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After Detour, Ladder 53 Credited with Response to Two-Alarm Blaze on CI Avenue

By KAREN NANI



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A two-alarm blaze ignited 415 City Island Avenue, the location of the popular To-Go Express take-out restaurant, four residential apartments and the Art of Beauty Salon on Monday, Oct. 5, 2009. Although Ladder 53 responded quickly, it took a detour when it was given the wrong location from the first 911 call at 6:40 a.m. Residents felt vindicated for their efforts to save the unit, as it was the first to respond and was immediately deployed for evacuation and fire containment.

Sirens and helicopters roused Islanders from their sleep on the morning of Monday, Oct. 5, when a two-alarm blaze ignited 415 City Island Avenue, the location of the popular To-Go Express take-out restaurant, four residential apartments and the Art of Beauty salon. After fighting for seven months to keep Ladder 53 on City Island, residents felt vindicated for their efforts as the unit was the first to respond, and the ladder was immediately deployed for evacuation and fire containment.

"It made a difference in that we had the equipment and personnel available to ladder the rear of the building, which effected the rescue for civilians who lived in the building on the second floor," FDNY Deputy Chief Thomas Dunne told reporters at the scene.

Although Ladder 53 responded quickly, it took a detour because of an inaccurate location given by the operator responding to the first 911 call at 6:40 a.m. According to reports from Islanders, both Ladder 53 and Engine 70, which make up the City Island company, rushed to Pilot Street, then turned around and headed to the actual fire 13 blocks away on City Island Avenue between Ditmars and Bowne Streets.

FDNY released the first 911 call tape, which appears to have gone dead before the address of the fire was given. The dispatcher sent the crew to 20 Pilot Street, probably intending 30 Pilot Street, the location of Pickwick Terrace, site of the cell tower that relayed the 911 call. They were then quickly rerouted to the correct location on City Island Avenue following subsequent 911 calls giving the exact address.

Meanwhile, the "heavy body of fire" was spreading rapidly from the ceiling in the store on the first floor to the upper apart-

ments and roof of the building, according to Chief Dunne. Fortunately, there were no injuries to the 11 tenants of the building, who either left on their own or were assisted by firefighters. One female tenant told *The Current*: "I was asleep and heard yelling. It was sanitation workers who saw the smoke and were banging on the windows and yelling for us to get out."

At the same time, another Island resident, Mayella Haslam, was driving to work when she stopped for the light at Ditmars Street around 6:40 a.m. and saw smoke and flames coming out of the right top corner of the building. "I pulled over and ran to the left entrance to the apartments and started ringing doorbells and yelling. Chris McGuire [of All Pro Marine Contracting] and two sanitation men were trying the right entrance," she told *The Current*.

Ms. Haslam was buzzed into the hallway and started banging on the apartment doors and yelling for people to get out. She saw four tenants leaving the building, and by the time she left, "balls of fire were coming down around the doorway. I counted one, two, three and then ran out into the street." She credited Chris McGuire, the sanitation workers and an employee of Cottam Heating with helping other tenants get out. There were still no fire trucks on the scene, but she said they came within the next minute.

Despite the detour, Island units were first on the scene and declared it a two-alarm fire at 6:47 a.m. They were eventually joined by more than 100 firefighters from 25 units in neighboring divisions in the Bronx, who fought for 90 minutes to bring the stubborn blaze under control.

Residents and local elected officials maintained that it would have taken too



long to wait for these off-Island companies. "This is a wood frame structure. This fire took off. The six or seven minute difference that it takes an off-Island ladder to come to City Island would have been the difference of life and death," Council Member James Vacca told CBS News after surveying the damage to the building.

Patrice and Raphael Ortega, who have owned To Go Express for 13 years, stood stunned watching the fire along with the building's owners, Louise and Joe Del-Giudice. There was no one at work in the restaurant or at the salon at the time of the blaze.

Meanwhile, morning traffic on and off the Island was detoured by police onto Minneford and King Avenues, which

caused heavy outbound delays and backups at the bridge. EMS Division Commander James Booth, a City Island resident, told *The Current* that in addition to the ambulance at the scene, an ambulance and EMS crew was redeployed to the south end of the Island in case any other emergencies arose. This was necessary because the avenue was completely blocked at that point and an ambulance would have had trouble getting through. Eleven firefighters who fought the blaze were treated for minor injuries at Jacobi and Montefiore hospitals.

The cause of the fire continues to be under investigation by the fire department. Some Islanders observed the wires sparking on the pole nearest the building during

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Chamber Honors Local Volunteers

By JUDY RAUH



Photo by RON TERNER

Pictured at the 99th Annual Chamber Awards Dinner are (l. to r.) front row: Tom Messina, Laury Hopkins, Mike O'Connor, Peter LaScala, Yolanda Cirulli, Ralph Manfredonia, John Tomsen, James Vacca and Helen Livingston McMahon. Back row: Skip Giacco and Michael Shanley.

At its 99th annual awards dinner, the City Island Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to seven people for their dedicated work in the community. Gerard "Skip" Giacco, the new president of the Chamber, hosted the event, which was held at the Lido restaurant on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009.

Paul Klein, Chamber vice president, introduced the special attendees for the evening: Adolfo Carrión, former Bronx Borough President and now the White House Director of Urban Affairs; Tom Messina, representing Congressman Joe Crowley; James Vacca, City Council

Member and master of ceremonies for the evening; the Rev. Sue Chadwick, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church; Father Michael Challinor and Sister Bernadette Hannaway from St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, and Rabbi Shohama Wiener of Temple Beth-El.

Helen Livingston McMahon was given the Sam Bierman Community Service Award for her many volunteer activities on City Island. "She has committed herself to our youth," Mr. Vacca noted in his presentation of the award. Helen thanked everyone who helped her.

Laury Hopkins received the Tom Cer-

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BRIEFLY...

CITY ISLAND CLEAN-UP: Come one, come all to help clean up City Island Avenue! Meet at Hawkins Park on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 9 a.m. to get your assignment. The Department of Sanitation will provide brooms, rakes, bags and gloves, so just bring yourself and lots of energy. Free barbecue afterward for all the volunteers. All ages welcome but parental supervision required for youngsters.

BLOOD DRIVE, sponsored by the Bronx Masons, will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10, between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m. at Trinity United 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.

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM: The City Island Library and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) will co-sponsor a Spay/Neuter program on Saturday, Nov. 7. The ASPCA will bring a large mobile clinic to City Island in front of the library at 320 City Island Avenue between Fordham and Bay Streets starting around 7:30 a.m. and conducting surgery until 3 p.m. Pet owners will be charged a fee of \$75 for each spay or neuter surgery. This is an all-inclusive fee in the event that the pet requires one or more of the additional procedures being offered that day (e.g., rabies or distemper vaccines, nail trim and E-collar). Pet owners who have proof of being on public assistance will not be charged. For more information, call (877) SPAY-NYC.

REGISTRATION FOR GIRLS SOFTBALL: Girls 5–16 who wish to register for the Pelham Bay Belles may do so at the Pelham Bay Little League Clubhouse, which is located at 2680 Westchester Avenue in the Bronx (exit 2 of the Hutchinson River Parkway south). For registration fees and information, call 718-931-9585 anytime; leave a message and a representative of the league will contact you, or you may visit their website, www.pelhambayll.com. The Pelham Bay Girls Softball League is open to all girls ages 5–16 living in the Bronx. No one is turned away for any reason, and all girls will be able play, regardless of their level of experience.

ELECTION DAY SALE AT P.S. 175: On Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., stop by P.S. 175, 200 City Island Avenue, on your way to the voting machine, and buy fresh-baked goods and try your luck with a raffle. The grand prizes will include an Apple iPod Touch, a 26-inch flat-screen television, bicycles and Beatles: Rock Band game, to name just a few. The PTA, which is organizing the event, thanks everyone in advance for their continued support.

FREE TEEN CONCERT: In memory of Gary Gunzl, a free City Island Memorial Concert is planned for Friday, Nov. 13, at the Lido Restaurant on City Island Avenue and Pilot Street. Special guests are lined up, including actor Scott Winters from the HBO show "Oz" and the movie "Good Will Hunting." There will be lively music, a hip hop artist and a place for teens to come together and reflect on life choices. The concert is planned from 8 to 11 p.m. and admission is free. However, donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the event. For more information, please contact Yolanda Cirulli at 917-499-4627.



Photos by PAUL NANI

On Oct. 17, at 2:15 a.m., a pick-up truck hit a utility pole near Catherine Scott Promenade, downing live power lines and burning the grass near the sidewalk. City Island Avenue was closed by police through the morning while Con Ed made repairs.

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45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during September and October 2009. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list nor are complaints for crime occurring on the mainland.

September and October

2 – CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

1 – ASSAULT

1 – BURGLARY

1 – DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)

1 – GRAND LARCENY (AUTO)

2 – CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON

Police report the following incidents for the period from September 1 to October 15, 2009:

9/2 – A female, 45, was assaulted by an unknown person at 4 p.m. on Cross Street and Minneford Avenue. Police are investigating the incident.

9/7 – A complaint of criminal mischief was filed at 12:30 a.m. when a vehicle parked on City Island Avenue and Pilot Street was damaged.

9/11 – On Bay Street, two arrests were made for criminal possession of a weapon at 8:15 p.m. A male, 32, was charged with possession of a gravity knife, while another male, 54, was charged with possession of a shotgun (see story in October 2009 *Current*).

10/2 – At 10 p.m., a commercial establishment on City Island Avenue was broken into through windows that were popped open.

10/4 – Police are investigating a grand

larceny auto on City Island Avenue at 7 a.m. The vehicle was removed from the owner's driveway.

10/4 – Police arrested an Island male, 54, and charged him with DWI on Ditmars Street and City Island Avenue at 1:50 a.m.

10/13 – A complaint of criminal mischief was filed when the hood and windshield of a vehicle on City Island Avenue were damaged around 4 p.m.

Warning: Police from the 45th Precinct want to warn Islanders about a rash of breaking-and-entering incidents occurring nearby in the Bronx. Unknown perpetrators are impersonating water and Con Ed inspectors saying that they have come to read homeowners' meters. Once the alleged inspector gains access to the home or apartment, an accomplice sneaks in and ransacks the residence. They are warning residents, especially the elderly, to not grant access to their homes unless they are absolutely sure that the inspector is legitimate. If unsure, call Con Edison or other agency to confirm the inspection, or call the 45th Precinct at 718-822-5411 and report your doubts.

CORRECTION

There were two errors in the story about the City Island school principals in the October issue of *The Current*: Assemblyman Michael Benedetto's funding of \$100,000 was used to support the computer lab with all new MAC desktop computers. State Senator Jeff Klein will be donating \$43,000 for a project still to be determined.

TWO-ALARM BLAZE

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the early moments of the blaze. FDNY officials were asked about the exterior wiring as a source, but they would not comment, citing the ongoing investigation. Island resident Edward Sadler, who worked for the FDNY for many years, observed that additional delays were caused by the presence of overhead Cablevision wires, which forced the ladder company to rig extension ladders. He told *The Current* that these wires and Con Ed's should have been installed underground years ago, a project that has never been undertaken because of the expense.

The building was extensively renovated over 10 years ago, including new exterior siding and interior remodeling. Both To Go and Art of Beauty have been successfully and safely run for more than 10 years at the site, which includes both 413 and 415 City Island Avenue addresses. Patrice told *The Current* that the DelGiudices are "good landlords" and that the building was kept in excellent condition.

As to the detour, Mr. Vacca, who is chair of the City Council's Fire and Criminal Justice Services Committee, has called on Mayor Michael Bloomberg to order an investigation of the circumstances that delayed the fire response, not only on City Island but also in Morris Park two days earlier. He also announced that his committee will hold an oversight hearing in November on the city's new 911 dispatching system, called Unified Call Taking (UCT), which local firefighters said may have contributed to the delays.

Previously, operators would transfer

calls to an FDNY operator, who would work with fire dispatchers. The change, intended to shorten response times, has faced criticism because 911 operators do not undergo the same level of training as FDNY operators do, and because firefighters have reported an uptick in errors.

"Any firefighter will tell you that when it comes to putting out a structural fire, every second counts," Mr. Vacca said. "Shortening the dispatching process is important, but if UCT has our firefighters arriving at the wrong location, we need to go back to the drawing board."

