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Fire Guts Rochelle Street House

By KAREN NANI



Photos by KAREN NANI

Firefighters, including those from City Island's Ladder 53, brought a house fire at 171 Rochelle Street quickly under control on Sept. 14, 2014.

Fire broke out at 171 Rochelle Street on Sunday morning, Sept. 14, but was contained by a swift and sizable response from the FDNY. There were no injuries to any residents or firefighters, but the family's cat died of smoke inhalation.

A neighbor spotted thick black smoke coming from the one-story house, which is in the middle of the block on the east side of Rochelle Street, and called 911 around 11:45 a.m. Ladder 53 and Engine 88 from the City Island firehouse on Schofield Street responded within minutes. They were eventually joined by four additional engines and two other ladder companies from off the Island.

"There were over 50 firefighters on the scene," according to Battalion Chief Michael Fahy. He told *The Current* that the usual City Island truck, Engine 70, was out of service that day and its crew was in training on Randall's Island. However, "City Island had full coverage. The house was filled when Engine 88 was sent to cover for Engine 70," he reported.

Paul and Marisa Simon rent the house, which is owned by Danuta Galinat. Paul was out with his daughter and niece in Pelham Bay Park, and his wife was working. Only the family cat, Elvis, was home when the fire broke out. Another neighbor reached Paul by cell phone, and he returned with his daughter to find the fire under control. There was a tearful scene when firefighters brought out the body of the cat wrapped in a blanket.

Neighbors were grateful for the swift



response, which probably prevented damage to the adjacent homes. As they are on many City Island side streets, the houses are very close together on east Rochelle Street.

The rather typical converted City Island bungalow is long and narrow, measuring 70 by 15 feet. One of the firefighters, who was manning the hoses inside, was overheard expressing his surprise at how long the house was. The interior of the house appeared severely damaged from the fire and smoke. Firefighters had to rip down doors and walls and break windows in order to contain the blaze. Chief Fahy said the fire was under investigation as a matter of routine but that it appeared to have started in the bedroom.

Thankfully, there was little wind that day or the fire could have easily spread to the surrounding homes. In addition, the gas was quickly turned off by Con Edison to prevent any explosions. Meanwhile, the blaring sirens of the many engines racing down the avenue startled the residents and visitors who were attending the Arts and Crafts Fair along City Island Avenue near Hawkins Park.

THE 2014 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS WITH SURPRISES

By VIRGINIA DANNEGGER



Photo by VIRGINIA DANNEGGER

Tina Gisante, parent coordinator (at left), and principal Amy Lipson in front of the remaining portable classroom behind P.S. 175.

The 2014 school year began without a certified Pre-K on City Island, but expectations were high at P. S. 175 this September, now the only elementary school on the Island.

Amy Lipson, who is starting her 10th year as principal at the school, told *The Current* that the school year was off to a wonderful start with some great new teachers as well as seasoned veterans. "I have high hopes for teachers and students alike," she said.

Despite the new mayor's mandate, there is no Pre-K program at the school owing to space issues. There are two kindergarten classes this year, and, as Ms. Lipson said, "Schools have been requested to do away with the portable classrooms and to bring all children inside the school building." The portable classrooms, installed in 2004, were used by the second and third grades, but only one of them will be used this year for the second grade, and third-grade students have been moved into the building. The Board of Education will remove the portables when they are no longer needed.

St. Mary's Little Stars, opened by Is-

lander Lisa Moore in 2013 after the closure of St. Mary's School, applied for a Universal Pre-K class, but the application was not approved, owing to a failure in communication between Little Stars of the Sea, the Archdiocese and the Department of Education. When he learned of this, Council Member James Vacca proposed that P.S. 175 have a Pre-K, but there was simply not enough room, according to Ms. Lipson. There are currently 326 students enrolled in the school.

The school day will run from 8:10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is no longer an extended day, according to the terms of the new teachers' contract. The faculty must be given 155 minutes over a two day period to be used for professional development, parent communication and paperwork.

Council Member Vacca was able to secure funding to maintain the existing after-school Sports and Arts program at P.S. 175, and to open or support seven other after-school programs in the district. "After-school programs are a vital to ensuring that our children get a well-rounded education and are prepared for their futures," Mr. Vacca said.



Photo by JOYCE MULCAHY

Emergency vehicles, fire trucks and Con Ed vans packed City Island Avenue for a few hours on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014, because of a gas main break caused by construction workers testing for gas leaks on east Tier Street. They had been making test holes to detect leaks and cut the street on Monday and Tuesday. The main was cut a little after 11 a.m. and residents of houses on east Tier were quickly evacuated from their homes. The break was capped at 4 p.m. and the main was turned on. The workers then tested and turned on individual gas lines.

BRIEFLY...

MAKE SANDWICHES FOR POTS: Volunteers at Grace Church, City Island Avenue at Pilot Street, will be making hundreds of sandwiches for POTS (Part of the Solution) on Friday, Oct. 24, starting at 7 p.m. Food and monetary donations will be accepted, and all volunteers are welcome. POTS is a "one-stop shop" that helps low-income individuals and families move from crisis to stability and, ultimately, self-sufficiency by hosting a food pantry and a nutrition program and providing meals for more than 300 people every day. For more information, contact Brenda Prohaska at 646-286-5594 or email Caroline Coppola at music@gracecityisland.org.

AARP PENNY AUCTION: Come take part in the auction on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 12 noon at Trinity United Methodist Church on Bay Street. Admission is \$7 per person, and hot dogs, cake, coffee, and raffles will be offered. All are welcome!

MONSIGNOR SCANLAN H.S. TO CELEBRATE ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY. All alumni and past faculty of Monsignor Scanlan High School are invited to join the reunion at the school on Oct. 10-12 to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the founding of St. Helena High School in 1949 by Monsignor Arthur J. Scanlan. He wished to establish a Catholic high school that could continue to educate the St. Helena Parish elementary school students and purchased land from St. Joseph's School for the Deaf and named the school St. Helena High School. The school officially opened in September 1949. In October 1971 Cardinal Cooke announced the changing of the name of the school to Monsignor Scanlan High School. In November 1974 Monsignor Arthur J. Scanlan died at the age of 93. Reunions of the classes of 1954, 1964, 1989 and 2004 will also be held at the anniversary celebration. For additional information and reservations, call the Scanlan Alumni Office at 718-430-0100 X13 or visit the Scanlan website at scanlanhs.edu.

DISCOVER BARTOW-PELL DAY: Come explore all that the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum has to offer on Saturday, Oct. 11, from noon to 4 p.m. As part of the Open House NY weekend, the museum will provide mansion and carriage house tours by costumed docents, garden walks, wigwam explorations, trail hikes, children's games and crafts, bric-a-brac and garden produce tables for shopping, and more, plus banjo and washboard music by the husband-and-wife duo Cracked Walnuts. You will see that there is so much more than just the mansion at this family-friendly day, which is co-sponsored by the Pelham Bay Park administration. Discover Bartow-Pell Day is free and open to public. Registration requested by calling 718-885-1461 or emailing info@bpmm.org.

CITY ISLAND THEATER GROUP PRESENTS "EVITA," by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, during three weekends in November. Evening performances will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22, as well as Thursday, Nov. 20. Matinee performances will be held on Sunday, Nov. 9 and 16, at 3 p.m. To reserve tickets, call 718-885-3066 or email tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting the CITG website at www.cityislandtheatergroup.com.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during August and September 2014. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 2 – BURGLARY*
- 1 – DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)*
- 1 – GRAND LARCENY*
- 1 – GRAND LARCENY AUTO*

Police provided details on the following arrests* and incidents for the period from August 21 to September 23, 2014.

8/20 – Police from the 49th Precinct arrested an off-Island female, 19, and charged her with grand larceny auto. The incident took place on Minneford Avenue when a resident returned home to find her vehicle missing from in front of her house. The defendant was seen driving the car in the 49th Precinct and was stopped by police, who ran the license plate number.

8/21 – On Kilroe Street and Pilot Street, two perpetrators were seen entering residences without permission and removing objects. Police arrested an off-Island

male, 18, on Sept. 2 and charged him with multiple counts of burglary (see article this issue).

8/23 – On City Island Avenue and Bridge Street at 2:50 p.m., an off-Island male, 43, was arrested and charged with DWI. The defendant was involved in a motor vehicle accident and was observed to be under the influence of alcohol.

9/23 – Police arrested an off-Island male, 46, and charged him with grand larceny. The defendant posed as an interested buyer and then removed items from the cabin area of a boat in dry dock storage on Sept. 19 at 10:30 a.m. on Pilot Street.



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BURGLARY SUSPECT ARRESTED

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

City Island residents were relieved to learn that a suspect in several burglaries that took place in August had been arrested by the 45th precinct. On Sept. 2, 2014, Jakwon Ramos, 18, of the Bronx, was charged with several counts, including burglary, grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, criminal trespass and petit larceny. He was released on his own recognizance and is due back in court on Nov. 12.

A detective and police officer from the 45th precinct addressed the Civic Association meeting on Aug. 28, and asked that residents who noted anything suspicious call 911. The crimes, including an attempted break-in on Reynolds Street, were carried out during the day, and security cameras indicated that the culprit or culprits were young men carrying backpacks.

