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## WET AND WONDERFUL FLEET WEEKEND



Photos by Rick DeWitt and RENA HANSEN

The rain could not dampen the nautical spirit of the Fleet Weekend 2001 participants and sponsors. Most events went off on schedule throughout the weekend, such as the Maritime Open House at P.S. 175 and the Maritime Heritage Awards Dinner at the Morris Yacht Club on Friday, June 1, both sponsored by IDEA (Innovative Directions: An Educational Alliance). On Saturday, festivities included the Chamber of Commerce Street Fair, the 5K Road Race and Fun Run, a nautical parade, chartered sails aboard *Soundwaters*, a diving demonstration by Captain Mike, a sea and air rescue by the New York City Police Department, a children's talent show and a community picnic. Although the sun didn't make an appearance until Sunday, the fourth annual Fleet Weekend was hailed a success by the many residents and off-Islanders who participated.





# BRIEFLY...

**BRONX ZOO VOLUNTEERS:** Tri-state residents 18 years of age and older may join the volunteer program at the Bronx Zoo. Every year approximately 50 candidates are chosen to participate in a training program with classes at the zoo from September to December. Openings are filled on a first-come basis, and volunteers have the opportunity to spend one day a week on a trial basis before committing themselves to the training program, which is taught by zoo professionals. Call the Friends of the Zoo volunteer office at 718-220-5141 to schedule an interview.

**RELIVE THE BATTLE OF PELL'S POINT:** An outdoor living history demonstration of this important Revolutionary War battle, fought on Oct. 18, 1776, in what is now Pelham Bay Park, will be presented from 12:25 to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, at St. Paul's Church National Historic Site, 897 South Columbus Avenue in Mount Vernon. Other living history demonstrations that will be held at the same time on other Wednesdays this summer include "Anne Hutchinson: An Uncommon Woman" on July 18, "Songs of the American Revolution" on July 25, "The Life and Times of a Continental Army Officer" on Aug. 1, "Caring for the Wounded during the Revolutionary War" on Aug. 8, "Slavery and the American Revolution" on Aug. 15 and "Spying and Espionage during the Revolutionary War" on Aug. 20. Admission to all programs is free. For information, call 914-667-4116 or visit the Web site [www.nps.gov/sapa](http://www.nps.gov/sapa).

**BRONX MASONS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on Saturday, July 14, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at United Trinity Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street. Almost anyone between the ages of 17 and 75 weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good general health can be a blood donor. Photo or signature ID and social security number are required at the time of donation. For more information, call Scott Meyer at 885-0274.

**LEHMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** continues its popular Family Fun Series with the Hudson Vagabond Puppets in their production of "Ferdinand the Bull" on Saturday, July 7, at 2 p.m. in the Lehman Concert Hall at 250 Bedford Park Blvd. in the Bronx. Told with songs and dances in a narrated ballet, the larger-than-life puppets will bring to life the illustrations of Robert Lawson. Tickets are \$5 and reservations can be made by calling 718-960-8833. After the performance, there will be an on-stage demonstration in which children will learn a few simple techniques to resolve conflicts without violence. On Sunday, July 8, at 6 p.m., there will be a performance of the musical comedy "Guys and Dolls" at the Lehman Center, including such classics as "Luck Be a Lady," and "I've Never Been in Love Before." Tickets for both events are \$5 and reservations can be made by calling 718-960-8833.

**THE MOVING WALL** Vietnam Veterans Memorial, sponsored by the Bronx Chapter of Vietnam Vets of America, will be on display from Aug. 17 to 23 at the Co-Op City Veterans Memorial Park at Bartow Avenue and Asch Loop. This is a traveling half-size replica of the Washington, D.C. memorial. For more information, call 718-823-7262.

**BRONXBORO ARM WRESTLING** Championship will be held on Saturday, June 30, at the main stage in Section 9 of Orchard Beach. Spectators are invited to watch or compete. Registration and weigh-in begin at 11 a.m. and start time is 2 p.m. There are nine weight classes for men and three classes for women.

**CITY ISLAND THEATER GROUP AUDITIONS** for "Zelda Inside Out," an original musical, will be held on Friday, July 20 at 7 p.m. for singers and actors, and Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22 at 1 p.m. for dancers and 3 p.m. for singers and actors at the Community Center at 190 Fordham Street. Singers should prepare one up-tempo song and one ballad. Bring sheet music. Performances are scheduled for the weekends of October 12 and 19. For more information, call 885-2008.

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# 45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during May 2001. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list, nor are complaints for crime occurring on the mainland.

## May

- 1 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (residential)
- 2 - PETIT LARCENY (1 from person, 1 from vehicle)
- 1 - GRAND LARCENY (from a person)
- 1 - GRAND LARCENY (auto)
- 8 - HARASSMENT
- 2 - AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT
- 5 - ASSAULT
- 4 - LOST PROPERTY
- 1 - LEAVING THE SCENE OF ACCIDENT
- 1 - PUBLIC LEWDNESS
- 1 - BURGLARY (residential)

Police report the following arrests for the month of May:

5/3 - At 12:10 a.m. at 197 Hawkins Street, an Island female, 33, was arrested and charged with assault. The defendant allegedly cut her common-law husband with broken glass, causing lacerations to his left hand that required medical treatment. In a cross complaint related to the same incident, an off-Island male, 30, was charged with assault after striking his common-law wife with a closed fist causing a bruise to the left side of her face.

5/16 - On City Island Avenue and Carroll Street, an off-duty police officer was assaulted while taking action on an assault in progress. An Island male, 40, was charged with assault and a second charge of possession of a controlled substance, according to police. An Island female, 42, was also arrested during the same incident and charged with assault and possession of a controlled substance after envelopes containing white powder were found in her possession.

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# WCBS RADIO TOWER TO BE EXPANDED

By KAREN NANI

Drawing criticism from Island residents, executives from WCBS Radio announced plans to renovate the two transmission towers on High Island, off the northern point of City Island, during the coming summer months. The plan includes repairing and replacing parts of the 528-foot main tower and increasing the height of the 211-foot auxiliary tower by over 100 feet.

The announcement came from Steve Swensen, general manager of WCBS, at a meeting on the morning of June 6, 2001, at Trinity Methodist Church on City Island. The meeting was chaired by James Vacca, manager of Community Board 10, and attended by representatives of several City Island organizations and residents living close to the towers.

Both WCBS (Newsradio 88) and WFAN (660 on the dial) stations use the towers to transmit their signals to hundreds of thousands of New York metropolitan listeners across several states. Their broadcasts include 24-hour news (WCBS), the "Imus in the Morning" show and the New York Mets' baseball play-by-play (both on WFAN).

The towers currently broadcast at a combined electrical power of 100 kilowatts or 100,000 watts. Although both stations transmit at a combined 100 kw every day, WCBS wants to increase the size and power of the auxiliary tower to broadcast at a combined 30 kw when the main tower is out of service and undergoing repairs.

Islanders recited a history of problems with the radio towers. Realtor Jacqueline Kall said that a plane had crashed into the towers in 1967, and there was also a serious fire on the bridge connecting High Island to City Island in 1995. The fire could have caused major damage to the

nearby houses if the wind had been blowing in a different direction. She also said that crews in the past removed hazardous waste materials with large trucks in the middle of the night from High Island.

Peter La Scala of the City Island Chamber of Commerce raised possible Federal Communications Commission (FCC) violations. He said the radio frequency waves generated on High Island interfere with residents' telephones, cell phones, televisions, and radio channels other than WCBS and WFAN.

Drs. Ed Rothschild and Mamdouh Moukhtar, Islanders who live on King Avenue close to the towers, complained that WCBS has not been a good neighbor. They cited problems with the son of the previous caretaker living on High Island and noise from vehicular traffic on the new metal bridge, which was installed after the old wooden bridge was damaged by fire.

Representatives of WCBS said they have tried to be a good neighbor since they purchased High Island in the early 1960s and constructed the towers. They replaced the bridge after the fire with a metal structure and will look into adding rubber padding to dampen the current noise. They also hired a new caretaker after complaints were received about the previous individual.

WCBS claims that the main tower, rebuilt in 1968 after the plane crash, has been deteriorating and needs new insulators and guy wires. They do not feel that WCBS-AM can get through another winter without "dramatic impact on our ability to broadcast within the FCC parameters." They need to boost the auxiliary power, so that when they are repairing the main tower, service to all listeners will not

be interrupted.

Dr. Rothschild raised the question of the potentially harmful effects of radio and electrical waves being transmitted so close to a populated area. "We know so much more about these effects than when the towers were constructed in the 1960s." He asked that WCBS consider moving the

towers to a non-residential area.

The plans have been submitted to the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals and require its approval. In addition, Mr. Vacca asked that the WCBS representatives address some of the concerns of Islanders and respond within a couple of weeks.



Photos by KAREN NANI

Executives from WCBS Radio announced plans to renovate and expand the radio towers on High Island (shown below) during a meeting on June 6, 2001, at Trinity Methodist Church.



# TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS APPROVED FOR P.S. 175

By KAREN NANI

In an effort to reduce overcrowding, funds have been approved to place two temporary classroom units in the schoolyard behind Public School 175. The trailer-style units should be in place by the start of the 2002 school year and will accommodate a total of 116 students.

Each unit contains two separate classrooms with seating for 29 students apiece. "The plan is to house grades 2 and 3 in the units and connect them with an attached walkway to the school gym," said Ena Ellwanger, principal of P.S. 175.

Mrs. Ellwanger described the two new units as fully equipped with their own heat, air conditioning, windows, bathrooms and an intercom system. "They are metal structures that sit on the ground and are similar to units currently being used in public schools throughout the city."

In order to accommodate the units in the schoolyard, the handball court will be torn down, and the units will be installed in its place on the southwest corner of the schoolyard.

Addressing the concerns of some Islanders that the new classrooms will mean more students for the school, Mrs. Ellwanger said: "These units are designed to help relieve the overcrowding, not to expand the size of the school." The current student enrollment is 553 students in grades K through 8.

The effort to obtain these units began in May 2001 and was spearheaded by James Vacca, district manager of Community Board 10. Funding was obtained by Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, who allocated \$400,000 for the project in the 2002 capital budget.

"Borough President Ferrer is pleased to obtain the funds for this necessary expan-

sion of P.S. 175. He knows that maintaining the high reading and math scores at P.S. 175 is good not only for City Island, but also for the whole county," said Bob Nolan, budget manager for the borough president. In the past, Mr. Ferrer has also provided funding to help with the OASIS schoolyard renovation and to install security lighting around the school building.

Another \$300,000 for the project was obtained from Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano's office. "We are aware of how overcrowded P.S. 175 is and I am pleased to work this out. It's not what we want ideally, but it is the best temporary solution," said Mrs. Provenzano. "These are better units than earlier ones used by the Board of Education, which did not even have bathrooms."

The Board of Education is completing feasibility studies for the project, but they project that the units will be installed and ready for occupancy by September 2002.



Photo by KAREN NANI

The schoolyard at P.S. 175 showing the handball court that will be torn down to make room for four temporary classrooms.