Within one week of the fire, the Art of Beauty announced that it will reopen for business from Tuesdays through Saturdays in a temporary location at 240 City Island Avenue, at the corner of Schofield Street. The salon's hours will remain the same as before (see *What's Going On* in this issue).

The Ortigas have not been as fortunate. "All our stuff remains buried under the rubble and we can't get it out yet. The restaurant is our life and we just want to get it started again," Patrice said tearfully. She explained that relocating the restaurant to another site on City Island is not as easy as moving the salon as there are zoning and permit issues when it comes to kitchens. Patrice said the owners of Filomena's Pizza, which reopened in September 2009 after a fire in May 2008 damaged their building, were being very supportive and explaining how they survived the temporary closure.

Both the salon and restaurant owners hope the building can be renovated and that they can resume business as soon as possible.

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS 160TH BIRTHDAY

by MARGARET O'CONNELL and KAREN NANI



Photo by ROBERT BENIMOFF

Grace Episcopal Church celebrated its 160th anniversary at a gala dinner dance on Friday, Oct. 16, at the City Island Yacht Club. The current vicar, Rev. Patricia Alexander, was joined by Mark Sisk, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, and former rector, Rev. Douglas Coleman, to mark this important milestone in the history of the church and City Island. Here at the Bishop's table are (l. to r. seated) senior warden Harlan Sexton and her husband, David Sexton, Mrs. Sisk and Bishop Sisk, and (standing) Estelle Menon and junior warden Chandra Menon, Rev. Randy Alexander and Vicar Patricia Alexander, with Mrs. Douglas Coleman and Rev. Coleman.

This year, Grace Episcopal Church celebrates its 160th year of existence on City Island. This important milestone in City Island history was marked by a number of events, including a presentation on the history of the historic Bolton window, "The Trial of Christ," on Sept. 27 and a gala dinner dance on Oct. 16 at the City Island Yacht Club.

More than 100 parishioners, former parishioners and other Islanders attended the dinner to celebrate the parish, which was started by the Bolton family in 1849 (see history below), and the many members and clergy who came before to keep the "legacy of worship, discipleship and service" going on City Island.

The Reverend Patricia Phaneuf Alexander, current vicar of Grace, hailed the efforts of so many who have worked and worshiped over the last 160 years at Grace. "We stand on the shoulders of spiritual giants and are privileged to have inherited their legacy," she told the gathering.

She was joined by Mark Sisk, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, who congratulated those who continue to be faithful to Grace. "When you think about

any neighborhood, how many institutions are over 160 years old and still standing? Grace is here thanks to the many named and unnamed Christians who created and supported this parish and I congratulate you all."

The anniversary dinner was preceded on Sept. 27 by a fascinating talk given at the church by David Fraser, a conservator of stained glass and an expert on the Bolton family, which founded Grace Church and made the altar window for the church one of City Island's great treasures.

Grace History: The Bolton Family

On New Year's Day in 1722 in Philadelphia, Ann Curtis Bolton, the wife of a 34-year-old gentleman named Robert Bolton, an English immigrant, gave birth to a son. Three weeks later, the boy was baptized Robert Bolton by a minister at Christ Church in Philadelphia, and he eventually became a cotton merchant in Savannah, Georgia, where his son, another Robert, would follow in his footsteps. That Robert and his wife, Sarah McLean, were married in Philadelphia in 1782 and celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary with the birth of a son, named (of course) Robert, who also became a prosperous cotton merchant, first in Savannah then, after 1807, in Liverpool, England, where he met and married Ann Jay. Unfortunately, nine years later, Bolton's cotton business failed and he became a minister at the Dissenters Chapel at Henley-on-Thames, while his wife produced 14 children. Bolton resigned his ministry in 1836 and sailed with his family to New York City. A year later he became rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Eastchester, New York, and was ordained a priest five months later.

The Rev. Robert Bolton bought property in New Rochelle and in 1843 he laid the cornerstone for Christ Church, the first Episcopal Church in Pelham and the mother church of Grace Church, City Island. He served as Christ Church's rector from 1843 until he and his wife returned to England in 1851.

The Boltons Bring Grace to City Island

In 1807 most of City Island had been purchased by Nicholas Haight as part of

his 140-acre Rodman's Neck Farm, and in 1818 he sold 42 acres at the island's southernmost tip to George Horton from the Town of Pelham who was the Supervisor of Westchester County. Horton promoted the building of five streets, including Pilot, Pell, and Schofield, and the public highway, Main Street (now City Island Avenue). Before Horton died, he deeded part of his farm to his son, George Washington Horton.

Beginning in 1849, one of the Rev. Robert Bolton's eight daughters, Adele Bolton, and one of his five Episcopal priest sons, the Rev. Cornelius Winter Bolton, were rowed over to City Island to offer afternoon services every second Sunday. James Flanderan, a New Rochelle Baptist, offered services on the other Sundays, and the Eastchester Methodists visited City Island five or six times a year. Services were probably held at the Old School House, which was located near where P.S. 175 is today. Eventually, Union Chapel was founded at the corner of Tier and Main Streets and secured for the use of the three denominations.

This arrangement lasted only two years, however. When the Rev. C. W. Bolton left for Maryland, his sister Adele continued ministering to the people of City Island and was rowed there every Sunday. She undoubtedly visited the sick and elderly, conducted scripture study sessions and perhaps even led a service according to the Book of Common Prayer. C. W. Bolton returned to become rector of Christ Church, Pelham, and he also ministered to City Islanders for two brief years, 1855 to 1857. However, the Episcopalians had lost the use of the Union Chapel, although Adele continued to minister to the Islanders, who eventually hired the Rev. M. M. Dillon.

Within five years, in spite of the devastating economic climate caused by the Civil War, the Rev. M. M. Dillon reported that "the young ladies of Pelham Priory (a school built by Adele Bolton's father) had contributed \$1,358 toward the construction of a new church. Adele Bolton herself collected \$944, and City Islanders promised to contribute \$600. George Washington Horton donated \$100, but more important, he gave the fledgling church a plot of land at the intersection of Main Street (City Island Avenue) and Pilot Street out of the estate

he had inherited in 1860 from his father. He then went on to serve as church warden for 41 consecutive years, from 1866 to 1906.

Building the Church

If you look upward into the rafters at Grace Church, you will see evidence of craftsmanship of a different kind – that of ship building, for the church was actually constructed by carpenters from the nearby David Carll Shipyard, the first yard of its kind on City Island. The architecture of the church is termed "carpenter Gothic," a popular late Victorian style, but if you can imagine the church being upside down, you can see that the configuration of the beams resembles that of a ship's hull. David Carll was a vestryman of the church for 24 consecutive years, from 1866 to 1889.

Those who attended the talk by David Fraser, a stained-glass conservator, on Sunday, Sept. 27, learned that the Bolton family was very well known for its artistic creativity, especially in the design and manufacture of stained glass. "The Adoration of the Magi" window at Christ Church Pelham (the first known figurative stained-glass window made in America) was designed and made by Cornelius's brother William, assisted by their brother John. Grace's altar window, picturing "The Trial of Christ," was created by John Bolton, who was also an Episcopal priest, and he fashioned his window after a version made by William for the church of St. Ann and the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn. There has been much comparison of the two windows and opinions expressed as to which is of higher quality, but each has merit (although Grace parishioners tend to prefer John's version).

In 1906 New York City began to widen Main Street, and the church building incurred damages as a result of the project, which was completed in 1908. That year the church was wired for electricity for the first time, and the following year a church bell was installed in the belfry. In 1912 money was finally received from the city to pay for damages to the property, and some of these funds were used to raise the church building by five feet. Other improvements were made to the property over time, including the construction of a parish hall and the acquisition of a rectory. In 2007 Grace Episcopal Church was named to the National Register of Historic Places for its architectural and historical significance.

RESTORING THE PILLARS

City Island artist Marguerite Chadwick-Juner has joined Eagle Scout John Devlin in raising the funds needed to restore the pillars of the Pelham Cemetery.

Marguerite has created an original painting to be sold in a silent auction during the month of November in order to raise money for the pillars. The picture can be seen in the window of the Focal Point Gallery at 321 City Island Avenue. The minimum bid is \$75, and those interested in submitting a bid of \$75 or higher are asked to write the bid on a piece of paper with name, address, phone number and/or e-mail address. The paper should then be slipped under the door at the Focal Point or mailed to John Devlin, 185 Reville Street, Bronx, NY 10464.

As the bids come in, the highest amount will be posted at the Focal Point Gallery. Bidders will also be notified of the current bids and be given the opportunity to make a higher bid. The successful bidder will be

announced in the December issue of *The Island Current*.



"Early Morning at Pelham Cemetery" by Marguerite Chadwick-Juner.

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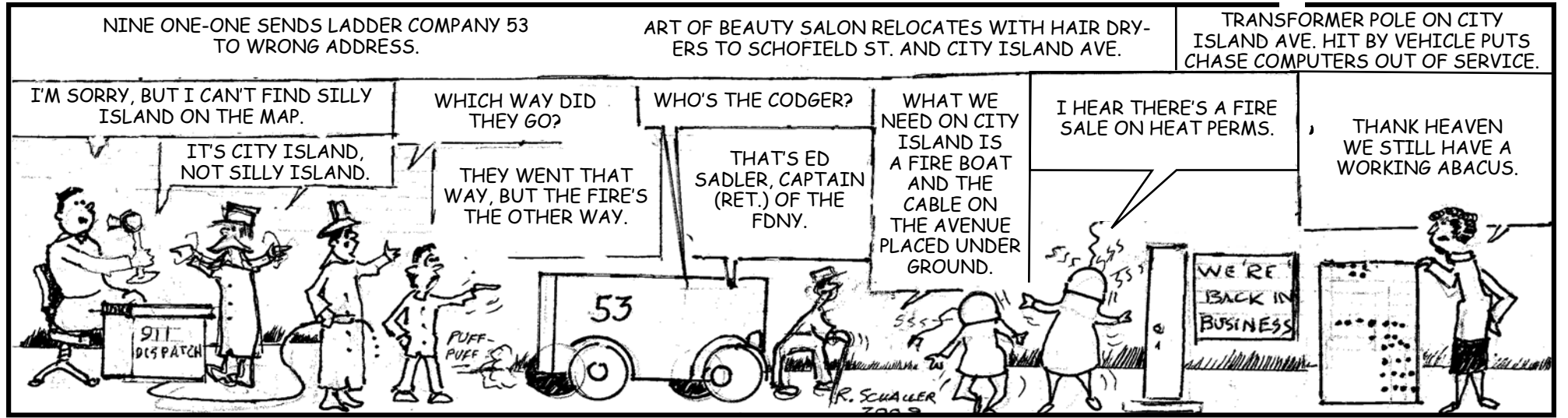
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Grateful Grace Church

To the Editor:

On behalf of the clergy, vestry, and parishioners of Grace Episcopal Church, I want to thank all those members of the City Island community who have helped us mark the 160th anniversary of our founding in 1849. We are so grateful to everyone who attended our Bolton lecture and champagne brunch in September and our celebratory dinner at the City Island Yacht Club on Oct. 16.

That evening in particular I was reminded anew of what makes City Island such a special place: it truly is a "small town" in the Bronx. I cannot tell you just how gratifying it was to look out at the crowd and see not only Grace parishioners, but also members of the other houses of worship, community leaders, business owners and friends of our congregation all gathered to give thanks and enjoy fellowship together. It was a very special evening, and I was deeply touched by your presence.

Our parish in general and I in particular have felt so supported by the people of City Island over these past five years, and I look forward to more opportunities for collaboration and conviviality in the future!

I send my love and gratitude to you all. May God continue to bless City Island abundantly.

**Mother Patty Alexander, Vicar,
Grace Episcopal Church**

Thanks from City Island

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

Commissioner Raymond Kelly
New York City Police Department
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Dear Commissioner Kelly:

The City Island Civic Association would like you to recognize the efforts of Captain Dimitrios Roumeliotis, commanding officer of the 45th Police Precinct in the Bronx. Captain Roumeliotis, supported by the office of Assistant Chief Thomas Purtell of Patrol Borough Bronx, was able to solve a problem this summer that has plagued City Island as long as residents of this Bronx community can remember. As you may know, City Island, in the northeast Bronx, is a popular tourist attraction in the summer because of its many seafood restaurants and its proximity to Orchard Beach and Pelham Bay Park. But with this popularity invariably comes overwhelming gridlocked traffic on many summer weekends, especially since

there is only one road on and off the island. In addition, in recent years, it has become a popular destination for motorcyclists, who unfortunately, and illegally, circumvent the traffic by using the fire lane.

