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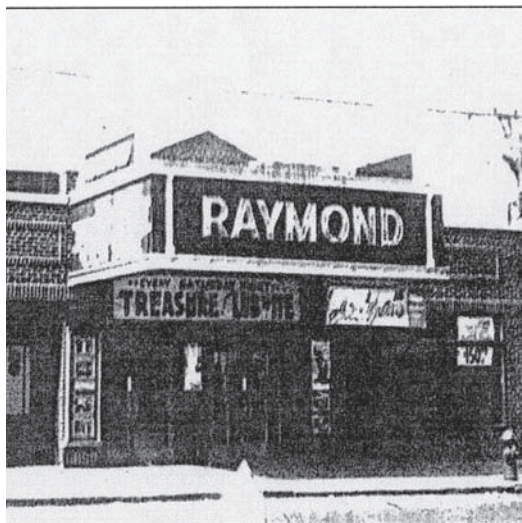
The IGA is Back in Business!

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos by BARBARA DOLENSEK

The handsome new façade of the City Island Market bears little resemblance to the old Raymond Theater that it was years ago.



Paul Scavello checks the temperature of the new freezer cases.

After many months of work, the City Island Market has finally reopened, but it bears very little resemblance to the market it once was. Owner Gabe Scavello closed the market in December 2004 in order to make some improvements, but he had no idea what a huge project he had taken on. Now, however, he is delighted to announce the arrival of City Island's first real supermarket, complete with automatic doors, computer-driven registers, an ATM and a full-scale catering business.

For 10 years, the store was run like a small grocery by Barbara and Billy Rim, who had a long-term lease with Gabe and were responsible for maintaining and insuring the building. Although they worked hard, the Rims did not keep the building—originally a movie theater—in good repair, according to Gabe, so the renovation had to become a full-scale overhaul.

The basement was completely excavated and doubled in size, and there is now enough storage space to enable Gabe to buy in bulk and keep prices low and competitive with other major supermarkets. The second floor now accommodates offices and a catering kitchen, where chefs will prepare hot and cold dishes for special orders.

More important from the point of view of customers, the first floor has now been opened up, the roof completely rebuilt and the floors evened out, so that it will be far more comfortable and convenient for shoppers.



Gabe Scavello is delighted to be reopening the market at last.

Gabe Scavello will run the business himself, along with members of his family, including brother Frankie, son Paul and daughter Rosemarie. "We can't wait to see our old friends who were always loyal supporters of the market," he told *The Current*. "We are offering a full line of merchandise, fresh prime meats, a full-time butcher and a full kitchen with homemade hot foods prepared fresh every day, including a brand-

new rotisserie for barbecued chickens."

He admits that it took far longer to reopen the store than he anticipated. He was left with unpaid bills and no insurance, plus a rotted-out roof whose beams had to be replaced. And then, just as he was on the home stretch, Con Edison mismarked the location of a gas pipe, so that the sewer contractor inadvertently broke the gas line, and later left the gas valve shut so that part of the new sidewalk had to be broken up to fix the problem. And to make matters even worse, during the installation of the sewer line, the pipes were not attached properly at first, so that hundreds of gallons of water flooded the new basement.

But all that is in the past and quickly forgotten, says Gabe. "There have been a lot of changes on City Island during the past 11 years, but the strong sense of community and togetherness is what makes it a truly special place. We hope the people of City Island support our new store. There is no parking, which is a drawback, but we offer free delivery service. If your readers or any of our customers have more sug-



Frankie Scavello gets merchandise ready to sell at the new market.

gestions, we will look forward to hearing them."

Crowley Provides Funding To Help Fight Crime on City Island

By JANE PROTZMAN

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, Congressman Joseph Crowley presented City Island Civic Association President Frank Fitts with a check for \$14,000 to support a volunteer-run community-watch program on City Island. The funding, which is part of a \$100,000 anti-crime package for the Seventh District, was secured by Congressman Crowley as a part of the Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations Bill, which was recently signed into law.

"As the son of a police officer," said Mr. Crowley, "I know what it takes to keep a community safe and I am pleased to announce funding for anti-crime and quality of life programs here on City Island. I want to commend the efforts of the City Island Civic Association and the ongoing hard work of the officers at the 45th Precinct. Together they will continue to make this community and the neighborhoods in City Island some of the best in the city."

The funds will be used to develop and

implement a community-watch program in an effort to prevent crime. The program will supplement the work of the 45th Precinct by utilizing community volunteers to patrol the streets and neighborhoods.

"We are incredibly grateful to Congressman Crowley and his efforts to help keep this community safe," Mr. Fitts said. "He has always been there for the needs of City Island. I look forward to working with my friends in the Civic Association as we put together a program that will hopefully serve as a model for other Bronx communities."

Congressman Crowley has continually shown a commitment to delivering funding and essential resources to the City Island community. He cut through bureaucratic red tape to make sure that Pilot Cove Manor secured the appropriate permits to build its pier, and he was responsible for bringing over \$2.2 million into the Community School District 11 to improve local educational facilities and programs.

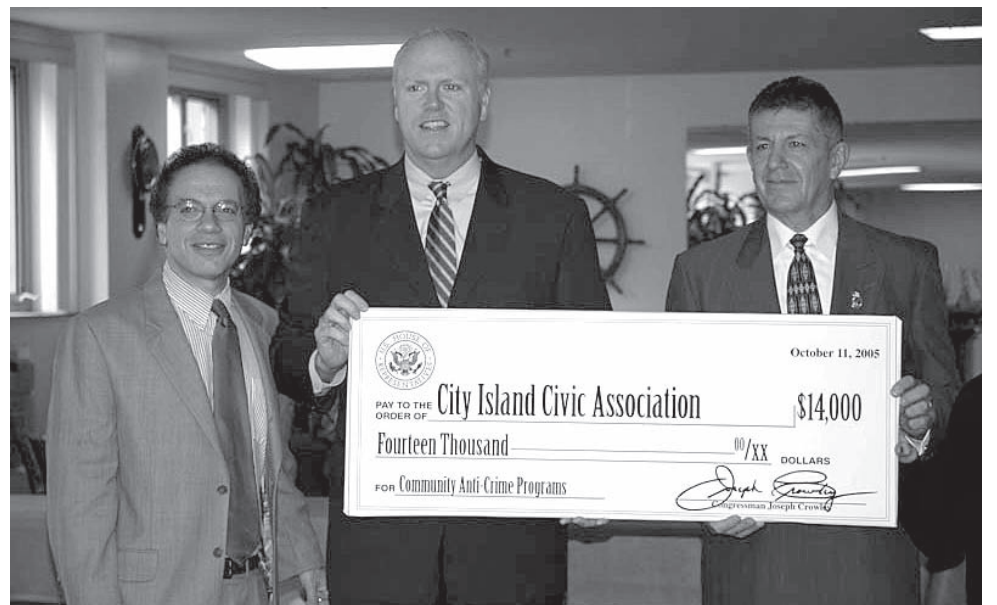


Photo by JANE PROTZMAN

Congressman John Crowley (center) presented a check for \$14,000 to Frank Fitts (right), president of the City Island Civic Association, to support a crime-prevention program. The presentation, also attended by James Vacca, district manager of Community Board 10, took place at Pilot Cove Manor on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005.

BRIEFLY...