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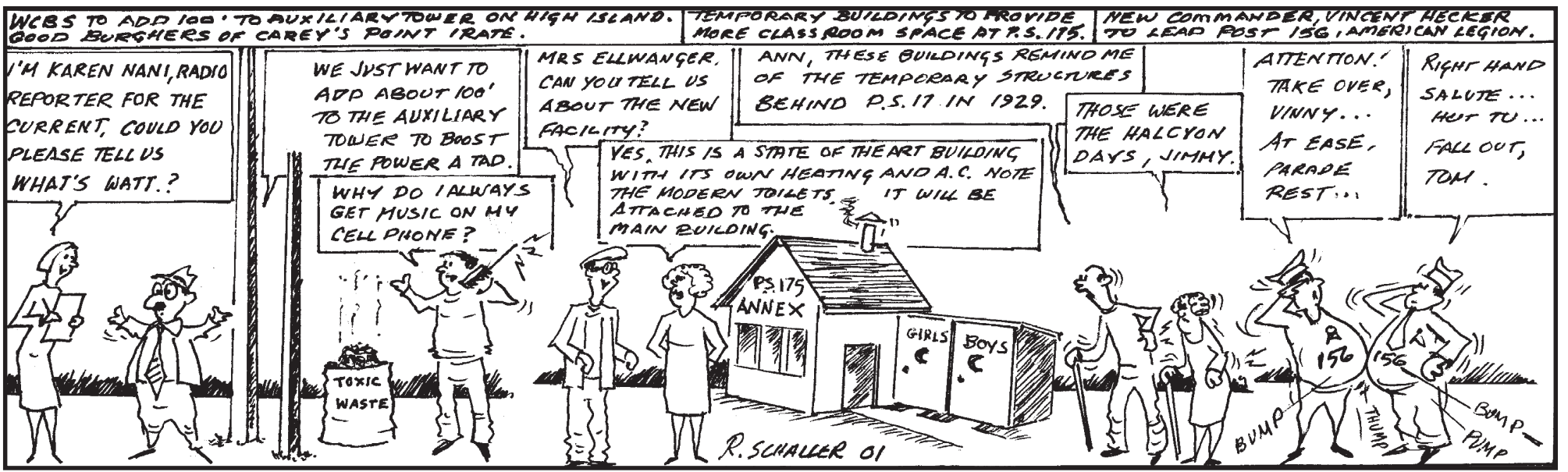
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### A Note From the Cheese Head

To the Editor:

A few comments in response to Mr. Roccamo's letter in the June issue:

During a 35-year residency on City Island, I never had a problem with being designated a mussel sucker; in fact, I was and still am proud of it. In my new home (and native state) of Wisconsin, I'm a cheese head, and proud of that, too!

Some years ago when *The Current* took its Clam Digger Census it was noted that with the advent of hospitals on the mainland, if a child, through no fault of its own, was born in a hospital to Island parents, that child was considered a clam digger. Although some may dispute the validity of that designation, I think it's fair.

Nicknames for residents of islands (and even states) are fairly common throughout the country but often require a knowledge of local history and a sense of humor. That's a hint.

I'm sorry to read that you don't like seafood. If you did, some local mussels steamed in white wine with shallots might change your mind.

In any event, if you have a chance, go to the library and read Alice Payne's book, *City Island, Tales of the Clam Diggers*. It will answer some of your questions. (It's out of print and in the reference section, but it won't take long to read.)

This may sound slightly lewd, but you may call me a mussel-sucking cheese head!

Sara S. McPherson  
Appleton, Wisconsin

### Enjoy Being a Tourist

To the Editor:

When I was a child beginning to study music, my great treat was to be taken to a concert by my parents. But the players on stage were very far away from where we sat, and I was filled with questions I wanted to ask: How many hours did they practice? How did they play without scratches and squeaks? Were they nervous in front of an audience?

Among the many treasures on City Island is a concert every Sunday at 12:30

p.m. at Le Refuge B&B. It lasts about an hour, the cost is very reasonable and we sit so close to the performers we can both see and hear really well. The players are usually young, enthusiastic professional musicians, and they say a few words to explain what they will perform. At the informal reception in the garden after the performance, I can ask all those questions that still bother me. The music selections range from classical favorites to new compositions and "jazzicals."

The program for the summer is posted in *The Island Current* and in some Avenue shops. But here is a secret: every concert includes a surprise, something unexpected and wonderful.

Young music students are welcome at these concerts, and parents and grandparents too. It's a bargain. Tickets are not required in advance. You can walk to it. Do enjoy the musical summer on City Island.

Gail Hitt

### Thank You From IDEA

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the entire City Island community for their support and enthusiasm for Fleet Weekend 2001!

IDEA was founded in 1997 to cultivate an appreciation of City Island's unique maritime environment and nautical heritage. The Fleet Weekend 2001 celebration highlighted the best of City Island!

There are so many people and organizations to thank for their contributions to FW 2001. Special thanks to Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano, who provided generous funding for Fleet Weekend 2001; and to State Senator Guy J. Velella, and Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer for their generous support of the Fleet Weekend Parade. IDEA couldn't have done it without them!

A special thank-you to Howard Smith for his assistance in arranging for the New York City Police Sea/Air rescue and to the NYPD and the FDNY for putting on a great show.

Fleet Weekend Committees were organized by the following individuals: Carnival, Marion Sheehy, Carol Cavaluzzi; Dinner Dance, Gail Fishback, Phyllis Gitter, Sue and Dan Hayes, Donna and Jimmy McGowan; Dinner Host and Hostess, Laura and Kevin Flynn; Honoree Coordinators, Caroline Hennessy, GiGi Lyons; Invitations and Advertising, Geri Beardon; Journal, Miriam Nixon, Maria Swieciki; Parade, Mary Jo Byrne, Larry Alfrey; 5K Race and Fun Run, Judy and Mike Rauh; Pony Rides, Tammy Faulkner; Photography Contest, Trish Eccles, Rick DeWitt; Logistics, Walter Rodstrom, Mike Pryor; Electricity, Eugene Eccles; Display of Boats, Tom Nye, David G. Hennessy; DJ Extraordinaire, Ray Weis; Talent Show, Felicia Maldari, Ann Butterworth, Justin Rodstrom; Publicity, Julie Ellis-Clayton; T-Shirts, Sue Hayes, Colleen Pecoraro; Frank Ring; Raffle and Sponsors, Wendy Walker; Raffle Sales, Rohrie Hennessy,

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Congratulations to all the contest winners: Olin J. Stephens II Scholarship: Mary Kate Dannegger; Phillips-Van Heusen/Stuyvesant Yacht Club Sailing Scholarships: Marissa Karabel, Bridget McGowan, Joe DeWitt, Alexis Cunzio, Emily Sexton, Delia Berger, Chelsea Rodstrom, Mary Kate Dannegger, Mark Lischinsky, Kim Nye. Photography Contest: People/Events category, students: first place, Rebecca Rodstrom; second place, Sara Anderson; tie for third place, Matthew Murphy and Peter Longo; Landscape, Nature, Maritime winners: first place, Clara Casey; second place, Sara Anderson; tie for third place, Frank Cepek, James McGowan. Adult winners: first place, Cynthia Lordi Kyle; second place, Donna McGowan.

Thank you to all IDEA's volunteers including: Sarah Pryor, Melissa Pryor, Samantha Pryor, Sue Toma, Matthew Rodstrom, Chelsea Rodstrom, Rebecca Rodstrom, Christopher Hennessy, Cait Hennessy, Gwen Hopkins, Cathy Cepek, Frank Cepek, Joe Nixon, Carol Mancuso, Tom Vivolo, Richard S. Weisman, Esq., Father Robert Moore, Dave and Marje Kos, Frank Fitts, Judy McCormack, Linda Miller, Mary Conefry, Andy and Calliope Rios, Kerry Osborne, Stacey Thomsen, Andrea Horowitz, Margaret Vrettos, Kevin Quinn, the Carnival volunteers, the Cake Sale ladies, the Talent Show participants, and to all the community organizations listed below that participated in the parade.

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To all those who participated in any way—big or small—IDEA says Thank You!

Patricia Hennessy and Rose Rodstrom,  
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Nancy Pryor,  
Fleet Weekend 2001 Coordinator



## Got a Complaint? Make a Call!

To support the efforts being made by your local organizations and volunteer activists, use the telephone numbers below to register your personal complaints if there is something you think needs the attention of someone in authority. Your first call should be to the Community Planning Board 10 at 718-892-1161, but you may also call these direct numbers for specific problems. For future reference, write down the name of any individual with whom you speak.

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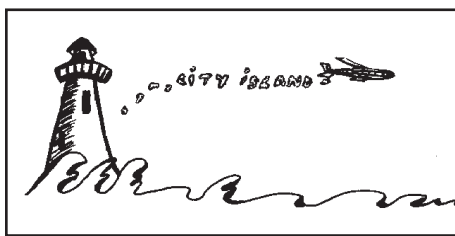
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## Zoning Update

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

The proposal for new zoning regulations recommended by the Department of City Planning is finally moving ahead. The Bronx office of the department is scheduled to meet with representatives of Community Board 10 and the City Island Civic Association on June 26 to commence work on the proposal. The purpose is to rezone certain sections of the Island so that new developments will conform to existing structures, in order to help preserve the existing character of City Island as a community of one- and two-family

houses.

The Save Our Natural Environment (SONE) committee of the Civic Association continues to work with a lawyer to restrain the construction of inappropriate developments on the Island, especially in areas that involve environmental issues, such as illegal landfill, mapped wetlands and brown fields (land that has been compromised by toxic waste).

The Department of Buildings has issued violations to a number of property owners who have not adhered to zoning regulations. The illegally parked trucks at West Beach Street were to have been removed from the site, which is zoned R-32 (residential), by June 15; as of press date, however, the trucks were still on the property.

The Civic Association is again mounting a fund-raising campaign in order to keep the lawyer working on behalf of the community. Bumper stickers are being sold at various Island shops, including the Focal Point Gallery and the City Island Trading Company; proceeds are going into the SONE account. Donations may be sent to the City Island Civic Association, P. O. Box 117, Bronx, NY 10464.

## FLEET WEEKEND WINNERS



Photo by KAREN NANI

Runners braved the rain to race in the second annual Fleet Weekend 5K run on June 2, 2001. They crossed the finish line, held by Islander physician Norbert Sanders and Islander Justin Rodstrom, in front of the American Legion on Cross Street. The 2001 men's winner was Jim Ruiz with a time of 17 minutes and 23 seconds. The top women's prize was captured by Patrice Kentner, with a time of 20 minutes and 48 seconds. City Island runners also proved fleet of foot during Fleet Weekend, including Kathy Lonergan, Lauren Nye, Matthew Dusenberry, Matthew Murphy, Katie McMahon, John Burke and Tim Longo. Chrissa Skeadas of Artie's Restaurant ran the race in memory of her father, George Lefes. Dr. Leon Protass of the City Island Medical Group was the last finisher.



Photo by RICK DeWITT

Mary Kate Danegger (center) received the Olin J. Stephens essay award from Rose Rodstrom and Patricia Hennessy on Saturday, June 2, 2001.



Photo by RICK DeWITT

Awards were distributed for outstanding nautical contributions and community spirit at the fourth annual Maritime Heritage Awards Dinner on Friday, June 1, 2001, as part of the Fleet Weekend festivities. Islander Leo Keane received the Maritime Heritage award; teacher Peter McConnell was given the City Island School Hall of Fame award; Officer Peter Toledo was named Grand Marshal; and Keeper of the Harbor awards were presented to Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Paul Ruben, Teresa Teto, and Russell Schaller, Sr. Shown above at the dinner are the presenters and the award winners. Seated l. to r. are James Vacca, Olin Stephens, Leo and Renee Keane, Teresa Teto and Adele DiChiara. Standing are Russell Schaller, Sr., Jackie Kall, Ena Ellwanger, Patricia Hennessy, Nancy Pryor, Tom Lucania, Peter Toledo, John Scott, Rose Rodstrom, Judy DiMaio, Nancy Keane, Peter McConnell, Paul Ruben, Ellen Funck, Tom Smith and Kara Murphy.

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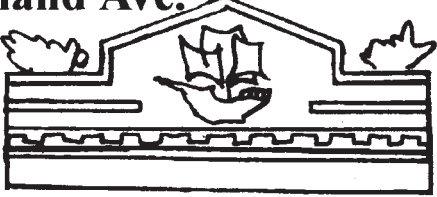
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### Unclaimed Funds

By **FREDERICK RAMFTL, JR.**

The New York State Comptroller's office has a division of unclaimed funds, and thanks to the Freedom of Information Act, the office is obliged to publish the names of people who are owed money. The most convenient way to find out if you are among these lucky people is to visit the office's Web site. at [www.osc.state.ny.us.org](http://www.osc.state.ny.us.org).

When you get to the home page of the Web site, click on the icon that says "unclaimed funds" and enter your last name. Then in the location box, type in Bronx, and after you find the results under Bronx, type in City Island for more results. If you want to do a general search, you just have to type your name in and it will search all of New York State.