The City Island Civic Association brought their concerns to Captain Roumeliotis at the monthly Community Council meetings of the 45th Precinct, and he subsequently devised a stunningly simple yet effective solution to the traffic problem. With the support of Assistant Chief Purtell's office, manpower resources were reallocated and traffic cones were placed along the entire length of the fire lane on City Island Avenue. This, along with the presence of police officers from the 45th, effectively controlled the traffic problem and also led to actions by the precinct that diminished the motorcycle problem.

The City Island Civic Association recommends that you commend Captain Roumeliotis for his forward thinking and for having devised a viable solution to this problem, which had become nearly intolerable for residents of City Island, and increasingly unpleasant for visitors.

**Paul Nani, Traffic Chair,
City Island Civic Association**

Traffic Improvement Noticed

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on the tremendous improvement in the traffic flow on City Island this past summer. It was so much improved that it was noticeable. Everyone should be in line to thank the captain of the 45th Precinct for his attention to this incredible problem we have all had to face in the summer. Whoever came up with the idea of putting the cones in the fire lane was brilliant.

Having grown up and lived on the Island most of my life, I have long been familiar with the snarl of cars every summer. So a big thank you also goes to the Civic Association and to Paul Nani, who heads up the Traffic Committee, for all their efforts in meeting with the 45th and finally getting the need for help across to the people who could make it happen. Great job!

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etta Accomplished Service Award for her active contribution to the arts on City Island, much of it with the children. Jimmy praised Laury "for your spirit and enthusiasm in promoting young people." Laury told the audience she was happy to be able to help Island children.

Michael Shanley was presented the Catherine Scott Achievement Award for his contributions to P.S. 175 and to *The Island Current*. Mr. Vacca lauded Michael for "fostering civic pride and responsibility through leadership." Michael thanked the business community on City Island for its support of the local school, and he expressed gratitude to the many other parents who have worked with him on the P.T.A. He also expressed his gratitude to Barbara Dolensek for encouraging him to write for *The Current*.

New York City Police Office Mike O'Connor was recognized with the Exemplary Community Service Award for his dedication to City Island. He has served as the community affairs officer at the 45th Police Precinct for several years, "a challenging job," as Jimmy Vacca noted in his

presentation. Mike said he was grateful for the opportunity to work with the people of City Island.

Yolanda Cirulli was honored with the Service to Community Award for her work with the homeless stray animals in the area. Dee Stewart, representing Tristate Companion Animal Care, presented Yolanda with a certificate of recognition for her work with the animals.

A Special Valor Award for Ralph Manfredonia and John Tomsen celebrated their courageous work to save a drowning man in Eastchester Bay last summer. Both Ralph and John grew up on City Island. John noted that because of that, the stormy waters around City Island didn't scare them. "The water was just an extension of the island," he said.

In addition to the Chamber awards, the honorees were also given proclamations from the City Council, Congressional Recognition from Congressman Joe Crowley, a citation from Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and a certificate from New York State Senator Jeff Klein.

At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, Jimmy Vacca presented the Chamber with a proclamation from the City Council honoring the organization for its 99th year of service to the community.



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A Current Review

CITY ISLAND THEATER IN ONE ACT, PART I: A REVIEW

By BRUCE WEIS



Photo by RICK DeWITT

Dennis DeLeo and Eileen Marcus in "Variations on the Death of Trotsky" part of the one-act festival presented by the City Island Theater Group and produced by Nick Sala, president.

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the City Island Theater Group presented the fourth edition of one of its most successful features, a festival of one-act plays over two weekends in October this year. In an effort reminiscent of the Normandy invasion, 27 actors and 11 directors, with the logistical support of the producer and his staff, 15 complete (if short) productions were offered to an appreciative City Island audience.

The difficulty in producing a series of one-act plays is obvious from the name: there is only one brief act during which characters and some portion of an environment must appear on stage fully formed. Something takes place, and they're gone; followed immediately by another set of characters in a different play, doing something else in a different place. Some theatergoers may want to know more about each story, while others will be happy to choose their own endings.

The first weekend of the festival, Oct. 16-18, opened with the play "Chocolate" by Frederick Stoppel, in which John Geil, a police detective reminiscent of Columbo, interviews Mrs. Colby (played by Sandy Prosnitz), alternately Betty Crocker, Emily Post and a sex kitten, concerning the whereabouts of Mr. Colby. Mrs. Colby hasn't seen Mr. Colby in two weeks, yet the neighbors heard a lot of suspicious noise just about that time. Is that a bloodstain or chocolate on the floor and just why did Mrs. Colby need all that cement?

Next up was "Naked Mole Rats in the World of Darkness" by Mike Folie, in which a practical Barbara (Carol Dooner) and a frustrated Jack (Robert Mulroy) take a family trip to the zoo. Their relationship

has grown tired and family routine is boring and Jack is in the throes of a mid-life crisis, having realized he was meant to do something else with his life.

In perhaps the most complex production of the evening, "Variations on the Death of Trotsky" by David Ives, Dennis DeLeo (as Leon Trotsky) and Eileen Marcus (Mrs. Trotsky) channel Monty Python attempting Groundhog Day. (Don't ask about the mountaineer's axe.) The title of the play defines its themes: How many ways can Leon Trotsky and his faithful wife define the events of Aug. 21, 1940.

"Canker Sores And Other Distractions" opens on the restaurant rendezvous of a happy, well-provided-for Prunella (Angela Theresa Collins) and her less happy ex-husband Martin (Joe Tom Collins), a man who reluctantly provided for her in their divorce. The point of their meeting is to find if there's still a romantic spark left. An uncooperative waitress (Kate McShane) doesn't help.

After intermission, in "Pride of Place" by Donald Steele, a happy new home owner named Lisa (Tee Cotter) finds that Joyce (Camille Kaiser), the home's previous owner, is having more than a little trouble letting go of her old home and putting away the memories of the time she spent there. Lisa must decide just how much of Joyce's previous life she will accept into her new home.

In "Anything for You" by Cathy Celestia, a forlorn Lynette (Susan Rauh), one half of a close friendship, decides to challenge the boundaries of that friendship. Imagine her surprise when the friendship's other half, Gail (Elizabeth Paldino), accepts the challenge and runs with it.

In the final play of the evening, Lorna Davis (Lindy Tabano) and Gerry Morgan (Robert Mulroy) share "An Unmade Bed" by Frank Siciliano. Angry and bitter that their spouses have carried on a long-term affair, the couple meets in a hotel room to plot their revenge.

Unfortunately, due to the *Island Current's* production schedule, we were unable to tell you about the Festival's second week, Oct. 23-25, but we will be there, certain that the second week will be as good as the

It's Her Park: A Profile of Marianne Anderson

By JANE PROTZMAN

There have been many changes and improvements in what we see now as we drive through Pelham Bay Park on our way to and from City Island. The person to thank is Marianne Anderson, the administrator of Pelham Bay Park and Orchard Beach. It has been her goal as the new administrator, after only a year and a half in the job, to give the park more visibility to its visitors. It is her mission to make the perimeters of the park more inviting, by broadening the vistas and making the roadside views more attractive. The emphasis in the past has been on areas well inside the park that are invisible to passersby.

Marianne Anderson was born and raised in the Fordham section of the Bronx, where DeVoe Park was her favorite place during her childhood. She now lives in Woodlawn with her husband, Brian, and their three children: Conor, 20; Emma, 18; and Luke, 6. After graduating from Lehman College, with degrees in history and environmental studies, Marianne began her career in the Parks Department in its Intern Program and then went into the Natural Resources Division. Since then she has held many different positions in the Parks Department and has accomplished a great deal. She is quick to point out, however, that she has a wonderful staff of professionals doing the work and that much credit is due to them.

A noticeable improvement includes the many areas in Pelham Bay Park planted with perennials and ornamental grasses. This effort is sponsored by Park's Greenstreets Program. Of special interest to those of us who drive on and off City Island is the planted area in the traffic circle's triangle before the road to the City Island bridge. Another attractive planted area is across the street from the Turtle Cove Golf Range at the entrance to a Parks Department garage.

Other newly planted areas include those near the entrance to the Bronx Equestrian Center, at the circle inside the entrance of Orchard Beach and along the bike path of Shore Road. Marianne gives a lot of the credit for these attractive areas and their design and planting to Vinny Marrone and his Bronx Borough Parks crew. She told *The Current*: "Pelham Bay Park is loved by the Parks Department staff, because it is used by all of the Bronx." This kind of enthusiasm helps get the work done.

A very noticeable improvement has been made in what is referred to as the Turtle Cove marsh and natural area. This is a major restoration project funded by a National Fish & Wildlife Foundation grant. Work began in June with a seasonal field crew supervised by Adam Thornbrough of the Natural Resources group, with additional supervision by John Grayley, the Natural Areas manager. In the surrounding upland areas, the crew focused on the removal of the extensive vines and invasive shrubs, such as porcelain berry and multiflorous roses, that have stagnated natural forest regeneration. From June through August, the crew concentrated on the northwest edges of Turtle Cove and it is hoped that there will be trees eventually planted in the area. This work will help restore normal ecological processes and improve the habitat and pollution run-off. The treatment of the strip of land surrounding Turtle Cove will allow natural vegetation to establish.

In the lowland areas, the crew is controlling invasive plants and next year hopes to plant salt marsh grass. This work coincides with the anticipated work by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation



Photo by JANE PROTZMAN

Marianne Anderson

(DEC) that will breach the berm in the midst of the cove, thus restoring the tidal flow to the cove and sustaining the natural salt marsh community. The DEC will build a bridge at the breach, which will enable the continuation of the Siwanoy Trail along the site of the tracks of the old monorail to City Island. From 1910 to 1914 a revolutionary monorail system provided access to City Island from the no longer existing Bartow Railroad Station.

It is a wonderful experience, as you drive toward the Orchard Beach Circle from the Shore Road, to see the sunlight streaming through the trees now that the marshland has been opened up.

Scott Farrington, the horticulture supervisor for Pelham Bay Park for the past year and a half, has been concentrating on the more southern areas of the park, in the area of the Victory Memorial Gardens. Subsequently he will focus on northerly areas, which will be more visible to City Islanders. In addition to his efforts in the Turtle Cove marsh, John Grayley has created an extensive wildflower meadow on the grounds of the Bartow-Pell Mansion by clearing a previously overgrown area. He has also opened up an area that now provides a water view and hopes to begin a cutting garden for the mansion, whose grounds are maintained by the Parks Department.

There has also been considerable work done along the bridle path for the Equestrian Center. This has been made possible with mitigation funds from the construction of the Croton Water Filtration Plant through the NYC Department of Environmental Protection and the Municipal Water Finance Authority. The result of this effort can be seen along Shore Road and also along I-95 north just after the entrance from the Hutchinson River Parkway, where new trees have been planted along the fence.

The Friends of Pelham Bay Park is a volunteer group that was formed after the big nor'easter storm in November 1992, which caused considerable damage within the Park. The group goes out seven or eight times a year to restore the trails in the Park and to create open view areas. They also raise funds for special programs, including an educational program for children with special needs. City Islander Han Yu Hung is the group's Gardener Educator, who provides special programs at a sensory garden near the playground in the southern end of the Park.

Marianne welcomes volunteers who would be interested in clearing vines and freeing the trees of negative vegetation. Islander Elizabeth Alston has been helping with this clearing effort. If anyone is interested in either the Friends of Pelham Bay Park or in doing volunteer work in the Park, Marianne would be delighted. She may be reached as marianne.Anderson@parks.nyc.gov or 718-430-4686. The website for "Her Park" is www.nycgovparks.org/parks/pelhambaypark/, which gives information about its history, activities and facilities.

Marianne reports that the deer population in the Park is no longer transient, and that there are also about 66 wild turkeys and a "handful" of coyotes. Clearly, the habitat is improving not only for humans but for wildlife as well.



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Customers are still lining up at the Art of Beauty Salon in its new, but temporary location.