BLOOD DRIVE: The Bronx Masons will hold a Blood Drive on Tuesday, Nov. 8, between 4 and 8 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street and City Island Avenue. Almost anyone from the ages of 17 to 75 weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good general health can be a blood donor. Photo or signature ID and Social Security number are required at the time of donation. For more information, call Scott Meyer at 718-885-0374.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS EVERYWHERE! Mark Saturday, Dec. 3, on your calendar for Christmas fair-hopping. Grace Episcopal Church, on City Island Avenue at Pilot Street, will hold its Christmas fair, featuring home-made crafts and baked goods, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. And Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street, will hold the second day of its Christmas fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (The first day of their fair is Friday, Dec. 2, from 2 to 8 p.m.).

CALLING ALL ARTISTS: Be part of the 18th annual City Island Art Exhibition at Focal Point Gallery, 321 City Island Avenue. If you are an artist 18 years or older, start bringing your artwork now to the gallery. For further information, stop by or call 718-885-1403. Space is limited, so please be early. The deadline to get work to the gallery is Nov. 24. There is a \$15 hanging fee per piece, and the gallery will accept only work (chosen by the artist) that is ready to hang and reasonable in size. The gallery will keep 30 percent of the sale price if the piece sells; works that are not for sale (NFS) may also be entered. The gallery will not be responsible for shipping work back; it must be picked up by the artist at the end of the exhibition. Last year 90 artists filled the Focal Point Gallery with paintings, etchings, drawings, photography, stained glass, sculpture, pottery, weaving and more. This year the exhibition will mark the gallery's 31st year on City Island, so get your art together and be part of this year's gala Christmas Exhibition, which opens Dec. 2 and runs through the 31st, with an opening reception for the artists on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

PAMPERED CHEF SHOW: Grace Episcopal Church plans to hold a show of Pampered Chef products and recipes on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 12 noon. Brenda Prohaska will prepare some dishes and demonstrate the use of the products available for sale. All proceeds from this event will support the mission of Grace Church, and everyone is invited to attend. For information, call 718-885-1080.

RAPUNZEL: The Bronx Arts Ensemble and the Lehman Children's Theater Company will present a musical version of the fairy tale "Rapunzel," on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Lovinger Theatre at Lehman College, 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West. The prince must overcome a wicked witch to rescue Rapunzel from her tower prison. Tickets are \$7 each. For tickets and information, call 718-601-7399 or visit the Web site www.Bronxartsensemble.org.

Rodman's Neck Sound Abatement on Track Again

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Now that New York City is not going to host the 2012 Olympic Games, plans for the sound-abatement barriers at the Rodman's Neck Firing Range in Pelham Bay Park are back on the drawing board, as promised 10 years ago.

The noise created by the range, which was deemed excessive by Cerami Associates in 1995, has annoyed residents of City Island and neighboring communities for many years. When New York State passed legislation giving the park land to the New York City Police Department in 1993, local elected officials persuaded the city to limit the hours for target practice and to build sound-abatement barriers. Although \$1.5 million was put in the capital budget in 1998 for the purpose, effective barriers were not constructed and the project was set aside after Sept. 11, 2001.

Although the Mayor has made the reduction of excessive noise an issue for his administration, noise from the range has not

been considered subject to the law. The plans that he sponsored for the 2012 Olympics, however, included a state-of-the-art indoor firing range, and it was hoped by members of the community that this might eventually be effective in reducing the noise.

In answer to letters written the Mayor by two Island residents, Susan Strazzera and Barbara Dolensek, the Police Department responded by reporting that on Oct. 4, a meeting was held at Rodman's Neck regarding the sound-abatement project. Construction is scheduled tentatively to begin in 2006 and will begin on the "Frank" range (there are six ranges in all).

Deputy Inspector Michael J. Hurley said that the "Firearms and Tactics section continues to adhere to the agreement between Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly created in 2002 which established the days and hours firearms training is permitted."

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Music for Hope: A City Island Concert for the Gulf States



Photo by MONICA GLICK
John McGowan and his niece Bridget put up the unique sign announcing the concert.

said. "Then I started to think that maybe we could use the music we got from New Orleans to give something back to them when they needed it." So he organized "Music for Hope: A Concert for the Gulf States," which took place on City Island's Ambrosini Little League Field on Oct. 1, from noon to 6 p.m.

Mr. Glick called the musicians who showcase regularly at his City Island coffee-house gallery about the event. "Those who were available immediately volunteered to donate their time and musical talent, so listeners could contribute to help the Gulf States," he said. "A few musicians even rearranged their schedules to be there." He also asked City Island teen James McGowan to bring younger bands to the outdoor stage.

Performing during the afternoon were the café's regular acts, including singer-songwriters Sam Leopold, Theresa Sareo and Matt Turk; jazz guitarist Lou Volpe; and rock-folk trio Bombshell, as well as City Islanders Dr. Chris Wertenbaker of the Port O' Monkeys Spanish / Middle Eastern band, Lucille Rivin of the rock-folk trio Works in Progress and folk world legend Rich Meyer. Elliott Glick, himself a musician for more



Photo by RICK DeWITT

Watching the television news reports and reading newspapers about the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina left Elliott Glick of Starving Artist Café and Gallery with a feeling of helplessness, an emotion felt by many who witnessed the total destruction of property and the painfully tragic loss of thousands of lives.

"I wanted to make a difference somehow. I wanted to do something," Mr. Glick

than 40 years, performed a song he wrote especially for these times.

James McGowan played with his band, the Unemployed, along with John McGowan, Ben Marcus, Tom Flynn and Christian Padagas. City Islanders John Valessio, Evan Berent and Stephen Lott—as the band, J.E.S.—were also part of the concert, along with punk-rock bands brought in by Mr. Mc-



Photo By RICK DEWITT

City Islanders Evan Berent, John Valessio, James McGowan and Monica and Elliott Glick.



Photo by MONICA GLICK

The concert's finale featured (l. to r.): Theresa Sareo, Lucille Rivin, Sam Leopold, Rich Meyer, Elliott Glick and Matt Turk.

Gowan: Future Society and Zombie Pit Crew. The afternoon even included a belly dancer, City Islander Miriam Vella.

Contributions collected that afternoon, just over \$1,000, will be sent to Habitat for Humanity. It is still possible to make a donation at the Starving Artist. "I have spoken with representatives of Habitat," Mr. Glick said, "and they are already on the ground, trying to make a difference and help people get a home back."

On his long list of "thank-yous," Mr. Glick places at the top his wife, Monica, who helped him organize the event. He is also grateful to his brother-in-law Bill Yehle and his best friend Islander Marion Rosenfeld for all-day volunteering and so much more. Other Island volunteers included Pat Fusco, Debbie Martin, Barbara Ferrara, Carmen Mason, Bob Adams, Abby Adams, Chrislyn Paukowitz and Valerie Della Cerra.

Sitting in the sunshine all day providing

sound were City Island teens John Valessio and Evan Berent, using power donated by Bob Carmody and the City Island Little League. Principal Amy Lipson of P.S. 175 helped promote the event with all schoolchildren by distributing flyers about the concert. She even showed up to hear the sounds as well! A special thanks to the City Island Theater Group for the use of their chairs.

Elliott Glick also wants to thank City Island businesses who contributed to the event: The City Island Diner (which sent much-welcomed sandwiches for performers and volunteers), the Black Whale and Moe's Deli and Mini Market. Thanks too to Olivia at City Island Cards for buying the colored Mardi Gras balloons to decorate the park for the day. A great big thanks to John McGowan for supplying the longest power cord ever seen, not to mention the innovative "Hurricane Relief" sign spelled out in plastic cups in the fence at the entrance of the park!