These are names and addresses I found of people who listed their residence as City Island:

- Arties Restaurant 394 City Island Avenue
- Anderson, D. 38 City Island Avenue
- Alexander, Janice A. 78 Winters Street
- Alexander, Philip M. 521 City Island Ave.
- Attrill, William J. 67 Centre Street
- Ballin, Daniel 81 Pilot Street
- Barry, Thomas 175 Cross Street
- Batista, Jorge 31 Schofield Street
- Batista, Margarita 31 Schofield Street
- Berrent, Cheryl I. 478 King Avenue
- Berrent, Elizabeth 478 King Avenue
- Berrent, Leon 478 King Avenue
- Berrent, Robert 478 King Avenue
- Brown, G. 222 Fordham Street
- Brown, Violetta C. 2 Windward Lane
- Browne, Lilian 335 Fordham Place
- Brissette, Jr., Andrew 469 Minnieford Ave.
- Burke, David J. 73 Buckley Street
- Bush, Michael R. 528 City Island Avenue
- Curry, Virginia L. 414 City Island Avenue
- Cascante, Susan 574 Minnieford Avenue
- Carragher, Clara 288 City Island Avenue
- Celta, Anthony 269 City Island Avenue
- Cerreta, Thomas 107 Ditmars Street
- Claster, Daniel 48 Hawkins Street

- Clifford, Naudain V. 3 City Island Avenue
- Cominale, John R. 147 Schofield Street
- Cotrel, John 90 Schofield Street
- Cottom, Gary M. 94 Fordham Street
- Del Vecchio, Gladys, 690 King Avenue
- Diesel Engine Corp. c/o Vic Anderson 78 Winters Street
- Duke, Marvin 10 Windward Lane
- Eastern Cruiser Assoc. 40 Fordham Street
- Emile, Klass S. 101 Rochelle Street
- Farley, Donald 5 Leeward Lane
- Ferrara, Giuseppe 160 Horton Street
- Ferrara, Virginia 160 Horton Street
- Fragola, Linda 499 Minnieford Avenue
- Fratellenico, Joseph 62 Bay Street
- Friebel, Eugene G. 13 Windward Lane
- Gallagher, Leslie 435 Minnieford Avenue
- Goldman, Joshua R. 152 Fordham Street
- Gregory, Martha 33 Tier Street, Apt. A2
- Hagerdorn, Ruth M. 68 Belden Street
- Holzberg, Marc 40 Carroll Street
- Hoppenfeld, David 562 City Island Avenue
- Howard, Josephine 273 Fordham Place
- Howard, Seymour, 273 Fordham Place
- Hubbard, Geraldine P. 536 Minnieford Ave.
- Kallo, Violet 180 Bay Street
- Kannett, Ken 50 Schofield Street
- Kaye, William P.O. Box 200
- Kirkpatrick, Katherine A. 30 Pilot St.; Apt. 5D
- Korody, Catherine 151 Marine Street
- Korody, John W. 151 Marine Street
- Kretzer, Walter C. 172 Ditmars Street
- Lamm, Nanette 81 Hawkins Street
- Luce, George H. 3 City Island Avenue
- Maldari, Felicia A. 61-A Reynolds Street
- May, Helen 30 Pilot Street
- Meconi, P.L. 551 Minnieford Avenue
- Missett, Mary K. 586 City Island Avenue
- O'Connor, William PO Box 215
- Parillo, Joseph 3 Pell Place
- Pedretti, Robert 40 Centre Street
- Perkins, David 34 Schofield Street
- Perkins, Herman 10 Deepwater Way
- Pryor, M 7 Hawkins Street
- Purdy, Joan PO Box 52
- Quilty, Margaret 103 Pilot Street
- Raphael, Jennifer 72 Schofield Street
- Robinson, Delores 81 Reynolds Street
- Robinson, Juliane, 81 Reynolds Street

- Rothschild, MD, Edmund 698 King Avenue
- Sail A Season 560 Minnieford Avenue
- Salem, Louis J. 73 Earley Street
- Selden-Strugill, R 151 Marine Street
- Sickles, C.G. 9 Windward Lane
- Smith, Catherine 335 King Avenue
- Smith, Helen 181 Cross Street
- STAT Medical Records, PO Box 105
- Stratmann, Madeline 176 Schofield Street
- Sturgill, Ruth S. 151 Marine Street, Apt. 3
- Tighe, Diona 36 Fordham Street
- Walsh, Annie, 109 Fordham Street
- Walsh, Kristin 157 Horton Street
- Waring, Richaed E. 155 Hawkins Street
- Warner, John 177 Carroll Street
- Warner, Maureen 177 Carroll Street
- Weaver, William H. 526 City Island Avenue
- Wecker, Ann 160 Pilot Street
- Wilson, Michael 50 Fordham Street

The following incomplete list is of people who were listed under Bronx, New York, but with City Island street addresses: Adams, Elizabeth 33 Earley Street  
Aguda, Gino 32 Tier Street  
Albright, Glenn P.Y. 521 City Island Ave.  
Alexander, Mary 78 Winters Street  
Allard, Theodore 526 City Island Avenue  
Alyagch, Mohammad S. 440 City Island Ave.  
Anderson, Anna C. 720 King Avenue  
Anderson, Ivar 720 King Avenue  
Aponte, Sandra 283 Fordham Place  
Armondo & Son Inc. 15 City Island Avenue  
Babich, Jennie 175 Belden Street  
Barson, John 675 King Avenue  
Bartoline, Thomas 187 City Island Ave., Apt. 2  
Bates, Muriel L. 289 Minnieford Avenue  
Baum, Jordan S. 268 City Island Avenue  
Baum, Stephen 268 City Island Avenue  
Mazzella, Mark. 231 Ditmars Street  
Murphy, Kerry P. 185 Beach Street  
Murphy, Maureen 177 Carroll Street

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When money becomes unclaimed or dormant, the bank or company that is holding the funds must first make attempts to reach its rightful owners by sending letters and publishing names in local newspapers. If this fails, then by state law, the bank or company holding the funds must then turn it over to the state comptroller, who acts as custodian of the money until it is claimed. There is no time limit for claiming money held by New York State.

It usually takes about six months to obtain your funds. When the state receives your request, you will be sent a postcard letting you know that the request has been received. If the request takes longer than six months to process, another postcard will be sent explaining the delay. Interest will be paid on certain types of unclaimed money for five years after it reaches the comptroller's office.

If you want to find out if you or anyone you know has unclaimed funds in other states, you may log on to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA) Web site at [www.unclaimed.org](http://www.unclaimed.org).



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Members of the 2001 graduating class of P.S. 175. First row, bottom, (l. to r.): Graduates: Nancy Garcia, Nicole Pirraglia, Stefanie Delgado, Michelene Burkhardt, Nina Baez. Faculty: Jennifer Minaya, Karen Heil, Ena Ellwanger, principal, Jeanette Vargas, assistant principal, Jacqueline Jensen, Mary Driscoll. Graduates: Martyna Wojtczak, Michelle Cambria, Dania Baez, Rachel Waring, Monica Figueroa. Row two: Faculty: Joan Leshnick, Jeanne McDonald. Graduates: Yetta Pali, Elizabeth Maloney, Veronica Soto, Alycia Wightman, Justine Costanza, Alexandra Antal, Samantha Sykes, Alexandra Ferrentino, Lauren Nye, Mary Dannegger, Ashley Stiene, Caitlin Doyle, Mirza Omari, Shanine Simmons, Alexandra Elia, Nicolette Lotrionte, Denise Daddario, Elizabeth Vasquez, Maria Economas, Savina Fortis. Faculty: Erika Polesovsky, Jacquelyn Moscone. Row three: Graduates: Jose Delgado, James Giocando, Anthony Maldari, Michael Lyons, George Vrettos, John Rossi, Enrique Rivera, Jr., Lawrence Berger, Nicholas Bayron, Charles Moore, Salvatore Russoillo, Eric Rice, Stephen Crivillaro, Michael Kelly, Arik Abrams, Matthew Butterworth, Richard Ferris, Dave Baluyut, Koan Thana, Matthew Salacan. Row four: Faculty: Peter McConnell. Graduates: Stephen Milligan, Christopher Kolb, John Ryan Vaughan, Jason Jawski, Harry Rivera, Christopher Walters, Richard Baez, Jason Alberti, Charles Romano, Antonio Cerna, Richard Shanahan, Vittorio Marsicano, Bestar Mujaj, Samuel Casey, John Kulka, Jeffrey Lucas, Robert Swieciki, Elliot Lamboy. Faculty: William Ficht, Andre Biancardi.

## GRADUATES RECEIVE AWARDS

By KAREN NANI

### Public School 175

At the June 22 graduation ceremony, principal Ena Ellwanger made the following presentations:

The Mary P. Fitzpatrick Award for Academic and General Excellence was presented to Jason Alberti and Sam Casey, and the Award for General Excellence from the City Island Chamber of Commerce went to Lawrence Berger and Nicolette Lotrionte.

The essay award from the American Legion was presented to Charles Moore, and the essay award from the Legion's Auxiliary went to Alexandra Ferrentino.

The Lucrezia A. Fusco Award for Effort and Perseverance went to Michelle Cambria and Vittorio Marsicano; the Philip J. Abinanti Award for Service and Leadership was given to Lawrence Berger; the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) Citizenship Award went to Jose Delgado and Martyna Wojtczak.

Mirza Omari was the recipient of both the UFT Millie Scheintaub Award for Citizenship, Leadership, Loyalty and Service and the Gloria Misiurski Award for Fairness, Involvement and Concern for Others, and Love for Learning.

The Alice Persteins Award for Outstanding Service to School and/or Community and Involvement, Conviction, Moral Strength, Integrity and Purpose was presented to Lauren Nye.

The Iona Balint Award for Progress and Perseverance was given to Michelle Cambria; the CSA Award for Leadership and Cooperation went to Vittorio Marsicano; the Andy Galdi Distinguished Service Award was presented to Richard Baez.

Several awards were presented in memory of City Islanders. The Deborah Kall Salacan Award for Proficiency in the Arts was given to Eric Rice; the Alice Connolly Award for Volunteer Service went to Michelene Burkhardt; and the Catherine Scott Journalism Awards were presented to Mary Dannegger and Caitlin Doyle.

The American Association of Retired Persons (A.A.R.P.) Minneford Chapter 3303 Award for Persistence and Determination was given to Rachel Waring, and the A.A.R.P. City Island Chapter 318 Award for Independence and Strength of Character was presented to Mary Dannegger.

The Louis Salacan Award for Service went to Jason Jawski. The P.S. 175 Citizenship Awards were given to Nina Baez and Mary Dannegger. Mary also received the P.S. 175 Effort Award along with Jose Delgado.

Vittorio Marsicano received the Nicholas J. Kinsch Unsung Hero Award for Independence and Self-Motivation.

The P.S. 175 Service Awards were presented to Jason Jawski, Samantha Sykes, Arik Abrams, Stephen Crivillaro, Matthew Butterworth, Lawrence Berger, Vittorio Marsicano, Maria Economas, Alexandra Elia, Lauren Nye, Sam Casey, Dania Baez, Stefanie Delgado, Caitlin Doyle, Mirza Omari, Richard Shanahan, Jason Alberti, Enrique Rivera and Justine Costanza.

The P.S. 175 Academic Achievement Awards (90 percent or better) were given to Lauren Nye, Jeffrey Lucas, Mirza Omari, Sam Casey, Jason Alberti, Nicolette Lotrionte, Mary Dannegger and Lawrence Berger.

Congratulations to all the award winners and all the 2001 graduates!

### St. Mary Star of the Sea

At St. Mary's graduation on June 15, principal Sister James Patrick made the following presentations:

The General Excellence Awards, with \$50 each donated by the City Island Chamber of Commerce and plaques donated by the school, were presented to Valerie Bonilla and Jasmin Jones.

The American Legion Award, with a \$100 savings bond donated by the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 156 for the best essay on "What Does Veteran's Day Mean To Me?" went to Katherine McMahon. A \$100 savings bond from the Leonard Hawkins Post 156 for the best essay on "What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?" was presented to Thomas Delaney.

Awards were also given in individual subject areas: the Religion Award to Sara Dennehy and Alfred Gumbs; the Mathematics Award to Christopher Mendez and the Language Arts Award to Giada Scodellaro. Thomas Delaney received both the Reading and Science Awards; the Social Studies Award went to Terrence Warren, the Music Award to Rosa Blake and Steven Rodriguez, the Art Award to Robert Vice and Katherine



Photo Courtesy of ARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY

The 2001 graduating class of St. Mary Star of the Sea School. Row one, top (l. to r.): Rosa Blake, Valerie Bonilla, Jahnine Callender, Christina Cruz, Sara Dennehy. Row two: Michelle Diaz, Priscilla Diaz, Hadasha Grissom, Jasmin Jones, Cynthia Marcano. Row three: LaTasha McKie, Katherine McMahon, Sarah Myers, Victoria Net, Giada Scodellaro. Row four: Cheryl Wigfall-Jones, Thomas Delaney, Alfred Gumbs, Christopher Mendez, Rakiv Musah. Row five: Steven Rodriguez, Kevin Tudor, Christopher Vargas, Robert Vice, Terrence Warren. Row six: Steven Zayas, Sister James Patrick, Principal; Reverend Robert J. Moore, Pastor; Mrs. Jane Dennehy, teacher.