According to the district attorney's office, the charges against Mr. Ramos were supported by the account of an eyewitness who observed him leaving the backyard of her house with something under his arm, engaging in conversation with another, unidentified individual and then putting items into a backpack. Missing from her home

were several pieces of jewelry and a computer, as well as a handbag, which was recovered from the spot where the two young men were seen talking.

The 45th precinct continues to look for the second individual but in the meantime, no further burglaries have taken place on the Island.

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DOT Offers Collaboration on Bridge Design Issues

By KAREN NANI



Photo by MARK NANI

In mid-September, workers from Con Ed and the bridge contractor Tutor Perini were digging test pits in the beach north of the bridge looking for underground mains that might be affected by the construction of the new bridge.

Following up on the open house hosted by the city's Department of Transportation (DOT) in May, at which City Island residents were encouraged to review and comment on possible design elements for the new bridge, designers from DOT met on Aug. 13 with a number of Islanders to suggest solutions in the areas of lighting, fencing and a gateway to the Island. At the request of officers of the City Island Civic Association, the DOT designers met with the wider community on Aug. 26 and showed renderings of possible solutions.

After much discussion, the Civic asked for members to participate in a subcommittee to review the designs, and these individuals met early in September to try to resolve the various differences of opinion expressed at the Civic meeting. DOT officials asked for a response by Sept. 8, as they were scheduled to meet with the city's Design Commission and did not want to make suggestions for designs that the community did not want.

A preliminary response was submitted to DOT as requested. Most members of the committee, reflecting opinions expressed at the Civic meeting, objected to the high curved chain-link fencing, which was felt to be prison-like, and asked for fencing that was less oppressive, as well as for barricades that were less massive. Some members of the committee liked what DOT had recommended for lighting, but others asked for a more elaborate design in keeping with lights along City Island Avenue.

There had been much discussion at all of the various meetings about reusing parts of the existing bridge, which are largely corroded and would have to be covered with acrylic or other protective coating. Because it is not possible to build a sign that would extend across the bridge entrance, a sign identifying the site as City Island would have to be vertical. In response to the various proposals, none of which were received enthusiastically, the subcommittee recommended that the DOT simply move the "Welcome to City Island" sign on the promenade, where it is not very prominent, to the park side of the bridge, identifying the community as historic and nautical.

It was also suggested that elements of the current bridge that could be saved might be donated to the City Island Nautical Museum, which would have to agree to maintain them appropriately.

DOT has yet to respond to any of these suggestions, but there will be more meetings with the community to make sure that everyone has a chance to participate in the process. It is highly unlikely, of course, that everyone will agree, but it is hoped that a consensus can be reached.

Clam Chowder Festival Rousing Success



Photos by RICK DEWITT

Annual Arts and Crafts Fall Fair goes enjoyed the fine weather as they browsed the wares for sale along the avenue (bottom photo) and enjoyed tasting clam chowders from City Island restaurants (middle photo). Senator Jeff Klein (fifth from left, top photo) led the roster of judges for the clam chowder contest.

The second annual City Island Clam Chowder Festival attracted a large crowd on Sunday, Sept. 14, when its sponsor, State Senator Jeff Klein, joined City Island restaurant owners and residents at Hawkins Park during the annual City Island Chamber of Commerce Arts & Crafts Fall Fair. Fair goers enjoyed samples of chowders from participating local restaurants and had the opportunity to vote for their favorites, as celebrity judges sampled each of the entries and chose their own set of winners.

The first and second prizes in the People's Choice Chowder awards went to Artie's and the Lobster House for the New England clam chowder and to the Morris Yacht and Beach Club and the Ale House for the best Manhattan clam chowder.

The celebrity judges were Senator Klein, Broadway actress Kara Tremel (on tour with the Tony Award-winning "Jersey Boys"), John Doyle of the City Island Civic Association,

Michael Proietti of the City Island Community Center and City Island Current Fleet Captain Jimmy Felokos.

The judges chose Sammy's Fish Box entry as the best New England clam chowder and bestowed first prize on the Morris Yacht Club's Manhattan clam chowder. Awards will be presented at the Chamber dinner dance on Saturday, Nov. 15.

After the awards were announced, Senator Klein addressed the crowd, saying: "The City Island Chowder Festival is a great competition that celebrates the long-standing tradition of chowder as a culinary specialty of seaside havens. Every restaurant that participated presented tasty and delicious chowders that hit the spot on this crisp fall day." To which John Doyle responded, "The clam chowder competition is a great opportunity for the residential and business community to come together. We're grateful to Senator Klein and the Chamber for reviving this tradition."

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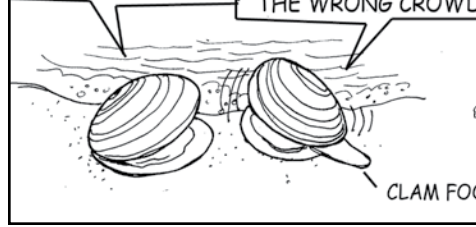


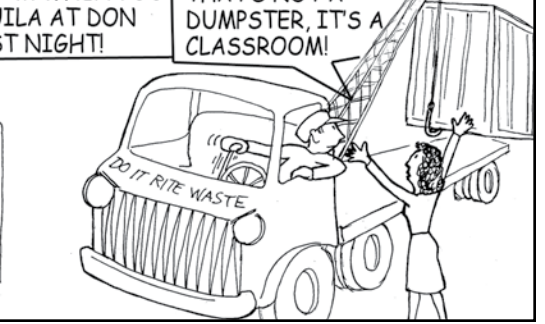
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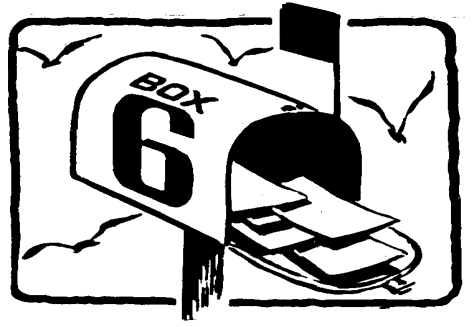
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Thanks to NY's Finest

To the Editor:

On Aug. 18, my house was burglarized, and within half an hour of the 911 call, two police officers from the 45th precinct came to my house to begin an investigation.

Subsequently, nine other officers from the precinct, including a detective, followed up over the next few days. The officers advised me how to protect myself and my property.

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Photo by RICK DEWITT

At the Troop 211 Eagle Scout dinner and Court of Honor on Saturday, Sept. 20, Nicholas Bellocchio, accompanied by his proud family, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout (l. to r.): Greg Clancy, executive committee chairman of the troop; assistant scoutmaster Angelo Bellocchio; Nicholas Bellocchio with his sister, Eva; his mother, Carmela Bellocchio; his brother, Michael Bellocchio, who became a Life Scout, and Waldo Persteins, scoutmaster.

“Evita” Comes to City Island

By MARY MCINTYRE

The City Island Theater Group is thrilled to present “Evita” with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. See BRIEFLY for information regarding dates, times and ticket information. The play focuses on the life of Eva Perón, the Argentinian political leader and second wife of Argentinian president Juan Perón. The story follows Eva’s early life, her rise to power, her charity work and her death at the age of 33.

Nick Sala will direct this ambitious production with musical director Heather Edwards and choreographer Emily Bendler.

Cast members include Ashley Wool as Eva Perón, Nic Anthony Calabro as Juan Perón, Jason Damien as Magaldi, Alaura Imperioli as Perón’s mistress and Giovanni Lazu as Che Guevara. The ensemble includes Megan Bruno, Hannah Glick, Michelle Gonzalez, Sarah Harrold, Keith Kucerak, Thomas Losito, Stephanie Lourenco, Hannah Ludemann, Robert Mulroy, Elizabeth Paldino, Susan Rauh, Keith Rodriguez, Frank Siciliano and Lindy Tabano. The children’s chorus includes Angela Bermudez, Mya Henry, Samantha Kucerak, Lyla MacDonald, Nadine Muensterer and Cheyenne Phillips.

BRONX ARTIST DOCUMENTARY PROJECT GALA OPENING



Island participants in the Bronx Artist Documentary Project, which opened its exhibition at the Andrew Freedman Home on Sept. 13, 2014, were (l. to r.): Carmen Mason, Mary Colby, Ron Turner, Reina Mia Brill, and Marguerite Chadwick.

The opening reception of the Bronx Artist Documentary Project (BxADP) at the Andrew Freedman Home, held on Sat., Sept. 13, was a resounding success. The project is a borough-wide collaborative endeavor in which Bronx photographers have documented Bronx visual artists at work in their studios or at other Bronx venues. Five Islanders were chosen to participate in the project.

The exhibition opened to a packed house with the crowd overflowing onto the wide veranda of the enormous Italian palazzo at 1125 Grand Concourse in the Bronx. Originally designed as a retirement home for wealthy individuals who had lost their fortunes, the Freedman building now features exhibition space with artists’ studios on the upper floors.

One of the purposes of the project is to foster connections between artists and photographers from all corners of the borough who represent various styles, backgrounds and generations, in order to cultivate opportunities for collaboration and greater communication within the artistic community at large.