NOR'EASTER, NOT WILMA



Photo by KAREN NANI

While forecasters and residents were keeping an eye on Hurricane Wilma, it veered off to sea and an unnamed northeast storm blew across the area on Oct. 24 and 25, 2005. You could have gone surfing off the east side of Bowne Street with winds gusting close to 50 mph, while downed trees, like this one on Minneford Avenue, and flooding caused damage around the Island.

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A Current Review

A Festival of One Act Plays

By RACHEL LANICCI

The City Island Theater Group (CITG) recently presented its autumn production, "A Festival of One Act Plays," their third one-act festival, held this year over two weekends in October. In keeping with the group's mission, this year's show featured an intriguing array of well-chosen plays that offered both humor and emotional depth. Part of what motivates the theater group to provide productions like these is to attract audiences that may not be aware just how great community theater can be.

"This is the Title of the Play You are Watching" was written and directed by the theater group's own William Kozy. This play, Mr. Kozy's first, featured a psychological twist on the emotions of a deranged Dr. Mahoney, played by Patrick Mahoney, who delivered a masterful performance as a mad doctor/delusional actor. Also starring were Liz McIntyre as his sidekick, Dr. McIntyre, and Rich Masotti as his wisenheimer patient, Rich, who tries to nudge him back from the margins of reality. As the play questioned the threshold of reality perception, it involved the audience as a participating element. The result was a winning production that set the bar for the rest of the plays.

The next performance, David Ives's "Sure Thing," was a delightful ride through the endless possibilities of a conversation, as Betty and Bill, two attractive singles played by Lindy Tabano and William Kozy, attempt

to get to know each other on a lonely Friday evening in a New York City café. The candid quality of the actors' performance drew the audience right into their conversational dilemma and revealed the beauty of comic timing.

"Buying an Ant," directed by Con Gron-dahl, was a hilarious rendition of a famous Monty Python act. The cast included Jo Heck and Anne Leighton as adorable, masked shop assistants, David Cook as the shop manager, Tom Smith as the customer and Bill Sheehan as Mr. Hartford. Each one demonstrated a powerful understanding of Monty Python humor and did a fantastic job bringing it to life on stage.

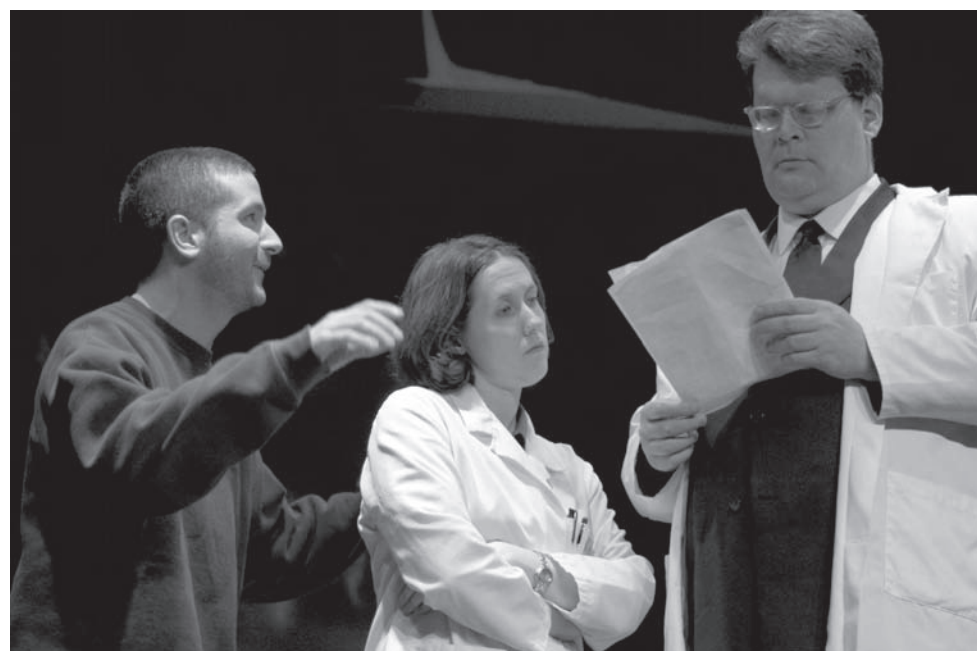
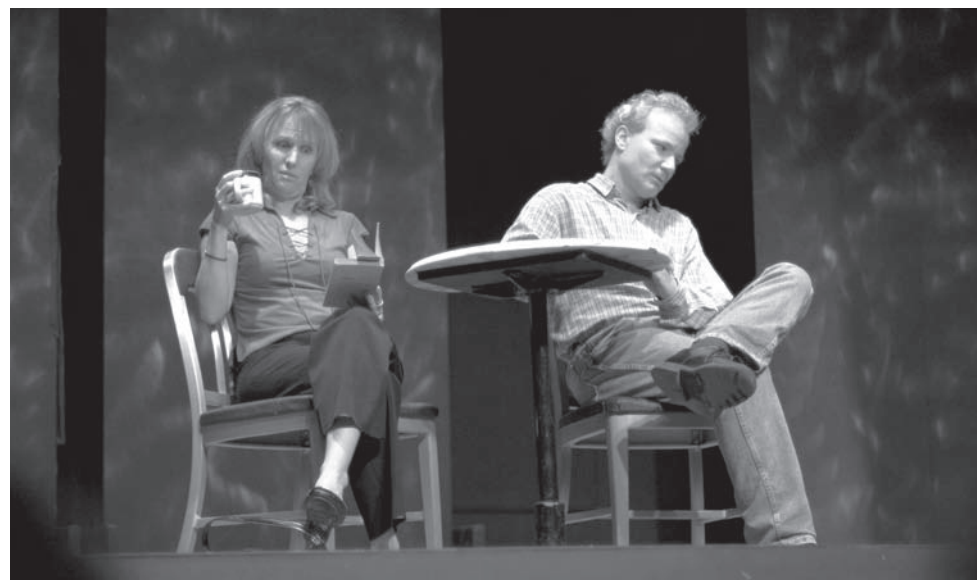
"Restaurant Encounter" was a humorous satire written and directed by CITG member Patrick Mahoney, who also starred in "This is the Title of the Play You are Watching," described above. Ed Inle and Margaret Cioffi enthusiastically played the roles of John and Marcia in a story in which faithfulness is brought to the test. This was the first time Mr. Mahoney showcased his plays, and it was a successful addition to CITG history.

"Zoo Story," directed by Chris McGowan, is a relatively well-known one-act tragedy by Edward Albee. It starred two very talented actors, Eugene Kopman as Peter, a well-dressed young man sitting on a park bench near the Central Park Zoo, and Keith Trauceniek as Jerry, a lonely drifter who

draws Peter into conversation and, ultimately, a violent denouement. Mr. Trauceniek delivered a harrowing performance as he vividly portrayed a man betrayed by humanity, made all the more dramatic by the relatively passive demeanor of Mr. Kopman's character.

As important as it is to have a good cast in a production, the festival would not have been nearly so successful without the great support of the backstage staff, which was

made up of theater lovers like Carol McCabe, who was both costume designer and house manager, stagehand Vicky Gruenler, set designer Dorothy Muccio, lighting technician Susan Velcheck and of course, Nick Sala, CITG president. The entire show was fabulous, and this series of plays was no exception; a wonderful way to wrap up yet another successful season with the City Island Theater Group.



New Neighbors on Bowne Street

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

A few years ago, the residents of Bowne Street, working with the City Island Civic Association, put up a strenuous fight against the development now known as Mariner's Pointe, because it was constructed on landfill that had been deemed illegal and reduced the size of the street beach to a mere patch of sand. The development was reduced from 24 units to 18, but it was eventually built over considerable protest, and by 2004 the 18 units were all sold and the developer had left the premises.