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# A FITTING MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE



Enjoying a hotdog break from the Memorial Day festivities are, l. to r.: Joe DeWitt, Phoebe Mankiewicz, Ilana Gross and Gwyn Hopkins.



Front row l. to r.: Tom McMahon, Lynn Gerbino, Jim Vacca, Nilda Nye, and Richard O'Keefe. Back row: Ken Chomplin, John Lanzi, Matt Eberhart and Russell Schaller.



Photos by Rick DeWitt

The City Island Memorial Day Parade continues to grow in size and pageantry with participation this year from several branches of U.S. and international armed forces. Hosted by the Leonard Hawkins Post 156 of the American Legion, the 2001 parade on May 28 featured members of the Marine Corps Second Fleet Anti-terrorist Company, who were visiting New York for Fleet Week aboard the *USS John F. Kennedy*. Also marching under sunny skies were British sailors from the *HMS Marlboro* and bagpipers from the New York City Fire Department Emerald Society Pipe Band. A float constructed by Chris McGuire and Bob Pena carried World War II and Korean veterans. Island Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts also marched, carrying the stars and stripes proudly up the avenue.

## North Wind Environmental Center Opens

By TERESA TETO

Everything is much quieter now. Hammers, saws and cleaning materials are no longer in view, and everything looks fresh and clean. The North Wind is ready for children to attend summer camp, which runs from July 9 to August 20.

The camp program is environmentally centered and will make good use of the woods, trails and beaches in and near City Island. The children will be using digital cameras, computers, the internet and printers to record, analyze and report their findings through a newsletter.

The tanks are fully stocked with fish, invertebrates and crustaceans representing undersea life from various areas of the world. There is even a special tank to inspire the "Pollution Patrol" members to inspect and research debris left on the beach and on wilderness trails. Any debris

collected will be sorted into three recycling categories: plastic, glass and newspapers after the children have weighed the material, recorded data on what was collected, and compared the data to previous records, according to executive director Lisa Rodriguez.



The cost of the camp is \$175 for one week and \$325 for two weeks. The hours for summer camp are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with extended care also available.

The North Wind is also available for birthday parties and special events on weekdays or weekends. Call Lisa Rodriguez at 885-0777 for further information.

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### Current Calendar

#### JULY

Tues., July 24, **Pelham Cemetery Lot Owners** meet, 7:30 p.m., Leonard Hawkins Post, 550 City Island Avenue. This meeting is for lot owners only.

Sat., July 14, **Blood Drive** sponsored by the Bronx Masons, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church at 113 Bay Street.

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

#### AUGUST

Tues., Aug. 28, **City Island Civic Association** meets, 8 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

### Garden Club

The Garden Club spring-into-summer luncheon held on May 31, 2001, was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the event and the wonderful prizes that were won in the raffles.

The Garden Club will have a summer get-together on July 25 at the City Island Yacht Club on Pilot Street.

The residents of City Island have done a lovely job in their summer gardens. Take the time to walk around the Island and enjoy the beautiful displays of flowers in the front yards.

Gardening hint: Remember to keep gardens well watered during the hot days of summer. It is a good idea to water plants in the evening or in the early morning, when the sun is not at its hottest.

Phyllis Goodman

### City Island Theater Group

The City Island Theater Group is seeking performers for *Zelda Inside Out*, an original musical: Woman 1, soprano lead singer-actor; Man 1, baritone-tenor, lead singer-actor; Women 3, singer-actors; Men 3, singer-actors; Dancers, 6, ballet/modern. Auditions are Friday, July 20, at 7 p.m. for singer/actors; Saturday, July 21, and Sunday, July 22 for dancers at 1 p.m.; singer-actors at 3 p.m. Auditions will be held at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street. Singers prepare 1 up-tempo and 1 ballad. Bring sheet music. Performances are scheduled for the weekends of Oct. 12 and 19. For more information, call 718-885-2008, or visit our Web site at <http://ourworld.cs.com/citheatergroup>.

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Trinity wishes to thank all those who have so generously given of their time to sort, stock and work on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Thank you also to those who gave those many goodies all year. Without you we would have nothing to sell! The Budget Shop will be closed for the summer to allow all the hard workers a well-deserved rest. PLEASE: Do not leave any donations until Sept. 1. We cannot accept anything at all until then!

Have a terrific summer. Look for our new programs in the fall. We are already planning some wonderful, new and exciting doings at Trinity.

Donna La Valle

### Chapter 318 AARP

Our many thanks to all our members who have contributed to our chapter for all their support and giving, especially Helen Ventarini, Camille Ramftl and Catherine Souter for their beautiful lap robes for the patients at Calvary Hospital. Discarded eyeglasses were given to Gladys Del Blasio for the Eyes for the Needy program and greeting cards to Audrey Roth for St. Jude's Home


Thanks to Florence Bonicoro, our travel person, for planning our day trips and the five-day trip. Everyone who went on our trip to Niagara Falls/Thousand Islands will agree. We all had a great time. And thanks to Jean Ringel and John Bonicoro for conducting our monthly trip to Atlantic City.

Please mark your calendar that we will have no meetings July and August. Our next trips to Atlantic City will be on July 10 and Aug. 14. The bus leaves from 113 Bay Street; the departure time is 9 a.m. Please call Jean Ringel at 885-1479 or John Bonicoro at 885-1844. Make sure you call early because the seats go fast in the summer months.

Thanks to Gloria Salacan and Florence Quinn for a great job on the end-of-the-season luncheon. Remember to mark your calendar. Our first meeting for the new season 2001-2002 will be on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Marie Tirelli



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Photos by KAREN NANI

Joan Ficarra, president of the City Island Garden Club, opened the 40th annual Spring-Into-Summer Luncheon on Thursday, May 31, at the City Island Yacht Club. Shown above at the luncheon are (seated l. to r.), Bronx Parks Commissioner William Castro, Susan Strazzerra, Jackie Kall, and Joan Ficarra. Standing are Marilyn Sinclair, Sr. Bernadette Hannaway, and Charlotte Donigi, director of the 9th District of the Garden Club of New York State. Below, Bronx Parks Commissioner William Castro "knighted" Islander Susan Strazzerra with the title "Tree Fan" on behalf of New York City Parks Commissioner Stern.



Photo by RENA HANSEN

The 2001 Bronx Prize for Musical Pedagogy was awarded to Joey Corpus on June 17, at Le Refuge B&B on City Island, for his outstanding achievements in the field of teaching violin. Mr. Corpus's innovative teaching is based on a unique method he developed during many years spent in hospitals following a catastrophic automobile accident, which left him a paraplegic. A special concert featuring one of Mr. Corpus's students, solo recording artist Lara St. John, followed the award presentation, which was made possible by a donation from Margaret Rosen.

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Members of the Rotary Club of the Bronx met 21 month old Gabriela (in stroller) and her parents at the airport on June. The club which meets every Tuesday at The Harbor on City Island is sponsoring Gabriela for life-saving heart surgery not available in her native country of . Pictured standing (l. to r.) are Rotary members Gilda, Jim Romeo, , Carol, mother , father , and Rotary member .

**Chapter 3303 AARP**

As we've done in the past, the Minneford Chapter 3303, American Association of Retired Persons made its annual donations of cash awards to one graduating student from P.S. 175 and one from St. Mary Star of the Sea School. The students were selected by the principal of each school. Ann Impelluso, Chairperson of the Community Service Committee, contacted the principals and made all the arrangements for the awards. Congratulations to the students selected.

Reservations are still being accepted for an exciting eight-day, seven-night vacation trip from Aug. 20 to 27, 2001 to the famous Mackinac Island, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Other places of interest will be scheduled including a sight-seeing cruise through the Soo Locks. The trip will

include first class accommodations, meals, deluxe motorcoach transportation with professional tour manager and much, much more.

On Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001 the chapter is sponsoring a round-trip ferry ride to and from Ellis Island departing from Liberty State Park, N.J. After the tour, we will depart by bus for dinner at the Casa Bella Restaurant in Little Italy. Departure time is 8 a.m.

A full program of trips, tours and luncheons have been scheduled for the remainder of the year. Further announcements and details will be forthcoming as the dates of these events come due. Prices and more details for the above events will be discussed at our meeting or call Tina DeCristofaro at 885-0865.

Lucy Puglia

**Legion News**

I just returned from a sojourn to England, France and Holland with a fellow Legionnaire, Lou Probst. Our intentions were to tour Germany and more of France, but while we were in the Amsterdam railroad station, some miscreant absconded with my friend's luggage, which contained our rail and airline tickets. Our trip aborted, we headed for home.

When we were in London, we found the Victory Service Club, which is open to all men and women who have served in the Allied Forces. Lodging is reasonable and the facilities excellent. There is a restaurant, bar and other amenities. Relatives of members are allowed to use all of the accommodations. I will make copies of the brochure and leave them at the Post for those world travelers who might be interested.

The Sons of the Legion held a meeting for the installation of officers for the coming year. Matthew Eberhart was installed as Commander; a gourmet repast along with a little libation followed.

The Spring Dance was well attended, despite the many functions taking place during May. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Post officers for the coming year were installed at our last meeting. The redoubtable Vincent Hecker is our new commander, and Thomas McMahon revels in the status of commander emeritus.

Service pins were awarded to those with 25 or more years of continuous membership. A 55-year pin was awarded to Robert Booth. Robert, a Methuselah among his peers, has held all positions in the Post but finance officer. He is a past president of the corporation and serves now as vice president. The indefatigable Robert is always active in the myriad activities associated with the Post.

The Memorial Day Parade was viewed by many Islanders, and comments were very favorable. We were fortunate this year to have a contingent of Marines and a cadre of British tars. Refreshments befitting the occasion were provided by the Post following the parade. There always being room for improvement, comrade Joe Bartels suggests that the float contain a rolling bar and a Porta-potty. Some other events the Post participated in were the Fleet Weekend and the Blessing of the Fleet.

With July and August just around the corner, we are embarking on the summer doldrums, with not much in the way of activity. By the time the summer issue of *The Current* goes to press, two worthy graduates of P.S. 175 and St. Mary's will have received the Americanism Awards. Our new commander relishes the opportunity to make these presentations since it gives him the chance to impart a little patriotic fervor to the recipients.

Fall out and enjoy the summer.

**Russell Schaller**



Photos by BARBARA DOLENSEK

Two of the new boat models on display at the City Island Nautical Museum. The museum is open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.



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**Selected Filmography of Rene Russo**

Rene Russo made her cinema debut in the 1989 sports comedy, **Major League**, in which she plays Lynn Wells, the ambivalent love interest of baseball player, Jake Taylor (Tom Berenger). The plot of this enjoyable piece of froth is that Rachel Phelps (Margaret Whitton), the exotic-dancer widow of the owner of the Cleveland Indians, wants her team to lose big so she can move the franchise to sunny Florida. The fun cast includes Charlie Sheen, Corbin Bernson, Wesley Snipes and Bob Uecker. While Rene's role is not large, she positively glows on screen.

In **Mr. Destiny** (1990), she is Cindy Jo, the boss's daughter and fantasy wife of businessman Larry (James Belushi), whose chance meeting with bartender Mike (Michael Caine) literally changes his life. In his real life, Larry was married to Ellen (Linda Hamilton) and thought he was a failure. In a kind of reverse "It's a Wonderful Life," Larry finds that having his dreams come true is not all it's cracked up to be.

After playing roles in the unmemorable **One Good Cop** (1991) and **Freejack** (1992), Rene came into her own in **Lethal Weapon III** (1992), as the "gifted" Lorna Cole, an Internal Affairs sergeant very much appreciated by fellow cops Martin Riggs (Mel Gibson) and his partner, Roger Murtaugh (Danny Glover). Lorna is a karate expert who can handle three brutes at a time singlehandedly. The best scenes in this very frenetic and sometimes funny film are when she performs her physical feats and when she and Mel Gibson compare battle scars.