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

In spite of the fire that damaged the building at 415 City Island Avenue, **The Art of Beauty Salon**, which was next door, remains open for business in a temporary location at 240 City Island Avenue, at the corner of Schofield Street. The salon's hours are Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. To make an appointment, call 718-885-3831.

At the **Starving Artist Cafe and Gallery** (249 City Island Avenue, 718-885-3779), the Starving Artist himself, Elliott Glick, takes the stage on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m. Also that month there's a "Saturday Night Blues Party" set for Nov. 14 with Bennett Harris, starting at 8 p.m., and then there's jazz on Saturday, Nov. 7, with Two Guitars, at 8 p.m. The Beatles tribute band, Rubber Soul, is back for two shows at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21; there are seats left in both, more at the early show. City Islander Denise Adorante performs with Carrie Magistro on Friday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. And there is our usual "Take the Stage" Open Mic Night, for songwriters, comics, poets, musicians and actors, on Friday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m., as well as a "Let's Be Thankful" open jam session for all musicians on the Sunday of Thanksgiving Day Weekend, Nov. 29, beginning at 3 p.m. For more on our schedule, including our Thursday music offerings for Nov. 5 and 19, visit <http://www.starvingartistonline.com/>.

November and December at Bartow-Pell

Ongoing events at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum include the exhibition "The Age of Botanical Wonders: Illustrations from Transactions of the Horticultural Society of London, 1805-1829," which remains on view through Nov. 22.

New programs and events begin with the Bronx Seaside Trolley and Pelham Jazz Ensemble on Friday, Nov. 6, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Experience the magic of the mansion at night and the new exhibition of contemporary Dutch design objects intermingled with the 19th-century collections of the Greek Revival house, plus music by the Pelham Jazz Ensemble and light refreshments. The free Bronx Seaside Trolley makes a continuous loop from Pelham Bay Park #6 subway station to Bartow-Pell to City Island.

The museum will be open every day for guided tours during five Dutch Days, Thursday, Nov. 12, through Monday, Nov. 16, from 12 to 4 p.m. and Friday from noon to 8 p.m. On display is an exhibition of contemporary Dutch design objects throughout the house. A free bus will run from the Museum of Arts and Design in Manhattan to BPMM on those five days, leaving at 1 p.m. and returning at approximately 4:30 p.m. Space on the bus is limited; registration required.

On Friday, Nov. 13, from 7 to 8 p.m., the museum offers a lecture: "Vriedelandt—Land of Peace?" Vriedelandt was the Dutch name for a vast area of the Bronx that included Pelham Bay Park. Museum guide Tom Vasti gives a fascinating glimpse into its Dutch heritage and connection to Anne Hutchinson. Lecture free with admission to the mansion.

On Saturday, Nov. 14 from 2 to 3 p.m. there will be an enlightening discussion of contemporary Dutch design, its influences, styles and techniques. Lecture free with Admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and children 6-17. Registration requested.

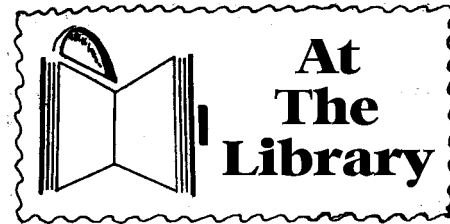
The First Friday Bronx Seaside Trolley on Friday, Dec. 4, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. will include a Holiday Candlelight Tour Preview and music by the Metropolitones. Experience the magic of the mansion at night—by candlelight—decorated for the holidays. Do a little shopping at the Holiday Boutique and enjoy music by a Seven Sisters College a cappella group, the Metropolitones. Light refreshments will be served. Registration requested.

Our annual Winter Family Day will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Puppet shows will be presented at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and wagon rides from noon to 2 p.m. and photos with Santa from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission to the puppet show \$20 children 3-17, free for adults and children under 3. Hayrides \$5 children and adults. Space is limited for puppet show; registration is requested.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, and Sunday, Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. the Bronx Arts Ensemble and Singers will present "Music for St. Nicholas," four performances of a wonderful holiday concert. The concert is free, but space is limited and tickets are required. Call Bronx Arts Ensemble at 718-601-7399 for tickets.

Holiday Candlelight Tours will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. See the mansion decorated for the holidays with Christmas trees inspired by "The Nutcracker" in rooms throughout the building. Tours by costumed docents highlight 19th-century holiday traditions. Warm cider and refreshments will be served. Admission \$10 adults, \$7 seniors and children 6-17. Registration requested.

For information, registration and reservations, call 718-885-1461 or e-mail info@bpmm.org. Regular admission to the mansion is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children 6-17.



NOVEMBER Adult Programs

Wii Virtual Bowling: For adults and seniors. Every Monday evening at 5:30 p.m.

Food Safety Program: Saturday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. Presented by Cornell University.

ASPCA Spay/Neuter Program: Saturday, Nov. 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Outdoor van service (see *Brief* this issue).

Computer Classes: Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Resume Writing Workshop: Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m.

Children's Activities

Free Green Workshop: Yoga! We continue the New Green Apple Kids season with a half-moon pose when Yogi Erin leads us in a session of story time yoga. Saturday, Nov. 7, at 1 p.m.

The Glow Show: Glow in the dark discoveries presented by "Mad Science of Westchester & Manhattan." Probe the properties of light and explore some unusual applications of glow in the dark technology. Monday, Nov. 23, at 3:30 p.m. Ages 5 to 12. Registration is limited to 25 participants.

Pre-School Program: Every Thursday in November (5, 12, 19), Dec. 3 and 10. Pre-registration is required. Ages 3 to 5.

Picture Book Program: Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. for school age children.

Thanksgiving Arts and Crafts: Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 3:30 p.m.

Baby Lapsit Story Time: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m. Birth to 18 months.

Young Adult Programs

Graphic Novel Rewrite: Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Manga Overdrive: Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Yu-Gi-Oh: Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Teen Time Game On: Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

We are located at 320 City Island Avenue at Bay Street. For information about any of the programs above, call the City Island branch at 718-885-1703.

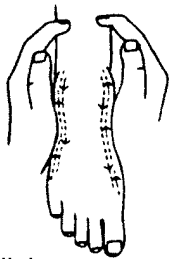


As a service to our readers, *The Island Current* will periodically list recent sales of residential and commercial property as found in the public record. This feature is designed to give a general idea of the fair market values of property on City Island. An update will be published every few months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

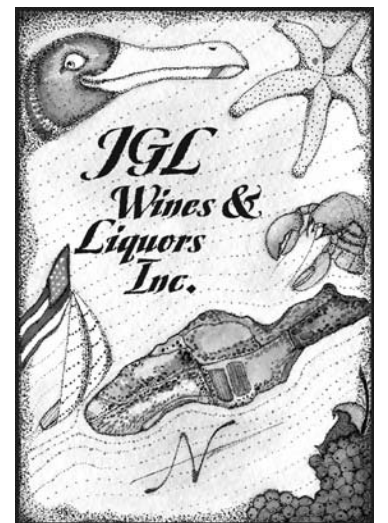
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690 Bridge Street	6/24/09	\$460,000	1 Family
32 Fordham Street	7/8/09	\$400,500	1 Family
503 Minneford Ave.	7/22/09	\$382,978	1 Family
86 Schofield Street	7/31/09	\$330,000	2 Family
238 Bowne Street	8/27/09	\$375,000	Condo
162 Rochelle Street	8/27/09	\$530,000	1 Family
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GOING OUT OF COMMISSION

By MARY DANNEGER



Photo by MIKE RAUH

A lively crowd of more than 55 people danced the night away at the Stuyvesant Yacht Club at its 120th Going-out-of-Commission ceremony.

It's that time of year again when City Island's yacht club members hold their Going-out-of-Commission ceremonies. Members and guests of the four clubs traditionally join together at the end of the summer sailing season to celebrate with a traditional flag ceremony, dinner and dancing.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, sixty members attended the 102nd GOC party at the City Island Yacht Club. Clam digger Jim Lynch, this year's commodore, happily welcomed the addition of new stewards from the Black Whale--Billy, Vinny and Calliope. The club is looking forward to expanding its snack and beverage service to the dock for the next season. Even though membership is thriving, the CIYC is still looking to welcome new members for next year and is considering adding membership for kayakers.

During the GOC ceremony at the Stuyvesant Yacht Club, also held on Oct. 17, Commodore Bob Schultz made a speech in the newly refinished first-floor lounge, highlighting the events of the 120-year-old club. Although it is now officially out of commission until next year, there will be plenty of activity during the winter months, and a number of projects are being planned for the clubhouse and docks. Commodore Schultz and Chairman Kolaja promise to make improvements that will continue to keep members proud of the club in its upcoming 121st season.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, an elaborate, well-attended GOC was held at the Harlem Yacht Club. The grand ballroom on the second floor was recently remodeled with the help of the current Commodore Bruce Lages, together with his wife, Diane, many club members and the dedicated interior designer Ken Binder. It has been transformed into a gorgeous party room for guests and members to enjoy. Mr. Binder, who is a Harlem Yacht Club member and Island resident, "has gone through extraordinary measures with such detailed work from cutting and creating new curtains to hand-painting sailing motifs on the walls. It is really a sight to see," Diane Lovett, office and catering manager of the Harlem, told *The Current*. Despite the difficult economic climate, the Harlem Yacht Club has had a good season and the membership has remained steady. The club will hold an open house on Nov. 21 from 2 to 6 p.m., and all of City Island is invited to attend. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served free of charge. "Who knows," said Ms. Lovett, "you may want to join, have an event with us, stay for a while . . . or forever."

It has been over three years since the devastating fire at the Morris Yacht Club, but the club is determined to come back better than ever. Visitors are welcome during the day to observe the progress that is being made. The foundation has been completed, the exterior walls are up, the roof will soon be installed and the windows will be delivered in December. Also, the new travel lift pier is getting a good workout, helping to double the number of regular boat members.

"The camaraderie that exists has never been stronger in the nearly 30 years I have been associated with the club," said Stephen Lott, Morris board chairman. "It truly shows that when a determined group of individuals put their minds together, nothing is impossible." The club will hold its Going-out-of-Commission Dinner Dance on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Lido.

Although Island residents are always sad to see boats leaving the water for dry dock as winter approaches, it is comforting to know that the tradition of going out of commission continues to play an important role in yacht club life here on nautical City Island, just as it has done for over a century.

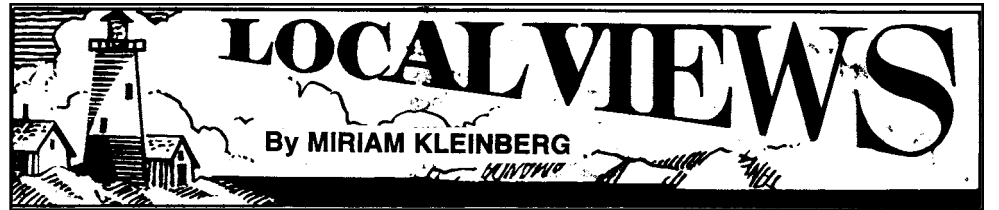
HEY, SENIORS!

By PATTY GRONDAHL

Hey, Seniors! I mean you, if you are between the ages of 50 and 100. It isn't easy to become a senior. It takes a lot of hard work and good luck, so congratulations and live it up!

When you reach 50, you are encouraged to be a member of AARP. At 55 years, you receive reduced admission to many museums, movie houses and entertainment venues. At 60 you are entitled to NYC Department of the Aging programs such as Meals on Wheels. At 65 years plus, you can enroll in Medicare. So the age at which an older person officially becomes a senior varies, but being older has concrete benefits. We will be talking about those benefits here in this column.

There are many exciting activities and opportunities for seniors taking place right here on City Island. As the Director of PSS Senior Programs, I would be delighted to share with you what City Island has for its older residents and I want to know what your interests are. Please call me at 718-885-1891 or e-mail me pgrondahl@pssusa.org to learn more.



EYESORES, SAFETY HAZARDS AND ANOMALIES

In this column, readers have expressed their points of view as a follow-up to the article in the October issue of *The Island Current*, "Dirty Island: Time to Clean Up." We have chosen to print photographs of the sites rather than of the contributors, and although all of them were willing to acknowledge their opinions, we have chosen to make them anonymous.



Photos by RICK DeWITT

1) There are too many empty stores along City Island Avenue, like the one between Fordham and Bay Streets—the old pizza place, which has been vacant for almost 30 years. This is an awfully long time for a store to be vacant. It's right in the center of where so many things are going on that I find it a terrible eyesore.