Nowadays, however, the negative feelings have dissipated as the neighborhood has incorporated the new residents into the community. Most of the newcomers are thrilled to be on City Island and live here full time; a few are retired but there are also a number of professionals, including an architect, an attorney, a schoolteacher and even a professional baseball player (now traded elsewhere, unfortunately). Some have already joined community organizations and have made the acquaintance of the Bowne Street neighbors, with whom they have worked to keep the street-end beach clean.

Unfortunately, they are also experiencing the same types of trespassers that bother

other Islanders who live at the ends of the side streets. They would like to devise a way to keep fishermen, loiterers and others from trespassing on their private road, but as resident Gene Albarelle told *The Current*, they don't want to remain aloof from City Island, as gated communities often are. Nevertheless, when fishermen leave fish carcasses on their lawns and broken beer bottles on their driveways, they have reason to complain.

On the other hand, Mr. Albarelle is quick to point out that the Mariner's Pointe residents are all very happy with their new homes. They are not worried about northeasters and hurricanes, because the buildings have been constructed as if they were in Florida. The first floor of each structure, which contains a garage and a storage facility, is built on a concrete frame supported by steel pilings. Because the walls are designed to blow out in severe flooding, the living areas above will remain intact.

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The City Island Theater Group's Festival of One Act Plays wowed audiences in October. Here are (l. to r.) Lindy Tabano and William Kozy in "Sure Thing"; Rich Mason, Liz McIntyre and Patrick Mahoney in "This is the Title of the Play You Are Watching"; Eugene Kopman (sitting on bench) and Keith Trauceniek in "Zoo Story"; and Tom Smith and Bill Sheehan in "Buying an Ant."



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.

On view at the **Focal Point Gallery**, 321 City Island Avenue, during the month of November, are recent works by Marguerite Chadwick-Juner. Originals as well as framed and matted prints will be offered. Throughout the month of November, "Kritters for Katrina" will also be available at Focal Point Gallery. These are hand painted and signed by Ms. Chadwick-Juner and can only be purchased by a donation made out directly to the American Red Cross. There will be an opening reception on Friday, Nov. 4, starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 718 885-1403 or visit www.focalpointgallery.com.

The **Starving Artist Cafe & Gallery**, 249 City Island Avenue, has a full autumn line-up of art and music. On Saturday, Nov. 5, City Island resident Dr. Chris Wertenbaker and his band, Port O' Monkeys, will perform Spanish, Middle Eastern and original music, starting at 8 p.m. The following Saturday, Nov. 12, an exhibition of new artwork from Islander Mark Whitcombe opens with a reception from 3 to 6 p.m. That weekend is also "guitar lovers' weekend," with blues guitar on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m., featuring Bennett Harris, and jazz guitar on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 3 p.m. with Lou Volpe.

Singer-songwriters fill the bill the following weekend: Sam Leopold on Friday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m.; Ken Cunningham, Saturday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m., and Theresa Sareo, Sunday, Nov. 20, 3 p.m. There will be another open mike night for singer-songwriters (and there's one every last Friday of the month) on Friday, Nov. 25, starting at 8 p.m.

Then, on Saturday, Nov. 26, Rubber Soul, the Beatles tribute band, returns—after their sold out shows in October.

Seats are already filling in fast; make your reservation for the two shows (6 p.m. and 9 p.m.) NOW! We end November on a mellow note with the City Island Jazz Quartet, from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27. In early December, there's jazz again as Islander Cameron Greenlee performs at the Starving Artist on Sunday, Dec. 4, starting at 3 p.m.

For more on the schedule, including some additional scheduled performances to the end of the year, call 718-885-3779 or visit our Web site at www.starvingartistonline.com.

Vilma and Daniel Yel have started a children's development class at the Community Center called **Vilma's Music Together**. The cornerstone of the program is to help children develop by experiencing the music together with their parents (or caregiver). Some of the benefits of the program are to support speech development and coordination and listening skills (which are the basis of all learning when they start attending school), as well as social skills. The program focuses on children from birth through five years of age. There is no performance pressure; children are not required to sit still but are encouraged to respond spontaneously to the musical environment. The program includes singing, rhythmic chants, creative movements (from finger-plays to large motor activities), musical expression and instrument play (the play-along jam session is a lot of fun). The classes are entertaining for the kids and parents, but at the same time this is a high-quality research-based curriculum. Classes are held at the Community Center every Friday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. or from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. If you are interested or know someone who might be, call 718-882-2223 or visit www.vilmasmusictogether.com or e-mail info@vilmasmusictogether.com

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19 Vote for any TWO Voto por cualquiera DOS	Verona C. Powell	Ben R. Barbato		Verona C. Powell					
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Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8, between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. The City Island polling place is at P.S. 175, and this is what the ballot will look like (compliments of the Bronx County Republican Committee).

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Organization News

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Current Calendar

NOVEMBER

Tues., Nov. 8, **Election Day**, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at P.S. 175, 200 City Island Avenue.

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

Thurs., Nov. 17, **Community Board 10 meets**, 7:30 p.m., Lehman High School, 3000 East Tremont Avenue in the Bronx.

Happy Thanksgiving

Thurs. Nov. 24, **Thanksgiving Dinner**, 2 to 5 p.m., sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street.

Sat., Nov. 26, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's Schoolyard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: Cut-up turkey with rice.

Sat., Nov. 26, **Christmas Tree Lighting and Carols**, 7 p.m. at Hawkins Street Park, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

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

DECEMBER

Fri., Dec. 2, and Sat., Dec. 3, **Annual Christmas Dinner and Fair**, 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, at Trinity United Methodist Church., 113 Bay Street.

Sat., Dec. 3, **Christmas Fair and Bake Sale**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, City Island Avenue and Pilot Street.

Garden Club News

The November meeting of the Garden Club will be on Monday the 7th at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club on Pilot Street.

In October we did our fall clean-up and spring bulb planning in Hawkins Street Park and at the Brotherhood Tree in the Catherine Scott Memorial Promenade.

Gardening tip: Don't mulch your perennials until the ground starts to freeze. The best mulch materials are leaves, pine needles, straw and bark. Apply a layer of about three to four inches deep around the base of each plant, taking care to leave the plants enough room to breathe.

Phyllis Goodman

City Island Seniors

This august group of seniors meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Trinity Methodist Church Hall. Thirty stalwarts were present at the Oct. 4 meeting.

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Lobster Box on Tuesday, Dec. 6. There will be a choice of several entrees, wine, soda, dessert and coffee. For those wishing to participate in the grab bag, bring a gift valued at \$5. Tickets for this gala event are \$30. Make your reservations early by sending your checks to Island Seniors, P. O. Box 86, City Island, New York 10464; members ensconced at Pilot Cove can make their payment to Betty Fierro.

There will be a White Elephant Sale in the near future, but no final date has been set.

Coffee, tea and cake are served following the meetings. Volunteers are needed to help serve. We depend on those among us who like to bake. If you don't, store-bought cake or cookies will suffice. The suggested contribution for this repast is \$1. For those of you who like to gamble, bingo is played after the meetings.

We were fortunate to have a speaker for the Nov. 1 meeting: Ms. Ellen Kolodney of the Attorney General's staff.

There were two winners of the 50/50 drawing at our October meeting. Both opted to donate their largess to the Island Seniors' coffers.