Photographer Ron Turner photographed five artists in the Bronx, none of whom reside on City Island. Island artists Reina Mia Brill, Marguerite Chadwick-Juner and Mary Colby were each photographed in their working environments by

photographers Cinnamon Willis, Robert Fass and Viorel Florescu, respectively. Island poet and writer Carmen Mason was brought into the project to conduct interviews with the artists, which will be published on the BxADP website (<http://www.bronxartistdocproject.org>) and excerpted for the exhibition catalogue.

Conceived by the Bronx Artists Collective in partnership with the Bronx Documentary Center, the BxADP involves more than 100 individuals, in celebration of this year’s Bronx County Centennial and to increase awareness of the visual artists who work in the Bronx and who enrich the cultural fabric of the borough.

The exhibition of photographs and the special events, tours and discussions scheduled to complement the exhibition will encourage greater appreciation of and interaction between artists and the community. The special outdoor “Garden of Artists” participatory event on Saturday, Sept. 27, will allow visitors to observe the creation of art firsthand and to interact with the artists as they work.

Plans are under way to publish a high-quality art book of these photographs, so that the BxADP and the photographers and artists involved in it will live on in the historical record of the borough. The public exhibition of the photographs will be on view from Sept. 13 to Oct. 8, 2014.

ST. MARY’S FATE TO HANG UNTIL NOVEMBER

In June of this year, the City Island community learned that the Archdiocese of New York was considering a major change to the Parish of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, possibly a merger with an off-Island parish. Fr. Michael Challinor informed his parishioners that the Archdiocese would review the recommendations made by the Presbyteral Council and announce the fate of St. Mary’s and other churches in September.

Since the Presbyteral Council met on June 30 and July 1, additional suggestions for consideration based on further input

from vicars and pastors have been presented to Cardinal Dolan for his consideration.

Auxiliary Bishop John J. O’Hara, director of Strategic Pastoral Planning for the Archdiocese, announced in early September that the Cardinal will postpone his decision until the beginning of November. The Cardinal will be traveling to Rome in early October and did not want to leave the Archdiocese so soon after making an announcement about the parishes; he has also expressed the need for more time to evaluate all of the information and input that he has received.

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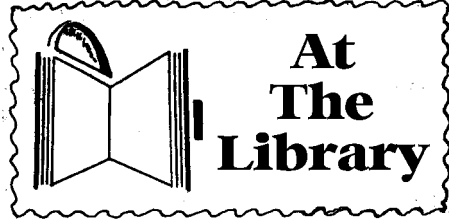




What's Going On In There?
Mary Colby Studio/Gallery (276 City Island Avenue) presents "Organic," an exhibition featuring the works of Don Leicht and Mary Colby, from Oct. 17 through Nov. 2. There will be an opening reception at the gallery on Friday, Oct. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. The gallery will be open every Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. and by appointment; call 917-804-4509.

The licensed aesthetician at the **City Island Physical Therapy and Wellness Center** (464 City Island Avenue) is now offering Facials Night on the second Wednesday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m. The group rate for the facial is \$50 per person. Microdermabrasion+Glycolic Peel Night will take place on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m. The group rate for the combination is also \$50 per person. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment for either of these monthly events, call the office at 718-885-1079.

The Morris Yacht and Beach Club (25 City Island Avenue) will be opening its doors to prospective members this fall and winter. Because of limited seating, the club will accept six reservations per evening. Reservations are mandatory, and it is first-come first-served. Call 718-885-9814 or 718-885-1596. Come enjoy City Island's No. 1 Manhattan clam chowder!



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October Children's Programs

Bilingual Birdies: Returns every Friday at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Halloween Arts & Crafts: Friday, Oct. 24, at 3 p.m.

October Teen and Tween Programs

After School Lounge: Come to the library after school for studying, relaxing, doing homework, video gaming or just hanging out with your friends. Every weekday after school Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October Adult Programs

Special Programs: Following Through and Negotiation: Job inter-

view techniques and job search strategies. Presented by Lisa Pannerello-Gargione. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 11 a.m.

Advocating for Students with Disabilities: How to advocate for students with disabilities under the IDEA. The program will include information about applicable laws, IEPs and IEP meetings, strategies in working with schools, evaluations, filing for a due-process hearing and what that means and more. Presented by decorated lawyer Tracey Spencer Walsh. Thursday, Oct. 23, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet: This workshop is designed to introduce anyone who has never been on the internet before. Gain proficiency in using e-mail, utilizing social media and finding resources on the NYPL website. Every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. Also on Monday afternoons from 1 to 2 p.m. at Grace Church, City Island Avenue at Pilot Street.

Resumé Writing Workshop and Online Job Search: Staff will be here to help you look for employment and get your resumé into top form for the competitive job market. Pre-registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are fine. It is recommended that you bring a flash drive to save your work. Every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon.

Tablet Group: Learn how to borrow and download library e-books, discuss your favorite apps and ask questions about how to use tablets in your day-to-day life. Every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 3.

The Island Writers: The writing group's subject will be "Adventures in storytelling and story writing." Facilitated

by Ms. Gail Hitt. Every Tuesday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Introduction to Scanning, with Dr. Pepper Hedden: Learn how to scan pictures so you can email them to friends and family all over the world, or learn how to scan articles so that when the paper fades, the computer file will remain. Every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday Afternoon Movies: "A Beautiful Mind" on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m.

All movies and lectures for October will be announced; please check our flyers or visit www.nypl.org.

Civil War Lecture by Jeremy McCue: Saturday, Nov. 1, at 1 p.m.

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A large film crew took over Barron's Marine in early September to film scenes for an episode of the Netflix series "Orange is the new Black."

Launching the City Island Culinary Club

By MICHAEL PROIETTI

City Island is known for great restaurants, amazing food and interesting people. I have always been obsessed with the fact that I live on this amazing little island in the Bronx and brag about it whenever possible. I am a clamdigger and proud of it.

My passion for food started at an early age. We would spend our summer days at the beach, and my father would go out snorkeling looking for lobsters, flounder and other fish. I remember him walking in the Sound with a spear gun looking like something out of a movie. My brothers and I would spend the afternoons digging for clams with our feet and collecting steamers and mussels along the shoreline. After that my brothers would run around the neighborhood selling off whatever we couldn't eat. We spent the evening indulging in pots full of the best seafood I have ever had.

From that point on, I knew whatever I did in life it would involve food. It's second nature to me, a huge part of my life then and now. Although I have grown up and live alone now, one of my favorite things is cooking for my family on holidays or just for myself and my mother on a lazy Sunday afternoon. It brings back the feeling of childhood and the sense that all is well in the world.

A few years back, I had the idea of starting a culinary club with a few of my chef

friends. If you know anything about the schedule of a chef, you know that this was a big dream. We work crazy hours, and getting us together before midnight is a huge stretch. So it never happened, but I dreamed.

What I have finally realized is that I don't need chefs to have an amazing culinary experience. Food is part of everyone's life. It's the glue that holds us together on holidays, the reason people travel so far and wait so long in traffic to get on our little island. We all love it and have some connection to it.

So I decided to start a culinary club with a few Island natives at the City Island Community Center. We will meet two times a month and discuss and eat our way through some amazing food. We will cover sauces, organic gardening, pie-making, holiday table displays and Asian cuisine, just to name a few. We will put on community dinners, guest chef visits, trips to farms and other food destinations, food drives, cooking demos and classes and other awesome activities.

This is an invitation. If you love to eat or cook or just want to learn some new tricks and meet some fun people, come join us! We are looking forward to meeting you! Please check our schedule in the Community Center section of the paper or email me at proietti.michael@yahoo.com.



Photo by BRENDA PROHASKA

The City Island Theater Group celebrated its 15th anniversary with a gala party at the Harlem Yacht Club on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014. Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and Council Member James Vacca presented proclamations to the group's board members (l. to r.): Elizabeth Paldino, Maria Provenzano, Susan Rauh, Mary McIntyre, Mr. Benedetto, Mr. Vacca, Nick Sala, Joseph Burck, Carol McCabe, Vanessa Zepeda, Amanda Johnson and Barbara Dolensek.



Bartow-Pell Events

Centennial Lecture Series—Classical America. The second lecture series of this centennial celebration year is a rare opportunity to hear three top experts in the field of American decorative arts speak about the Classical style in the mansion's magnificent ca. 1840 Greek Revival double parlors. Registration requested. Cost: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors and students; members free.

On Thursday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m., Carswell Rush Berlin, American Classical furniture dealer, will speak on "Solid and Permanent Grandeur: The Roots of American Classical Furniture." On Sunday, Oct. 12, at 4:30 p.m., Stuart P. Feld, president and director of Hirschl & Adler Galleries, will give a talk on "Making an Uncollectible Collectible: American Silver 1810-1840." And on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m., Peter M. Kenny, the Ruth Bigelow Wriston Curator of American Decorative Arts and Administrator of the American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, delivers the final lecture of the series: "Battle of the Titans: Honoré Lannuier, Duncan Phyfe, and the New York School of Cabinetmaking, 1800-1820."

First Friday will take place on Friday, Oct. 3, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For the final 2014 collaboration with the Bronx Music Heritage Center, BPMM and BMHC present jazz drummer Luciana Padmore. Enjoy the music, explore the mansion, stroll the garden, and savor light refreshments. The free Bronx Trolley makes a continuous loop from

the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPMM to City Island starting at 5:25 p.m. Registration requested. Cost \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students; members free.

