involved in acquiring the land needed to construct a

storm water outlet. DEP will keep Board 10 informed of its progress with this effort, which includes obtaining approvals from the Department of City Planning, the borough president, Community Board 10 and the City Council.

The entire reconstruction project will be put up for bid and a contractor should be in place by May. DDC pledged to continue inviting the community to attend task force meetings over the summer.

Community leaders stressed the need for coordination between DDC and police to avoid the traffic problems associated with Phase I. Islanders experienced poor road conditions, confusing signs, traffic jams and flat tires.

"This job is going to have major consequences and it is three years long," Mr. Vacca cautioned. "Our concerns include the traffic congestion on weekdays, including school buses and trucks, and the restrictions on parking." He emphasized the need for a real partnership between DDC, the City Island community and all the affected city agencies.

FIREWORKS SPARK CONTROVERSY

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Many residents of City Island were taken by surprise on Saturday night, April 24, when a large fireworks display took place at Seafood City, 459 City Island Avenue. Those who live close to the restaurant were more than merely surprised, however, when fiery debris began raining down over their houses, and many called 311 to complain.

Fireworks have been a source of awe and enjoyment since they were first developed in second-century China. Since July 4, 1777, they have been a traditional part of Independence Day celebrations in America, even on City Island, where residents have enjoyed the impressive displays at Orchard Beach sponsored in recent years by Senator Guy Velella.

However, Islanders have also suffered every summer from the detonation of confiscated fireworks at Rodman's Neck, which periodically cloaks the Island with thick, acrid sulfur clouds. Although the fireworks at Seafood City are mounted for the amusement of customers, those who live near the restaurant were not notified and they were definitely not amused. As one resident put it, "We are now being bombarded (literally) with fireworks on a regular basis. They are pretty, but they are also noisy and dangerous."

Seafood City allegedly obtained the required permit from the New York City Fire Department, but the community was not informed about the fireworks in advance. According to Civic Association president Frank Fitts, who learned of the planned display on Thursday, April 22, no one in the borough president's office, the 45th police precinct, the City Island firehouse and the Department of Sanitation were aware of the permit until Mr. Fitts told them about it shortly before the

fireworks took place.

According to witnesses, the fireworks display violated a number of Fire Department regulations, including one requiring the barge on which the fireworks were detonated to be at least 1,000 feet away from the shoreline.

To make matters worse, the wind was blowing from the northwest on the evening of April 24, ensuring that burning cinders and sparks would land on or near houses and docks south and east of the restaurant.

Many of the nearby houses are constructed of wood, and the boatyards store yachts, some of which contain paint cans, gas tanks and other flammable liquids. Sparks were seen landing in the Tier Street wetlands and on houses south of the restaurant.

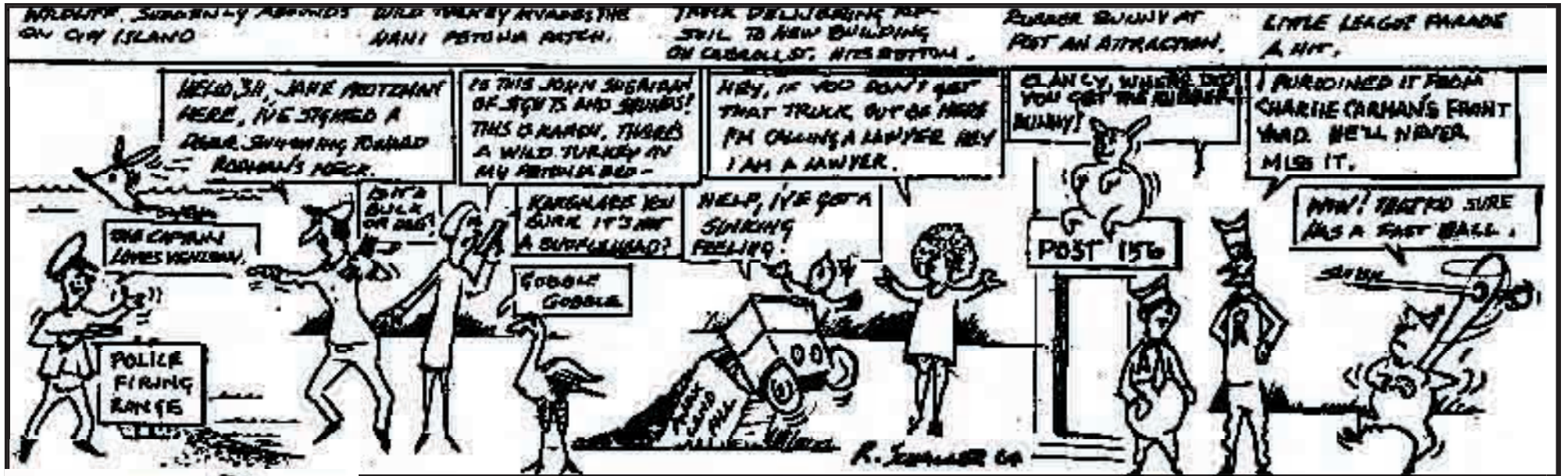
The Harlem Yacht Club reported that some sparks flew onto one of their pilings, which caught fire. The fireboat couldn't get close because the tide was out, and the fire truck couldn't get in from Hunter Avenue because boats in the yard blocked its way. In order to put out the fire, firemen went out in a dinghy, sawed off the top of the piling and let it go in the water.

Rumors are circulating that other restaurants on City Island are planning to mount their own fireworks displays. The City Island Civic Association on behalf of the residents is appealing to elected officials to prevent such permits from being issued unless all requirements of the laws regarding the use and discharge of fireworks are in place. However, as one resident noted at the Civic Association meeting on April 27, even if the fireworks barge were the requisite distance from shore, it would still endanger boats in the mooring area.



Photo by PAUL NANI

On Saturday, April 3, 2004, a truck overturned while it was offloading dirt at the construction site opposite 150 Carroll Street behind Buddy's Hardware. There were no injuries, but police and fire department personnel responded to the emergency. A large crane arrived and the truck, from Top Grade Excavating and Trucking, was eventually righted and removed.



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Omission

To the Editor,
In my haste to prepare the Garden Club's fund drive letter and financial report, I omitted to mention the contribution of one of our organizations. To set the record straight, I would like to acknowledge the donation of \$100 from the City Island Civic Association, and we thank them for their generosity.

Susan Strazzera,
Beautification Committee
City Island Garden Club

Legions of Thanks

To the Editor,
On behalf of our family and four grandchildren, we would like to thank the American Legion, especially Kathy Seaman and Ann Marie Rogers, for sponsoring and organizing the Easter Children's Party held on April 3, 2004. With all the free donations and the volunteered help of so many talented members, the Legion Hall was transformed into an amazing Easter wonderland. So many children loved this Easter party! The food, prizes and especially the Easter costumes were deeply appreciated, as well as the fabulous entertainment donated by D.J. Ray Weis. It is the spirit and love of so many people that make our City Island community so great. Thanks again for making Easter so special this year.

Dianne and John O'Sullivan

Belated but Heartfelt Thanks

To the Editor,
For the Public School 175 Walkathon held during the 2002-2003 school year, more than \$2,200 was raised by the students and donated to Mayflower AHRC, a daily workshop and daytime rehabilitation program for developmentally delayed and physically challenged young adults. Since then the money has been applied to the purchase of six computers, printers and software programs designed specifically to assist the participants and teach them ADL (activities for daily living) skills. The staff, parents and attendants of the Mayflower facility are grateful to the students and families who chose them as the recipient of this very generous gift. It makes me feel great to know that my

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THEY DID IT AGAIN!

By TERESA TETO



The City Island Theater Group enjoyed another successful opening with the comedy/murder mystery "Agatha Christie Made Me Do It" on Friday, April 23, 2004. Directed by Islander Christopher McGowan, the play featured the talented cast members shown above: Michelle Accardi, Margaret Cioffi, Tee Cotter, Jerry Demers, Con Grondahl, William Kozy, T.J. Meyers, Susan Rau, Lindy Tabano and Keith Trauceniek.

The City Island Theater Group (CITG) has produced another unalloyed, sterling gem of a play by Eddie Cole, "Agatha Christie Made Me Do It." The group has successfully presented high dramas, musicals, mysteries and comedies with style and pizzazz, and this time they did it again. Islander Chris McGowan's direction and timing resulted in a rollicking murder mystery that was humorous, silly and side-splittingly funny.

Police Officer Hootspah (played by T. J. Meyers) opens the story with instructions about how to write a murder mystery about Monte Brainard (played convincingly by William Nosy) and his lost Monday. Monte's prim and proper fiancée (played to the hilt by Islander Susan Rau) and Monte's wives—stripper Jo-Jo (played with hip-swinging bravado by Islander Margaret Cioffi) and dippy, dopey Jenny (played winsomely by Michelle Accardi)—tell complicated versions of what happened on that lost Monday.