In **the Line of Fire** (1993) features Rene as Lilly Raines, a Secret Service agent assigned to the team that protects the President of the United States. This well-made thriller stars Clint Eastwood as Horrigan, a veteran agent haunted by the fact that JFK was assassinated on his watch and now, years later, is tormented by the diabolical Mitch Leary (John Malkovich), who

threatens to kill the current president. Lilly and Frank struggle to prevent their romantic attraction to each other from getting in the way of their mission to protect the President.

Continuing to find interesting roles, Rene next plays scientist Dr. Robby Keogh in the exciting **Outbreak** (1995). Newly divorced from Colonel Sam Daniels, M.D. (Dustin Hoffman), she has just taken a high level job at the Centers for Disease Control when a deadly plague strikes, threatening the lives of all humans on the planet. The stellar cast also includes Kevin Spacey, Cuba Gooding Jr., Morgan Freeman and Donald Sutherland. It is as exciting throughout as its ending is annoyingly implausible, but it is a riveting film.

Rene went on from there to a wide variety of roles. In the rather quirky **Get Shorty** (1995), she plays a Hollywood "scream queen," ex-wife of an actor (Danny DeVito), mistress to a producer (Gene Hackman) and love interest to a loan shark (John Travolta). In **Tin Cup** (1996) she is a psychologist involved with two rival golf pros (Kevin Costner and Don Johnson). In **Ransom** (1996) she reunites with **Lethal Weapon** co-star Mel Gibson, playing a rich couple whose son has been kidnapped, a film with some interesting twists (pretty much ruined by the coming attractions). She hit a low period with **Buddy** (1997) and the rather silly **Lethal Weapon IV** (1998); but in **The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle** (2000), she had a wonderful time playing Natasha to Jason Alexander's Boris.

Rene's best role is as the glimmering Catherine Banning in **The Thomas Crown Affair** (1999). This slickly crafted caper flick stars Pierce Brosnan in the title role as a rich man who loves to live life on the edge. When a \$100 million Monet is stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the insurance company sends in Catherine to help the police recover the painting. This is a better-than-the-original remake of the 1968 film, with electric chemistry between the two leads. The most notable scene is when Catherine appears in an amazing see-through dress without any undergarments, and the most amusing is the sequence when a Magritte painting comes to life, with men in derby hats running through the museum. As one of my male colleagues has said, Rene Russo is a real woman who gets to play women of substance in most of her films, and, as you can guess, she is a particular favorite of this reviewer.

And until next time, happy viewing...  
Marsha Trieber

**Grads Receive Awards**

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McMahon, the Computer Award to Kevin Tudor, and the Christian Awareness Award to Jahnine Callener, Hadasha Grissom and Christopher Vargas.

The Creative Writing Award in memory of Debby Kall Salacan went to Giada Scodellaro.

The A.A.R.P. Chapter 3303 Effort Award was presented to Sarah Myers and the A.A.R.P. Chapter 318 Effort Award was given to LaTasha McKie.

Community Service Awards were also presented: the Farenga Award to Sara Dennehy, the Louis Salacan Award to Katherine

McMahon and the JoAnn Cullen Leo Award to Thomas Delaney.

In the computer typing contest, first place went to Christina Cruz, second place to Steven Rodriguez and third place to Valerie Bonilla. Priscilla Diaz received an honorable mention.

The following students have been awarded scholarships: Rakib Musah to Rice High School, Thomas Delaney to Fordham Prep, Terrence Warren, Christopher Mendez and Kevin Tudor to Mount Saint Michael, Jasmin Jones to Mount Saint Ursula, and Rosa Blake and Valerie Bonilla to Monsignor Scanlan.

Accepted into honors programs were Thomas Delaney, Christopher Mendez, Rosa Blake and Valerie Bonilla.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future to all the 2001 graduates!

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# ANDY SBARE: ISLAND SENIOR

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Andy Sbare, who celebrated his 90th birthday on May 26, is so full of energy that it is not surprising to learn he worked most of his life as a heating engineer. Although he retired in 1975, he continues to be active in the City Island community, where he has lived since 1931.

Born in the Bronx as Armand Sbariscia, Andy came to City Island looking for a bungalow to rent for the summer in 1929, when he was 18 years old. He found one on Rochelle Street owned by the L'Aiglon Restaurant, and he leased it from April to October for the grand sum of \$300. It wasn't long before he was living here full time in a boarding house on Rochelle, right down the street from the Hauptner family.

Andy's first job was in White Plains, where he worked installing automatic heating devices using oil, gas or electricity. He opened Sbare Automatic Heating, Inc. with his brother, Anthony, and they did very well in spite of the Depression, mostly in Westchester County, where they worked on many fine houses over the years.

Just before World War II, Andy took a job with the Robert Jacobs shipyard as a "snapper," or assistant foreman, making 90 cents an hour at first by installing electrical systems on as many as 25 Vosper PT boats. Andy directed a crew of 10 men from his office in a sail loft and remembers his dismay at watching beautiful private yachts being converted into coastal patrol boats. Because there was little time, the refitters had to install crews quarters, automatic closing doors and other features quickly, with no regard for the intricate woodwork or fine details on the City Island-built yachts.

In 1945, after the war, Andy and his best friend, Harold Kroepke, opened a heating-and-plumbing store on City Island Avenue next to what was then the Lunch Wagon (now Lazy Susan's). The same year Andy married Islander Edith Kelly, who lived on King Avenue at Fordham Street. Mrs. Sbare, who died in 1988, taught at a business trade school in Manhattan and later worked at Fordham University.

In addition to the shop, Andy also worked

as a teacher, at the Samuel Gompers High School, where he trained would-be electricians and also taught math and science classes from 1951 to 1957. He took his students under his wing, traveling with them to trade shows and apprenticing them to practical electrical tasks. Some of them even helped him build his house in 1953 on Earley Street; Andy designed the house himself and still lives in it today. He remembers that two of his students were Islanders Bill Verleger and Joe Reutershan.

Andy gave up the City Island shop during the 1960s and went back to White Plains to work for Savel Electric Corp., from which he retired in 1975. He became more active in the AARP 318 group, of which he had been one of the charter members since 1971. In 1994, he became leader of the Island Seniors, a group that had been originally founded by Elsa Kroepke. He still organizes events and trips for the Seniors.

Andy is also a member of the American Legion and is proud to be an honorary member of the Stuyvesant Yacht Club. As a long-time sailor, who built his own 18-foot motor boat (which he called Junior, after his wife's nickname), he is especially pleased to see that the Stuyvesant has a program for teaching sailing to Island youngsters.

In spite of 70 years on the island, Andy will never be an official clam digger, but he doesn't seem to mind. Although he notes that City Island is more of a bedroom community than a nautical center and the traffic is worse than it was when he moved here, all of the important aspects of the island that he cares for—the water, the breezes, the location—are still intact. And it seems that the Island cares for him right back, judging from the splendid turnout at his surprise birthday party on May 16.

Nine decades sit very lightly on Andy Sbare, whose eyes twinkle as he swaps stories at the Nautical Museum with youngster Ed Sadler, who celebrated his 85th birthday a few weeks ago. Both men are blessed with total recall, and as they share their memories, City Island seems to bustle again with boat builders and sailors, just as it did in the good old days.



Photo by RICK DeWITT

The City Island Theater Group presented its first children's production, "Kiddy Kabaret," on June 9 and 10 at the Trinity Methodist Church. Nearly 30 Island young people participated in the performances under the musical direction of Stephen Marcus, and a great time was had by all.

## BOAT SHED BECOMES THEATER FOR MOBY DICK

For three performances of Orson Welles's play *Moby Dick*, based on Herman Melville's classic novel, the boat shed at Consolidated Yachts will be transformed into a professional theater.

Under the direction of Island resident Bob Simons, chairman of the Speech and Theatre Department at Queensborough College, the play will have its premiere on City Island on Thursday, July 19; Friday, July 20, and Saturday, July 21 at 8 p.m. at 157 Pilot Street.

The designer who is giving the shed a new look is Ray Recht, whose set designs have been seen on Broadway, on national tours and off-Broadway. He has worked extensively in regional theaters and in film and television (including "Saturday Night Live"). Internationally he has designed for the Staatsoper Ballet in Vienna, and the Stratford Festival in Ontario, among others; he is an associate professor of theatre at Marymount Manhattan College.

Consolidated Yachts is historically significant as a site for this play. As the Robert Jacobs Yard, it was the first important shipbuilding firm on City Island. Yachts were serviced there regularly for Sir Thomas Lipton, the Vanderbilts and the Astors, and during World War II the

yard produced minesweepers. In 1948 the yard was bought by the Rodstrom family, and the current owner, Wes Rodstrom, is the latest in a long line of a proud nautical family tradition.

According to designer Ray Recht, "There is a direct relationship between the theater as we know it today and ships in the Great Age of Sail. With the rise of the Renaissance stage after Shakespeare, ropes, pulleys and counterweights were introduced to the proscenium stage. These techniques came directly from sailing ships, and many riggers came from the shipping industry.

"Today we still refer to the stage floor as the 'deck' and the bosuns' whistles were used as signals to cue the drops (painted backgrounds). Hence it became bad luck to whistle in the theater, because a drop could come down on you from the fly floor. For *Moby Dick* I am not trying to change the environmental space at Consolidated. I am trying to support the actors with a theatrical setting so that it is a unique theatrical experience."

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## Robert Michael Skahan

Former Pilot Street resident Robert Michael Skahan died on April 1, 2001, in Bradenton, Florida. He was 77.

Born on Jan. 2, 1924, at 98 Pilot Street, Robert was the son of Cecile and James Skahan. He attended Public School 17, and, portending his future career, he began a warm relationship with his teachers, Mae Mulligan and "Pop" Ford.

He left Christopher Columbus High School to enlist in the United States Navy, where he served aboard the Battleship Washington and saw service in seven major battles of World War II. During his tour of duty, he was able to meet with both of his brothers, who were also serving in the Navy, in the Pacific Theater.

After the war, Robert married another clam digger, Kathleen "Chickee" Hearle, who had served during the war as a SPAR with the Coast Guard. They were married in 1947 at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, after which a reception was held at the Stuyvesant Yacht Club.

The Skahans set up housekeeping in West Palm Beach, where they started their teaching careers. Later they moved to Los Alamos, New Mexico, where they both taught and Robert eventually became principal of the Mountain School.

He was predeceased by his wife and brother Bill. He is survived by his daughters, Claudia Skahan of Bradenton, and Rylee Woodall of Orlando, Florida; his granddaughters, Kathleen and Alexandria Woodall; and his brother, Donald, of Hague, New York.

## Victor L. Anderson, Sr.



Victor (Vic) Anderson passed away on May 16, 2001, at the age of 84. Vic was a popular and recognizable City Island resident for 55 years.

Vic was born on Hollywood Avenue in the Bronx on Sept. 18, 1916, to Anna Olson and Louis Anderson. His parents were Swedish immigrants, and Vic and his sisters (Anna, Edith, Lily and Olive)

and his brothers (Frank and George) were first-generation Americans. They took great pride in their citizenship, which carried through Vic's service in both World War II and the Korean War.

Vic served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was a tank commander with the 5th Armored Division, 81st Tank Battalion, and he served under General George Patton at the Battle of the Bulge. He was a recipient of both the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

He met and married Jean Casanova on June 16, 1946, and moved to City Island, where he settled and established his business, Anderson Roofing and Sheet Metal Co. Vic loved the Island and became an active member of community organizations and activities. Many will remember him as the M.C. for all the Foster Dancing School recitals and later as an organizer and M.C. of the City Island Theater Productions with Frank Tutone. Vic also involved himself in the Little League, the Boy Scouts and in later years as a member of the board of directors of Pilot Cove Manor.

One of Vic's most active roles was with the Leonard H. Hawkins Post 156 of the American Legion, where he served twice as commander. He also served as Bronx County Commander and Vice Commander in the 1970s. Because of his service to the Post and his continuous membership, Vic was given a 50-Year Award and honored as a life member.

Vic is survived by Jean, his wife of 55 years; his sister Anna McCarthy, his daughter, Christine Rogone; his son, Victor Anderson, Jr.; his grandchildren, Nicholas and John Rogone and Sarah and David Anderson, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.