Volunteer Garden Clean-Up Day will be on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Long sleeves, pants, and sturdy footwear strongly recommended. Light refreshments available. Registration requested. Free.

Discover Bartow-Pell Day on Open-HouseNY Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 and 12, from 12 to 4 p.m. BPMM invites you to discover all it has to offer—mansion and carriage house tours by costumed docents, garden walks, wigwam explorations, trail hikes, children's games and crafts, bric-a-brac tables for shopping, banjo and washboard music and more. There's something for everyone! Co-sponsored by Pelham Bay Park administration. Registration requested. Free.

Birding at Bartow will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18, beginning at 3:30 p.m. The fall migration continues with warblers, sparrows, scarlet tanagers, rose-breasted grosbeaks, red-headed woodpeckers, and more visiting Pelham Bay Park. Naturalist and photographer Debbie Becker will point them out on a trail walk. Registration requested. Cost: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors, students, and members.


The Centennial Member Trip to Edgewater will be Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 to 4 p.m.

Built in 1825 on the Hudson River in Barrytown, New York, Edgewater combines classical architecture with a dramatic setting to create one of the Hudson Valley's most charming riverside homes. The private residence of Richard H. Jenrette, founder of the Classical American Homes Preservation Trust, the house is not normally open to the public. The one-hour tour will be followed by lunch at The Tavern at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck. The bus leaves BPMM at 9 a.m. Space is limited; first priority goes to Centennial level members and up. Registration required by Oct. 10. Cost \$115; \$95 senior members.

Cemetery Walk and Ghost Stories in the Double Parlors on Thursday, Oct. 30, will begin at 6 p.m. Take a guided, candlelit walk to the Pell Cemetery followed by a delightfully spooky staged reading of ghost stories by the City Island Theater Group. Space is limited. Registration required. Cost \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students; members \$15 adults, \$10 seniors and students.

For more information, to become a member, or to register for any events, please call 718-885-1461 or email info@bpmm.org. Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is located at 895 Shore Road in Pelham Bay Park. The mansion and carriage house are open to the public for guided tours on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The gardens and grounds are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to dusk. Mansion admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students; free for children under six. Visiting the garden and grounds is free.


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Organization News

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Current Calendar

OCTOBER

Fri., Sat., and Sun., Oct. 3, 4 and 5, **American Legion Pumpkin Sale.** Legion parking lot at City Island Avenue and Cross Street, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 15, **AARP Penny Auction,** 12 noon, Trinity Methodist Church, Bay Street and City Island Avenue. Admission is \$7 per person.

Thurs., Oct. 16, **Community Board 10 meets,** 7:30 p.m., Riverbay Corporation, 177 Dreiser Loop, 10475, Auditorium A.

Fri., Oct. 24, **Make Sandwiches for POTS,** Grace Church, City Island Avenue at Pilot Street, 7 p.m. Food and monetary donations will be accepted, and all volunteers are welcome (see *Briefly* this issue).

Sat., Oct. 25, **POTS Program,** St. Mary's Schoolyard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: beef stew.

Tues., Oct. 28, **City Island Civic Association meets,** 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Fri., Oct. 31, **Halloween Parade,** starting at the corner of Fordham Street and City Island Avenue, 5:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 31, **Haunted House,** City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street, 6 to 11 p.m. Sponsored by the Community Center and the City Island Theater Group.

NOVEMBER

Tues., Nov. 4, **Election Day,** P.S. 175, 200 City Island Avenue.

Sat., Nov. 15, **Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner,** 7 to 11 p.m., Pelham/Split Rock Golf Course.

Grace Episcopal Church

Located at 116 City Island Avenue, Grace Church is a historic Episcopal parish that has served the nautical community of City Island for over 160 years. We welcome you!

Worship Schedule

Holy Communion Rite II, Sundays at 10 a.m.

Volunteers at Grace Church will be making hundreds of sandwiches for POTS (Part of the Solution) on Friday, Oct. 24, starting at 7 p.m. Food and monetary donations are being accepted, and all volunteers are welcome. For more information, contact Brenda Prohaska at 646-286-5594 or email Caroline Coppola at music@gracecityisland.org.

POTS is a "one-stop shop" that helps low-income individuals and families move from crisis to stability, and ultimately self-sufficiency. Among the many things it provides its clients, POTS hosts a food pantry and a nutrition program and provides meals for more than 300 people every day.

Eileen Marcus

Trinity United Methodist Church

Our weekly worship service and Sunday school are at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Trinity often has a coffee hour after the service. Come and join us for worship and fellowship. Children's Sunday school takes place during the 10 a.m. service. All children are welcome to attend.

Save the following dates for up coming Trinity special events: Oct. 4: food sale, including fresh home-made specialties; Oct. 26, Fall Bible Study begins.

Back by popular demand, Trinity will host another square dance with caller and teacher Pat Push on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 7 to 10 p.m. It promises to be fun for all ages, and beginners and singles are welcome. We are asking for reservations by Oct. 10; if you reserve tickets, the charge for adults is \$8, \$5 for children, and \$20 for

a family of four. Tickets will be available at the door at \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Email your reservation request to PatL724@aol.com, or call 917-592-6922.

The Budget Corner is open, and since the collection bin stayed open all summer, it is full of great bargains. The dates are Oct. 4, 7, 18, 21, 25 and 28, Nov. 1, 4, 15, 18 and 29. The dedicated Budget Corner volunteers have been busy all summer, so the fall opening promises to be great. As always, Trinity United Methodist Church is thankful for the City Island community's continued support of the Budget Corner.

Rick DeWitt

Rotary Club of the Bronx

The Rotary Club of the Bronx is proud to announce that the AARP has named our own Bea Castiglia-Catullo, the founder of R.A.I.N., as one of the 50 most influential seniors in the United States. Three years ago she was named as one of the first 25 most influential women in the Bronx. Congratulations, Bea!

At our Sept. 9 meeting, Rhina Valentin, one of the hosts of BronxNet's "Open" series, revisited the club and was presented with a donation of \$2,110. About a month ago, she visited to speak about her diagnosis, during her pregnancy, of gestational diabetes. This fueled her determination to eat healthier, get fit and help the children of our borough do the same.

Ms. Valentin took up running as a part of her fitness regime and challenged herself to run the NYC Marathon. In order for Ms. Valentin to earn her slot at the starting line, she had to choose a charity. She chose Team for Kids and says she couldn't think of a better team to be a part of. This is a team of volunteers who raise funds for critical services provided by New York Road Runners Youth Programs. They have also been training Ms. Valentin as a first-timer to prepare mentally and physically to run 26.2 miles.

The Bronx is ranked the most overweight county in New York City with a rate of 68 percent. Type 1 diabetes has a peak incidence in puberty but can develop at any age. The prevalence of diabetes has more than doubled in the Bronx in the past 10 years. The programs of Team for Kids combat childhood obesity and empower youth development through running and character-building in low-income schools and community centers in New York City, throughout the country and in Africa in order to defeat our health issues through preventative measures.

The Club's donation put Rhina Valentin over the top and secured her spot in the marathon. Run, Rhina, run!

Marguerite Chadwick-Juner

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

Our monthly Holy Hour will resume on Friday, Oct. 3, from 4 to 5 p.m. All are invited to attend this special period of prayer.

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, which occurs on Saturday, Oct. 4, we will have the blessing of the animals on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. in St. Mary's school yard or in the school gym in case of rain.

Our monthly coffee hour will resume on Sunday, Oct. 12, after the 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

Oct. 19 is designated as World Mission Sunday, a day of prayer that all may grow in an awareness of our need to assist in the mission of the church in spreading the Gospel.

During this month, there will be a special meeting for the parents of students in our Confirmation program. Parents and students will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7:15 p.m. in St. Mary's gym.

Oct. 26 is designated as World Youth Day. Let us pray for all our young people as they strive to live in our chaotic world.

As we approach November, our Confir-



Photo by JIM ROMEO

BronxNet's "Open" host Rhina Valentin (center) received a donation for her charity, Team for Kids, from the Rotary Club of the Bronx. Presenting were Islander Marguerite Chadwick-Juner (l.) and Club President Rick Sherman.

mation students will take part in a special Enrollment Mass at 10 a.m. on Nov. 2. Parents and students will participate in the initial event in preparation for the sacrament.

Sr. Bernadette, osu

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island (TBE), Your Shul by the Sea, at 480 City Island Avenue is a stimulating place for observance of Jewish traditions and is an unaffiliated, all-inclusive synagogue. Friday night Sabbath services commence promptly at 7:30 p.m. Please come at 7:15 to enjoy welcoming music as well as an opportunity to meet and greet before services begin. TBE reminds everyone that our High Holy Day services are free. Please mark calendars (consult schedule below) and invite friends. For more information, visit www.yourshul-bythesea.org.

High Holy Day Schedule

Fri., Oct. 3, 6:15 p.m. Join Rabbi Shohama, Reb David and Your Band by the Sea for Kol Nidre, the holiest night of the Jewish year, with a profoundly moving service of spiritual release and purification. In honor of Yom Kippur's themes of purity and simplicity, many in our community will wear white and refrain from wearing leather, jewelry and other ornaments. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and we will begin promptly at 6:15: please plan in advance for traffic and parking.