The outrageously funny pair of servants, Waldo (played by Jerry Demers) and Annie (played by Lindy Tabano), adds mystery to the mystery. And Monte's friend Carl (well played by Keith Traucenick) introduces improbable coincidences. Monte's lawyer, Sam Sears (played pompously by

Islander Con Grondahl), tries to sort out the conflicting theories but throws in a few zany theories of his own about Monte's lost day. And then Ruperta (played suavely by Tee Cotter) upsets all the theories with her greed and impossible demands. The disappearing body ties everything up in knots and leaves the audience giddy and exhausted from guffaws of boisterous laughter by the surprise ending.

All of the actors spin their individual theories with joyful exuberance and stilted composure, enjoying themselves all the while. Everyone in the audience was laughing and rolling in the aisles having a great time.

Congratulations to all and to costumers Norma Kerner, Carol McCabe and Carole Sullivan, to scenic designers Chris McGowan and Dorothy Muccio and to lighting director Julie White.

CITG has found a permanent home at Grace Episcopal Church, thanks to Reverend Douglas Coleman. Settled at last, the group is asking the public to bring ideas and suggestions to the next open board meeting on Wednesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the newly painted and refurbished hall at Grace Church. For more information, call 718-885-3066.

2004 COMMUNITY CENTER AWARDS ANNOUNCED

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

This year's annual awards dinner sponsored by the City Island Community Center will take place as an afternoon event on Sunday, May 16, which will enable children to participate in the activities and award presentations along with adults.

The Drue Breen Award for Dedicated Community Service will be given to Violet Smith, who has long been involved with the Trinity Methodist Church and its Budget Shop, the City Island Civic Association and the Community Center. She was born in St. Louis and knew from an early age that she wanted to be a teacher. She retired after 35 years, during which time she specialized in special education, but then found that she missed teaching. She is now working in a one-on-one program for children aged 3 to 5.

When Violet first visited City Island 30 years ago, she knew right away that this was the place she wanted to live and raise her children, although it took almost three years for her to find and buy the house on Fordham Street where she has lived ever since. Widowed twice, she has five daughters and three stepsons and is a generous and faithful friend to everyone who knows her. Her home is always open to her friends and to her very extended family.

The Award for Outstanding Community Service will be presented to Dr. Christian Wertenbaker, who has been practicing ophthalmology and neuro-ophthalmology in his office on City Island for 20 years. He has a small, old-fashioned practice, which he says spares him from bureaucracy, to which he claims to be allergic. He says he enjoys being both a local eye doctor and a consulting specialist in the tri-state area. Dr. Wertenbaker spends much time with each patient and likes doing all parts of his medical practice himself, from refractions to writing consultation letters to devising his own computer accounting program.

Virtually everyone on City Island has a story to tell about Dr. Wertenbaker's amazing care, particularly of City Island kids. Residents talk about how he opened his office on a holiday to see a child with an eye injury, or how he met them at a hospital emergency room to oversee their care. Even with his practice and with teaching and lecturing, Dr. Wertenbaker has time for his guitar and for "trying to understand the universe."

Irwin Weinfeld also received the center's Award for Outstanding Community Service. Born in Brooklyn in 1960, Irwin moved to City Island in 1985 after falling in love with an Island resident whom he met when he was her last customer where she worked as a hairdresser. Irwin and Jeanette married a year later, in 1986, and have one son, Jason. Irwin became involved with the City Island Little League in 1995, and his wife claims he spent so much time working with the kids he was basically "living on the field." He has served as coach, manager, vice president and now president. He was instrumental in the development of a winter training program for City Island Little League players to help improve the quality of play during the season and during post-season tournament play.

Beginning in 1997, Irwin, who is blessed with ceaseless energy, found time to work with the Bowne Street Beach Association, spearheading the beach clean-up efforts, acting as treasurer and working to enforce zoning regulations on the builder of the development on Bowne Street. He is currently serving his second term as vice president of the City Island Civic Association and is also working with IDEA to get a recreational/educational center built on City Island.

Six years ago, a friend asked Deirdre O'Mara to teach Irish dance at the City Island Community Center, and she has been teaching the Island children ever since. Her students consider her an honorary resident, and the center is presenting her with an Award for Outstanding Community Service. Deirdre's family has also helped to improve the dance room at the Community Center with a refinished floor. She started dancing with the Marie Walsh School of Dancing when she was 4, danced with them until she was 13 and rededicated herself to dance about 10 years ago. Since then she has danced with the Irish Arts Center, the Dublin School of Dance and Niall O'Leary. Dancing has been the greatest source of joy in Deirdre's life.

The Youth Spirit of Community Award will be given to Tiffany Geraghty and Daniella Sorbellini, two teens who have contributed their time to volunteering at the Community Center, helped out with the crafts projects at the center and collected toys for the children of our servicemen overseas. Their spirit and generosity are real examples of good citizenship.

Father Coleman Retires

Father Douglas Coleman, priest in charge of Grace Episcopal Church since 1980, retired in April 2004 after 24 years at the church. He will continue to serve as treasurer of Pilot Cove Manor.

Father Doug, as Islanders know him, grew up in the church, in a manner of speaking. His father, the Reverend Henry R. Coleman, was rector of Grace Church for 20 years until his retirement in 1972.

Bishop Catherine S. Roskam attended the Grace Church vestry meeting on Wednesday, April 14, to offer the parish direct assistance during this time of transition. Since Father Doug personally

handled a wide range of church activities—from Sunday Mass to minor building repairs—the vestry will now have the task of filling a large void.

In the short term, the church will continue its current schedule of Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. celebrated by supply priests arranged for by Bishop Roskam. The bishop herself celebrated Mass on Sunday, May 2.

Long-term planning and the search for a new rector have already begun, with advice and counsel from the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Vestry members will reach out to parishioners and to the community at large as it partners with Bishop Roskam and visiting clergy to lead the parish into this new and exciting era of change. The mission of providing City Island with Episcopal Church services and spiritual guidance, which started 165 years ago, will continue.

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"On the menu" in May at the **Starving Artist Café & Gallery** (249 City Island Avenue)—as Starving Artist celebrates seven years of being on City Island—are musical performances by singer-songwriter Sam Leopold on Saturday, May 15, starting at 8 p.m., and by the City Island Jazz Trio the following day, Sunday, May 16, at 3 p.m. The next weekend, on Saturday, May 22, the Starving Artist will showcase the pottery of Sally Spielvogel, with a reception from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 23, will be the second Starving Artist acoustic guitar jam, starting at 3 p.m.; all are welcome. Always on the menu at Starving Artist are the handmade jewelry creations by Elliott Glick, fine art and craft by various artists, and coffee, tea, cappuccino, espresso (now even "iced" as the weather heats up) and treats, including Jen's Sweets, the pastries that are works of art.

The **Kathlyn Moses Gallery**, 327 City Island Avenue, will present a group exhibition for the month of May. An opening reception will be held Friday, May 14, 2004, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Quality Antique Furniture, formerly of 269 City Island Avenue, has moved across the street to 270, where there will be a bit more room to show off the art and antiques. Also for sale are coins and other collectibles.

"Images of City Island Past and Present" by Ron Turner will be on view at the **Focal Point Gallery**, 321 City Island Avenue, from May 7 through May 30. There will be an opening reception on Friday, May 7, beginning at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 718-885-1403. **City Island Yacht Sales**, 673 City Island Avenue near Bridge Street, is proud to announce many new changes to the marina. During the past several months, the firm has done a tremendous amount of construction, including the new sea wall and south side docks with additional slips and a new configuration. The offices have been renovated and redesigned, along with the service department and refurbished gas dock to better serve boaters. Vincent Fiore is corporate manager in charge of office operations, brokerage and new boat sales. Former owner Pat LaScala is manager in charge of service and yard operations. Tom Diehl is sales representative for brokerage and new boat sales. Their outstanding service department, including Joe Caruso, Ernest Wilshire, Alfredo Guzman, Abraham and Adrian, will be doing their excellent job as usual. This year, they welcome Dick Collins who will be assisting with public relations in all areas of the marina. Last but not least, Terri LaScala will handle the bookkeeping.

This year **City Island Yacht Sales** brought in two new boat lines, ProSports and Ebbtide. They range in size from 18 to 36 feet and were chosen for their quality and affordability. If you would like to know more, talk with Vinny or Tom. (They don't charge for questions and love talking about boats.) Also, if you would like them to list and sell your boat, they will give you a free evaluation. Slips will be rented on a first come first serve basis. A 50% deposit will secure a slip for you. For more information, drop by or call 718-885-2300.

Lifelong City Island resident and home-loan consultant **James Ruiz** has teamed up with one of America's leading lenders, **Countrywide Home Loans**. He is offering his local expertise, along with the company's resources, to make your next home loan experience fast, convenient and virtually hassle-free. You can call him at his office in Yorktown Heights at 914-455-2740 or email him at james.ruiz@countrywide.com.