One of these stores could be turned into a rec room for kids and older teens. City Island lost six kids in two years because of drug-related issues and other problems. The landlords of these vacant stores could help themselves and the community by opening one or more of them for community use.

2) The property that I find most offensive in terms of condition and upkeep is the storefront on the northwest corner of Fordham Street (Curry's). It has been a mess ever since I opened my own business on City Island in April of 1993. I can't believe the property has been so neglected for so many years. That intersection is the most important location on City Island. To have such a centrally located building be so derelict brings the whole character of the Island down.

To the owner of the property: why don't you rent it out to somebody who will take care of it?



3) There is an empty building on the corner of Reynolds Street at 135 City Island Avenue, which used to house an electric company that is still in operation in Mount Vernon, I think. Water is leaking out of the door. I suspect broken pipes or a collapsed roof. In the winter the leaking water freezes and creates a hazard for anyone walking there.

There are also overgrown weeds in front of the building. What a contrast to the Black Whale, whose owner keeps the area in front of his business very neat and clean, with flowers.

4) Although no one believes that there has been vandalism in the Pelham Cemetery on City Island, a visitor could be forgiven for thinking so because of the condition of the columns supporting the gates. Everyone on the Island should be grateful to Eagle Scout John Devlin, not only for repairing the fence but also for spearheading the effort to raise funds to repair the columns. It is disrespectful of the dead to have the cemetery entrance so dilapidated. Visitors to an old community often visit the local cemetery to get some sense of history. Perhaps a sign could be put in the City Island Nautical Museum encouraging visitors to see the cemetery nearby.



5) It's a good thing Juliet lived in Verona when she said, "O Romeo, Romeo! wherefore art thou Romeo!" because in Verona they knew how to build balconies. She was able to come out of her bedroom and look for him. If she lived on Reville Street (house numbers 140-148), she would not have been able to get out of her house onto the balcony. Could the builder or architect of those houses make some kind of entry from the balcony to the house? It isn't too late. Maybe the homeowners could even put up some kind of external staircase so that those balconies could be enjoyed.

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Current Calendar

NOVEMBER

Tues., Nov. 3, **Election Day Sale**, P.S. 175, 200 City Island Ave., 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 7, **City Island Clean-Up Day**, meet at Hawkins Park at 9 a.m. Free barbecue afterward for participants.

Tues., Nov. 10, **Blood Drive**, 4 to 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street.

Wed., Nov. 11, **Dedication of Memorial honoring victims of 9/11**, Pelham Cemetery at 1 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 20, **Community Board 10 meets**, 7:30 p.m. Riverbay Corp., 2049 Bartow Avenue, Room 31.

Happy Thanksgiving

Tues., Nov. 24, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Thurs., Nov. 26, **Thanksgiving Dinner**, sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street, 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 28, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: Chicken or turkey cut up with rice.

Sat., Nov. 28, **Holiday Tree Lighting and Carols**, Hawkins Park, 7 p.m., sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

DECEMBER

Fri., Dec. 4 and Sat. Dec. 5, **Trinity Church Christmas Fair**.

Fri., Dec. 11, **Menorah Lighting**, Hawkins Park, 5:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 12, **Grace Church Christmas Crafts Festival**, Grace Episcopal Church, City Island Avenue and Pilot Street, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

Our worship service and Sunday school are at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Prayer service is held every weekday at 9 a.m. We encourage you to bring your children to Sunday school to further their knowledge of the teachings of Jesus Christ. We often have a coffee hour after the service. Come and join us for worship and fellowship.

Trinity wishes to thank the community for its support at our annual food and bake sale held on Oct. 3. It was a great success. We hope to see you again at our Christmas Fair, which will be held on Dec. 4 between 2 and 8 p.m. and on Dec. 5 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Trinity will have many homemade goodies and lots of special choices at the holiday gift tables for you to choose from.

We also wish to thank James Kortleven and crew for the wonderful job refurbishing our kitchen. It is truly a pleasure to work in now.

Remember Trinity's annual Thanksgiving dinner. Join us between 12 and 4:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day and enjoy everyone's company and fantastic food prepared by Anne Cox. This is a great opportunity to join together and give thanks for all our blessings. Please call Reverend Sue if you are a shut-in and need your dinner delivered.

The Budget Shop will be open on Nov. 3, 7, 17 and 21, as well as Dec. 1, 8, 12, and Dec. 15, the last day for this year. Please call Jay Howard at 718-885-2192 to volunteer. If you would like to help raise funds for Trinity by running the Budget Shop, please call Myra Martin at 718-885-1049 or Ellie Hebard at 718-518-7241.

A group Bible study will meet for five Sunday sessions in Fellowship Hall from

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from Oct. 25 to Nov. 22. This group will continue a previous study of the Apostle Paul's New Testament Second Letter to the Corinthians completing the study with chapters 8-13. The theme is: "Paul, Apostle for Open Hearts, Part 11." A subject-by-subject, verse-by-verse study of the text, with discussions and teachings will focus on the subjects presented by the text.

George Cavalieri, Trinity's lay leader/speaker, will be moderator for the Bible study. No registration is required and all materials are provided. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you have attended previously. For further information, if needed, call Reverend Susan Chadwick at 718-885-1218.

Pastor Sue's open house is Dec. 6 between 1 and 5 p.m.

Ellen G. Hebard

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

We began the month of November with the celebration of two special days: the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls.

On Nov. 3, Archbishop Timothy Dolan, the new Archbishop of New York, will visit the Northeast Vicariate of the Bronx. He will be present at St. Barnabas Parish for a vespers service, which will be followed by a reception where the Archbishop will meet and greet all the people in attendance. Several of our parishioners will attend this joyous event.

All are welcome to attend our monthly coffee hour, which will be held in the rectory after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Nov. 8.

St. Mary's School will hold its annual Turkey Bingo on Friday evening, Nov. 20, in the school gym beginning at 7 p.m. This is open to all parishioners. Come and bring the family for an evening of fun!

Our annual Thanksgiving Mass will take place on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Because many people travel on Wednesday, we hope that the Tuesday schedule will make it possible for more of our parishioners to gather and give thanks as a faith community for the blessings given to each of us and to our community. At the Mass, we will collect canned and dried foods, which will be distributed to the poor. All are welcome to attend. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Sunday, Nov. 29, is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the time of preparation for the coming of Our Savior to live among us as a man. Our Advent candle will have a prominent place in the church as we mark off the weeks in anticipation of Christ's coming.

The Parish Council will meet on Monday evening, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

Sr. Bernadette, OSU

PSS Healthy Senior Exercise Program

We are pleased to offer Zoomba classes at the Community Center on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. with Stephanie. Zoomba is a fun filled exercise/dance craze that features Latin music. The classes will begin on Nov. 16 just in time to balance holiday eating. Our schedule at Grace Church Hall will change as follows: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Cardio Fitness with Mary; 10:30 a.m. Sittercise with Patty; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Yoga Stretch with Michael; 10:30 a.m. Arthritis Exercise with Patty. Weather permitting, Orchard Beach walks will continue on Wednesdays with the van leaving Pilot Street at 9:30 a.m. Call Tony at 347-834-6466 for transportation to all programs and for a schedule of afternoon shopping trips. Call Patty at 718-885-1891 for further information. Programs are funded by Presbyterian Senior Services, the NYC Department for the Aging and the Arthritis Foundation.

Pat Grondahl



Photo by CHERYL BERENT

Temple Beth-El's Rabbi Shohama Wiener and her spouse, Alan Dattner (left), provide insights from the Torah as "Jonah" (center, Marc Kaplan) takes a call of advice, while the "Queen of Nineveh" (Olga Berde) and the "Captain" (Bob Berent in the fisherman's hat) act as witnesses during an interview with time-traveling rabbinic intern David Markus (right) at Yom Kippur services on Sept. 28.

City Island Republicans

The Bronx County dinner held on Oct. 22 was a huge success! Many officials, including Rudy Giuliani, were in attendance at this event at the Villa Barone.

Once again, we had a smooth election at our local poll site, P.S. 175. We would like to thank all of the pollworkers of both parties for their hard work during that long day.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party. Details will follow in the December issue of *The Island Current*.

Fred Ramftl, Jr.

Bronx Rotary Club

The Bronx Rotary Club has a newly established "Local Health Initiatives Committee." As a first project under the direction of this committee, the Club participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Orchard Beach on Sunday, Oct. 18. The Club raised more than \$700 and is still contributing, in the hope of reaching the goal of \$1,000. All funds raised for this Bronx event will be put to use locally. Eight Club members formed the team that participated in walk, including Islander Marguerite Chadwick-Juner.

In the upcoming months, the Club will participate in walks and fund-raising for colo-rectal cancer research at the Colon Cancer Challenge in Central Park under the direction of member Albert Ferro, Public Relations Manager for the New York Metropolitan Familial Cancer Registry. The Club will also participate in the Find the Cure walk for cystic fibrosis under the direction of Rev. Susan Chadwick, whose family member is afflicted with the disease.

The Club is very proud to announce the impending arrival of its 11th Gift of Life child. The Rotary Gift of Life program provides life-saving heart surgeries for children from other countries where the surgical techniques are not available to them and families cannot afford them. One parent or guardian and the sick child are brought to the United States at the Club's expense. The Club also finds a host family for the duration of their stay and pays the hospital costs, which are about \$6,000. The operations are performed at either Montefiore Children's Hospital by Dr. Samuel Weinstein, or at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center by Dr. Suvro Sett. Both surgeons and their staff donate their services.

The life-saving surgery for two-year-old Austin from Nigeria is tentatively set for Nov. 10. The Club would welcome any donations, including a child's car seat,

stroller or clothing for the child. Cards or letters of encouragement would also be appreciated. One can find out more about the Gift of Life program and Bronx Rotary at www.BronxRotaryClub.org. If you would like to visit the child in the hospital or donate, please call Rev. Susan Chadwick at 718-885-3658.

The Bronx Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. at The Harbor restaurant on City Island. Third Tuesdays of the month are sunset meetings at 6 p.m. and the location varies. Call 718-617-1600 for details. Come and check us out!

Marguerite Chadwick-Juner

Cub Scout Pack 211

Cub Scout Pack 211, after a delayed start, is off to a tremendous new season with 16 new recruits, mostly from off the Island. We guess the good news is spreading. The size of the pack has grown by almost 100 percent. We are off and running with some high adventure and exciting trips planned for the season. The scouts have already gone fishing with their fathers on one of the Island charter boats and caught huge porgies. This will soon be followed by a visit to the Air Power Museum in Long Island, where the scouts will experience climbing on WW2 fighter jets and other aircraft.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new recruits and their new leaders. The Tiger group and the new adult leader James Goonan would like to welcome Aron Glynn, Ginutis Sipas, Carlo Fragola, Joseph Goonan and Rasma Pedersom. The Wolves and their adult leaders Phil and Paul Mazzella, along with their new den mother, Dinamonique Taplier, would like to welcome Timothy Stein, Jordan Rodriguez, Christian Taplier, John Wilson and Nicholas Badillo. The Bears and their adult leaders Larry Saulnier, who is also Cubmaster, and Jimmy McGaughn, Assistant Cubmaster, and their new den mother, Shelly Lawrence, would like to welcome Jacob Ocasio, Tyqui Lawrence and Matthew Valentine. The Webelos and their adult leader, Joseph Kramer, would like to welcome Justin Munafa, David Lucher, Gabi Cabrera and Nicholas Moore.

There is no doubt that the new scouts, along with the older scouts, will make us all proud. Stay tuned for more good news. Registration is still open for any young boy from first to fifth grade. We meet on Tuesday nights at Trinity Methodist Church Hall at 113 Bay Street.

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For additional information about the Community Center, or if you are interested in conducting classes here please call 718-885-1145.

Open Monthly Meetings of the Board are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Main Room at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend. For up to date information visit www.cityislandcommunitycenter.com.

NEW CLASSES

Family and Me Fitness: An exercise program for children (infant to 5) and parents. Music and full body movements to benefit the children, toning and aerobic movement to benefit the adults, with a focus on having fun with the children. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. \$5.00 per family. For more information, call Sarah Persteins at 718-885-9122.