Since our membership is relatively small,

we have embarked on a membership drive. Unlike the local AARP chapters, there is no obligation to belong to a national organization as a prerequisite. Dues next year will be \$20, payable in two installments, to mitigate the impact on those of us on fixed incomes.

Bring a friend to one of our meetings or to the Christmas party.

Russell Schaller

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island (at 480 City Island Avenue, between Beach and Bowne Streets) is an all-inclusive egalitarian, multiethnic Jewish congregation with Sabbath services on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Shohama will lead the Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday, Nov. 4. Cantor Elaine will assist her.

A special family event for children will be conducted on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 9:30 a.m. It will be led by our Rabbinic intern, Daniel Klipper. Then, at 10:30 a.m., Daniel will conduct our first spirituality service and Torah study workshop.

On Monday, Nov. 14, Rabbi Shohama will lead her SHOHAM class for spiritual healing and meditation at 7:30 p.m.

"Learn to Read Hebrew by Hanukkah" classes will be conducted on Wednesdays (from 7:30 to 9 p.m.). Materials and classes are free to everyone, thanks to the National Jewish Outreach Program. Mort Ellis will lead the classes, beginning on Nov. 2.

Yoga/ Tai-Chi classes continue every Thursday at 6:15 p.m. in November (except on Thanksgiving). Led by Marc Kaplan, the exercises will leave you more flexible, more energetic and refreshed. For more information, call Marc at 718-885-2445.

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

Bob Berent

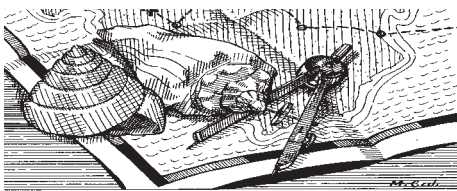
City Island Nautical Museum

Please keep the City Island Nautical Museum in mind during the coming months. Send a check made out to the City Island Historical Society for \$25 (family), \$20 (individual) or \$10 (senior/junior) to PO Box 82, City Island, NY 10464. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Donate objects, maritime books and photographs that you come across in cleaning up your attic or that old closet. We can scan your family or school photographs and return the originals to you. We also need your advice and your money to help create new exhibits for the Community and School Rooms.

Come by some Sunday and see what we are all about and what you can do to become part of City Island's history.

Tom Nye



Chapter 318 AARP

AARP Chapter 318 meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Trinity Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street on City Island Avenue. Refreshments are served after the meeting.

Our next trip to Atlantic City is on Tuesday, Nov. 15. The bus departs at 9 a.m. from 113 Bay Street. For reservations, call Jean Ringel at 718-885-1479 or John Bonicoro at 718-885-1844.

At our last meeting, Flo Bonicoro returned money to some of our members who had booked a trip to Mount Haven with us.



Photo by ANGELO BELLOCCHIO

Cub Scout Pack 211 was chosen to be the honor guard at the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver awards dinner held at the Harbor Restaurant on Oct. 6, 2005. The Silver Beaver is the highest award given to volunteers of Boy Scouts of America. The honor guardians are shown above (l. to. r.): Andrea Brown, Lee Brown, Daniel Green, Jack Green, Michael Bellocchio, Jonathan Nagy and Nicholas Bellocchio. These scouts had to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, the scout oath and the scout promise to a very large crowd of honorees. These young boys made their leaders very proud.

Thanks to James Vacca and an anonymous donation, we received a check for \$1,924.

We have several trips planned for next year. For starters, we will be going overnight to the Tropicana in February 2006. In March for St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Days, we are going to Mount Hawley, Pennsylvania.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, Dec. 9, at the Lido on City Island. Our end-of-the-season luncheon was held there, and it was a huge success, so we booked it again. The chairperson for this luncheon is Florence Quinn. Please see her at our meetings to make your reservations.

Marie Tirelli

Trinity United Methodist Church

We have a lot to report here at Trinity. Worship service and Sunday school are every Sunday at 10 a.m. and all are welcome. Children are encouraged to still attend school. It's never too late to join in!

The Budget Shop will be open on Tuesday, Nov. 15, and on Saturday, Nov. 12 and 26. The hours remain 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome. We could still use volunteers for Tuesdays. If you are interested in volunteering, call Ellie Hebbard at 718-518-7241.

Trinity will hold its annual Thanksgiving Day dinner on Nov. 24 from 2 to 5 p.m. If you are interested in participating or would like to make a contribution (either food or money), please call Reverend Sue at 718-885-1218 or Anne Cox at 718-885-2482.

Our Trustees' communion breakfast will be held on Nov. 27. There will be a guest speaker, who will talk about organ donations. For more information, call Reverend Sue at 718-885-1218.

Our annual Christmas Fair will be held on Friday, Dec 2, from 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be

a dinner on Friday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and a luncheon on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Anne Sill

Chapter 3303 AARP

The Minneford Chapter, AARP 3303, held its annual fair in October. It proved to be another successful fair, both in attendance and in member participation. We want to publicly thank everyone who helped make this fair a huge success. Special thanks to the various chairpersons and their committees for the wonderful job they all did. Funds derived from this fair will be donated to charitable, religious, educational, health and youth organizations in and around our community. Thanks also to the many City Islanders and friends of the chapter for attending the fair and helping us realize our goal. We also appreciate and thank all the vendors from City Island for their donations and contributions.

At this particular time of the year, the chapter urges all its members and elderly persons to get their flu shots as early as possible, before the flu season begins. Remember, Medicare will cover the cost of the flu shot.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, the chapter will sponsor a trip to the Mohegan Sun Casino. We will receive the package of the day and buffet lunch. We will all be trying our luck and hope to come home with some good news. Departure time is 8:30 a.m.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, the chapter will sponsor its annual Christmas celebration at the beautiful Davenport Beach Club in New Rochelle. Complete details will be forthcoming.

Prices and details for the above events will be discussed at our meetings or call Tina De Cristofaro at 718-885-0865.

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Announcements

FALL REGISTRATION FOR DANCE CONNECTION! Second through sixth grade registration for jazz/tap combo class now going on. Thursdays after school. Call Linda at 914-576-5515.

NEW CLASS: Small Potatoes—Creative Cooking for Kids. Join our fall program for six sessions. Call Gina for more information at 845-531-5011.

NEW CLASS: Learn Spanish! An introduction to Spanish for kids ages three to five. \$80 for an eight-week session. Call Alexandra Guzman at 646-796-6200 to register.

NEW CLASS: Next Generation Yoga for Kids. If interested, please call Jodi Komitor at 212-595-9306.

Ongoing Events

Monthly Meetings of the board are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the main room of the Community Center, 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend.

Teen Center: Saturday evenings beginning Sept. 17 from 8 to 10 p.m. Please call Jay Howard at 718-885-2192 for more information.

Belly Dancing With Nadia. Fridays 7 to 8 p.m. Call Nadia at 718-885-9660 for more information.

Juggling for Fun, Health, Relaxation & Focus: Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Class is \$10 per session with a 10 percent discount for each additional family member. There will be a one-time equipment fee of \$15.

Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts: For informa-

tion call Grace Nagy at 718-757-1338. Registration for fourth-grade Girl Scouts will be held in October.

Beginner Knitting Classes for all ages! Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call Carol at 718-885-3190 for more information.

Dance Classes, Jazz/Tap for Grades 2-6: Thursdays after school. Call Linda at Dance Connection, 914-576-5515.

Millennium Babies Playgroup: A free playgroup open to moms with babies and/or pre-school children. Call Brenda Prohaska at 718-885-9040 for more information.