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
503 Minneford Ave.	1/13/04	\$150,000	1 Family
415 City Island Ave.	8/8/03	\$770,000	4 Family
159 Carroll Street	8/14/03	\$430,000	3 Family
8 Deep Water Way	9/25/03	\$700,000	Condo
639 Minneford Ave.	11/21/03	\$285,000	1 Family
8 Windward Lane	11/25/03	\$515,000	Condo
84 Pell Place	12/11/03	\$425,000	1 Family
129 Rochelle Street	12/16/03	\$450,000	1 Family
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Don't Miss May at Bartow Pell

Beginning on Wednesday, May 5, and on the first Wednesday of each month through October, the Bartow-Pell Mansion-Museum will offer one-hour walking tours from 1 to 2 p.m. focusing on Pelham Bay Park's rich history. Highlights include the location of the Treaty Oak, where in 1654 Thomas Pell is believed to have bought much of today's Northeast Bronx and lower Westchester from Siwanoy chieftains; the Pell family burial plot, with headstones dating back to 1758; and the magnificent lily pool and iron-gated walls that surround the formal gardens designed by Delano & Aldrich in 1915. \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for seniors and children. Reservations recommended (see below).

On Thursday, May 6, there will be spring luncheon and bridge beginning at noon. Enjoy a catered lunch and play cards, or just sit and relax in the museum's beautiful springtime garden. Cost is \$30 per person. Reservations required.

On Wednesday May 26, and on the last Wednesday of every month through October, there will be a 90-minute guided tour offered from 10 to 11:30 a.m. of the mansion and carriage house, with an emphasis on the life and times of the Bartow family and the immigrants who lived and worked on the family estate. \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for seniors and children.

The spring fund-raiser and fashion show this year will be held on Thursday, May 27, at 12 noon. Cost is \$75 Friend, \$100 Sponsor, \$125 Patron. Enjoy a delicious catered lunch, pick up some ideas to spark your spring wardrobe, put a bid on a great silent auction item or purchase a pretty, new accessory from one of our guest vendors. Reservations required.

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The Annual City Island Women's History Month Celebration was held at Alice's Restaurant on March 14, 2004. A group of 50 women and girls, and one young boy, was entertained by the musical group Retumba! (top, l. to r.) Robyn Lobe, Nancy Friedman, Olivia Vasquez, Kimberly Vasquez and (front) Yvette Martinez. Others involved were (bottom photo) Rena Hansen, member of the organizing committee; Toni Roberts, who spoke on "Women's Energy: What Is It?" and led a guided meditation; Toby Z. Liederman, celebration coordinator; Inge Unger, who demonstrated the Feldenkrais method.



Current Review

City Island Featured in Two New Books

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

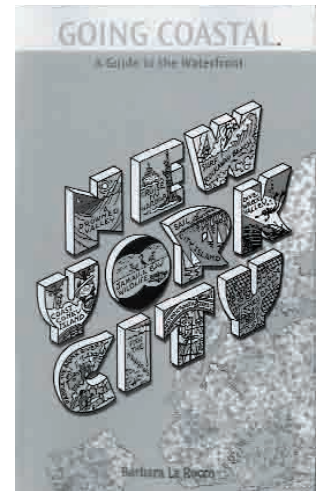
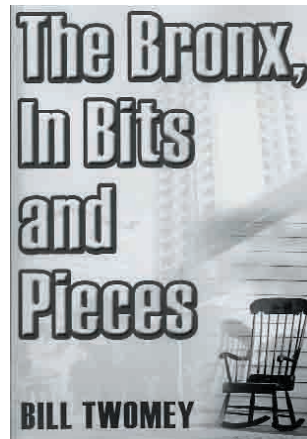
The Bronx in Bits and Pieces

By Bill Twomey
iUniverse, Inc., hardcover \$29.95; paperback \$19.95

Going Coastal: A Guide to the Waterfront

By Barbara La Rocco
Going Coastal, Inc., paperback \$21.95

be delighted to learn that one of the first Western movie stars, Harry Carey, grew up here and that actor-comedian Red Buttons (born Aaron Chwatt) got his start (and his stage name) on the Island as an entertainer dressed like a bellhop (with red buttons).



The Bronx in Bits and Pieces

Although residents like to think of City Island as "our little secret," we always feel proud when off-Islanders take the time to praise our unique charm, and these two new books do just that.

Bill Twomey of Throggs Neck is a long-time friend of City Island and the author of many books and articles about the Bronx. He has been writing weekly history columns for the *Bronx Times Reporter* for the past 20 years, and 208 of his 700 columns have been collected in his new book.

A large number of these delightful pieces are about City Island places and people. Of special interest are articles on Island churches and yacht clubs, a wonderful profile of Skippy Lane and fascinating histories of long-gone establishments such as Thwaite's Restaurant, Tent City and the Colonial Inn.

Island residents will also be intrigued by stories about nearby areas, including Stepping Stones lighthouse, Rodman's Neck, and the islands known as Rat, High and Hart. Those of a certain age will also

Going Coastal

This is a 314-page guidebook to the New York City waterfront, packed with historical anecdotes, practical information, maps and photographs. Unlike many books about New York City, the outer boroughs are given their due in this attractive volume. I was especially pleased to notice that the author did not once refer to City Island as a "picturesque New England fishing village." Unfortunately, the mapmaker made a couple of incorrect placements, notably the bridge and the wetlands between Tier and Ditmars.

This book will be of great interest to those interested in boating, fishing and maritime activities, because it contains amazingly detailed sections on aquatic life, beach ecology, underwater archaeology, with lists of places to rent boats of all kinds, to swim, dive, fish and explore. It is a rich resource for all matters relating to New York's vast waterfront.

As the author points out, "All city residents live within five miles of the shore. For decades, people were disconnected from the waterfront, but today the city's waterfront is dynamic." All sales of the guidebook will be used to support community outreach to help preserve and protect the city's coastal environment.

The publishing company will be hosting a reception for the author at the City Island Nautical Museum, 190 Fordham Street, on Sunday, June 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. For information, call 718-243-9056 or contact www.goingcoastal.org.

Both of these books may be purchased through www.amazon.com, at BarnesandNoble.com and bookstores.

Chamber Awards

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given to the *Island Current's* photographer Rena Hansen. When she's not behind the camera shooting photos for the newspaper, Rena can be found helping out with the City Island Theater Group, as a tour guide with the Neuberger Museum in Purchase, reading with the City Island Book Group and supervising seniors at their art group at Bronx House. Rena was also presented with a gift from the staff of *The Current* in recognition of her talent, kindness and unflagging energy and dedication to those in need.

The Catherine Scott Achievement Award went to Joe Burck Jr. for his dedication and long hours of work at the City Island Com-

munity Center. When he's not helping to organize the Halloween Haunted House at the center, Joe works at the Food Pantry at Trinity Church on Bay Street. Although he is still only in his early 20s, Joe manages the family business, J. J. Burck Hardware & Marine Store on City Island Avenue. This young entrepreneur has made his family proud by refurbishing the old-time store into a first-class business. He has shown tremendous dedication in carrying out his responsibilities to both his family and his community at such a young age.

In addition to the usual delicious fare prepared by the capable staff of the Lido, diners were entertained by the musical group "Mixed Nuts," whose services were generously donated by JP Morgan Chase Bank. In addition, the City Island Chamber of Commerce thanked the following businesses that donated gifts and gave support: Atlantic Emeritus Realty, Inc., the Black Whale, Boatfile International, Captain Mike's Diving, Cottam Heating & Air, Exotiq, JP Morgan/Chase, the Lobster Box, the Lido Restaurant, the Seashore Restaurant, MTR Management and Margie McNulty.

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Current Calendar

MAY

Tues., May 11, **Bronx Masons Blood Drive**, 4 to 8 p.m. at United Trinity Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street.

Thurs., May 20, **Community Board 10 meets**, 8 p.m., Hebrew Hospital Home, 801 Co-op City Blvd., Bronx.

Sat., May 22, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: Cut-up chicken with rice.

Tues., May 25, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 8 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

JUNE

Sat., June 5, **Garden Club Garden Tour**, 1 to 4 p.m. Tour starts at 21 Tier Street.

Sat., and Sun., June 5 and 6, **Arts and Crafts Fair** sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Island Avenue.

Garden Club News

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be Monday, May 3, at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club on Pilot Street. New members are always welcome.

There will be a Spring Garden Tour on Saturday, June 5, between 1 and 4 p.m. Pick up your map of the tour at 21 Tier Street. A donation of \$5 is requested.

Also, don't forget to make your reservation for our annual spring luncheon on Thursday, June 17. Call Ruth at 718-885-1361. We will have wonderful prizes.