Bosu Balance Training: Sundays at 11 a.m. For a great workout, call Janet at 646-544-4292.

The Art of Parenting as a Life Skill: Do you ever wonder if you will get through your children's childhood with your wits about you? Can you remember the competent and well-rested person you were before you had kids? Would you simply like to be a better parent? Parenting Course: Monday nights, 7:30 to 9 p.m., starting Oct. 19 and ending Dec. 7. \$125.00 for 8 sessions. Call 718-885-9305 or e-mail johnscardina@hotmail.com.

Art Classes With Laury: Storytime Art for ages 2 1/2 to 5 accompanied by adult. 12:45 to 2 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 5 -Dec. 14, or Thursdays, Oct. 1-Dec. 17. Eleven classes \$80, limited to 8 students. **Painting the Planet:** Grades K-3, first class 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; second class 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., Mondays, Oct. 5-Dec. 7. Ten classes \$80, limited to 8 students. **Jaws, Claws and Scales:** Create your own dragon (see examples in the Atlantic Emeritus Realty window) for grades 4-8. Tuesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Oct. 6-Dec. 8. Ten classes \$100, limited to 6 students. **Teen and Adult Painting** (acrylics) Seventh- and eighth-graders preparing portfolios for high school are welcome. Thursdays 7:30 to 9 p.m., Oct. 1-Dec. 10, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Ten classes \$80. Some supplies required. Limited to 6 students. For more information or to sign up, call Laury at 718-885-3202. Leave a message!

City Island Playgroup: Beginning Nov. 2, Mondays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bouncing castle and many different toys for all ages. Structured activities, such as circle time, story time and free play.

This group is geared toward children ages 0-4 years old. Each family is asked to contribute \$10 per session, as this covers the use of the center, equipment and snacks. It is a great place to meet other caregivers and children. We welcome your company. For information, please call Sarah at 917-684-6644.

Weekly Schedule

YOUTH PROGRAM

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

Tae Kwon Do: Traditional classes to benefit you physically, mentally and spiritually. Some benefits include improved cardiovascular health, better focus and concentration, increased flexibility and lean body mass. Children will learn courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit. Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. \$10 per class, twice weekly. Call 718-885-3702.

Sally's Playground: Where children ages 1-5 enjoy indoor play. Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Call Sally at 718-885-0349 with questions. \$7 per child (\$4 for each additional sibling). Come and join the fun!

ADULT PROGRAM

Ashtanga Yoga with Vincenza: a yoga instructor certified by Synergy Yoga Center of Miami. Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. for one hour. Please bring a yoga mat. E-mail Vmadonia59@aol.com or call 917-440-3618.

Salsa Dance: Dance your stress away to the basic beats of salsa. No partner necessary. \$50 per month or \$15 per class. Friday nights, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call Nilsa at 917-838-6501.

Belly Dancing: Shimmy by the Sea. Theresa Mahon (aka Salacia) teaches the oldest documented dance in the history of mankind—Egyptian belly dancing. It is a low-impact way to get in shape and tone your body while having lots of fun. Terry has been a professional belly dancer for 23 years and a teacher of the art for 15 years. Classes are held every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. The fee for each one-hour class is \$15. Call 845-358-0260.

Aerobics with Mary: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: half-hour low impact at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 9 to 10 a.m. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793.

Yoga: A beginner-to-intermediate class that includes Hatha and Namaste yoga with some Saroope (restorative yoga). Also tai-chi, which will help balance immune system and reduce pain. Please contact Marc Kaplan for inquiries at marc@ohm-chi.com or call 718-885-2445.

City Island Civic Association: Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every

ALL GOD'S CREATURES



Photos by EYVONNE BAKER and VIRGINIA DANNEGGER

To mark the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of the Animals was held on Oct. 3 and 4 at St. Mary, Star of the Sea and Grace Episcopal churches. Clergy from both churches welcomed and said a prayer for Island pets of all shapes, sizes and species.

month (except December).

FAMILY PROGRAM & MIXED AGE GROUPS

Vilma's Music Together: Music and movement for children ages birth through 5 and adults that love them! Saturdays 10 to 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 718-882-2223, visit www.funtimemusicitogether.com or e-mail info@vilmasmusicitogether.com.

Chess Club: Thursday evenings from 7 to 11 p.m. For ages 13 and up. No need to register; just show up! Call Bill at 718-541-3995 for more information.

Amy Gottlieb

Grace Episcopal Church

In 2009 Grace Church celebrates 160 years of mission and ministry on City Island, and we are here for you. You are welcome to join us for any of our regular weekly worship services, which are as follows: Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 10 a.m.; Evening Prayer is offered every Monday at 7 p.m.; and Morning Prayer is offered every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Here is an overview of what is happening at Grace Church during November, with a preview for December:

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planning a Children's Christmas Pageant to be held on Christmas Eve, and your children are invited to participate! For more information, including rehearsal times, please call Pageant Director Steve Marcus at 718-885-1080.

Sunday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m.: All Saints' Sunday.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m.: Memorial Service on Hart Island/Potter's Field. Please contact Mother Patty Alexander at 718-885-1080 or RevPPA@aol.com by Monday, Nov. 2, if you would like to take part.

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 6 p.m.: Special Thanksgiving service. Please join us on Thanksgiving Eve for a simple service of Holy Communion and thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.

And please mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the sixth annual Grace Church Christmas Crafts Festival, featuring the very popular Grace Café.

Rev. Patricia Alexander

Sons of the American Legion Squadron # 156

The next meeting of Squadron #156 will be on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m.

We are getting ready for the 90th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Lido. Alive n' Kicking will be playing.

Dues for 2010 are \$30. We are also looking for plenty of good members. Stop by the Post if you are interested.

Fred Ramftl, Jr.
Vice Commander, Membership

REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

Narcotics Anonymous: Sundays at 2 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, City Island Avenue near the Bridge.

Thursdays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall, 113 Bay Street.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Mondays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall.

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

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church hall, 116 City Island Avenue (at Pilot Street).

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The World of Fashion

Hollywood has given us many films devoted in some way to the world of fashion. **Lady in the Dark** (1944) stars Ginger Rogers as Liza Elliott, a fashion magazine editor who is plagued by anxiety. In desperation, she seeks the help of a psychiatrist (Barry Sullivan), who helps her analyze her dreams, which are wonderful musical numbers. A mink dress by designer Edith Head is quite a scene stealer.

The Devil Wears Prada (2006) is the story of Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway), a would-be journalist who "settles" for a job for which scores of young women would sell their souls—that of assistant to the managing editor of *Vogue*, Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep). The supporting cast includes Stanley Tucci as designer Nigel, Emily Blunt as Miranda's primary assistant, Adrian Grenier as Andy's boyfriend, Nate, and Simon Baker as Christian Thompson, a rakish writer who tries to capture Andy's heart. The entire cast is excellent, with the scene stealers, of course, being the clothes.

The September Issue (2009) is about the real-life editor of *Vogue*, Anna Wintour, and her larger-than-life team of editors who rule the world of fashion. This film documents the creation of the September 2007 issue, which weighed nearly five pounds and was the single largest issue of a magazine ever published. Although I appreciate a good documentary, I found the previous film much more entertaining.

Another documentary is **Unzipped** (1995), the story of Isaac Mizrahi, one of the most successful fashion designers today, as he plans his fall 1994 collection. He combines inspirations such as the Hollywood Eskimo look and the Mary Tyler Moore show with Ouija-derived comments like "dominatrix mixed with Hitchcock" into a well-received collection. This behind-the-scenes look at the creative side of fashion portrays Mizrahi as being driven by excitement and creativity, despite the concomitant chaos and cacophony.

Robert Altman's **Ready to Wear** (1994), which was released with the French name *Prêt-à-Porter*, features an ensemble cast that has traveled to Paris to put on a fashion extravaganza. The film boasts 31 principal characters and cameos from well-known models and designers. The primary stories revolve around Julia Roberts and Tim Robbins, who spend the film in a hotel room; Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni, who are trying to rekindle a romance; Stephen Rea as a photographer who humiliates a number of female journalists; and Kim Basinger as the caricature of a TV journalist covering the event.

Fashion manufacturing is the theme of the romantic comedy **So Fine** (1981). Ryan O'Neal stars as Bobby Fine, a professor at a private college in upstate New York. To keep his knitwear company afloat, Bobby's father, Jack (Jack Warden), borrows money from loan shark Eddie (Richard Kiel). When Jack can't pay it back, Eddie forces Bobby to come into the business. Mariangela Melato is wonderful as Eddie's wife, Lira, who becomes infatuated with Bobby with hilarious results.

Another film with manufacturing as its setting is **Real Women Have Curves** (2002). TV's Ugly Betty star America Ferrera portrays a Mexican-American teenager named Ana who has a chance to go to Columbia on a scholarship. However, her mother, Carmen (Lupe Ontiveros), has other plans for her. Ana is expected to work with her older sister, Estela (Ingrid Oliu), a seamstress, at a sweatshop. Carmen's cruel tongue makes us cringe, but there is a celebration of full-

figured women that is not to be missed.

Jack Lemmon won the Academy Award for Best Actor for his performance as Harry Stoner in **Save the Tiger** (1973). This dated film co-stars Jack Gilford as Phil Greene, Harry's conscience-stricken partner. The 1970s clothes are wonderful in this rather depressing drama, in which two men try to save Capri Fashions, ostensibly to save the jobs of their employees.

The following three films aren't technically about fashion but have the wardrobes of the leading ladies as the stars of each story. **Legally Blonde** (2001) features Reese Witherspoon as Elle Woods, a perky sorority sister who is determined to follow her boyfriend to Harvard Law School. She is beguiling as a woman who has complete confidence in her attire and is much smarter than anyone acknowledges.

Down with Love (2003) is an homage to the Rock Hudson/Doris Day films of the 1950s with Renée Zellweger and Ewan McGregor, two rival writers and the competition between men and women. However, the star of this film is the women's clothing.

No discussion of the fashion world can be complete without mentioning **Sex & the City** (2008). The movie includes Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), Charlotte (Kristin Davis) and Samantha (Kim Cattrall)—a writer, lawyer, housewife and publicist respectively. The film moves the plot of the TV series forward and is definitely for fans of the show. The clothing is compelling, and the film ends, of course, in Bryant Park's Fashion Week in New York City.

And until next time, happy viewing. . .



Kindergartener Samantha Jean Kucerak and first grader Isabel Whelan were named "Citizens of the Month" by P. S. 175.



Public School 175

Our school year is off to another wonderful start! Our Extended Day Program, which began the second week of school, provides students in all grades with academic support, as well as test preparation for the Specialized High School Exam and the TACHS for eighth-grade students.

Once again, we have received a grant from the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation for an after-school program. This year's program, which serves students in grades five through eight, includes a sports component that changes throughout the year, homework help, cooking and taekwon do. Another component of the Sports & Arts program is the series of trips that students attend during school holidays. So far this year, the students have gone apple picking at Stuart's Farm in Granite Springs, New York, and to see "Toy Story 1 and 2," both in 3D. There will be many more exciting trips to attend in the coming months!

Although our art program was cut back this year, seventh- and eighth-graders have been learning how to sketch and do pen-and-ink drawings with Mrs. Moscone. We have also begun a collaboration with Studio-In-A-School this year. This program pairs an artist with our classroom teachers

to develop and implement a 14-week unit of study. During the first session, the teaching artist will be working with fourth- and sixth-grade classes, as well as class 3M, on a study of sculpture through papier mâché, which will help students develop their creativity, self-confidence and problem-solving skills. All classes from kindergarten through sixth grade will participate in this program by the end of the school year.

We are having several exciting events in the weeks to come. They include our annual Family/Pajama Night for kindergarten through third grade, a Halloween movie and snacks for our fourth and fifth graders, and the Halloween Dance for our students in grades six to eight. The PTA is also having the annual Election Day Sale on Nov. 3. We hope to see many of you there! As always, we are greatly appreciative for all of the support we get from our community!

Please keep in mind these important dates: Nov. 3—Election Day; school is closed for all students; and Nov. 17—Parent-Teacher Conferences from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m.