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. Call Deirdre at 201-679-1450.

Adult Tap Classes: Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. Call Corinne Grondahl at 718-309-8041.

Photography Classes: For adults and teens. Call Ron Terner at 718-885-1403 or inquire at Focal Point Gallery, 321 City Island Avenue.

Aerobics Classes: Sundays, 9 to 10 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 to 10 a.m., and Wednesday 7 to 8 p.m. Babysitting available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793.

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

Learn Spanish! Eight-week sessions, Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Call Alexandra Guzman at 646-796-6200 for more information.

Small Potatoes-Creative Cooking for Kids: Thursdays. Call Gina for more information at 845-531-5011.

Vilma's Music Together: Music and movement for children, newborn through age five, and the adults that love them! Fridays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. or 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. For more information, call 718-882-2223, visit www.vilmasmusictogether.com or e-mail to info@vilmasmusictogether.com.

Amy Gottlieb-McElroy

Legion News

We celebrate a number of important holidays during the month of November. Nov. 8 is Election Day, and as the old adage has it: "Vote early and often." Nov. 11 is a very important day for veterans; formerly known as Armistice Day, it marked the ending of World War I, a.k.a. the Great War. It was on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month that hostilities came to an end. To pay homage to the veterans of all wars, it was officially dubbed Veterans' Day in 1959.

Thursday, Nov. 24, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day to commemorate a feast held at Plymouth in 1621 by the colonists and Wampanoag Indians, who gave thanks to God for a good harvest. According to (deeply suspect) local folklore, Islanders and a band of Siwanoy Indians gathered at Rat Island for a clambake that same year. Although the Indians are long gone, Post 156 still holds the annual clambake each year to perpetuate the event.

The annual pumpkin sale was all but washed out, but Buddy Pontecorvo, Post quartermaster, came to the rescue by offering to sell the gourds at his store until Halloween.

A number of events are scheduled for November. Sunday, Nov. 6, will be the Throggs Neck Veterans' Day parade. Marchers are to muster at the Post at 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10, the Bronx County Military Ball will be held at Greentree Restaurant in New Rochelle. Tickets for this sumptuous event are priced at \$60.

On Veterans' Day, Friday, Nov. 11, the troops will muster at 10 a.m. and proceed, at double time, to the Pelham Grove, where a ceremony befitting the occasion will be held.

The Servicemen's Dance will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Post. The usual fare of chicken, pork and vegetables will be served. Drinks and dessert are included, and D.J. Ray will provide music. Tickets for this annual event are \$30. Call General (ret.) Robert Mennona on extension 2595.

Meetings for November are: Monday, Nov. 7 and 21, regular meetings, with an executive meeting on Monday, Nov. 14.

At our Oct. 17 meeting, a new member, Core Meyer, was accepted into the fold.

Mike Treat informed us that we reached 100 percent membership for the year 2005. Good job, Mike.

We all mourn the passing of Anthony Mirabito. He was a first lieutenant with General Patton's Second Armored Division during WW II. Anthony was a very modest man who shunned accolades. I asked him several times if I could write an article about some of his exploits, but he always refused to cooperate. He fought in the five major campaigns in

Europe, earning many medals and decorations.

If you know of anyone on active duty, let us know. Christmas is not far off, and it is our custom to send those in service a token of our appreciation. I can be reached at 718-885-2087.

The Oktoberfest was a great success. The main dish was a roast pig prepared by Gene Valesio. I'll have more on this feast in my next newsletter.

A little tidbit for you WW II buffs. Rosie the Riveter, a WW II character created to inspire women working in defense, was Rosina B. Bonavita, who with a coworker riveted 3,345 rivets on the wing of a Grumman Avenger in six hours.

Russell Schaller

Grace Episcopal Church

Here is what is happening at Grace Church during the month of November.

On Sunday, Nov. 6, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed. If you have a loved one whom you would like remembered at the altar on All Saints' Sunday, please call the Parish Office at 718-885-1080 by Friday, Nov. 4.

Also on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 12 noon we will hold the Pampered Chef Fund-raiser Show in the Parish Hall. All are invited to join Brenda Prohaska for a demonstration of Pampered Chef products available for sale. Proceeds from the event will support the mission of Grace Church.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 6 p.m. there will be a special Thanksgiving service. Please join us on the eve of Thanksgiving for a simple service of Holy Communion and thanksgiving for all of God's blessings. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, at 10 a.m., Grace Church will join Trinity Methodist Church for Holy Communion, followed by breakfast and a speaker in the Trinity Parish Hall. Please note that there will be no service at Grace Church on Nov. 27.

Grace Church has an outreach mission to make the Parish Hall a center for activities and services that are of interest to residents of City Island. Your suggestions and ideas are welcome. There are many talented, creative people in the Church fellowship and in the City Island community, and the church would like to help them share their ideas and activities with others. Some ideas include quilting, needlecraft, painting and drawing, bread-making, baking, scrap-booking, crafts, journal writing and much more.

Programs already in place at the church include a weekly Bible Study, a book discussion group, AA meetings, evening prayer, and Reiki energy therapy. We are also the home of the City Island Theater Group.

Please send your ideas and suggestions to: Ann McGuire, c/o Grace Episcopal Church, PO Box 131, City Island, NY 10464. You may also call 718/885-1080, or email RevPPA@aol.com.

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Public School 175

The kindergarten children are working on improving their phonics and their reading, writing and math skills. They are discussing the history and meaning of Thanksgiving and look forward to celebrating this wonderful feast with their families.

The first-graders are adjusting nicely to their daily routines and are working in their reading community and learning how to tell time.

Grade 2 is being introduced to chapter books. In science class the students are learning about the sun; they will focus on sunrises and sunsets, and on time, such as hours and days of the week, and how it changes. They are working on autobiographies in the writer workshop course, and in social studies they will learn about community workers.

The third-graders are engaged in their first International Day project. They are also working on measurements and are busy reading nonfiction books.

On Oct. 20, Grade 4 went to historic St. Paul's to take part in a reenactment of the Battle of Pell's Point. In the beginning of November the students will visit the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum to learn more about early residents of the Bronx.

The fifth-graders love working with exponents and squaring numbers. They are studying the parts of a plant through scientific experiments and have also started their test prep for the state exam.

The sixth-grade students are enjoying their math and science classes this year and are benefiting from the use of a SmartBoard in learning about scientific equipment. They are also involved in a study of prehistoric humans.

Grade 7 is reading "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton. The students will study the characters' traits and will be asked to create a new cast of characters in the culminating project for the book.

The eighth-graders are reading and analyzing "The Pigman" by Paul Zindel.

The children in grades K through 8 have been scheduled for another intensive year of computers. They have been introduced to the Windows operating system and Microsoft Word, a word-processing program. Once again, there will be great emphasis on information and computer literacy. It is essential that all students have a New York City Public Library card because they will be needed for future assignments.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

The 2005-2006 academic year at St. Mary, Star of the Sea School has made an excellent start with enthusiastic students and faculty. Many new families have been welcomed to the school community, and any new students are City Island residents.

Enrollment is up and spirits are soaring. SMSS is alive and doing well.

With the help of several dedicated parents, the new Home-School Association is under way, and many great plans are in progress. The main goal is to help students learn while they are having fun. The first sponsored event was the Scholastic Book Fair, which lasted for a week, with one night opened to the community. It was a great success, and the students have been reading voraciously.

Over the weekend of Oct. 14-16, for the first time in many years, St. Mary Star of the Sea School sponsored a Fall Carnival. Despite a Friday night rain-out, Saturday and Sunday were very successful. The Home-School Association sponsored the fair, which consisted of rides, games and great food. Thanks are due to all who came out to support this fun-filled event.