We wish to thank everyone who contributed to our fund drive. Unfortunately, some of our businesses were inadvertently omitted from our financial report this spring. We regret this error.

Phyllis Goodman

Chapter 3303 AARP

The members of the AARP Minneford Chapter 3303 were recently informed that many HMOs do not adequately comply with the New York State laws. Health plans are failing to disclose required information that could help consumers obtain coverage for medically necessary treatments. When asked for information to determine whether treatment on different conditions is covered by insurance, the HMOs gave responses that varied from satisfactory to unsatisfactory to no response at all. When health plans fail to respond to information requested, they may discourage chronically ill people from enrolling in their plans.

The attorney general's office is now urging the state legislature to pass legislation to establish penalties for violation of the Managed Care Consumer Bill of Rights. Currently there are no specific penalties for violation of this consumer protection statute. The members were asked to call the Attorney General's office at 800-771-7755 with questions or concerns about health-care matters.

On Tuesday, May 18, the chapter will sponsor a Mother's Day celebration at the beautiful Skyland Catering House in Randolph, New Jersey. The trip includes full service luncheon with choice of menu. Departure time is 8:45 a.m.

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 sights. Day tours will include visits to the important cities in the area. The trip will also include first-class accommodations, all meals, deluxe motor-coach transportation with professional tour manager and much more.

Prices and more details for these events

will be discussed at our meetings, or call Tina De Cristofaro at 885-0865.

Lucy Puglia

Chapter 318 AARP

Our next trip to Atlantic City is on Tuesday, May 11. The bus will leave from 113 Bay Street at 9 a.m. For reservations, please call Jean Ringel at 718-885-1479 or John Bonicoro at 718-885-1844.

Flo Bonicoro has lined up great trips for the fall. For starters, we have a three-day, two-night trip to Cape Cod in September. In October we are going to Mount Haven, Pennsylvania, for Octoberfest. In November we will go overnight to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to see "Miracle of Christmas" and visit the National Christmas Center and Country Cooking. For information, please attend our meetings and see Flo Bonicoro or Marie Tirelli.

Our end-of-the-season luncheon will be held at the Marina Del Rey on Friday, June 11, with a cocktail hour, open bar from 12 to 4 p.m. and music by Johnny Dell. For reservations, please see Florence Quinn or Gloria Salacan.

Marie Tirelli

City Island Historical Society

Now that spring has arrived, the warm weather has brought us an increased number of visitors, many of them first-timers. The Walsh Room, newly refurbished with a large number of reframed pictures by Harold Vandervoort Walsh, is of particular interest, along with the Nautical Room. We are making plans now to redo the Community Room and the School Room, as well as to tidy up the front of the building.

On June 6 from 2 to 4 p.m., we will have a book-signing party for "Going Coastal," a guide to New York City's waterfront, with free refreshments and copies of the book for sale.

We were sorry to hear that our e-mail correspondent clam digger Eleanor Waterhouse Heinmiller passed away in March. Adelaide Rosenfeld Bialek, Mrs. Heinmiller's first cousin once removed, gave a generous contribution to the Historical Society in her memory.

Sunday afternoons at the museum provide a wonderful opportunity for conversation with old friends, so drop by between 1 and 5 p.m. If you have any spare time to volunteer, we would be delighted to put you to work!

Barbara Dolensek

City Island Theater Group

We would like to take this opportunity to invite the public to our monthly board meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2004. All members of the City Island Theater Group are welcome, and we are always looking for new members to join, including actors, directors, lighting and sound engineers, and those interested in house management, ticket sales, publicity, fund-raising, and so on. Come and see what CITG is all about!

A special announcement: Father Doug Coleman, pastor of Grace Episcopal Church, is leaving on April 30, and we would like to extend our thanks to him for his help in the years that we have worked together.

Finally, performances of "Kiddy Kabaret Goes to Clown School" are scheduled for Saturday, June 19, at 2 p.m. and Sunday, June 20, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church.

Susan L. Rauh

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island, 480 City Island Avenue, an all-inclusive egalitarian, multi-ethnic, family-oriented Jewish congregation, conducts services on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. and a Torah study group on Saturdays (led by Jennifer Birk) at 10:30 a.m. Our doors are open to all and attendance is free. If you are interested in Sunday school classes, please call Rabbi Wiener at 914-636-2504.

We welcome you to our Kabbalat Shabbat service combined with the American Legion's annual memorial service on Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. This service will be led by Rabbi Wiener. Refreshments will follow.

Our first children's and family service will be on Friday evening, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. A very special service led by Alan Ganapol, complete with music, guitars and puppets for our Gan Yeladim group (as the children call themselves). Refreshments. For all ages; everyone is welcome (with or without children)!

Our annual meeting and elections will be held on Thursday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments, of course.

The bar mitzvah of Jeremy Saldana will be on Friday evening, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. Join us for a very special sabbath service led by Rabbi Wiener followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Other special events are as follows:

Ballroom dance class taught by Elaine Belasco on Wednesdays continue through June 2 at 7:30 p.m. Learn or improve your fox trot, rumba, salsa, tango and more. Cost is \$5 per session for members, \$10 per session for non-members. A series discount is offered.

Yoga/tai chi classes conducted by Marc

Kaplan on Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. continue through the month of May.

Memorial plaques for your departed loved ones are now available. Visit our Web site at www.yourshulbythesea.org.

Bob Berent

Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity will celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home on May 9 and Pentecost Sunday on May 30. All are requested to wear something red on May 30 to join in this special day.

Children ages 3 to 13 are enjoying their new unit "Alleluia." Anyone who has children in this age group is invited to come and join this terrific group. They are having a super time learning how to be Christian kids in our crazy world.

Ellen Hebard will lead an Adult Bereavement Support Group on six Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. from May 11 through June 15. Anyone interested in joining is requested to contact Ellen at 718-518-7241 from 3 to 9 p.m. or 718-518-2196 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. before May 9. Seating is limited, so call early.

Keep May 8 available. We are going to host a Pampered Chef Party in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from the sale of wonderful kitchen utensils and gadgets will go to Trinity. We'll be fed and have fun at this one folks. Call Donna at 718-885-0931 or Ellen at 718-518-7241 to reserve a spot. Bring your friends and we'll have a ball!

Trinity has access to an electric bed, complete with removable side rails, free to whoever needs it. Please call Donna at 718-885-0931.

Donna LaValle



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Reverend Susan Chadwick and members of her Bible study group met with Temple Beth-El's Torah study group on Saturday, March 20, 2004, for a morning of shared learning.

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Announcements

The City Island Community Center Awards Dinner will be held on May 16, 2004, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Morris Yacht Club. Tickets and information will be available at the Focal Point Gallery; tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for kids. The event will be catered by Susan Hayes and will feature a barbecue, pony rides, face painting, balloon animals, free giveaways, door prizes, 50-50, raffles and music by DJ Izzy. Fun for the whole family!

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: Pre-ballet, 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 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.

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 Terner 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., and Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793.

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.

Scrapbook Club: If you are interested in getting all those old photos out of the boxes and into attractive books, without cluttering up your dining room table, call Joanne Brogan at 718-885-2713.

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

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Legion News

There is so much happening during the month of May that I hardly know where to begin. Our commander, Vincent Hecker, suggested that I note the success of our first annual children's Easter party and identify those responsible.

A party was held at the Post on Saturday, April 2, and the following day, a group visited Montefiore Hospital's pediatric unit to entertain young cancer patients. Those who participated on both days were Peter Zvara, Marge Sessa, Anne Marie Rogers, Dianne O'Sullivan, Kathy Seaman, Jean Kolb, Ann Sullivan, Patricia Kelly and Flo Bonicoro. Artists were Ed Shipp, Tommy Eberhart, Kathy Devlin, Nick Salacan, Brian Livingston and Debbie Smith. Betty Jordan did computer photos. The set-up was handled by Gene Valesio, Phil Tomsen and Scouse McIntyre. Kitchen chores were expedited by Ray Kelly, Brendan Murphy and the commander. Liberal donations were amassed from the Post, S.A.L., the Ladies' Auxiliary, COLONY, D. J. Ray, Stacey Hayes, Annie McIntyre, Betty Carman, John Mulfeld, Phil Parker and Peter Zvara. Thanks to all, especially Kathy and Anne Marie.

Contrary to rumors heard at the laundromat, Bill Clancy said he did not purloin the inflated Easter bunny from Charlie Carman's front yard and place it above the entrance to the Post. I've heard from a reliable source that the Legion bunny was purchased by Kathy Seaman at a local yard sale.

Only one entry to sick call this month: Post member Lou Probst, from Big Canoe, Georgia, is recovering from a serious automobile accident. Lou, a veteran of the Big Deuce, survived many jumps with the 101st and 82nd Airborne. Lou's last stand in Europe was in the Battle of the Bulge.