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The Far Side of the Bridge

A Column about
Bronx County
By MICHAEL SHANLEY

Radicals, Socialists and Communists: The Early Cooperative Movement in the Bronx

At the turn of the last century, a vast influx of European immigrants poured into New York City and crowded the slums of Manhattan's Lower East Side. Life in New York was hard for these immigrant workers and their families. Most were poor, had little or no English and lived in squalid tenements. The buildings were overcrowded, overpriced and lacked both sunlight and ventilation. With only a bathtub in the kitchen and shared toilets in the hallways, these buildings were also unsanitary and rife with communicable diseases. The slumlords were ruthless and known to raise the rent at will, putting families out on the street just to get another family in at a higher rate.

All too often, the working conditions for

these immigrants were as deplorable as their living conditions. They toiled in the sweatshops and factories of New York City without any rights or protection from exploitation. Eventually, they began to organize and turned to the labor unions for help.

Many of these immigrants arrived from Europe with strong socialist beliefs and found work in the garment industry and refuge in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union (ACWU). While trying to master the ways of the American society, they also sought to improve it. The president of the Amalgamated Union at the time was Sidney Hillman, an innovative labor leader and champion of the working man. Hillman's philosophy was that it was insufficient to merely provide better working conditions without improving the living conditions for the workers as well. To meet this end, he appointed Abraham Kazan, director of the Amalgamated Credit Union, to come up with a plan to solve the severe hous-



A doorway in one of the buildings that is part of the Allerton Co-ops, the largest and one of the first cooperative apartment complexes in the United States.



Amalgamated Houses, the oldest limited-equity housing cooperative in the United States.

ing crisis faced by middle- and low-income workers. Kazan, a Russian born socialist and intellect, was totally committed to this mission. To break the stranglehold that slumlords had on their tenants, he crafted a plan to set up a non-profit cooperative for affordable housing.

Just at this time, the New York governor Alfred E. Smith, who was born and raised on the Lower East Side, was instrumental in passing the Limited Dividend Housing Act of 1926. This progressive legislation encouraged the development of affordable housing, and it enabled Kazan to convince the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union to fund the construction of affordable housing for the working class. With a \$5,000 down payment, he purchased a beautiful swath of land in the Bronx that bordered Van Cortlandt Park, Jerome Park Reservoir and Mosholu Parkway.

The first part of the development opened in November 1927 with five buildings containing 303 apartments. Unlike the fire traps on the Lower East Side, these five buildings boasted 26 separate entrance ways. They were designed in the Tudor style and were named the Amalgamated Houses. The apartments were spacious and featured high ceilings, cross-ventilation, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchens and ceramic tiled bathrooms. A central courtyard, with beautiful landscaped gardens, winding walk-ways, fountains, benches and trees, was intended to foster community spirit and pride. For immigrant families moving from the slums of the Lower East Side, this was utopia!

Shortly after arriving, the new tenant-owners set up the Amalgamated Housing Consumers Society and began selling shares to any cooperator that wished to buy in. In the buildings' community rooms they operated a co-op grocery store, a pharmacy, a kosher butcher, a barber shop, a shoe repair shop, a tea room and a credit union. The annual profits were then distributed to the shareholders each year.

In 1928 the sixth building opened with an impressive library containing many volumes in both Yiddish and English. The building also housed an auditorium, where lectures, concerts, meetings and other cultural events were held. The year 1929 saw the seventh building open.

Other workers' cooperatives began to go up in the Bronx. On vacant land located at Allerton Avenue across from Bronx Park, active members of the Communist Party created a community where they could put their socialist ideals into practice. Here, in 1927, they constructed The United Workers Cooperative Colony, a 740-unit Tudor-style complex complete with hammers and sickles carved into its limestone lintels. This community was commonly called the Allerton Coops (pronounced kooops).

From the Co-ops, the residents set out to live their ideals. Neighbors referred to each other as "comrades," and residents were called "coopniks." Families marched in the May Day parade held in Union Square every May 1, and vigorous political debates and organizing took place in the common rooms of each building. Instead of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the children of the Co-ops joined the Young Communist Group and the Young Pioneer League. As most of the original cooperators came from the appalling tenements of the Lower East Side, the official policy of the Coops was that no one could be evicted if they couldn't pay their rent.

People from all over the world came to see this workers' paradise. The Co-ops library held 20,000 volumes—in English, Russian and Yiddish. The courtyards were landscaped into well-tended gardens. Youth clubs flourished in basements and the common rooms were busy with communal and cultural activities.

Two other workers' cooperatives were built in the Bronx in the late 1920s. The Sholem Aleichem Cooperative located on Giles Place was strictly socialist and actively worked to preserve and promote the growth of Yiddish culture. These tenant-owners believed that art, music and theater were instruments of empowerment.

The Farband Houses in Williamsbridge is a four-building complex built by the National Jewish Workers' Alliance, a Labor Zionist organization. Most of the original cooperators were communists who actively worked and supported the setting up of a socialist Jewish state in Palestine during the 1920s and 1930s.

Today only the Amalgamated remains as a cooperative (the other three cooperatives defaulted on their loans in the years following World War II and are now owned and managed by private corporations). In the 1960s, the first original buildings were torn down to make way for two modern high-rise towers. With the towers, the current size of the Amalgamated Houses is 1,500 families in 11 buildings on 15 acres. Its footprint is approximately half a mile by half a mile. It remains a living testament to the cooperative housing movement and is often used as a model for affordable housing today.

These early cooperators rejected the squalor of the tenements of the Lower East Side and found a little utopia in the Bronx, where millions of immigrants saw the Bronx as the next stepping stone to the American dream.

Points of interest:

- The Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 97 Orchard Street. This museum tells the story of this building and the actual immigrant families who lived in it. Built in 1863, this tenement was home to nearly 7,000 working-class immigrants.

- The Amalgamated Houses, located at Sedgwick Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South. Built between 1927 and 1930, this is the oldest limited-equity housing cooperative in the United States.

- The United Workers Cooperative Colony, (the Allerton Coops), located at Bronx Park East between Allerton and Arnow Avenues. When built in 1927, it was the largest and one of the first cooperative apartment complexes in the United States. On Sept. 11, 1986, the United Workers Cooperative Colony was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

- Sholem Aleichem Houses, located on Giles Place just west of Sedgwick Avenue in Van Cortlandt Village, West Bronx. This beautiful complex is named for the famous Jewish humorist and Yiddish playwright who died in 1916.

- Footnote: Abraham Kazan is considered the father of American cooperative housing. He believed that good housing conditions do not guarantee normal, healthy people and families, yet he was convinced that substandard housing does directly and adversely affect health, morale and the social conditions of those who live in it. Today, well over 100,000 New Yorkers live in homes directly built by Kazan's efforts. His life's work was recognized in many ways. He was the first person in New York City history to have a street named for him in his lifetime (Abraham Kazan Street on Manhattan's Lower East Side). In addition to developing the Amalgamated Houses, he also was a resident and served as its president for 40 years. Kazan also developed Co-op City, in the Bronx, which is the largest cooperative development in the world.

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Unleash the Power of Fiber

For most people, reckless snacking derails their healthy diet, leaving them frustrated and overweight. Do you eat a healthy lunch only to succumb to the vending machine an hour later? If so, I've got good news for you. With just a few adjustments to your diet, you can effortlessly kick your snacking habit to the curb.

The urge to snack happens when your blood sugar levels drop—giving your body the message that you need more fuel. (Enter the vending machine.) This happens after eating meals that are low in fiber, low in calories and high in sugar.

The solution? Eat meals that are filled with fiber, and you will stabilize your blood sugar levels and feel full longer.

Researchers have done their homework on fiber, and the results spell easy weight loss for all who listen. By consuming an extra 14 grams of fiber each day, you can cut your calorie intake by a full 10 percent. People who consume more fiber (as low as 20 grams per day) weigh an average of 8 pounds less than people who consume low fiber (closer to 10 grams per day).

There are two main reasons that high fiber leads to weight loss: 1) Fiber fills you up and stabilizes blood sugar for hours. This tames your appetite and protects you from needless snacking, and 2) foods that are high in fiber aren't as calorie dense. When you fill up on high fiber foods, you eat just as much but take in fewer calories.

It's always easier to understand a concept like this when real life examples are given. So here's a review of a low-fiber, high-sugar diet that "Jane" was eating. Let's see the small changes she made to increase her fiber content and stabilize blood sugar.

Breakfast: Jane would typically eat a packet of instant oatmeal made with low-fat milk and topped with banana and brown sug-

ar. On the way to work, she would also grab a mocha or a latte.

Snack: Without fail by 10 a.m., Jane's stomach would growl, sending her to the vending machine. She would end up with a small bag of chips, crackers or candy to hold her over until lunch.

Lunch: By noon Jane was starving again and would inhale her packed lunch of a medium-sized bagel with low-fat cream cheese and deli slices and a small container of yogurt.

Snack: At 3 p.m. Jane's appetite would soar and she would scavenge the office for a small snack to hold her over until dinner. She usually found part of a leftover pastry or cookies, and if all else failed she would once again turn to the vending machine.

Dinner: Most nights Jane would make a dinner of chicken breast, instant rice and a small salad; some nights she would substitute pasta for the rice.

Snack: Every night at 10 p.m., Jane would find herself back in the kitchen in search of something sweet. Most often she would have a bowl of low-fat ice cream or sorbet before going to bed.

Did you notice a trend in Jane's diet? Although she kept her selections fairly low in fat, she ate hardly any fiber, which left her battling hunger all day. Her meals were also very high in sugar, which caused her blood sugar levels to jump up and plunge down throughout the day.

Here's the revised version of Jane's meals:

Breakfast: Instead of the instant oatmeal, Jane switched to using old fashioned (intact) oats. She then topped it with broken walnut pieces and banana slices. Instead of drinking a high-sugar mocha or a latte, she started drinking hot tea.

Snack: Much to her surprise, 10 a.m. came and went without so much as a hunger pang. Jane kept her focus and worked through till lunch.

Lunch: For lunch Jane had a cup of lentil soup, a slice of rye bread and a cup of steamed veggies.

Snack: 3 p.m. came and went, and again Jane didn't feel the need for a snack. On her way home, she ate a small handful of almonds.

Dinner: This meal didn't change much for Jane. Instead of instant rice she made brown or wild rice, and instead of white pasta she made whole wheat pasta. She also added a vegetable dish to dinner, in addition to the salad.

Snack: Most nights Jane has skipped her late night snack since she just doesn't feel hungry. On those nights that she does want a sweet treat she enjoys sliced fruit.

Now that didn't look hard, did it? As you probably noticed, Jane's daily calories dropped dramatically after she started adding fiber to each meal. Her percentage of calories from fat also dropped, since her snack foods had been high in fat.

This means that Jane is effortlessly losing weight simply by consuming more fiber. You can follow Jane's lead by evolving your diet

to include higher levels of fiber. To expedite your weight loss, be sure to include a consistent and challenging exercise routine.

Check Your Fiber Score

How much fiber do you eat each day? Grab a pen and paper and tally it up: Beans, one half cup (7); vegetables, one cup (4); salad, one cup (2); fruit, one piece (3); fruit juice, one cup (1); white bread (1); whole-grain bread (2); white rice, one cup (1); brown rice, one cup (3); intact oatmeal, one cup (4); meat, poultry or fish (0); eggs or dairy (0); sodas or water (0).

If you scored less than 20: You need more fiber in your diet. Boosting your fiber will control your appetite and cut your risk for many other health problems.

If you scored 20-39: You consume more fiber than most people, but adding more fiber to your diet will continue to make foods more satisfying and cut your calorie intake.