On Friday, Oct. 21, the students, faculty and staff spent the day at the Bronx Zoo. This annual trip is sponsored by the office of the Bronx Superintendent of Schools. Students from Pre-K through Grade 8 spent the day on a scavenger hunt prepared by the fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. Audrey Cabbell-Delgado. The students will incorporate their zoo trip into their ELA/Science curriculum.

Halloween was in the air at St. Mary's, and the entire school took part in a door-decorating contest. After a morning of theme lessons, students gathered in the gym to begin the Halloween festivities, which included a costume parade around the parish grounds. Then everyone returned to the gym for a party with food, games, scary stories, singing and dancing. Mrs. Dennehy served as judge for the school-wide Halloween writing and art contest.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated on Nov. 4 at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to join. The Catholic High School Entrance Exam, known as TACHS, will be given on Nov. 10. School is closed on Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran's Day. The annual Turkey Bingo will be held on Friday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. This is a wonderful night for the whole family, and all are invited to come. On Nov. 22, school will once again host a Mission Awareness Day Fair, complete with crafts, foods and games. All proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross to help the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. School will be closed on Nov. 24 and 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is creating quite a stir at SMSS. This classic C.S. Lewis fantasy will come to the big screen in December; in the meantime, grades 3 to 8 will read the book through a shared literacy program guided by Mrs. Angela Mueller, our resident staff developer. The project will culminate in a special evening event consisting of a preview video and several presentations from experts on the novel. After pizza and popcorn, the students will go to the movies and watch this beloved fantasy come to life on its opening day.

The year has only just begun but everyone has been very busy. Anyone with questions about the programs is welcome to stop in at any time or you may call the principal, Mrs. Jane Dennehy, at 718-885-1527.



Baseball's Best

For those of you who already miss the excitement of this most recent baseball season, there is a plethora of films that can be satisfying to watch. The best and most famous of the classic baseball biographies is **Pride of the Yankees** (1942), which stars Gary Cooper as Lou Gehrig, first baseman for the New York Yankees in the 1920s and 1930s. When Gehrig's mother became ill, he signed with the Yankees to pay her medical expenses and became known as the "Iron Man" of baseball, playing in more than 2,100 consecutive games. Tragically, he contracted amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, later known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," a deadly neurological affliction, and had to give up the game. This film has one of the most memorable finales in all sports movies.

Mental illness is the culprit in the moving baseball drama **Fear Strikes Out** (1957). It stars Anthony Perkins as Jimmy Piersall, who is literally driven mad by his father's (Karl Malden) insatiable vicarious desire to see Jimmy play for the Boston Red Sox. Always unable to please his father, Jimmy finally makes the team but the pressure is too great for him. He eventually suffers a mental breakdown and a difficult recovery in this powerful psychodrama.

Those interested in lighter fare can consider the baseball musical **Take Me Out to the Ball Game** (1949), in which vaudevillians Dennis Ryan (Frank Sinatra) and Eddie O'Brien (Gene Kelly) spend their summers playing semiprofessional baseball. When their team is inherited by K.C. Higgins (Esther Williams), she decides to manage it herself. Sparks fly, of course, along with a lot of fine singing and dancing.

Paul Douglas stars in the fantasy comedy **Angels in the Outfield** (1951), portraying Guffy McGovern, the cantankerous manager of the last-place Pittsburgh Pirates. He curses a lot, 1950s style, so all the audience hears is wonderful gibberish. He becomes the focus of reporter Jennifer Paige (Janet Leigh) and is aided by the Angel Gabriel, who helps the team in answer to the prayers of an adorable orphan, Bridget (Donna Corcoran). This delightful film was remade in 1994 with Danny Glover in the manager's role. Although it is not as good as the original, the new version is fine for kids.

Everyone has heard of **The Bad News Bears** (1976), and it is, in fact, a descriptive term now for children's sports, especially baseball. This movie, which probably defined the formula, stars Walter Matthau as a man "hired" to coach a Little League team in California (because they couldn't get a parent willing to do it). The kids teach him that cheating is wrong.

Major League (1989) is literally a major league version of the formula film. The owner of the Cleveland Indians wants atten-

dance at the stadium to fall so low that she can break her contract with the city and move the team to Florida. So a bunch of losers are recruited. The individual characters raise this very funny film above the ordinary, thanks to Wesley Snipes (again), Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen and Charlie Sheen (as a pitcher called "Wild Thing").

One of my favorites is the witty, intelligent, sexy, *non*-formula film **Bull Durham** (1988). It stars Kevin Costner in his best movie role ever as wise, intelligent, patient Crash Davis, a catcher in the Carolina Baseball League, who is hired to mentor a wild rookie pitcher named Nuke Laloosh (Tim Robbins). Susan Sarandon is Annie Savoy, a baseball groupie who picks one player a season to "team up" with. This love triangle is the heart of the film, but love of the sport is also a significant aspect of this wonderful adult comedy. What goes on at a pitcher's mound conference is a classic, not-to-be-missed scene.

Costner's love of baseball continues in the 1989 fantasy **Field of Dreams**, in which he portrays farmer Ray Kinsella, who hears a voice that tells him: "Build it and they will come." So, with the full support of his wife, Annie (Amy Madigan), he builds a baseball diamond in the middle of his Iowa cornfield. The outstanding supporting cast includes James Earl Jones as Terrance Mann, a reclusive writer; Burt Lancaster as a doctor who made an interesting choice as a young man; Ray Liotta as Shoeless Joe Jackson; and Timothy Busfield as Annie's disbelieving brother-in-law.

Another of my favorites is **Little Big League** (1994), which stars Luke Edwards as Billy Heywood, a boy who inherits the Minnesota Twins from his grandfather (Jason Robards) and decides to take over as manager of the team. Edwards does a fine job of portraying Billy as a smart kid who ultimately starts to buckle under the pressure of his career. But he reminds the players about having fun, and everyone learns not to take life so seriously. The film also boasts the participation of real-life players Kevin Elster, Lou Piniella, Randy Johnson, Dave Magadan and Ken Griffey Jr. in a scene-stealing performance.

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By LINDA L. KORDES, ESQ.

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- Between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when the outside temperature falls below 40 degrees, the heat must register at least 55 degrees inside.
- Hot water must register at or above a constant of 120 degrees from the tap all day every day, 365 days a year.

The foregoing guidelines are the bare minimum the landlord must provide, and rent obligations may be abated if a tenant can prove the landlord's non-compliance. Generally, temporary reductions in heat or hot water that are promptly repaired and documented will not result in an abatement in rent. If a tenant has a heat or hot water

complaint, he or she may contact the Heat and Hot Water Complaint Line by dialing 311; of course, the tenant has the obligation to give the landlord access to inspect and repair any problems, as necessary. There is no entitlement to an abatement in rent without proof of notice of the complaint to the landlord, or his agent, as the case may be.

If a landlord has been fined by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development for failure to provide heat and hot water as required by statute, after curing the problem, he or she may be entitled to a waiver of the fines by attendance at "heat school" classes provided by the City. Further information is available on the New York City website (www.nyc.gov) and on the Web sites or in person at Housing Court (www.courts.state.ny.us) or the Division of Housing and Community Renewal (www.dhcr.state.ny.us).

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ANIMAL ISLAND



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From one end of City Island to the other, pets were blessed during the celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Deacon William Mueller of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church and Reverend Patricia Alexander of Grace Episcopal Church imparted blessings on many Island creatures great and small.