Thanks to our flag crew for the help last year. If you know of missing, loose or broken brackets, call me on extension 2087. In recognition, I'm listing your names in our next newsletter and will also issue a certificate of appreciation. Thanks for a job well done. The schedule will be out early in May.

At our last meeting, a new member, Thomas Kaluzny, was piped aboard. If you know anyone eligible, enlighten them about the advantages of membership. Mike Treat, membership chair, informs me that there are now openings for a few good men (and women).

This year's memorial service will be on Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple Beth-El. Please make an effort to grace us with your presence.

On Sunday, May 16, the county blessing of the colors will take place at the Riverdale Post. Contact the Post for details.

Our color guard, led by sergeant-at-arms Dave Carman, marched in the Little League parade and partook of the festivities that followed at the ball field.

Thomas McMahon, vice commander activities, dispatched letters to the 49 WWII members on City Island, informing them that transportation would be provided from

City Island to Lehman High School and back, to partake in the dedication of the WWII memorial in Washington D.C. Following the dedication, which is anticipated to last from 2 to 3:30 p.m., a dinner and refreshments befitting the occasion will be served at the Post. Although not mentioned in the letter, wives are invited, too. Please contact Tom on extension 1197.

On Monday, May 31, we will hold our annual Memorial Day parade. The march, as always, will start at Belden Point, stop briefly for a ceremony at the WWI memorial at Hawkins Street Park and then continue to Pelham Cemetery, the final resting place of servicemen from the Revolutionary War to WWII. A final service will take place at the WWII memorial at the Bridge. Refreshments will be served at the Post.

Commander Hecker announced that he will not seek another term in office but will campaign for the office of vice commander activities, since rumors abound that Tom McMahon is seeking greener pastures. Nominations for all offices will be held at the regular meeting on May 3, and elections will be held at the regular meeting on May 17. The monthly executive board meeting will be held Monday, May 10.

You should get a bang out of this. Julian Hurley, a British zoologist of repute, invented a plastic explosive that resembled cow dung. The turds were strategically placed along the narrow roads leading to the Normandy beachhead to destroy the tires of German vehicles. It worked.

Russell Schaller

Boy Scout Troop 211

Thank you to our friends and neighbors who supported our annual plant sale. The proceeds will supplement the cost of sending our scouts to one week of summer camp at Ten Mile River. Summer camp is an integral part of scouting. The boys earn merit badges, work on advancement skills and have the opportunity to meet with other scouts while enjoying the great outdoors. Thank you, Regina Krieg, Mary Jo Byrne and Cathy Devlin for your hard work in organizing our successful fundraiser.

The troop would like to thank the following local restaurants for donating delicious entrees to our March 20 dinner for Eagle Scout Justin Rodstrom: City Island Diner, JP's Restaurant, Lido, Lobster House, Sammy's Fish Box, Sea Shore, and Tito Puente's. Your generous contribution was greatly appreciated. A special thank-you to Girl Scouts Kaitlin Masiello, Samantha Masiello and Alyssa Owens. Your assistance in serving and cleaning up enabled parents and troop members to relax and enjoy the festivities.

A reminder to parents: Camp applications with a \$50 deposit are due by May 14. Please call or speak with any of the leaders for information if you have not already received a camp application.

Troop meetings are held every Friday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 113 Bay St.

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St. Mary, Star of the Sea

The kindergarten children are counting down the days to graduation. In preparation for their big day, they are learning and practicing songs, completing their reading and math books and making sure they are able to read and write the numbers 1 through 50. They are also working with the th, sh, and ch sounds and will do a butterfly project.

The first-grade class will have a circus theme for the month of May. The classroom will be appropriately decorated; there will be clown stories and clown day, when the students will all dress in funny attire. In geography, they are learning about the islands and volcanoes of the world, with special emphasis on the "Ring of Fire." They will grow plants for a spring Mother's Day project, and tackle two-digit numbers and fractions in math.

The second graders are also growing plants for Mother's Day and will look at the role of sunlight and heat in the growth process. For social studies, the children are working on the unit "People, Places and Holidays" and will learn all about notable people and special places in our country. They are perfecting their script writing and beginning the study of multiplication and division.

Grade 3 is preparing for the Archdiocesan religion test. Also on the agenda are fractions and shapes in math and emphasis on writing skills.

The fourth graders will create their own illustrated poetry books, using poems in various styles written by themselves. There will be an oral book report, which requires the students to act out a particular scene, either individually or in groups. Magnets and electricity will be used for their upcoming science project.

The sixth-grade study of the Middle Ages will culminate with a trip to the Cloisters. Students will study the life of Charlemagne and contact the Vatican regarding his status on the church's universal calendar of saints. They will also learn the various steps needed to be declared a saint.

The Grade 7 science class will be introduced to the circulatory, digestive and reproductive systems. History class will concentrate on the events leading up to the Civil War, and a writing project will emphasize characterization. Students are preparing for the state performance tests.

The eighth grade is studying the solar system and will do a project reflecting earth's place in space. The students are practicing songs for graduation and preparing for the state tests.

Special dates for St. Mary's are as follows: May 7, First Friday Mass with liturgy prepared by the fifth grade; May 11, Confirmation retreat; May 18, Confirmation at 4 p. m. in the church, with Bishop Lagonegro presiding; May 20, school closed for Ascension Thursday; May 21, school closed; May 24, Greene Uniform

Company will be in the gym; May 30, school closed for Memorial Day.

Public School 175

The kindergarten children have just completed an author study of Eric Carle, whose books they love. They have been working on a sight word catalogue to help them remember all those special reading words. In math, they are currently learning about number sentences, and they are getting ready for one of the greatest days of the year, Mother's Day.

The first graders are very excited about spring. They have been studying seeds and how they become plants. Every day they measure to see how much each plant has grown, using what they have learned in math class. Shhh!!! They are also planning a wonderful Mother's Day surprise for their special moms.

Grade 2 is learning about good nutrition and how to keep their bodies healthy. The children are also enjoying all the spring flowers, looking forward to seeing the completion of the flower boxes by the landscape committee. Thank you all for your hard and wonderful work on their behalf.

Students in the third grade are excitedly working on their final projects for International Day, which takes place this year on Friday, May 28. Students have completed interviews, family trees, research reports, and are now creating travel brochures, flags and paper dolls dressed in native costumes. Family and friends will participate in an International Day luncheon at the completion of the presentations.

The fourth-graders have just completed their second field trip to the Bronx Zoo, and they are studying adaptations of living things in preparation for the state elementary science test. They are preparing for their annual trip to Albany in June and will soon be visiting historic St. Paul's Church to study the Civil War. The science fair winners are: Class 4T, first place, Elizabeth Vacca; second place, Leah Weber and Kyle Williams; third place, Nicholas Ruggiero. Class 4D, first place, Daniel Masterson; second place, Kaitlin Masiello; third place, Paul DiNome. Honorable mention was given to Gus Berger, Kevin Whelan, Steven Owens, Natalie DePaz, Taylor Cole, Daniel Doati and Gabrielle Piraglia.

It is finally show time! The fifth grade is busy putting the finishing touches on "The Pajama Game," which will be performed later this month. We would like to thank the City Island community for its continued support.

Grade 6 is studying life science, the parts of the microscope and its uses. In math, the students are working on geometry and doing much test preparation.

Citywide reading and math tests were given in April, and now the seventh graders are embarking on a journey to another world in the novel "The Giver." Students will be exploring the ideas of freedom and liberty, as well as the relinquishing of these privileges in a futuristic setting.

The eighth grade is very excited about all of the activities leading up to graduation. The students are looking forward to the trip to Broadway to see "Forty-second Street"; they will have lunch, meet cast members and participate in a special workshop. What a treat!



Mothers and Daughters

With Mother's Day almost upon us, this month we will look at the special, sometimes dysfunctional, relationships between mothers and daughters. Famous among the classic black-and-white films are **Mildred Pierce** (1945) and **Stella Dallas** (1937), starring Joan Crawford and Barbara Stanwyck, respectively, as women living lives of sacrifice for their daughters. Bette Davis in **Now Voyager** (1942) survives a verbally abusive mother and flourishes after therapy, a rather scandalous notion at the time.

Postcards from the Edge (1990), based on Carrie Fisher's autobiography, stars Meryl Streep as Suzanne Vale, a drug-abusing actress. Her mother, a famous actress named Doris Mann (Shirley MacLaine), is herself a maintenance alcoholic. This is a rather satirical poignant film with some entertaining musical numbers.

A film that is extremely relevant today, although it is 13 years old, is **Not Without My Daughter** (1991). This is the story of an American woman, Betty (Sally Field), who accompanies her husband, Moody (Alfred Molina), and their daughter, Mahtob (Sheila Rosenthal), to his homeland, Iran. When he decides they must all stay, she is trapped and must be very brave and clever in order to save herself and Mahtob. Also set in that part of the world is **Osama** (2003), the first feature made in Afghanistan. It tells of the oppressive rule and cruelty of the Taliban, and how a young girl (Marina Golbahari) pretends to be a boy in order to secure work in order to keep herself and her mother and grandmother from starvation.