## Gregory Manchess

Gregory Manchess, a City Island resident until 1974, died on June 2, 2001, at the age of 53.

He was born on May 10, 1948, and grew up on City Island, where he developed a lifelong love for boating and fishing. Even after he left City Island at the time of his marriage to Eileen Dieterle, he would still come here to fish during the summertime.

Greg graduated from Columbus High School and served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1970. When he returned home from the service, he worked at Consolidated Boat Yard for a short while. In 1971 he became a service technician for the New York Telephone Company, where he worked for the last 30 years.

Greg was a volunteer for the White Plains Meals-on-Wheels program and a member of Leonard Hawkins Post 156 of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife Eileen, and his children, Ryan and Alissa, of Greenburgh, New York, and his sisters, Maureen Harrison and Jean Mirabito and their families.



From EDWARD D. HEBEN, C.P.A.

## Home Office? Watch Out for Depreciation

If you conduct business at home, and you meet certain other requirements, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) allows you to deduct the expenses of your home office. A portion of your utility bills can be written off, the gardener might be partially tax-deductible, and you are even allowed to deduct depreciation, just as if you owned a piece of commercial real estate. So how can you go wrong?

As it turns out, the depreciation deduction for your home office can be a real tax headache because any depreciation deductions that you take reduce the tax basis of your home office and when you

ultimately sell your home, these deductions can increase the taxable gain. And what about the law that allows you to exclude up to \$500,000 of gain on the sale of your principal residence? That law doesn't apply to the portion of your home that was used as an office.

Even without depreciation, a home office can generate significant tax savings, so you might be tempted simply to pass up the depreciation deduction. Unfortunately, the tax law assumes that you have taken all depreciation deductions that were "allowed or allowable." In other words, even if your tax returns don't show a depreciation deduction for your home office, the IRS can make the basis adjustments for you. At that point, the taxable gain that you thought you had avoided comes back to bite you.

If you have a home office, there are steps you can take to minimize capital gains tax when you sell your home. But you generally need to start planning early, in some cases more than two years ahead of time. You might want to call an accountant now, for professional advice and assistance with tax planning techniques.

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Wednesday, July 11 Children's Magic Show - Featuring John Turdo 2:00 PM Pelham Town House, Fifth Avenue, Pelham

Thursday, July 12 The Capris 7:30 PM Coyne Park, Mc Clean Avenue, Yonkers

Tuesday, July 17 Larry Chance & The Earls 7:30 PM Hudson Park, Pelham Road, New Rochelle

Wednesday, July 18 Children's Magic Show - Featuring John Turdo 12:30 PM United Cerebral Palsy, Stillwell Avenue, Bronx

Thursday, July 19 "Italianissimo" - Featuring Nancy Corvino 7:30 PM Colucci Park, Wilkinson Avenue, Bronx

Monday, July 23 Buster Long 7:30 PM Pelham Town House, Fifth Avenue, Pelham

Wednesday, July 25 Children's Magic Show - Featuring John Turdo 2:00 PM Loretto Park, Morris Park Avenue, Bronx

Thursday, July 26 Randy & The Rainbows - Featuring Randy Safuto 7:30 PM Buiano Park, Waterbury - La Salle Avenue, Bronx

Tuesday, July 31 "Irish Night" - Featuring Guss Hayes 7:30 PM Riverdale Neighborhood House, Mosholu Avenue, Bronx

**August**

Wednesday, August 1 Children's Magic Show - Featuring John Turdo 2:00 PM Hudson Park, Pelham Road, New Rochelle

Thursday, August 2 "Alive & Kickin'" - Veteran's Memorial Park, 7:30 PM Throggs Neck Expressway, Bronx

Tuesday, August 7 The Capris 7:30 PM United Cerebral Palsy, Stillwell Avenue, Bronx

Wednesday, August 8 Children's Magic Show - Featuring John Turdo 2:00 PM Colucci Park, Wilkinson Avenue, Bronx

Thursday, August 9 "Sotto De Stelle" - Featuring Nancy Corvino 7:30 PM Hartley Park, Gramatan & Lincoln Avenue, Mt. Vernon

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**The Big Lesson From 2000:  
Asset Allocation and Diversification Still Count**

By ERIC CARTER

The year 2000 turned out to be one of the most extraordinary and surprising years in the stock market. Investors were taken off guard when the supercharged Nasdaq Composite Index ended the year down a stunning 39.3 percent. Equally unexpected was the positive performance of many stocks outside technology. Value stocks, considered by many to be unglamorous, unprofitable and obsolete, roared back, as represented by the Russell 1000 Value Index, up 7.1 percent for the year. Likewise, the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index lost 9.1 percent, its worst result since 1977, but excluding its technology component, the index was down just 3 percent.\* How did your portfolio end the year, up or down?

**Asset Allocation**

The importance of asset allocation—the proper distribution of assets among a variety of different asset classes such as stocks, bonds and cash equivalent investments—was demonstrated last year. Asset allocation can help reduce a portfolio's volatility risk (or fluctuation in value) without sacrificing overall returns. For example, U. S. government bonds complement stocks; because they are backed by the U. S. government, they are generally considered less risky investment vehicles. And preservation of principal is especially important in a volatile market.

In addition to helping manage downside risk when certain asset classes underperform, asset allocation enables an investor to participate in other classes when they do well. For many investors, 2000 marked the first time they saw bonds outperform stocks—the S&P 500 lost 9.1 percent, while the Lehman Brothers Long Treasury-bond Index gained a strong 21.6 percent. The average bond mutual fund, including both taxable and non-taxable funds, gained an impressive 7.7 percent last year, compared with losses for the major stock indices.\* Even money-market funds outperformed the major stock indices, with the average fund returning 5.8 percent.\*

A portfolio diversified among distinct asset classes also may experience less volatility because the various asset classes react differently to market events. As some securities move up in value in the overall portfolio, others may decline. The goal of asset allocation is to provide investors with a *smoothing* effect on their portfolio that delivers more consistent investment returns. Do you know what asset allocation is appropriate for you and are you within that tolerance?

**The Resurgence of Diversification**

Don't put all your eggs in one basket. This overlooked investing basic, called diversification, seemed out-of-date until last year's downturns in the market. Investors had seen the continued surge in the technology sector and were lured to jump on the bandwagon, causing many portfolios to become significantly overweighted in technology, thereby lacking diversification. Unfortunately, many of these investors had no downside protection when the market went against them.

The big success story in the 2000 stock market was the roaring return of value stocks. The value philosophy—buy stocks that offer good relative value and have either fallen into disfavor among investors or are under-researched—was out of favor during the last several years of the decade-long bull market. But when technology issues fell, value funds were in favor with a vengeance. Over the course of the entire year, the average value fund posted a total return of 9.8 percent, far better than the negative return of 11.7 percent by the average growth fund.\*

Investors who did have a portfolio properly diversified among growth and value stocks would have enjoyed the gains in growth stocks in 1998 and 1999 and the gains in value stocks in 2000. Simultaneously, in 2000, their gains in value stocks would have helped to offset their losses in growth stocks. Since it is impossible to pinpoint times when stock styles go in and out of favor, the best way for investors to position themselves for the next change in leadership is to be invested in both styles over the long term.

Along with asset allocation, proper diversification offers the potential dual benefit of more consistent returns with reduced volatility. Diversification can give an investor a portfolio that grows steadily over time, while maintaining potentially more stability in the short- and intermediate-terms. What are you going to do about asset allocation?

\*Source: The Wall Street Journal, "A Year of Living Dangerously," Jan. 2, 2001

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# SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

By MARGARET SUTHERLAND and JOHN SHERIDAN

This summer, take another look around the island you thought you already knew. Listen to it, too, as if City Island, your island, were speaking just to you. Did you hear that mockingbird, in-between those airplanes passing overhead? Did you see that cardinal? How about those woodpeckers in the Tier Street lot?

Up on the Avenue, a familiar summer sight is the proud parade of American flags, almost like the soldiers they call to mind. But did you happen to notice the trees up there? Many have been pruned away from telephone wires. The poor things look like letters of the alphabet, lots of Y's, especially. What about the wisteria outside The Black Whale? Did you get a chance to see it in bloom this year? Magnificent!

Let's try to get a little closer to our little island this summer. Let's get beyond the beach clubs and the barbecues, the Little League games and the traffic jams, and try to see and hear what else there is to see and hear on City Island at this time of year.

Margaret and I would like to hear from you. We want to know about the wildlife you have observed on and around City Island. We want to hear about your favorite trees and gardens. Even the thunderstorms, too. Mostly, though, we want to share your nature stories with our readers. We want to help them to see City Island in new and maybe exciting ways. Our e-mail address is [jdsstrat@earthlink.net](mailto:jdsstrat@earthlink.net). Margaret and I look forward to hearing from you.

In the meantime, we would like to draw your attention to the seagulls of City Island. Like so much of what is natural on our island, the seagull is often taken for granted. Did you know that seagull is a generic term and does not name any one bird? The most aggressive of our seagulls, and the one most likely to sneak up on your things when your back is turned, is the Herring Gull. It is also the most common gull-denizen of City Island. The Great Black-backed Gull is a cousin of the Herring Gull. It is a bigger bird than its cousin, not unwilling to assert its dominance with a small show of force.

A distinguishing characteristic of both the mature Herring Gull and the Black-backed Gull is a red spot on the lower beak. What distinguishes the Laughing Gull, another regular visitor to our island, is its black head that resembles a ski-mask. Its voice is—you guessed it—a very loud "Ha-ha-ha-ha, haah-haah-haah-haah."

The Common Tern is also a common sight on City Island. You may spot one of these birds diving into the water to snatch up its food. Its voice is also distinctive: a quick "kip kip kip" and a shrill "tee-aar."

Listen for these seagulls this summer. Look out for them, too (especially those Herring Gulls!). When you see a bird, try to identify it. Don't be satisfied any more with the observation, "Oh, that's a seagull." Chances are that the gulls you will see are one of the four named here. And if you see one that's not, let us know. We'd love to hear from you.



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The fourth-graders from P.S. 175 prepared their genealogical histories, including family trees and coats-of-arms, and presented them to the City Island Historical Society on June 11, 2001.

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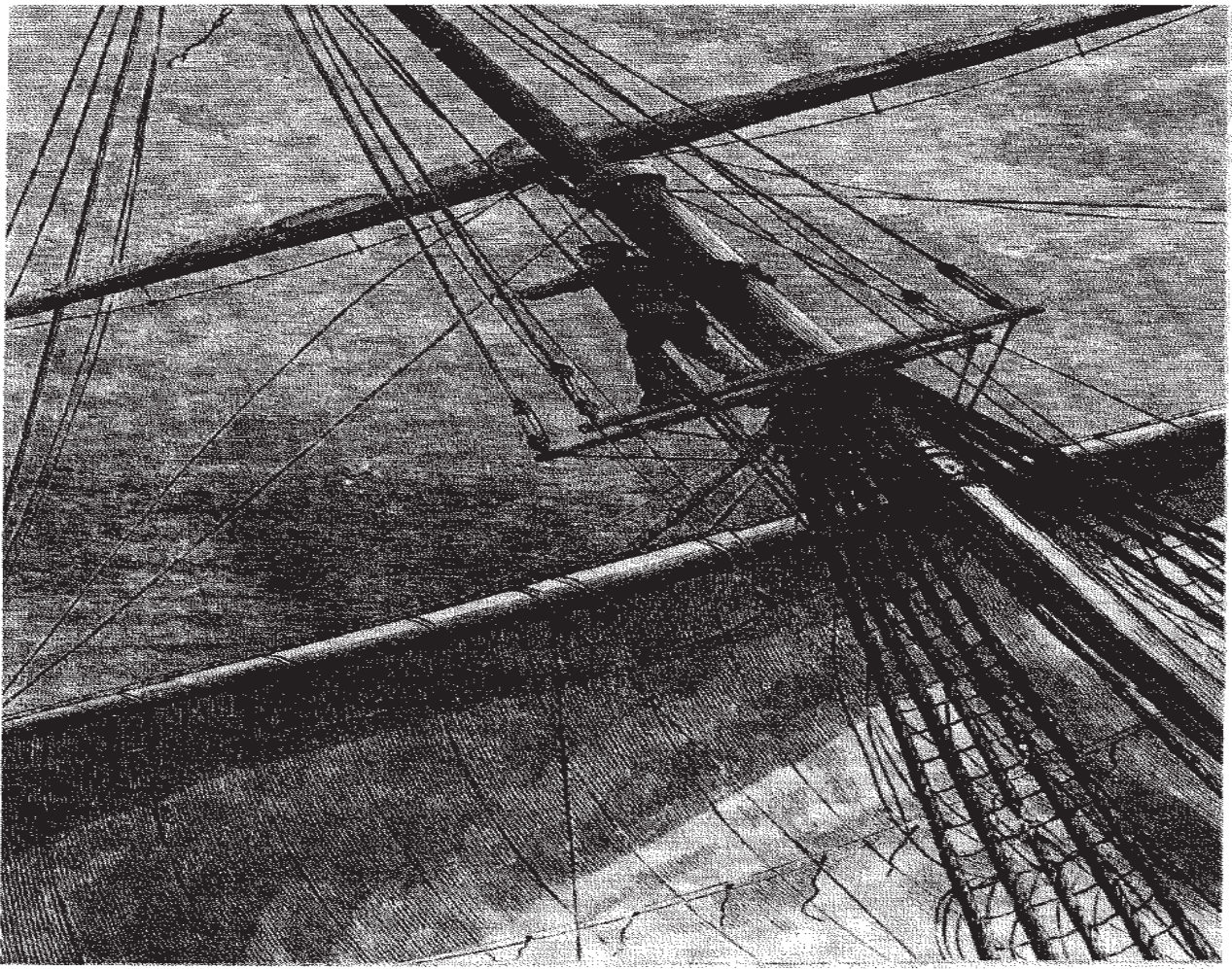
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 HH = hours; MM = minutes.