Sat., Oct. 4, 10 a.m. Join all clergy and Your Band by the Sea for Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement and "at-One-ment." Our full day of services, prayers, learning and purification will begin at 10 a.m. (doors open at 9:30) and will include midday sessions at the Samuel Pell House (586 City Island Avenue). Community break-the-fast will follow evening Havdalah.

Sun., Oct. 5, 12:30 p.m. After Yom Kippur we build our Sukkah, ceremonial outdoor "house" of gratitude and impermanence, in preparation for Sukkot, zman simchateinu (Season of our Joy). Join your TBE Board in this joyful outdoor event. No experience necessary; sense of humor helpful.

Fri., Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. Join Reb Eva and Your Band by the Sea for a special Shabbat during Sukkot, zman simchateinu (Season of our Joy). Oneg of thanksgiving to be celebrated in the Sukkah.

Fri., Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. Join Reb David and Your Band by the Sea for a special musical Shabbat dedicated to endings and beginnings. In an annual tradition dating back centuries, we will unfurl the Torahs for individual blessings, end the Five Books of Moses and immediately begin again in a never-ending spiral cycle of spiritual becoming. Celebratory oneg to follow.

For guests needing mobility assistance, TBE's front ramp is ready, thanks to the donors who made it possible. For the health and comfort of all, please refrain from wearing scents (perfume or cologne).

From the Chesed Committee. All TBE members and friends interested in praying for and supporting others who are ill or need home contact are invited to an infor-

mal gathering and bring-your-own dinner in the TBE sukkah on Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. (before our Sukkot service). Share a meal and help renew our Committee's intentions and focus. We look forward to your ideas for expanding our activities as a healing, prayer and support group for our community. Please send questions and comments to Steven Gottlieb at chessedhealingcircle@gmail.com.

Continuing Adult Education. Reb Eva will lead a monthly class experience on philosophy and theology starting in October. Scheduling announcements will be made at services and in next week's newsletter. Reb David's monthly class (on Jewish history and culture through film) will begin in February.

Ellen Ruth Topol

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

October is "Coat and Jacket Extravaganza" month at St. Mary's Thrift Shop. We are open every Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dates in October are 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 and 30. Come and get your great coat and jacket bargains, as well as Halloween specials, costumes and decorations.

The thrift shop has something for everyone. Come and browse while enjoying a complimentary cup of coffee with friends. And remember donations are always welcome.

Arlene Byrne

AARP Chapter 318

We meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Trinity United Methodist Church Hall on Bay Street. Our first October meeting will take place on the first at 1 p.m.

Our Octoberfest will take place on Monday, Oct. 6, when we will travel to Staten Island for a day of feasting and fun. Cost is \$79.

On Wednesday, Oct. 15, we will have our Penny auction at 12 noon. The cost is \$7 per person and includes hot dogs, raffles, cake and coffee. All are welcome. The more the merrier, so mark your calendars. Come to our meetings and bring a friend.

Rosetta Woods

City Island Republicans

The Republican County meeting is every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

The first annual Bronx Republican Hispanic Heritage Dinner will be held on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. at Maestros. 25 percent of all proceeds from county events go toward the Bronx Veterans Scholarship fund.

The Astorino-Moss campaign and the rest of the ticket are in full swing and will be in the Bronx. They are making their way around the state in preparation for November.

Fred Ramftl Jr.



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

New brochures with membership applications are going out this month. We need more members to expand our programs. Annual membership to the City Island Community Center is only \$30 for families and \$20 for individuals. Please consider joining and think about volunteering. We need your help and support.

To join the Center, to request our new brochure, or to get up-to-date information, visit www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org, call 718-885-1145, or "Like" us on Facebook!

The Center is run by a volunteer board of directors that meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center Main Room at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend this open meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Family Bingo Night: Friday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. Bring the whole family for a night filled with fun and games and outstanding prizes. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bingo cards are \$5, and Center members get one free card.

Awareness: Drugs and City Island Young People: Sunday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m. Concerned families, friends and neighbors are encouraged to explore this difficult issue in gentle and caring discussions led by Jay Howard and Bowie Stivala.

Teen Dance: Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Dances for sixth, seventh and eighth graders who live on City Island or attend P.S. 175. Come join your friends for a night of fun and music with DJ Bowie Stivala.

Haunted House: Friday, Oct. 31, Halloween night from 6 to 11 p.m. \$5 donation for a haunting and fun experience.

NEW PROGRAMS

City Island Culinary Club: Wednesdays, Oct. 8 and 22, at 7 p.m. It is Pumpkin Month and an opportunity to explore ways of preparing that healthy and beautiful food with other people who love to cook and Chef Michael Proietti. For information, call Michael at 646-296-3102.

Art Classes for Children: Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Explore drawing, painting and sculpture, and study Van Gogh, Picasso and da Vinci. For ages 7 to 12 with Lorraine Cantori; call 914-552-5268 for more information.

Francesca's Shamanic Drumming Ceremony and Ritual will take you to a place of self discovery and healing. Francesca Rev. RPP. CRE, Board Certified Polarity/CS, is a Shamanic healer of the soul. Her goal is to heal and help a person feel whole again through spiritual journeying. Journeying is the ability to travel to different spirits into the outer dimensions. Please bring a yoga mat, drum or rattle if you have one to the sessions on the second and last Thursday of the month, from 7 to 9 p.m. For information or to register, call Francesca at 914-837-6830 or visit www.TheeVitalForcefoundation.org.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

Family Puppet Theater: Sunday, date to be announced.

Teen Pizza Night: Friday, date to be announced. A get-together for teenagers, with pizza and apple cider. Come help make pizza and other treats.

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—Naomi Shihab Nye

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City Island Film Club: Sunday, early evening. Email CIFilmSociety@gmail.com.

Weekly Schedule

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Art Classes for Children: See above.

Jill's Playgroup: Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Preschool children are invited to have fun with other children. No charge, but donations are appreciated. For information, call Jill at 917-330-0922.

To Be Scheduled

Introduction to Art Portfolio Prep: For high school prep or just for fun! For info, call Geri Smith at 718-885-1503.

Irish Dance for Children: The Deirdre O'Mara School of Dance teaches step dancing in a fun competitive environment for all ages. For information or to enroll, call Deirdre at 201-679-1450 or visit www.deirdreomara.com.

Afterschool Art Classes for Children: Collage, print making and painting. Call Eileen Stoudt at 914-633-1695 to enroll.

Afterschool Introduction to Acting: Grades 3–6. Children learn to express themselves via theater, song and dance in a warm atmosphere. Call Eileen at 914-633-1695 to enroll.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Aerobics with Mary: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 to 10 a.m. Stay strong with cross fit / aerobic strength training. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793 (AFA Certified).

Belly Dance / Shimmy By the Sea with Kristin, aka Gypsy Curves: Sundays at 4 p.m. \$20 per class; the sixth class is free. Call Kristin Amezcua at 646-625-1575 for information.

Chair Yoga with Michael: Fridays at 9:30 a.m. (Note the new day). Stretch and flex with an easy combination of yoga, tai chi and pilates. For more information, call Betty at 718-885-1095.

Chess Club: Meets each Thursday at 7 p.m. Chess taught, played and discussed. All levels welcome. Come on in! Avoid T.V. Have fun. Call Bill at 718-541-3995.

City Island Civic Association: Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month (except December).

City Island Culinary Club: See above.

Francesca's Shamanic Drumming: See above.

Parenting Group: Meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. We laugh, we cry and we learn from one another. Join us as we share our experience, strength and hope on this journey of parenthood. For information, call John Scardina at 718-885-9305.

Weight Watchers Meetings: Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. with Debbie. This may be the best time of the year to get healthy and trim down. New sessions have just begun at a very good rate. Join a great supportive group! We can do this together! For more information, call Elena at 718-885-2268 or Patty at 718-885-1891.

Yoga with Jo Ann: Mondays from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. \$10. Gentle level-one class. Please bring a mat, a strap and, if possible, a yoga blanket. For more information, call Jo Ann at 917-853-4719 or email joannngny@aol.com.

Zumba with Julia: Want to lose that belly fat? Well here is your chance to Zumba with Julia. It's a high-energy Zumba workout for an hour. Saturdays at 10 a.m. \$10 per class. For questions, call 917-601-5514.

Zumba with Letti: Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Letti's very creative class is a real calorie burner and a blast. Classes are \$10. Call Letti at 917-292-4228 for more information.

Patty Grondahl

Garden Club of City Island

The Garden Club of City Island got off to the new season in fine fashion with a talk and slide show by Island photographer Jane Protzman entitled "Gardens, Gardens, Every Where." Jane's photos of gardens and interesting flora in such places as Iceland, South Africa, and numerous other locations were enjoyed by the members. President Judy

Judson, chairing her first meeting, thanked Jane and promptly began addressing the business of the club.

Although members of the Garden Club have spent the summer watching our planters along City Island Avenue, and most of them are truly lush and beautiful, some have suffered from inattention, too much sun or the abuse of passersby. Some planters have been adopted by residents, and some are tended by nearby business owners, who water or clean out debris when they can. Those efforts are very much appreciated. The planters have also been watered by club members using the 50-gallon water tank we purchased. The planters require five gallons of water each week when we don't have rain. All in all, keeping those beautiful purple petunias and lime-colored sweet potato vines happy and healthy is a labor of love.