The Joy Luck Club (1993) is perhaps one of the greatest mother-daughter films ever made. It is the story of the complex relationships between four Chinese women and their American-born daughters, as well as the histories of their mothers in China. It is an extraordinary film with universal appeal of intergenerational hopes, dreams and conflicts.

Another relevant topic for today's society is covered in **Stepmom** (1998). It co-stars Susan Sarandon as Jackie, the "perfect" mother, who is divorced from Luke (Ed Harris); Julia Roberts as Isabel, a professional photographer and Luke's live-in girlfriend; and the children they

all jointly care for, Anna (Jena Malone) and Ben (Liam Aiken). Although much of the film is an accurate portrayal of the complexities of this type of arrangements it also takes a serious turn, which requires a handy box of tissues.

Another film with a very serious theme is **One True Thing** (1998), in which Ellen Gulden (Renee Zellweger) is called in by her father, George (William Hurt), to take care of her mother (Meryl Streep) when she develops cancer.


The superb British actress Brenda Blethyn appears as a mother in three very different films. **Secrets & Lies** (1996) tells the poignant story of a British black optometrist, Hortense Cumberbatch (Marianne Jean-Baptiste), who goes on a quest to find her birth mother after the death of her adoptive mother. In **Little Voice** (1998), Blethyn plays Mari, mother to the extraordinarily talented Laura (Jane Horrocks), who hardly ever speaks, but can imitate the singing voices of such famous women as Judy Garland and Billie Holiday. In **Lovely & Amazing** (2002), Blethyn is Jane Marks, who has a complicated relationship with her two grown daughters (Catherine Keener and Emily Mortimer) and who has adopted an 8-year old African-American (Raven Goodwin). These are all very special films.

Taking a turn to the theme of foster care, **White Oleander** (2002) stars Alison Lohman as Astrid, whose mother, Ingrid (Michelle Pfeiffer), has gone to prison for murder. Alison has several foster mothers, including Starr (Robin Wright Penn), Claire (Renee Zellweger) and Rena (Svetlana Efremova), and Ingrid is very jealous of all of them.

On the light side is **Freaky Friday** (2003), a family film in which widowed psychiatrist Tess Coleman (Jamie Lee Curtis) magically switches bodies with her daughter, Anna (Lindsay Lohan), with predictably comical results. This remake of a 1977 film (with Barbara Harris and Jodie Foster) showcases a marvelous performance by Curtis.

The independent film, **Real Women Have Curves** (2002), is the story of Ana (America Ferrera) a very bright 18-year-old Mexican-American who is forced by her extremely critical mother, Carmen (Lupe Ontiveros), to work in the family dress factory rather than go to college. In one scene, all the women in the factory compare their enormous curves, with hilarious results. This is a charming, coming-of-age film about an authentic teen with self-respect who develops tender feelings toward an Anglo boy of whom her mother would never approve.

Happy Mother's Day, and until next time, happy viewing. . . .



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At the Focal Point Gallery's Children's Art Exhibition opening on April 3, 2004, are (back row l. to r.): Ron Turner, Susan Rios and Joe DeWitt, holding Angela Berardo. Front row: Andrea and Anna Berardo, Cara Dietz, Gwyn Hopkins, Joseph and Alana Zayas.

City Island Fitness: Mind over Matter

By NATHANIEL OLIVER

This month I am going to talk about mental wellness and about exercising as you get older. Believe it or not, mental exercises play a very big role in the success, or failure, of any fitness program. In basic terms, if you don't have the proper mindset and a strong will to improve and reform yourself, you may not be able to get the physical benefits of exercises. And that goes for people of all ages. You are never too old to start an exercise program and get great benefits from it.

Mental Exercise

Being happy and healthy on the inside is just as important as being healthy and happy on the outside. Every day, as we process our daily tasks, our minds become cluttered with stress, depression and anxiety. These mental toxins make our minds feel tired, heavy and out of shape, but there are exercises, both physical and mental, we can do to free our minds of this negative energy.

The physical exercises can include activities or hobbies that we enjoy and that provide us with energy, such as tai chi, walking, jogging, dancing, gardening, fishing or writing. Exercises or activities that use our mind and spirit are meditation, reading, singing, listening to music or just enjoying a few moments in the company of loved ones.

Aside from doing something you enjoy to relax your mind, you will be able to calm down and work off some of the day's tension by incorporating a regular exercise program into your lifestyle. As most of you already know, stress can really hamper you and make problems out of everyday things that would normally not be a concern. But when your mind is free of unreleased stresses, your mind will become balanced and centered, and even aspects of your physical health, such as high blood pressure and heart conditions, will be positively affected.

Here are a couple of helpful exercises in positive thinking that you can do every day to help out with daily stress:

- Remember that everyone makes mistakes. Think of them as lessons rather than errors. Not only do you learn from lessons but you can actually become a stronger person. So learn from them and move on.
- Take a moment every day to pat yourself on the back for all the great things you do, such as working, going to school, taking care of your loved ones, parenting (two pats if you're a single parent) and all the other things that you manage to accomplish on a daily basis.

But the best and simplest way to achieve a balanced, centered mind is by just smiling or laughing on a regular basis. This releases endorphins, which are chemicals produced in the brain in response to a variety of stimuli and which are believed to be nature's cure for high levels of stress. So try to smile and laugh as often as you can, whether you are at home or in your car, by telling yourself a joke or remembering a funny moment in your life. Next time when you are walking or jogging along City Island Avenue, greet everyone you meet with a smile. This will make you feel good, and you

will also pass your smile and sense of well-being on to others.

Exercising For Older Adults

Most people are determined to maintain their quality of life as they grow older, to stay fit, trim, strong and mobile for as long as possible. It is very important that you remain able to perform daily tasks, enjoy recreational activities and care for yourself in the long run.

If we do not take proper care of our bodies, however, we start to lose muscle as we age, and this will affect our posture and movement. Our bone density starts to weaken, and we may even develop osteoporosis, which will greatly reduce our ability to do daily tasks or activities. It is important, therefore, to set aside some time every day to undertake some kind of fitness or strength-training program, which can help reduce these effects. It is never too late to start such a program.

Strength training involves a series of exercises that use resistance to help to build and tone muscles and increase strength. The exercise will also strengthen your tendons, ligaments and bones and help make your joints more stable and less prone to injury. Studies show that strength training can actually add bone at any age. If you follow a strength-training exercise program, you will notice that challenging everyday tasks—such as climbing stairs, carrying shopping bags and playing with grandchildren—will become easier to manage.

Another excellent exercise for older adults is walking, the most natural form of exercise and one that can be done at any time. You can start a very easy walking program either by yourself or with a friend. A sample routine might include walking to the local market to do some grocery shopping and walking back to your house. See, you just did "cardio training" for 15 or 20 minutes.

There are no rules or age limits to physical activity. Just start off slowly with activities that you enjoy and are safe for you to follow, and you will soon begin to feel healthier and have more energy both inside and out.

Please remember if you are new to exercising that it is a good idea to get a physician to give you a complete checkup and to follow his or her instructions before you embark on a new exercise regimen. Once you have determined your personal situation, you should be able to follow a basic program that fits your own personal needs.

Please e-mail me at nathaniel@typeatraining.com if you have any questions or suggestions for topics you would like to see discussed in the column.

Until next month, keep active and be healthy.

Island resident Nathaniel Oliver is a certified professional trainer with more than 10 years of experience in fitness training. As an independent contractor at the New York Sports Clubs, he has earned the title of master trainer, the company's highest rank of professional fitness trainers. He is the founder of Type A Training, an at-home training program.

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May Fitzgerald

May Fitzgerald died at the Throgs Neck Extended Care Facility on March 25, 2004, four months short of her 100th birthday, outliving Elizabeth Jordan, Grace Nelson and numerous other close friends.

As a resident of Pilot Cove from the time it was built until 1997, "Maise," as she was known, continued to enjoy music, dancing, playing the piano, knitting and sewing.

Born in 1904, Maise lived through World Wars I and II in the outskirts of London where the ships docked with food supplies, and then she went on to live in other, safer areas. She and her husband, John, and their family lived on very little, only two ounces of butter and one egg for each person a week, with no sweets, oranges or bananas. John and Maise grew their own vegetables, and the girls ate noodles with milk and jam for school lunches. When the Germans bombed London, the family always carried their gas masks and flashlights to see the way across the road to the shelter, where they stayed until the air raid signaled that it was safe to return home.

After Maise and John immigrated to the United States, bringing two of their daughters, Margaret and Sheila, with them, Maise became a nurse's aide at Union Hospital in the Bronx and moved to City Island when she retired in 1968.