*Tide chart by Tom Smith*

**JULY 2001**

DAY	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	DAY
01 Sun	0335	-0.3	0933	7.2	1548	0.2	2153	8.2	Sun 01
02 Mon	0428	-0.4	1025	7.3	1639	0.2	2242	8.2	Mon 02
03 Tue	0518	-0.5	1113	7.3	1726	0.3	2328	8.2	Tue 03
04 Wed	0604	-0.5	1159	7.3	1810	0.4			Wed 04
05 Thu	0011	8.2	0647	-0.3	1242	7.3	1850	0.6	Thu 05
06 Fri	0050	8.0	0727	-0.1	1321	7.3	1924	0.7	Fri 06
07 Sat	0124	7.8	0802	0.2	1357	7.2	1946	0.9	Sat 07
08 Sun	0148	7.7	0827	0.5	1425	7.2	2002	1.0	Sun 08
09 Mon	0209	7.5	0836	0.7	1443	7.2	2032	1.1	Mon 09
10 Tue	0239	7.4	0859	0.8	1510	7.2	2112	1.1	Tue 10
11 Wed	0316	7.3	0934	0.8	1546	7.3	2156	1.2	Wed 11
12 Thu	0359	7.1	1016	0.9	1628	7.3	2244	1.2	Thu 12
13 Fri	0447	6.9	1102	1.0	1715	7.4	2337	1.2	Fri 13
14 Sat	0539	6.8	1152	1.0	1806	7.5			Sat 14
15 Sun	0034	1.1	0636	6.7	1245	1.0	1900	7.6	Sun 15
16 Mon	0137	1.0	0736	6.7	1342	1.0	1957	7.8	Mon 16
17 Tue	0247	0.7	0838	6.9	1442	0.8	2054	8.1	Tue 17
18 Wed	0358	0.3	0940	7.1	1545	0.6	2151	8.4	Wed 18
19 Thu	0500	-0.1	1038	7.4	1647	0.3	2247	8.6	Thu 19
20 Fri	0555	-0.5	1134	7.7	1748	0.0	2343	8.8	Fri 20
21 Sat	0647	-0.8	1228	7.9	1848	-0.2			Sat 21
22 Sun	0038	8.8	0739	-0.9	1322	8.1	1947	-0.3	Sun 22
23 Mon	0134	8.6	0831	-0.8	1417	8.2	2048	-0.3	Mon 23
24 Tue	0232	8.4	0926	-0.6	1516	8.1	2152	-0.2	Tue 24
25 Wed	0336	8.0	1023	-0.4	1619	8.0	2259	0.0	Wed 25
26 Thu	0448	7.6	1124	0.0	1728	7.9			Thu 26
27 Fri	0007	0.1	0603	7.3	1227	0.3	1835	7.8	Fri 27
28 Sat	0112	0.1	0711	7.1	1330	0.5	1939	7.8	Sat 28
29 Sun	0215	0.1	0814	7.1	1430	0.6	2038	7.9	Sun 29
30 Mon	0313	0.0	0912	7.1	1527	0.6	2133	8.0	Mon 30
31 Tue	0407	-0.1	1004	7.2	1619	0.6	2224	8.1	Tue 31

**AUGUST 2001**

DAY	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	DAY
01 Wed	0457	-0.1	1053	7.3	1707	0.6	2311	8.1	Wed 01
02 Thu	0542	-0.1	1138	7.4	1750	0.6	2354	8.1	Thu 02
03 Fri	0624	0.1	1220	7.5	1829	0.7			Fri 03
04 Sat	0032	8.0	0701	0.2	1257	7.5	1902	0.8	Sat 04
05 Sun	0105	7.9	0732	0.4	1328	7.5	1923	0.8	Sun 05
06 Mon	0124	7.7	0749	0.5	1345	7.5	1936	0.8	Mon 06
07 Tue	0139	7.7	0756	0.6	1359	7.5	2004	0.8	Tue 07
08 Wed	0206	7.6	0822	0.6	1428	7.6	2040	0.8	Wed 08
09 Thu	0242	7.5	0858	0.6	1504	7.7	2122	0.8	Thu 09
10 Fri	0323	7.3	0939	0.7	1546	7.7	2208	0.9	Fri 10
11 Sat	0410	7.2	1024	0.8	1633	7.7	2259	1.0	Sat 11
12 Sun	0501	7.0	1114	1.0	1725	7.7	2356	1.0	Sun 12
13 Mon	0559	6.8	1209	1.1	1822	7.7			Mon 13
14 Tue	0101	1.0	0702	6.8	1310	1.1	1924	7.8	Tue 14
15 Wed	0219	0.8	0810	6.9	1418	1.0	2029	8.0	Wed 15
16 Thu	0343	0.4	0921	7.2	1532	0.7	2135	8.3	Thu 16
17 Fri	0447	-0.1	1026	7.6	1645	0.3	2239	8.6	Fri 17
18 Sat	0542	-0.5	1124	8.0	1749	-0.2	2338	8.8	Sat 18
19 Sun	0633	-0.8	1217	8.4	1846	-0.5			Sun 19
20 Mon	0033	8.8	0723	-0.9	1308	8.6	1942	-0.7	Mon 20
21 Tue	0128	8.7	0812	-0.9	1400	8.6	2037	-0.7	Tue 21
22 Wed	0224	8.4	0902	-0.7	1453	8.5	2135	-0.5	Wed 22
23 Thu	0323	8.0	0956	-0.3	1551	8.2	2237	-0.2	Thu 23
24 Fri	0428	7.6	1054	0.2	1657	8.0	2341	0.1	Fri 24
25 Sat	0538	7.2	1157	0.6	1806	7.8			Sat 25
26 Sun	0046	0.3	0646	7.0	1302	0.9	1913	7.7	Sun 26
27 Mon	0149	0.4	0749	7.0	1405	1.0	2015	7.7	Mon 27
28 Tue	0248	0.5	0848	7.1	1503	1.0	2111	7.8	Tue 28
29 Wed	0342	0.4	0941	7.3	1556	0.9	2202	7.9	Wed 29
30 Thu	0431	0.4	1029	7.5	1644	0.8	2249	8.0	Thu 30
31 Fri	0515	0.4	1113	7.7	1726	0.7	2332	8.1	Fri 31

**SEPTEMBER 2001**

DAY	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	DAY
01 Sat	0555	0.4	1153	7.8	1804	0.7			Sat 01
02 Sun	0009	8.0	0629	0.4	1228	7.8	1836	0.7	Sun 02
03 Mon	0040	7.9	0656	0.5	1254	7.8	1856	0.6	Mon 03
04 Tue	0056	7.8	0706	0.6	1302	7.8	1910	0.6	Tue 04
05 Wed	0109	7.7	0719	0.5	1320	7.9	1937	0.5	Wed 05
06 Thu	0136	7.7	0749	0.5	1351	8.0	2012	0.5	Thu 06
07 Fri	0212	7.6	0825	0.6	1428	8.0	2053	0.5	Fri 07
08 Sat	0253	7.5	0907	0.7	1511	8.0	2138	0.6	Sat 08



By DR. FRED C. HESS

**Summer 2001**

Variety is the key word to be associated with events to take place in the sky during the summer of 2001. The celestial objects involved will be the sun, the planets, debris from a passing comet and some of the most colorful stars in the sky.

The participation of the sun actually came before the beginning of summer. On June 21, 2001, the sun was totally eclipsed by the moon, but unfortunately for local viewers, the eclipse was visible only in the skies above central Africa.

Those fortunate enough to join many American astronomers visiting such countries as Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique were able to experience the strange feelings that always accompany the darkening of the sun at midday. All living things seem to be moved by the onset of totality—flowers begin to close, birds hurry to their nests, sea birds rush to the land and people start to pray aloud, chatter excitedly or even howl like a baying wolf. An eclipse has to be experienced to be believed.

Although that eclipse is past, another will occur almost in the same place on Dec. 4, 2002. Several years normally pass before one place witnesses a second total

eclipse, but this pair, the second a little over 100 miles to the south of the first and above the same countries, is most unusual.

American eclipse-chasers must wait until Aug. 21, 2017, before they will be able to view Nature's most exciting spectacle. On that day, as the moon passes in front of the sun, its shadow will leave the Pacific Ocean and enter the United States on the coast of Oregon. The eclipse will then advance across the nation, over the Mississippi River, and on to the shores of South Carolina before rushing on out into the Atlantic. Both amateur and professional astronomers believe that the event is well worth waiting for.

Meanwhile, during the summer of 2001, Mars will become the planet dominating our sky, outshining even Jupiter, which has ruled our evening skies for nearly two years. The orange-red color of Mars will be clearly visible to the unaided eye, and it will become even more vivid with the aid of binoculars.

Alongside Mars will be a bright star—not as bright as Mars, but of a similar color. Its name is Antares, a word meaning "Rival of Mars." For those who watch the sky carefully, both Mars and Antares will be beside each other within the body of the Scorpion in the southern sky.

On Aug. 12, 2001, the dark sky will feature meteors, called shooting stars or falling stars by romantic observers. These meteors are the remains of a comet named Swift-Tuttle through which the earth passes in its journey around the sun every year in August. As many as 100 meteors an hour may be visible in a dark sky during this Perseid meteor shower.

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1. Make sure everyone on board wears a functional life jacket (personal flotation device).
  2. Designate a driver who will refrain from drinking.
  3. Make sure that weather conditions are safe before launching the boat.
- The National Safe Boating Council has drawn up the following checklist for all boat owners to use before taking the boat out.

- Make sure you understand the basic rules of the waterways and safety procedures. Take a class on boating safety if you are unsure.
- Do not overload the boat. Check the manufacturer's weight recommendations on the capacity plate.
- Be sure the emergency gear is in place and functional (fire extinguisher, bailer, paddle, anchor and line, signaling device, tool kit).
- Make sure the steering system is working smoothly and properly.
- Be sure there is adequate fuel and that there are no leaks or fumes.
- Check the battery to be certain it is fully charged and that the cable terminals are clean and tight.
- Check the electrical equipment (lights, horn, pump, etc.).
- Before you start, be sure the engine is in neutral.

## Summer Can Be Fun, But Play It Safe

Those who are physically active sometimes need to be reminded of some simple suggestions for summertime safety.

The American Heart Association (AHA) says that whether you are swimming, biking, jogging or just taking a leisurely stroll, you may be dehydrated by summer's sweltering heat, which can increase the chance of heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

The AHA recommends wearing light, comfortable clothing when engaging in physical activity in hot, humid weather and working out in the early morning or late evening when it is cooler. If you begin to feel dizzy, nauseated or thirsty or if you develop a headache during exercise, stop and find a cool place to sit down and drink some water.