In addition to the planters, the Garden Club still maintains many of the public areas on City Island. We have hired Conal Schaller to assist with the maintenance of these areas and to work on keeping the tree pits along the avenue clean and presentable. This is the job of the city or of the business or residential property owners, but we believe that all unsightly green areas on the Island benefit no one. These upkeep measures are not only labor intensive but also costly. Our Beautification Fund solicitation this year attracted fewer donations than in previous years, but our hope is that they will improve as the economy improves, in response to our annual drive, which begins in March 2015.

At all of our meetings, the officers and committee chairs give reports, and we would like to recognize these people for their efforts: Judy Judson, President; Barbara Harrison, Vice President; Ellen Murphy, Recording Secretary; Barbara Dennis, Corresponding Secretary; Joanne Brogan, Assistant Treasurer; Susan Strazzera, Chair, Beautification Committee; Carol Wilkinson, Chair, Program Committee; Lily Bryant, Chair, Hospitality Committee; Gail Hitt, Chair, Sunshine Committee; Francine Alheid, Chair, Luncheon Committee; Judy Judson, Chair, Helping Hands Auxiliary. Maggie Higgins has volunteered to chair the newly revived Membership Committee.

The club will tour Wave Hill on Wednesday, Oct. 8, and enjoy experiencing the flowers, plants and trees that are cultivated at this beautiful public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River.

As always, we welcome prospective new members to attend a meeting, learn what we do and how they can participate, and perhaps join us in our City Island beautification efforts. If you would like more information on the club, please email cityislandgardenclub@gmail.com.

Barbara Harrison

Ladies Auxiliary

Our next meeting will be held on Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Post. On Oct. 3, 4 and 5, the Post is holding its annual Pumpkin Sale. On Oct. 4 we will be selling cupcakes, cookies and brownies to support the Ladies Auxiliary. Any members willing to bake for the sale should bring the goodies to the Post by 11:30 a.m. 2015 Calendars are now available. See Carol Mennona and Linda Ulmer.

Laura Booth

PSS City Island Senior Center

Presbyterian Senior Services (PSS) enhances the quality of life for older adults, caregivers and families by providing information, services and support. Our goal is to promote independence by helping them remain healthy, engaged and connected. We are not your everyday senior center!

All programs, classes and services are available to anyone 60 and over. A delicious lunch is served every day from 11:30 to 12:30, catered by Scavello's.

The center is located at 116 City Island Avenue in Grace Church Hall and is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call Patty at 718-885-0727 to receive a detailed monthly calendar featuring trips, events and activities. Programs are funded by Presbyterian Senior Services and the NYC Department for the Aging.

Wednesday, Oct. 1, Part II. Shingles shots (must have signed up previously), flu and pneumonia shots, mammography van, vision testing, vascular ultrasound. Sign up for memory testing, fire safety and giveaways and visit the table of educational brochures.

Physical Exercise

The exercise program offers classes at various levels of fitness. Drop in and try one of our classes for yourself. Rhythm and Drums: Mondays at 10:15 a.m.; Cardio Fitness: Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m.; Yoga Stretch: Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.; Arthritis Workshop: Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.; Zumba: Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.; Fit for Life: Fridays at 9 a.m.; Line Dancing Fridays at 12:30. Yoga Stretch, Rhythm and Drums, Line Dancing and Arthritis workshop classes are free. The suggested donation for all other exercise classes is \$3 each.

October Programs

Monday, 12:30 p.m., Men's Group, Cards / Wii Games; 1 p.m., Individualized Computer Instruction; Tuesday, 10:15 a.m., Conversational Spanish; Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., Calligraphy; Oct. 8 and 22, 12:30 p.m., Men's Group \$10 Haircuts by Brenda; Thursday, 10:15 a.m., Acrylic Painting with Lois; Oct. 2, Movie; Oct. 9, Piracy Bingo; Oct. 16, OctoberFest; Oct. 23 Birthday Party; Oct. 30, Movie; Friday, 10:15 a.m., Photography (tentative).

Information, Referrals and Assistance

Regarding benefits applicable to seniors, we are more than happy to provide information, referrals and assistance in filling out forms and applying for certain programs. Call Patty at 718-885-0727 or drop by the center.

Caregivers Support

If you are caring for someone or if you know someone who is caring for another, we have some supportive services that might be helpful, including respite, escort assistance and help with shopping. Please call Patty at 718-885-0727.

Transportation Services

Off-Island shopping trips include Shop Rite, Bay Plaza, Stop & Shop, Target, Farmers Market, Trader Joe's, Empire City and more. See our monthly calendar for specific dates. The suggested contribution for a round trips is \$1 on City Island and \$2.50 off-Island shopping trips. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services. Call Tony at 347-834-6466 for pickup or trips.

Patty Attis

American Legion Post #156

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m. The executive board meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Dues are now due. They are \$50.

The pumpkin sale is Oct. 3 through 5. There are plenty of pumpkins and mums to choose from. Lotto calendars will also be available for purchase.

Once again the SAL will throw this year's Halloween party, which will be held on Friday, Oct. 31.

Save the date! Saturday, Nov. 22, will be the Post's 95th anniversary dinner, which will be held in lieu of the annual Servicemen's Dinner at the Morris Yacht and Beach Club. Details will follow.

Football season is here. Come and enjoy the game and see what is happening at the Post.

The VA accepts only clothing donations for our veterans. No books, please. Donations can be dropped off at the Post or brought over to the fourth floor of the VA hospital in Kingsbridge. Female clothing is especially needed.

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Directed by
Wolfgang Petersen

German director Wolfgang Petersen first came to the attention of American audiences with the 1981 release of the gripping film **Das Boot** (The Boat). It is the story of a German World War II submarine in search of Allied vessels in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. The film recounts the lives of the courageous U-Boat captain (Jurgen Prochnow) and his inexperienced crew, who have no loyalty to the Nazis, so the viewer is able to feel sympathetic toward their plight. A journalist (Herbert Groenemeyer) has been assigned to cover the mission, a useful plot device that provides the captain with a reason to make explanations for the audience. The battle scenes are powerful in counterpoint to the depiction of the tedium of life aboard the cramped vessel. A great piece of trivia is that Stephen Spielberg rented the submarine for **Raiders of the Lost Ark**, and it sank while in his possession. Luckily, it was found and restored for further use. Originally released as a two and a half hour film, **Das Boot** was re-released in 1997 with an hour of added footage, which greatly enhanced the suspense. Don't be put off by the length and subtitles. It is well worth seeing.

Petersen made two other films concerning life at sea. His second was **The Perfect Storm** (2000). It was based on a 1991 tragedy in which there was a convergence of several serious weather systems, with disastrous results. The film tells the story of the *Andrea Gail*, a fishing boat that was lost at sea. When Captain Billy Tyne (George Clooney) and his crew, Bob Shatford (Mark Wahlberg), Dale Murphy (John C. Reilly) and David Sullivan (William Fichtner), have a terrible season, they decide to go out and try to catch fish once more, even with bad weather predicted. The supporting cast includes Michael Ironside as Bob Brown, owner of the *Andrea Gail*, who pressured Tyne and his team into making the dangerous trip. Diane Lane plays Shatford's love interest, Christina Cotter; and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio plays Linda Greenlaw, Tyne's friendly rival who is skipper of the *Andrea Gail*'s sister vessel the **Hannah Boden**.

Petersen's third sea voyage film was **Poseidon** (2006) a remake of the slightly better reviewed classic **Poseidon Adventure** (1972). I didn't have high hopes for this movie, but it was unexpectedly interesting, replete with Petersen's signature dazzling special effects. A luxury ocean liner is sailing across the Atlantic on New Year's Eve, when a 100-foot rogue wave hits the ship and causes it to turn completely upside down. Experienced gambler Dylan Johns (Josh Lucas) isn't willing to wage his life on the prompt arrival of help, so he decides to make his way through air pockets and find a way out. Although he wants to go it alone, he is followed by eight-year-old Conor James (Jimmy Bennett) and his mother, Maggie (Jacinda Barrett), anxious stowaway Elena (Mia Maestro), hopeless Richard Nelson (Richard Dreyfus), and concerned father Robert Ramsey (Kurt Russell), whose missing daughter Jennifer (Emmy Rossum) may still be alive somewhere onboard along with Christian (Mike Vogel) her frightened fiancé. With some help from onboard waiter Marco Valentin (Freddy Rodriguez), the desperate motley group fights for survival.

For his first American-made film, Petersen chose the children's fantasy, **The Neverending Story** (1984), which stars Barret Oliver as Bastian, a young boy contending with his mother's recent death. Tormented by school bullies, he escapes into a bookshop, where he "borrows" a book, which launches him into an epic adven-

ture. Transported to the mythical land of Fantasia, he follows the exploits of a young warrior, Atreju (Noah Hathaway), who is searching for a cure for a plague called The Nothing. The film is full of fantastical creatures and special effects that are innovative for its time.

Continuing in the fantasy vein, **Enemy Mine** (1985) is the story of a future time when the galaxy is being colonized, and humanity goes to war against the Dracs, a reptilian race from the planet Draco. Earthling space pilot Willis E. Davidge (Dennis Quaid) and Drac pilot Jeriba Shigan (Louis Gossett Jr.) each crash land on the volcanic planet Fyrine IV, where in order to survive, they must put aside their differences and mutual hatred. Eventually, they form a friendship, and Davidge becomes foster father to Shigan's son, Zammis (Bumper Robinson).