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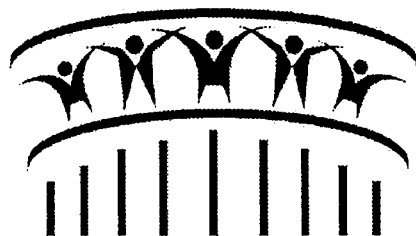
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DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	
01 Sun	0324	0.58	0928	8.07	1611	-0.04	2200	7.31	Sun 01
02 Mon	0401	0.35	1003	8.34	1649	-0.30	2237	7.42	Mon 02
03 Tue	0442	0.20	1043	8.54	1729	-0.44	2319	7.48	Tue 03
04 Wed	0525	0.17	1126	8.61	1813	-0.44			Wed 04
05 Thu	0004	7.46	0612	0.26	1213	8.53	1901	-0.29	Thu 05
06 Fri	0053	7.38	0702	0.45	1303	8.29	1955	-0.04	Fri 06
07 Sat	0147	7.24	0759	0.72	1359	7.92	2058	0.26	Sat 07
08 Sun	0249	7.09	0908	0.97	1503	7.48	2218	0.49	Sun 08
09 Mon	0408	7.02	1045	1.04	1626	7.12	2338	0.54	Mon 09
10 Tue	0540	7.18	1213	0.78	1811	7.04			Tue 10
11 Wed	0045	0.42	0650	7.49	1321	0.33	1922	7.16	Wed 11
12 Thu	0145	0.22	0749	7.83	1421	-0.17	2021	7.31	Thu 12
13 Fri	0239	0.02	0842	8.13	1515	-0.59	2114	7.43	Fri 13
14 Sat	0330	-0.12	0930	8.32	1606	-0.86	2202	7.47	Sat 14
15 Sun	0416	-0.16	1016	8.39	1653	-0.95	2248	7.45	Sun 15
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19 Thu	0052	7.10	0647	0.63	1248	7.71	1936	0.13	Thu 19
20 Fri	0130	6.96	0709	0.90	1318	7.45	2006	0.51	Fri 20
21 Sat	0205	6.84	0739	1.13	1351	7.20	2025	0.82	Sat 21
22 Sun	0240	6.76	0818	1.32	1430	6.95	2054	1.03	Sun 22
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24 Tue	0402	6.70	0957	1.53	1606	6.53	2221	1.25	Tue 24
25 Wed	0451	6.75	1054	1.49	1702	6.40	2312	1.24	Wed 25
26 Thu	0540	6.88	1157	1.32	1802	6.36			Thu 26
27 Fri	0004	1.14	0629	7.08	1302	1.02	1901	6.42	Fri 27
28 Sat	0057	0.97	0716	7.35	1403	0.63	1954	6.56	Sat 28
29 Sun	0149	0.75	0802	7.67	1456	0.22	2043	6.74	Sun 29
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02 Wed	0421	0.11	1023	8.45	1722	-0.68	2306	7.31	Wed 02
03 Thu	0512	0.01	1112	8.51	1811	-0.75	2356	7.41	Thu 03
04 Fri	0606	0.00	1203	8.41	1903	-0.70			Fri 04
05 Sat	0048	7.44	0703	0.08	1257	8.16	1959	-0.53	Sat 05



Children from the kindergarten class of P.S. 175 and their teachers were among the first customers at the American Legion Annual Pumpkin Sale during the weekend of Oct. 2 to 4, 2009. Organizers, including Joe Goonan, Nick Batista, Jack Grogan, and Ed and Keith Shipp, kept the pumpkins and mums coming to insure a successful fund-raising event.



THE HORSESHOE

We recently stumbled upon an old City Island image from the early 20th century. The scene, which was shot from the water, was called "The Horseshoe." Having never seen this name before and not being able to place it from the view in the picture, we turned, once again, to our trusty old copy of John McNamara's book "History in Asphalt." Even when we don't find what we're looking for—and in this instance, we did not—we are never disappointed when we try. "History in Asphalt" is the kind of book that belongs on everyone's coffee table, within easy reach. There's always something new and interesting to be found there.

else's theater got them. Another interesting example we turned up was the present-day Cross Street, which was so named for the ease with which boaters could "cross" to the other side of the Island.

For example, Belden Street, named for William Belden, whose mansion home eventually became the clubhouse for the Morris Yacht Club, was known formerly as Windmill Street. It is not difficult to imagine a bygone windmill standing somewhere on the Island's southern tip. The southerly breezes are still friend to many an Islander. Another example is the Scenic, which was City Island's first silent movie theater. It was situated on Main Street, today's City Island Avenue, beginning in 1913. On the other hand, the location of the IGA is where the Island's last movie theater was situated, and yes, we did get around to the talkies here on City Island, even if the movies we got always came at least a year after everyone

We had an opportunity to "cross" this summer with friends, Bill and Elena, and their kayaks. After a two-hour tour of the Island's northeastern quarter, we found ourselves on the wrong side of the sandbar that stretches from Terrace Point (formerly known as Carey's Point) to High Island. So we carried—dragged, really—our kayaks over the bar to complete our tour. It wasn't the most sophisticated of portages, but it was a portage, a real portage. Our first!

Seeing some of the same City Island sights you've been seeing for years and years, but from new vantage points, can be a stimulating experience, one we highly recommend. A few of the more common sights we have been meaning to acknowledge for a while now include the annual fall/Halloween display in front of Jack's Bait and Tackle and the fine flowery display in front of the Lido throughout the summer and early fall. These two Island businesses have demonstrated a consistent interest in keeping their storefronts clean and, when and where possible, pleasing to the eye.

The onus has not always been on store-owners to keep the fronts of their shops swept and clean on a regular basis. The Garden Club used to pitch in and help, but they can't do it anymore. Today, it is once again up to the Island's businessmen and businesswomen. So if you see something—good or bad—say something. And volunteer to take part in the City Island Clean-Up Day on Nov. 7 (see *Brief* on page 2).

Finally, we invite anyone with information about the Horseshoe to share it (or any other City Island sight or sound, for that matter) with us at jdsstrat@msn.com. We can otherwise be contacted c/o The Island Current, P.O. Box 6, Bronx, NY 10464. Happy Election Day! Don't forget to vote. And remember, if votes don't count, why count votes?

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The Bronx Rotary Club team participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Orchard Beach on Oct. 18, 2009. Pictured are (l. to r.) Islander and team leader Marguerite Chadwick-Juner who walked in memory of her mother, June; Bruce Wallace, Ed Hicks, husband of survivor Janice; survivor Nancy Wallace and Dr. Johnathan Kazdan. Not pictured were team members Igina DeMichele and daughter Sarah and Cheryl Simmons-Oliver.

Pelham Bay Belles Girls Softball

The Pelham Bay Belles Girls Softball League was a success again this fall, thanks to the team's having had access to the City Island Little League field from September to the end of October.

The team played in the WPBA League (Westchester/Putnam Baseball Association), which is the same league as our 17-and-over girls play in during the summer months.

Almost half the roster was made up of girls from City Island. Some of them had not played in years, but once they wiped off the rust, they played as if they had never stopped. The following girls made up the roster: Veronica and Samantha Weyhrauch, Anna and Alyssa Manfredonia, Sarah Graves, Kathleen Reilly, Tiana Quattrucci, Vanessa Neal, Diamond Villegas, Bianca Richards, Celine Marino, Clara Silva and Jahna Romano. The coaches were Jim Reilly, Steve Neal and Bob Carmody. All of the girls' mothers or fathers helped to coach, set up the field, drive the girls to away games, and bring donuts and hot chocolate and even homemade cupcakes.

All of the girls and parents had a great time, whether they were playing ball, mak-

ing new friends, seeing old friends again and, most important, getting to play softball on our beautiful waterfront ball field, how cool is that?

The Pelham Bay Girls Softball League has ongoing registration for girls ages 5-16 and 17 and over. For ages 5-16, call the Pelham Bay Little League at 718-931-9585. Leave a message and a representative will contact you right away. Girls ages 17 and over may call Bob Carmody at 718-885-0088 or may stop by the real estate office at 300 City Island Avenue. No player is ever turned away.

Pelham Bay Softball is a recreational league affiliated with the Babe Ruth Softball League, and everyone has an opportunity to take part in hitting, fielding and pitching clinics during the winter months in the main facility or at other locations.

When the season starts, every player gets to play no matter what their experience level; those who are more experienced will have an equal opportunity to qualify for the tournament teams. The league also encourages parent participation for all age groups, especially the younger girls.

All the players, coaches, parents and friends would like to thank the City Island Little League for the use of the ball field.

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Photo by JACKIE KALL
Captain Smitty on his 90th birthday.

Congratulations to Captain (John Schmidt) Smitty, long-time proprietor of the Silver Arrow antique shop, who was feted on Oct. 2 in celebration of his 90th birthday. The event took place at the Euro Cafe and was attended by many of his friends and adopted City Island family. Captain Smitty thanked everyone for the "greatest birthday party ever" and wishes everyone good health and much happiness.

Wedding bells rang for Islander Elaine Teto, who married Rene Matos on Oct. 3 at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church. Elaine is the daughter of Chris and the late Adrianna Teto of Winters Street and is the granddaughter of Islander Teresa Teto. The bridal party was filled with friends who had attended P.S. 175, including maid of honor Christine Coogan and bridesmaids Casey Quinn, Tara O'Connell and Lynn Calta. The bride's brother, Mando, was a groomsman. The reception was held at the Glen Island Harbor Club. The newlyweds will take up residence on Reynolds Street. Congratulations to all.

Birthday greetings across the miles to Bobby Swieciki, who turns 22 on Nov. 12. Love from Mom and Dad, Stephen and Maria. Best wishes for continued success to Cross



Sarah Alexandra Murphy and Richard H. Pocock III

Street's Hillary Fajardo, who was recently selected to participate in the Nationals' 2009 Miss Jr. Teen New York City pageant this month. Judging will be for each contestant's interviewing skills and modeling routines. Good luck to this local young lady!

Happy birthday to our adorable little Joseph Penny, who turned one year old on Oct. 24. Lots of hugs and kisses from Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt Kim, Uncle John and cousins Kayla and Alyssa. XOXOXOXOXOX

Congratulations to kindergartener Samantha Jean Kucerak, who was named "Citizen of the Month." We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Hunny and Pop Pop. Kudos also to Isabel Whelan, who won for first grade. Keep up the great work! Love, Mom, Dad and Ryan.

On Friday, Aug. 28, Sarah Alexandra Murphy and Richard H. Pocock III were married at the Immaculate Conception Church in Westhampton Beach, New York. The bride is a graduate of P.S. 175, Cardinal Spellman High School and the University of Scranton. Sarah is the daughter of Maria Murphy of Stamford, Connecticut, and William Murphy of New Rochelle. She is the corporate marketing director for Beaute Prestige International, a division of Shiseido. Her husband grew up in Philadelphia and is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island. He is currently a product director for Guardian Building Products. The reception was held at Atlantica in Westhampton Beach. Among the attendants were Laura Knapp McHugh as maid of honor and Eric Neuner and Todd Murphy as groomsmen. The couple currently resides in Hoboken, New Jersey.



Photo by ADELE DICHIARA
Islander Elaine Teto married Rene Matos on Oct. 3, 2009, at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church. The happy newlyweds are shown above with their grandmother, Islander Teresa Teto.



Hillary Fajardo

It's a boy! Welcome to Matteo Francesco Ciccone, who was born Sept. 17. Proud parents are Stacie and Stefano Ciccone of Centre Street. Thrilled grandparents are City Island's Dawn Moen and William Moen of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and Anna Rita and Francesco Ciccone of Italy.

Commander Andrew McCue, son of Linda and Jerry McCue of Bowne Street, recently retired from the U.S. Navy after 21 years of service. Andrew graduated from Villanova on a naval ROTC scholarship and then spent two years in flight school learning to fly the Seahawk helicopter. He completed four six-month cruises in the Middle East and has recently been teaching at the Naval Academy. He and his wife, Donna, and their three children live in Arnold, Maryland.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Maria Swieciki

CI'S ROWING PHENOM



Alycia Daloia Moore

Alycia Daloia-Moore has been rowing competitively for several years. This fall she began competing for her high school's newly established team at the Ursuline School. Alycia and several of her classmates were instrumental in Ursuline establishing a scholastic rowing team. Alycia has had an outstanding fall season and has become an accomplished rower in her single scull, competing in the

Junior Women's category.

Her first race was at the Mystic River regatta where she finished first, winning the gold medal for Ursuline. In her next two regattas, she took silver medals at King's Head, in Philadelphia and Head of the Riverfront, in Hartford, Connecticut. Her next event was the prestigious Head of the Housatonic in New Haven, Connecticut where she again took first place winning another gold medal.

Her fall season culminated in her being selected to row in the world famous Head of the Charles regatta this past weekend in Boston. Alycia competed in the open women's club event against rowers of all ages and abilities. She finished 11th out of 33 competitors and 3rd in her age category and 1st among American Junior Women.

Her final competition of the season will take place at the Head of the Fish, in Saratoga, New York on Oct. 24, 2009. Alycia will also be participating in time trials for the Junior Women's National team in November, in Princeton, New Jersey.

Alycia has been recruited by numerous colleges including Boston College, Trinity University and Villanova University.

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