A Mass was celebrated in her memory at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, and burial took place at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. She leaves three daughters, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren in both City Island and England.

Eleanor Waterhouse Heinmiller

Eleanor Alice Waterhouse Heinmiller, who was born on City Island on Dec. 31, 1920, died on March 16, 2004, while visiting her daughters in Las Vegas.

She was the daughter of Albert and Eleanor Waterhouse and grew up in a house on Fordham Street next to the Nautical Museum. She graduated from P. S. 17 in January 1934. On June 24, 1945, she married Thomas A. Heinmiller, and they moved from City Island in 1947.

In a recent e-mail to the Nautical Museum, she wrote: "I've been gone from the Island since November 1947 and still miss it. Incidentally, my great-great-grandfather built the house in 1866 on his return from the Civil War. I think it was the scene in "Law and Order" that got me so excited. Seeing the school and my house so briefly but so clearly brought back a host of memories. I don't think there was any better place on God's green earth than City Island in the 20s, 30 and 40s to raise children. We had the best of two worlds—the biggest city in the world less than an hour away and back home to the Island where we knew everyone. About six or seven years ago I got interested in genealogy and came to learn that I was related to most everyone on the Island in those early years."

Mrs. Heinmiller is survived by her husband; her son, Thomas Heinmiller Jr.; her daughters, Patricia Heinmiller, Alice Evans, Anne Waibel and Claire Parson; nine grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Patricia Singer LaValle

Patricia Ann Singer LaValle, who lived on City Island since childhood, died on Dec. 29, 2003. Born in the Bronx on June 1, 1931, Pat touched the lives of many Islanders.

She worked for many years at the Sea Gull Market, filling orders and assisting customers. She eventually opened the Half-Hitch Diner and could be found whipping up muffins and pies on a moment's notice. Then she took her food on the road and set up shop in "The Truck," which was parked at Bowne Street and City Island Avenue and where she produced homemade soups and dinners and sold Maine lobsters. She and her niece (also Pat) became the Lobster Pats, and they had numerous adventures, including a robbery at gunpoint in a not-so-great neighborhood off the Island.

In recent years, Pat could be found at JGL



Photo courtesy of the LaValle Family
Pat Singer with her granddaughter, Katie.

Liquors, assisting her son Gerald. When his store was located near Fordham Street, she had ample window space to decorate for the holidays; the windows were a source of pride and joy for her.

After conquering her fear of flying, Pat would jet down to Florida to visit her daughter, Jacqueline Hiles, and her son Steve LaValle, two grandchildren and five great grandchildren in New Smyrna Beach. One of her favorite destinations was the Daytona Flea Market, but she also loved the sunny beaches and hot

dogs from the beach wagon.

Alana Jean Peterson

Alana Peterson of Flagler Beach, Florida, passed away on Feb. 27, 2004. She was 59.

Alana was born in the Bronx on Dec. 27, 1944, the daughter of Martin and Anne Penny. She moved to City Island in 1972 and lived on Horton Street with her family for over 20 years.

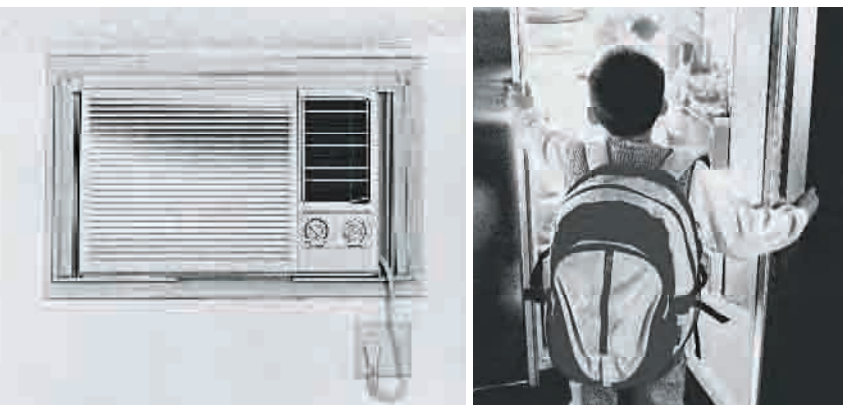
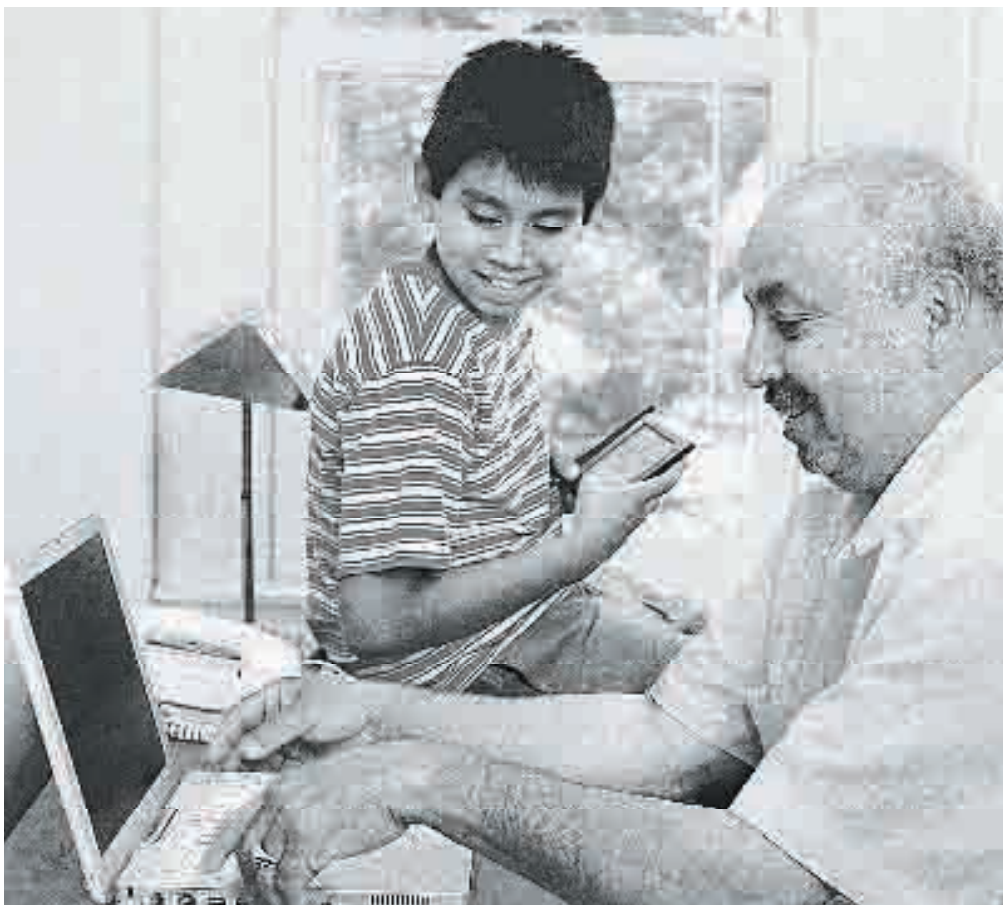
She moved to Flagler Beach in 1999 and became a full-time student. She graduated from Daytona Beach University in 2002 with a degree in occupational therapy. She became an active member of the community, teaching courses in therapeutic aqua aerobics and yoga and donating her time to a variety of philanthropic causes.

Alana was known for her quick wit and sense of humor, as well as for her absolute determination. Later in life, she became strongly spiritual and used her spirituality to spread goodwill.