The film **Outbreak** (1995) is a military action thriller that stars Dustin Hoffman as Dr. Sam Daniels and Rene Russo as Robby, his estranged wife. They are both members of a team of scientists whose job it is to fight highly infectious diseases around the world. When hemorrhagic fever, one of the deadliest contagious diseases known to mankind, appears in the United States, it is their job to contain it. Sam heads a military team that also includes Casey Schuler (Kevin Spacey) and Major Salt (Cuba Gooding Jr.). They answer to General Ford (Morgan Freeman) and the evil General McLintock (Donald Sutherland). This film is very exciting indeed, although the ending is annoyingly unbelievable. However, the fine acting and suspense makes it worth a look.

Another in the "military" action adventure genre, **Troy** (2004) was very loosely adapted from Homer's "Iliad" and other sources, involving the age-old legend of Helen (Diane Kruger), whose face launched a thousand ships and the story of the Trojan War. The story begins in 1193 B.C., when Paris (Orlando Bloom) younger son of the King of Troy (Peter O'Toole), falls in love with Helen, Queen of Sparta. When she leaves her cantankerous and unattractive husband, King Menelaus (Brendan Gleeson), and stows away with Paris on his ship headed for home, Paris's brother, Prince Hector (Eric Bana), realizes that Menelaus and his brother Agamemnon (Brian Cox), will use this insult as an excuse to bring war against the heretofore impenetrable city of Troy. Achilles (Brad Pitt), the greatest renowned warrior of the times, though fighting on the side of the Greeks, despises Agamemnon. This is not the usual epic action flick, with an obvious good and evil side. It is filled with codes of honor, imperial ambitions, mutual respect, treachery, cruelty and virtue. This is a well-executed military action film with a wordy script, and some characters we actually care about on both sides.

Petersen made two films concerning the President of the United States. The first, **In the Line of Fire** (1993), stars Clint Eastwood as aging, still active, Secret Service agent Frank Horrigan, one of the President's bodyguards who was on duty the day President Kennedy was shot. Horrigan is tormented by psychopath, Mitch Leary (John Malkovich), who is threatening to re-create that nightmarish scenario, in which Horrigan is "standing over the body of another dead president." Eastwood is fabulous as a "white piano playing heterosexual male over the age of 50," who meets his match in fellow agent Lilly Raines (Rene Russo). Malkovich is one of the creepiest criminals ever to haunt a movie screen, because when he's gentle, you almost like him. The interaction between Horrigan and Leary is riveting in this humorous and suspense-filled film.

In **Air Force One** (1997), Harrison Ford plays James Marshall, a onetime combat hero in the Vietnam War who is now President of the United States. While flying back to the U.S. aboard Air Force One, the plane is hijacked by Ivan Korshunov (Gary Oldman), a Kazakhstani terrorist and his three associates. They hold everyone on board hostage, including the First Lady (Wendy Crewson) and their daughter (Liesel Matthews). Marshall must use his strength and intelligence to keep the terrorists at bay and devise a plan to save his family. On the ground, the Vice President (Glenn Close), the Secretary of Defense (Dean Stockwell),

and the Attorney General (Philip Baker Hall) struggle over what to do and how much control to take in this crisis. There are myriad action sequences and plot twists to keep the audience involved.

And until next time, happy viewing. . .

Organization News

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We are now on the web. Our new website is Post156.com.

We have space for your next party and can accommodate up to 80 people. Members receive a discount on all hall rentals. Call Joe Goonan at 718-885-1637.

All retired flags should be dropped off at the Post in the mailbox by the flagpole.

There are four new life members at the Post, and we thank them for years of service to both the organization and the City Island community. They are past commanders David Carman, Joseph Goonan, Robert G. Mennona and Edwin Shipp.

Thanks to Gene Valesio, Michael Jawski and Peter Zvara for organizing and cleaning the basement. Now we can all find the Auxiliary's Christmas decorations.

Further thanks to Peter and Anthony Del-Debbio for cleaning out the upstairs office and sorting through recently discovered old pictures. Thanks to John Mazzanti for maintaining the POW/MIA memorial table in the lobby. We are also grateful to Mike Treat for donating the mast for the new flag pole for the front of the building. Young volunteers are needed to transport it from his yard to the Post. Finally, thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for purchasing the handicapped ramp, which now facilitates entrance to the building.

John Ulmer is on sick call, recovering from surgery. The Post also sends its respects to the Pontcorvo family after the death of long time Auxiliary member Lucy Pontcorvo.

Any retired veterans willing to help out around the Post are asked to call John Muhlfeld at 718-885-0639. Help is greatly appreciated.

We are always in need of new members. The Post pays the dues of members who are on active duty. Younger people are necessary for the continuation of the Post.

John Muhlfeld

City Island Theater Group

We are pleased to be presenting "Evita," by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, for three weekends in November. See BRIEFLY on page 2 for dates, times and information about tickets. All performances will be at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue.

The group will again do readings for Halloween at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum on Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

The CITG Board of Directors recently celebrated the group's 15-year anniversary with a party at the Harlem Yacht Club and received proclamations from both Council Member Jimmy Vacca and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto.

The productions for 2015 have been selected, and we are currently waiting to receive rights to the plays. Fingers crossed!

Mary McIntyre

Sons of the American Legion

We would like to remind all members that 2015 dues (\$30) are now due. The dues can be mailed or dropped off at the Post and put in the SAL box.

New members are always welcome. If you are a male descendant, step-descendant or adopted descendant of a veteran as set forth in the dates set by Congress, we would love to have you as a member. Stop by the Post to pick up an application.

All retired flags should be deposited in the red, white and blue mailbox next to the flagpole.

It's party time! When booking your next party, consider the Legion Post. Members receive a discount rate on all hall rentals. Come and dance on the new floor!

The VA accepts clothing donations for our veterans. Donations can be dropped off at the Post or taken to the fourth floor of the VA hospital in Kingsbridge. Female clothing is especially needed. The Post is not accepting book donations at this time.

Thanks to Jimmy Livingston, Mike Jawski, Gene Valesio and Vic Anderson for cleaning out the old band room. A thank you also goes out to John Muhlfeld and Ed Shipp for allowing us to turn the room into the new SAL office.

The annual Halloween party will be held on Friday, Oct. 31.

Save the dates! The pumpkin sale is from Oct. 3-5, and Saturday, Nov. 22, is the 95th anniversary dinner.

Fred Ramftl Jr.



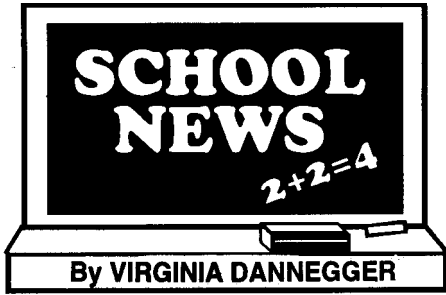
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Public School 175

Principal Amy Lipson welcomes the following faculty members for the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Bellon and Ms. Kaufman are teaching kindergarten; Ms.

Fallon is working with the first-graders, and the second grade will have Mrs. Carter-Spencer and Mrs. Mazzella. Third- and fourth-grade teachers are Mrs. Cambria, Ms. Saldana and Ms. Lawless. The fifth will have Ms. Montenare and Ms. Espina. Middle-school teachers are Ms. Fitzmaurice, Ms. Patsos, Ms. Ramos, Mr. Durning-Hammond, Mr. Daley, Ms. Heil and Ms. Adesso.

Mr. Sabatello is running the physical education program, and Ms. McArdle is in charge of computer technology. The parent coordinator is Mrs. Gisante, and the school nurse is Mrs. Gjonaj.

IN THE GARDEN

By MARY COLBY

ODE TO AUTUMN

The choreography begins. The trees are turning, leaves are falling, and the grasses are swirling in full dress. Tall in the back light they bend and rustle.

There are only two times in the year when one is fully inspired to write about gardens: autumn and spring. So here we are again, a time of fruitfulness. After the garden has fallen asleep, there will be more time for reading and other pursuits. After all the weeding and pruning and diddling about out there, it will be a welcome reprieve.

The northeast is ablaze this month with sugar maples. In England people plant sugar maples as a specialty feature in their gardens. They are only indigenous here in the United States, so I often take the drive north by the third week of October, which is peak. Visit Wave Hill, the New York Botanical Garden, and Stone Crop in Cold Spring. DIA Beacon is a wonderful museum to visit, as it has a beautifully crafted modern landscape.

There is still time in October to plant a tree or shrub. The star magnolia can demand an important position in the front garden, and a small Sargent's apple is always beautiful with its twisted and gnarled branches. Or you might try an evergreen magnolia with its shiny leathery leaves, which can make good wreaths for the holiday season.