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Joyce Hickey

Joyce Hickey, a resident of City Island for nearly half a century, passed away on Oct. 2, 2005.

Joyce and her husband, James Hickey, and their four children moved to City Island in 1960. She loved and treasured her family and friends, animals, and her life on City Island.

While her children attended St. Mary, Star of the Sea School, Joyce was extremely active in the PTA and supported and participated in school activities and functions. She had a warm heart for the teaching staff at St. Mary's and took true delight in helping them in any way they needed. Joyce driving with Sr. Constance, both of them beaming with smiles, was a common sight on City Island in those days.

Joyce was an exuberant believer in community and encouraged her children to participate in school and local activities. Her commitment to City Island was demonstrated by her financial support of all the Island's community organizations and her letter-writing campaigns, which helped prevent the proposed amphitheater at Orchard Beach and tried to help control the noise pollution from planes flying in to LaGuardia Airport. She did all this while dedicating herself to working at the Lido, Anna's Harbor and the Lobster Box for many years.

Everyone was family to Joyce. She welcomed everyone into her home with warmth and love and had a magical way of making people feel special, peaceful and at home. Her front door was always unlocked "just in case someone needed a place to stay."

Joyce Hickey leaves her children Jimmy, Jay, Janet and Jackie and her granddaugh-

ter, Jocelyn.

Her wish was that donations be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in honor of her granddaughter, Jocelyn, who was diagnosed with the disease on March, 27, 2005. For information about how to donate: go to www.jdrf.org or call 1-800-533-CURE (2873).

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Trinity Methodist Church and she was laid to rest next to her husband in Pelham Cemetery on City Island.

Anthony Mirabito

Longtime City Island resident Anthony Mirabito passed away on Oct. 6, 2005. He was 86.

Anthony was born on Jan. 13, 1919, in the Bronx, the son of Salvatore and Vincenzia Mirabito. He graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School and New York University with a degree in accounting.

In 1941 Anthony entered Officers Candidate School, where he successfully completed 90 days of extensive training and graduated as a second lieutenant. Early in 1942 he was assigned to an armored division and was soon on his way to England. From 1942 to 1945, he was a first lieutenant, platoon leader, in the Second Armored "Hell on Wheels" Division, which spearheaded General Patton's Third Army from Normandy to Germany.

Among Anthony's myriad decorations were the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation and European, African, Middle Eastern Service Medal. His unit was in the five major campaigns in Europe, including Normandy, Ardennes and the Rhineland.

Anthony returned to civilian life following his discharge in 1946 and embarked on a successful career in accounting. As a CPA, he had his own business for 50 years. His offices were located on the Grand Concourse and on Eastchester Road in the Bronx. He cultivated a clientele among

many Island residents and local business people.

After his marriage to his wife, Jean, the couple moved to Reynolds Street, where they raised three sons, Anthony Jay, Robert and Michael. They were further blessed with five grandchildren, Katie, Andrew, Michael, Rachel and Zachary.

Anthony was a member of the American Legion Leonard Hawkins Post 156. Contributions can be made to the Post in his memory.

Following a funeral mass on Oct. 10 at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Anthony

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BARTOW-PELL MANSION NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

After an extensive nine-month search, the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum has found a new executive director: Ms. Alexandra Parsons Wolfe of Douglas Manor, New York. Ms. Wolfe was hired by of the International Garden Club, which has managed the property since 1914, in partnership with New York City's Department of Parks & Recreation.

Ms. Wolfe is very excited about her new post at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, which interprets the lifestyle of its 19th century occupants through an impressive collection of important New York furnishings and decorative arts. She has a master's degree in historic preservation from Columbia University and has consulted with historical societies and architecture firms for the last three years.

She has prepared numerous reports, spoken at conferences, and provided research for exhibitions. Her most recent and extensive work was for the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, a

not-for-profit advocacy and education organization dedicated to improving stewardship of historic properties in the Long Island region.

Before working in historic preservation, Ms. Wolfe designed and fabricated stained-glass windows. Her studio's specialty was restoration and new design for historic houses. Ms. Wolfe's work in design stems from her undergraduate training in the fine arts at the Cooper Union for Advancement in the Sciences and Art. She brings an artist's sensibility and understanding to the management of a museum whose structure is as significant as its contents.

The Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum in Pelham Bay Park is a designated National Historic Landmark with a history that dates to the first English land grants of 1666. It is also one of 22 New York City historic sites that operate as house museums. The mansion dates to the 1840s and is executed in the Greek Revival-style, the only remaining example of the 300 hundred estates that once graced the Pelham Bay area.

The mansion and its immediate grounds were rehabilitated by the International Garden Club in 1915-18 using the architectural firm of Delano and Aldrich (preeminent designers of numerous gold coast estates of the early 20th century). Since virtually no alterations have occurred since then, the detailing and plan of the original house are essentially intact. The firm's most visible work can be found in the landscape: a graceful walled terrace garden with a sunken fountain behind the house that is well maintained and open to the public.

Ms. Wolfe looks forward to using her skills in preservation planning, along with her experience in architectural history and the decorative arts to further the interpretation of this important New York historic site. The museum provides guided tours on Saturdays and Sundays for a fee of \$5 per person (\$3 for students and seniors, and free for children under six).

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Happy anniversary on Nov. 8 to Horton Street's Lorraine and Ducky Rauhauser. And happy birthday to their son-in-law, Paul Nani, who celebrates on Nov. 15. It's a party month in the Rauhauser-Nani family. Enjoy!

Congratulations to Matthew Cioffi of Minneford Avenue; he turns six years old on Nov. 26. We love you and wish you all the best. Hugs and kisses from Grandma Marlene and Grandpa Tony, Mom and Dad and Stephanie.

Happy 18th birthday wishes go out to Bay Street's Bobby Swieciki, who will celebrate his big day on Nov. 12.

And happy birthday wishes to Vinnie Plaeger on Nov. 13.

Best wishes for continued happiness to Bay Street's Marlene and Tony Cioffi, who will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on Nov. 5.

Happy 19th wedding anniversary wishes on Nov. 8 to Bob and Diane Carmody, with love from Mom, Kelly and Bob.

Happy Nov. 8 birthday across the miles to Michael Torres, who is living in

Japan.

Happy seventh birthday on Nov. 3 to Lily Kolb, with love from your family.

Belated happy birthday on Sept. 19 to Chase Bank's Alma Olivo and congratulations to her colleague at the bank, Annette Gonzalez, who gave birth to a baby girl, Amelia, on Sept. 1.

Congratulations to former Islander Robert McPherson, who is the subject of a five-page illustrated story about boat repair in the magazine "Good Old Boat."

And a very happy Thanksgiving to all our readers, neighbors and friends.

Maria Swieciki

Late Breaking News

As *The Current* went to press, an alleged shooting incident occurred at Schofield Street and City Island Avenue causing a police investigation that limited the scope of the Halloween Parade. More information will be available in the next issue.

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HELL'S GATE: HALLOWEEN '05





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This year's Island Halloween celebration marked the return of the Haunted House at the City Island Community Center nautically dubbed "Hell's Gate." Once again, the Halloween parade drew a large crowd of costumed marchers, although the parade route had to be confined to the sidewalks because of a police investigation at Schofield Street, where a shooting allegedly took place earlier in the day. AER Realty sponsored the annual parade, and prizes were donated by several generous Island businesses. In spite of the confusion, the weather cooperated and the costumes were terrific. A wonderful City Island tradition marches on.

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