Before going out into the heat, drink a cup of water, and if you are active for periods longer than 30 minutes, drink six to eight ounces of water every 10 to 15 minutes. Before exercising, weigh yourself; if you are two pounds lighter than usual in the morning, you may be dehydrated. If so, drink more water before doing any vigorous physical exercise.

The risk of dehydration increases when the humidity is above 70 percent and the temperature is above 70 degrees F.

"Heat and humidity interfere with the body's natural cooling process," according to an AHA spokesperson. "The heart is try-

ing to deliver blood and oxygen to your working muscles at the same time your body is trying to cool off by sweating. If you sweat too much, you lose important body fluids. Then your heart has to pump even harder to get the smaller volume of blood distributed to your working muscles, skin and other body parts. This can lead to brain and heart damage."

Symptoms of heat exhaustion are heavy sweating, cold clammy skin, dizziness, a rapid pulse, throbbing pressure in your head, chills, flushed appearance and nausea.

Symptoms of heat stroke are warm dry skin with no sweating or heavy sweating, cold clammy skin, low blood pressure, confusion or unconsciousness, high fever, a slow pulse and ashen or gray skin.

For more information about year-round safe physical activities, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit the AHA Web site at [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).



Photos by DIANE KIRCHNER-CARMODY

The P.S. 175 Walkathon was held on June 7, 2001. The fund-raiser was organized by Nancy Lotrionte and Diane Kirchner-Carmody. Shown above at the start are (l. to r.) Michelle Cambria, student; ToniAnn Conahan, crossing guard; Jeanette Vargas, assistant principal; Police Officer Paul Infante; Ena Ellwanger, principal; Theresa Travalino, grand marshal; Felicia Maldari and Michelene Burkhardt, students. Below: Mrs. Stevelman's first-grade class returns from a walk up City Island Avenue.



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The media reports everyday on some atrocity or another happening right under our noses. People have become untrusting and jaded toward their fellow human beings. We just can't seem to come together anymore. It seems that Norman Rockwell's vision of small town America is a thing of the past. It's too bad Mr. Rockwell isn't around to paint just one more picture. At the June 2nd Fleet Weekend Celebration, City Islanders shone despite the gray weather. Old friends and new ones came together, not only to enjoy the wonderful day, but, to lend a hand where needed. I feel truly lucky and proud to count those people as my friends. I would like to personally thank the following who pitched in and helped out just because...

Trish & Eugene; Mick Byrne; Cathy Berger; Jimmy Doyle; Bobby Graves, David H. & Chris H.; Ed Rothschild (great popcorn) and Kathy L. (next year Macy's balloons); Carmela the Cotton Candy Lady; Tommy V.; Keith & Lisa (great hosts); Walter R.; Howard Smith; George and Sharon; Wendy, Joanne and Christine - Thanks for keeping an eye on my kids.  
Rose and Pat - Thanks for getting me into this, it really was fun.  
Sue, Danny, Donna and Jimmy - Just not enough space here  
Ena Ellwanger and Mr. Swift and all the Chairpeople and Volunteers who worked so hard.

### And to my wonderful family...

Cathy & Frank; my Mom & Dad  
My Girls - Sarah, Melissa and Samantha  
And most of all, my husband Mike - I couldn't have done it without you - thanks a million.

And to anyone else who I may have forgotten or overlooked, my deepest appreciation.  
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Robert Booth (center), of Schofield Street, receives his 55-year anniversary certificate from outgoing Commander Tom McMahon (left) and State Commander Richard O'Keefe on June 28, 2001 at Leonard Hawkins Post 156. Also honored for 55 years of membership, but not able to attend, was Earl Rickard, Jr.



John Ulmer (center) of Earley Street is honored for 25 years as a Legionnaire by Vice Commander Mike Rauh (left) and Finance Officer Larry Lane. Larry received a 30-year award.



Newly installed officers for Leonard Hawkins Post 156 on City Island. Bottom, (l. to r.): Bob Mennona, service officer; Larry Lane, finance officer; Tom McMahon, chaplain, and Bill Clancy, adjutant. Top, (l. to r.): Richard O'Keefe, second vice commander; Russ Schaller, third vice commander; John Ulmer, first vice commander; Dave Carman, sergeant-at-arms; Vinny Hecker, commander; Jack Hartigan, judge advocate, and Mike McKenna, historian.

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Sayonara to Bay Street's Michael Torres, who is leaving for Gunma Prefecture in central Japan, where he will be teaching English to elementary and junior high school students.

Congratulations to Joey Ciarletta and Matthew Bollati of P.S. 175, who came in first place in the District 11 Science Expo for the fifth grade. Also, congratulations to Nicholas Vaughan and Eddie Ciarletta of P.S. 175, who came in second place in the District 11 Science Expo for the seventh grade. They received awards and were honored at the Community School District 11 meeting at Harry S. Truman High School on June 19.

Congratulations to Tier Street's Thomas and Janis Leni on the May 17 birth of their son, Joseph Thomas.

Bon Voyage to Roger Nani, Justin Rodstrom and Stephen Swieciki, who will be touring sunny Italy for two weeks with classmates from Fordham Prep.

Good luck to Jason Jawski on his graduation from P.S. 175. We are so proud of you as you enter Salesian High School. All our love, Mom, Dad, Michael and Nana Rita.

Welcome home to Siobhan Dooley, who vacationed in England and France with friends. We missed your sunny face! Love from your family and friends.

And also to the Kraemer twins, Tanya and Amanda, who spent the past five weeks in Italy. Just how many boxes did you mail home? Gosh, you were missed! Mom, Dad and of course, Keith and John.

Happy Fourth of July birthday to Juliette Conover from your Terrace Street friends and family.

Belated Happy Father's Day to Daddy (Bob K.). Wish we were together. We love you lots. You're the very best. Much love from your girls (A & T).

Best birthday wishes on July 2 to our Mary Ellen P. It's good to have you back!

Congratulations to Amy Fennel on your recent graduation from St. Catherine's Academy. Good luck in Westchester Community College. With love, Grandma "F".

Happy fifth birthday to Brendan Patterson with love from Mom and Dad and all your friends.

Congratulations to Minneford Avenue's Matthew and Kerry Murphy on

the birth of their daughter, Maeve Ann, who made her debut into the world on June 1. Big sister, Nora, is thrilled. Beaming grandmas are Peggy Murphy and Pat McGowan.

Happy sixth birthday to Steven Schmitz of Carroll Street, who will celebrate his big day on Aug. 7. We love you, Mommy and Daddy.

Best wishes for a very happy birthday to Pilot Cove's Marge Roskamp, who will be celebrating her big day on July 7. We love you, Gram! Thanks for making all the delicious chocolate chip cookies. All our love, your great-grandchildren, Nick, Joey, Matt, Jenna and Philip.

Happy birthday (the Big One) to Camille Ramftl from the Golden Girls.

Happy birthday on July 9 to the Laurels' Dr. Ellen Dierenfeld.

Happy 50th birthday wishes to Mike Vrettos, who celebrated his milestone on June 24. Love, Margaret, Nick and George.

Happy 50th birthday greetings go out to Emily Leni. You still have it! You go girl! Love, the Lunch Ladies.

Belated happy birthday wishes on June 19 to Jason Jawski with love from Mom, Dad and Michael.

Happy 10th birthday to our little "slugger," Maria Christina Swieciki, who will celebrate her big day on Aug. 22. We love you! Mommy, Daddy, Stephen and Bobby.

Best wishes to Bay Street's Bobby Swieciki, who graduated from P.S. 175 and is headed to Salesian High School.

A fond good-bye to Ron Dyszler, who has retired to Vermont to raise llamas and run duck boats. We're really going to miss you lots. Love from all your friends, the Terrace Street gang, and especially the soup lady.

Jason and Kimberly Shubert of Carroll Street are proud to announce the home birth of their son, Jaxson Alexander on May 6. He was also welcomed into the world by his big sister, Samantha, and grandmother Anneliese Deimold of Fordville, N.D. His other proud grandparents are Ron and Bonnie Shubert, and great-grandparents are George and Beulah Shubert and Katherine Saindon, all of Plainville, Kansas.

Former Islanders Walter and Maureen Scanlon were recently here from Las Vegas to attend the graduation of their daughter, Gwendolyn Coyle, from law school. Gwen is now headed to Columbia University School of Social Work to pursue a doctorate. As former sail makers, they spent the day at yacht clubs visiting with friends and enjoying the Memorial Day weekend. A great day was had by all.

Keep up the good work to Winter Street's Melissa Paukowitz, who is on her way to Oneonta State College where she will major in education. We wish you

every success and are very proud of your accomplishments! Love, Mom, Dad, Jason and Chrislyn.

Happy Aug. 7 birthday to Sonia, with love from your friends on Terrace Street.

Best wishes for continued happiness to the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Owen E. Mercer, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 15. They served the Trinity United Methodist Church congregation for 11 years.

Belated best wishes to Steven on his birthday, May 29, and to Theresa and Dennis on their May 7 anniversary. Love, Mom and Dad.

Birthday greetings on July 5 to Anna, who will be one year old, and to Michelle, on her 11th birthday on July 30 and to Andrea on her third birthday on Aug. 13. We love you very much and are so proud of you! Love, Grandma and Grandpa.

Happy anniversary on June 24 to Steven and Stephanie. Love, Mom and Dad.

Belated 30th birthday wishes to Greg

Penny, Jr. on June 4. Lots of love from Mom, Dad and Kim.

Congratulations to Leigh Anne Wright, who recently passed the New York State Bar Exam. She is the daughter of John and Linda Wright. Her cousins, Beth and Susie Rauh, are very proud of her!

It was fun to have Beth Rauh visiting from South Carolina in June. We hear she stopped by the Black Whale a few times for dessert.

Happy July birthdays to Beth and Susie Rauh and Christa Chatrnuch. Happy August birthdays to Marisa Chatrnuch, Philip Dolensek and Linda Wright.

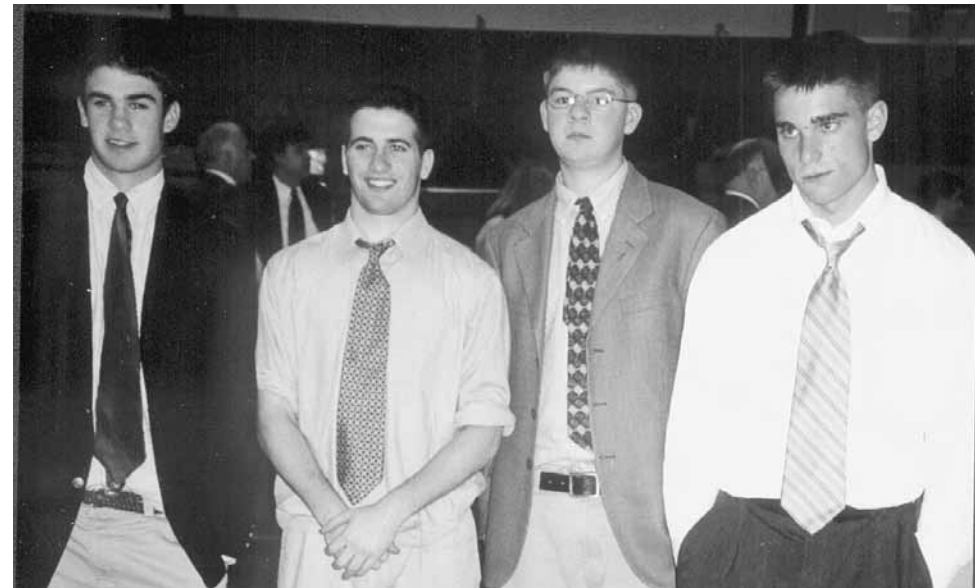
Congratulations to Henry and Marcia Noe on the occasion of their wedding at the Boatyard's Captain's House on June 23, and love from your cousins Barbara and Philip.

And to all our readers and friends, have a wonderful, safe summer. See you in September!

Maria Swieciki



Islanders Marguerite Chadwick-Juner (left) and Doris Nicoletti (right) party down with Ace Fehley of Kiss fame at the "I Love The Bronx Ball" at the Morris Yacht Club in May.



Congratulations to Island teenagers Thomas Cokeley, Ethan Heben, Walter Koschak and Roger Nani (above, l. to r.), who were inducted into the National Honor Society on May 23, 2001, at Fordham Prep High School in the Bronx. The boys are juniors at the school.

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