She is survived by her husband, Randall; her son, Randall Jr., and wife Ellen; three daughters, Nancy and husband, Ralph; Debra and husband, Eric, and Patricia; three brothers, Greg and wife Irene, Donnie and wife, Donna; Marty and wife, Jackie; her sister Barbara and husband, Michael; her grandchildren, Kyle, Alana, Chloe and Eric; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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 Tide chart by Tom Swift

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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 Sat	0305	0.7	0600	7.9	1820	0.8	2124	7.0	Sat 01
02 Sun	0401	0.1	0652	7.6	1908	0.1	2209	8.3	Sun 02
03 Mon	0453	-0.4	1041	7.7	1955	-0.2	2255	8.7	Mon 03
04 Tue	0542	-0.8	1128	7.8	1741	-0.3	2341	8.9	Tue 04
05 Wed	0632	-1.0	1218	7.8	1829	-0.3			Wed 05
06 Thu	0723	8.9	0723	-1.0	1908	7.8	1918	0.2	Thu 06
07 Fri	0718	8.7	0819	-0.7	1403	7.4	2013	0.2	Fri 07
08 Sat	0213	8.4	0825	-0.4	1606	7.2	2117	0.8	Sat 08
09 Sun	0319	7.9	1034	0.0	1824	7.0	2241	0.9	Sun 09
10 Mon	0439	7.6	1148	0.3	1748	7.0			Mon 10
11 Tue	0508	1.0	0512	7.3	1254	0.4	1900	7.2	Tue 11
12 Wed	0121	0.8	0727	7.3	1356	0.4	2001	7.5	Wed 12
13 Thu	0226	0.8	0829	7.4	1452	0.4	2058	7.8	Thu 13
14 Fri	0322	0.2	0925	7.8	1644	0.2	2148	8.0	Fri 14
15 Sat	0414	-0.1	1015	7.8	1831	0.2	2232	8.1	Sat 15
16 Sun	0502	-0.3	1101	7.8	1715	0.2	2315	8.2	Sun 16
17 Mon	0548	-0.4	1149	7.4	1754	0.4	2364	8.1	Mon 17
18 Tue	0638	-0.3	1228	7.3	1828	0.8			Tue 18
19 Wed	0729	8.0	0704	-0.2	1300	7.1	1854	0.8	Wed 19
20 Thu	0808	7.8	0738	0.1	1332	7.0	1906	0.8	Thu 20
21 Fri	0114	7.7	0758	0.4	1357	8.9	1838	1.1	Fri 21
22 Sat	0158	7.8	0814	0.8	1418	8.5	2002	1.2	Sat 22
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24 Mon	0248	7.6	0919	0.8	1528	8.9	2130	1.4	Mon 24
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26 Wed	0422	7.2	1052	1.0	1703	7.1	2315	1.4	Wed 26
27 Thu	0517	7.1	1144	1.0	1726	7.3			Thu 27
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29 Sat	0116	0.8	0718	7.1	1334	0.7	1947	7.8	Sat 29
30 Sun	0224	0.6	0818	7.1	1431	0.4	2042	8.2	Sun 30
31 Mon	0329	0.1	0917	7.3	1527	0.2	2136	8.6	Mon 31

JUNE 2004

DAY	TIME HH:MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH:MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH:MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH:MM	HEIGHT FEET	DAY
01 Tue	0431	-0.4	1015	7.4	1823	0.0	2328	8.7	Tue 01
02 Wed	0529	-0.7	1110	7.4	1719	-0.1	2321	8.8	Wed 02
03 Thu	0625	-0.8	1208	7.3	1813	-0.1			Thu 03
04 Fri	0714	8.8	0722	-0.9	1303	7.8	1914	0.0	Fri 04
05 Sat	0110	8.8	0820	-0.6	1404	7.8	2018	0.2	Sat 05



We made a promise to ourselves recently that we were not going to mention the wild turkeys in this column for a good long while. Our feeling was that we had said all that needed to be said on the subject, and that we didn't want to overdo it. We were wrong: we got an e-mail from Jane about a wild turkey on Tier Street. Apparently, the bird spent some time in various yards over there and then disappeared into Tier Street lot. Jane got a picture, too, so there's no denying this one.

We also learned that a deer was in the lot last month. No picture this time, but a mystery may have been solved. We have often wondered how some of the animals of our island—the raccoons, the skunk, the possum—made it here in the first place. The aforementioned deer probably swam. How do we know this? It was seen entering the water, having been chased back there by idle City Island youth, and then swimming away in the direction of Rodman's Neck. We hope he made it and we doubt he'll be back.

The item about the deer notwithstanding, it has been brought to our attention that City Island has a borough-wide reputation for kindness to animals—to cats, in particular. An acquaintance casually let it slide the other day that he was confident the cats he could no longer keep in his Bronx apartment and that were too old

for the North Shore Animal League (one of the few no-kill shelters in this area) would be taken care of by someone on City Island. It was his intention to drop them off one quiet night and just leave them. All seven of them! Because of their age, his only other alternative was a city-run shelter, where they would, in all likelihood, be put to sleep (For the record: this acquaintance did end up taking the cats to a local shelter, hoping against hope.). The point is how many other off-Islanders think of City Island in the same way? Perhaps this explains City Island's rising stray cat population.

Seven-year-old Christopher DiMarco is earning himself quite the animal-lover's reputation. Christopher helped nurse a goose back to good health again so it could return to its flock. He fed it bread and pretzels dipped in peanut butter until it was strong enough to leave his backyard. Good going, Christopher! We hope you continue to look out for the animals that come your way.

Look out for the cherry blossoms and the flowering pear trees, especially the new ones planted along the avenue. We'll be looking out for more boats out in the fleet of Eastchester Bay. At press time we counted 20. We're looking forward to many, many more as the weather gets warmer.

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would like to thank Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano for acting as our Grand Marshal. We would also like to thank State Senator Guy Verella, Assemblyman Stephen Kaufman and Borough President Adolfo Carrión for finding the time in their busy schedules to attend our ceremony and offer a few encouraging words to our players and coaches. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the American Legion for providing the color guard and the Aquinas High School band for providing the music.

One of the themes of this year's season was to get more parents involved in our program. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parent volunteers for attending the work parties that helped us prepare the field and grounds for opening day.

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Happy 88th birthday on May 10 to Pilot Cove's Mary Iovieno, with love from your kids and grandkids.

Congratulations to Fred Ramftl on receiving your B.A. in History from Iona College. Good luck in graduate school. Love from Mom, Dad, Frank and Grandma.

God bless little Bob Carmody, who will make his First Communion. With love from the Carmody and Cepek families.

Happy birthday to Bay Street's Dottie

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Birthday wishes go out to Minneford Avenue's Diane Duryea on May 1. With best wishes from the gang at Atlantic Emeritus Realty, Inc.

Happy anniversary on May 12 to the Sailmaker's John and Judy Iovieno, with love from your family.

Happy 82nd birthday on May 16 to P.S. 175's most enthusiastic volunteer, Frank Ring, with love from everyone.

Happy Mother's Day wishes go out to Cathie Doyle and Patricia Lutz, with love from your families.

Happy birthday on May 26 to Marine Street's Matt Butterworth, who will turn 17.

Happy May 21 birthday to 11-year-old Meaghan Strnad.

Happy birthday on May 22 to Chuck Butterworth.

May 10 birthday wishes to James Butterworth, who turns 10 on his big day.

BUSY BROWNIES!



On March 26, 2004, Daisy and Brownie troops from the Island enjoyed a visit from the Correctional Officers Benevolent Association (COBA). The girls had fun learning about safety from their special guest, Cory the Robot.



Photos by NANCY FONTANA
First grade Brownie Troop 1175 earned their Healthy Habit patch in February 2004 with help from Island dentist Dr. Jed Berman and his staff. Shown on the left are: Maira Carino, Amanda Valentino, Samantha Lauria, Samantha Fontana, Grace Ramos, Kaylin Fitzpatrick, Alison McIntyre, Adrianna Aceto, Samantha Pryor, Anastasia Lacina, Brianna Reilly, Sarah Williams, Catherine Graves, Amanda Laracuente and Dr. Berman. Brownie leaders also thanked the gang at Alice's Restaurant for their time and expertise in helping the troop.

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It's a boy! Welcome to Kim and Danny Zapata's newest addition, Devon. Happy big sisters are Emily and Faith. Love from the Cebeks and Carmodys.

Happy 27th birthday on May 2 to my brother, Josh Glick, with lots of love from your sister Hannah and Mom and Dad.

Congratulations to Heidi and Robert Garner on the April 6 birth of their twin sons, Andrew Eugene and Christopher Harry. Proud big brother is James Michael and thrilled grandmas are Theresa Garner and Martina Meienhofer of William Avenue.

Belated birthday wishes to Kim Zapata and her daughter, Emily, who turned three on April 30. Love from the Carmodys and the Cebeks.

Get well wishes to Mary Ann of Lickety Split from all of your friends and customers on City Island. Kudos to all who pitched in and helped get Lickety Split ready for the season.

Best wishes for continued success to Stephen Swieciki, Bobby Cavinee, Justin Rodstrom and David Hennessy, who will graduate from Fordham Prep on May 26. Good luck to you all!

Get-well wishes go out to Pilot Cove's Eb Riley from all of your friends on City Island.

Congratulations to Donny Kolb on his May 16 graduation from Binghamton University. We are so very, very proud of you. We love you always, Mom, Dad, Chris & Lily.

Another resident has joined the ranks of City Island's Marathon Men, which already includes Mike Rauh, Dave Kos and Norbert Sanders. Roger Nani ran the Boston Marathon on April 19, the warmest marathon in Beantown in 30 years. Roger ran with a group of Boston College students for the charity Campus House, which helps handicapped children.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Justine and Ally Kolb on May 6 and Brianna Lotriente on May 28. God also bless Nicolas Kolb and Anna Fernandez on receiving their first Holy Communion. All our love, Aunt Rose, Uncle Donald, Donny, Chris and Lily.

Happy Mother's Day to all our hardworking moms and grandmas on May 9.

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