The power of red in the garden is very exciting, but red is rare. Decide to plant some red flowers next spring. The tall hardy hibiscus Lord Baltimore is stunning from July—laden with its scarlet huge discs—through the middle of September. It looks great with white phlox David. There is also a variety with red leaves that is luscious. I love the large-flowered red zinnia. Plant a sowing in May and again in mid-July for July and September blooming. The all-time favorites for dahlia lovers, the Bishop of Llandaff and the shorter Ellen Houston, are lipstick red. I always thought the cockscomb was such



Photo by MARY COLBY

Cockscomb

an ugly flower, but today I saw it in the light with its curly lipped, ribboned plumes, flaunting its crazy Victorian flowers: I'm not sure if I'm convinced of that anymore, as long as you pot them. Buy poppy seeds—the Legion of Honor, you know, the Flanders Field type. Scatter the seeds thinly in the garden, don't cover them, and gently water them in for a May showing. If your site is hot and dry, the picture will be one the Impressionists held so dear.

While cleaning up the garden, leave some plants as cover in case of a wicked winter, which has been prophesied. Grasses can remain and perennials with interesting seed heads, including echinacea and thistles, which also feed the birds. I allow leaves to remain in the beds, as they break down and enrich the soil.

If I had one tulip to pick out of all the rest, it would be of the lily flowered type. Queen of Sheba is exceptional and elegant, deep orange with a yellow border and an interesting shade of green near the calyx. Also Ballerina, a softer orange. They combine well with lemon-yellow wall flowers and euphorbia polychroma or the big boy euphorbia characias wulfenii. The orange of the tulips mixes so well with the chartreuse green of the euphorbias. Plant some small bulbs in the lawn, such as species crocus. The leaves will be gone before the first mowing. Check out Brent and Becky's bulb catalog for interesting varieties. Don't forget the snowdrops. Plant a hundred or so under a shrub, and they will shine in the winter garden come February.

Lastly, a note on supporting our garden centers. Home Depot and other large chain stores have been one factor in the closing of our local nurseries. Sprainbrook, Nabel's, and Roslyn Nurseries are all sadly gone. So don't forget Tony's in Larchmont, Lieb's Greenhouses and our local nursery, Better Gardens, right here in the Bronx. They will have nice Christmas trees, too.

Now you will be ready to sit back and enjoy your garden's slow dance into winter.

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Lucy Pontecorvo

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Longtime Island resident Lucy Pontecorvo passed away on Aug. 27, 2014.

Born in Garfield, N.J., Lucy officially became an "Islander" in 1958 after marrying Anthony "Buddy" Pontecorvo, whom she met at the wedding of mutual friends Mike and Camille Scotto. Lucy and Buddy built both a house and business on the island and raised three children here.

As a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend, Lucy was compassionate, funny and an enthusiastic cook, as well as the perfect party hostess. She was involved in Girl Scouts and was an active member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the AARP and the Garden Club of City Island.

She will be greatly missed by Buddy, her husband of 56 years; her daughters, Theresa and Grace; her son, Joseph; and four granddaughters, Jamie, Michelle, Bonnie and Alyssa.

Catherine Hartigan Walsh

Catherine Hartigan Walsh, a former City Island resident, died on Saturday, June 14, 2014, in Point Lookout, Long Island, NY. She was born on June 30, 1936, on City Island., the daughter of the late Bessie and Steve Hartigan.

Catherine grew up on Minneford Avenue and was known as a very good swimmer, having been taught to swim by the famous Skip Lane, who lived next door to her. She attended and graduated from St. Mary, Star of the Sea School and Aquinas High School in the Bronx. She worked for many years for the New York Telephone Company, from which she eventually retired.

In 1974, at St. Mary's Church, she married Robert Walsh, whom she met while on vacation in Spring Lake, NJ. They settled in Point Lookout, where Catherine was active in the Our Lady of Miraculous Medal parish.

Catherine Hartigan Walsh is survived by her husband, Bob Walsh; her brother, Jack Hartigan, and sister-in-law, Irene Hartigan; her nieces, Patricia Malmquist and Lisa Ashton; her nephew Stephen Hartigan; grand nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Catherine was a true clam digger, who



Catherine Hartigan Walsh

loved City Island. She also enjoyed traveling to Ireland, Aruba and Florida. Her funeral mass was celebrated at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church on Friday, June 20, and she was buried in Pelham Cemetery on City Island. Catherine will be missed by all her relatives and friends who loved her very much.

George Edward Haug

George Haug of 30 Pilot Street passed away on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014.

Born in the Bronx, the son of the late Edward and Josephine Haug (née Thorne), George enjoyed many happy hours as a teenager piloting his small power boat around City Island. He worked as a carpenter for nearly 30 years and was a well-respected member of the New Jersey Carpenters Union.

His dream of living on City Island was realized in 2004. He became an avid sailor and a member of the South Minneford Yacht Club, and he thoroughly enjoyed his time sailing on Long Island Sound.

He is survived by his sister Jean Jacobs of Manhattan; his son, Erik Haug of Point Pleasant, NJ; and his granddaughter, Erica Haug of Point Pleasant.



David Sambolin

David Sambolin

David Sambolin, who moved to City Island in the early 1990s, died on July 22, 2014.

He was born in the Bronx on June 19, 1963, and attended Cardinal Hayes High School. He then studied at the Robert Fiance Beauty School of the Bronx. He was known as a true artist in his field. His salon, called Hair Biz, was located on East Tremont Avenue; he owned it for eight years. He loved City Island more than any other place he had lived.

He is survived by his sisters, Patricia Sambolin and Jacqueline Sambolin; and his brothers, Louis Sambolin and Leroy Sambolin.

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HH = hours; MM = minutes Tide chart by Tom Smith

OCTOBER 2014										
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY	
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET		
01	Wed	0425	7.31	1040	1.03	1646	7.84	2325	0.84	Wed 01
02	Thu	0529	7.20	1146	1.15	1752	7.63			Thu 02
03	Fri	0047	0.86	0643	7.26	1314	1.05	1909	7.58	Fri 03
04	Sat	0227	0.59	0811	7.56	1455	0.58	2040	7.74	Sat 04
05	Sun	0333	0.15	0923	8.01	1601	-0.04	2152	8.04	Sun 05
06	Mon	0429	-0.28	1020	8.44	1658	-0.62	2249	8.28	Mon 06
07	Tue	0520	-0.61	1110	8.76	1750	-1.03	2340	8.41	Tue 07
08	Wed	0608	-0.78	1158	8.92	1840	-1.23			Wed 08
09	Thu	0029	8.38	0654	-0.75	1244	8.91	1929	-1.19	Thu 09
10	Fri	0117	8.23	0740	-0.54	1330	8.73	2017	-0.93	Fri 10
11	Sat	0206	7.96	0825	-0.18	1416	8.42	2107	-0.51	Sat 11
12	Sun	0257	7.64	0912	0.27	1506	8.03	2159	-0.01	Sun 12
13	Mon	0352	7.33	1004	0.76	1605	7.62	2254	0.49	Mon 13
14	Tue	0453	7.09	1104	1.19	1713	7.29	2352	0.90	Tue 14
15	Wed	0557	6.98	1209	1.48	1821	7.11			Wed 15
16	Thu	0051	1.16	0657	7.02	1312	1.58	1923	7.08	Thu 16
17	Fri	0146	1.27	0754	7.17	1409	1.50	2019	7.15	Fri 17
18	Sat	0238	1.24	0845	7.37	1501	1.30	2109	7.28	Sat 18
19	Sun	0324	1.13	0932	7.58	1548	1.03	2155	7.39	Sun 19
20	Mon	0406	1.00	1014	7.74	1629	0.75	2236	7.47	Mon 20
21	Tue	0441	0.86	1049	7.85	1706	0.49	2311	7.49	Tue 21
22	Wed	0507	0.72	1111	7.94	1736	0.26	2334	7.51	Wed 22
23	Thu	0524	0.56	1122	8.09	1759	0.06	2348	7.56	Thu 23
24	Fri	0549	0.39	1147	8.29	1825	-0.11			Fri 24
25	Sat	0016	7.65	0624	0.27	1223	8.45	1859	-0.21	Sat 25
26	Sun	0053	7.71	0703	0.24	1303	8.53	1939	-0.20	Sun 26
27	Mon	0136	7.71	0747	0.31	1348	8.47	2024	-0.09	Mon 27
28	Tue	0222	7.63	0835	0.47	1437	8.28	2114	0.12	Tue 28
29	Wed	0314	7.50	0929	0.69	1530	7.98	2210	0.36	Wed 29
30	Thu	0412	7.35	1030	0.89	1631	7.63	2318	0.57	Thu 30
31	Fri	0519	7.27	1148	0.98	1741	7.33			Fri 31
NOVEMBER 2014										
01	Sat	0054	0.59	0643	7.35	1338	0.74	1915	7.24	Sat 01
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02	Sun	0114	0.37	0711	7.66	1352	0.22	1945	7.41	Sun 02
03	Mon	0216	0.04	0814	8.05	1452	-0.34	2047	7.66	Mon 03
04	Tue	0311	-0.28	0909	8.40	1547	-0.83	2141	7.85	Tue 04
05	Wed	0402	-0.50	0958	8.63	1638	-1.14	2231	7.95	Wed 05
06	Thu	0451	-0.59	1045	8.71	1727	-1.25	2318	7.94	Thu 06



PLAIN OLD GULLS

The incessant squeal of the juvenile laughing gull outside our window last month made writing this month's column easy. The topic: what else? Seagulls. Or plain old gulls, as the good folks at the Audubon Society like to call them. This is because so many from the family have adapted to life inland, away from the sea.

The most common gulls around City Island are the great black-backed, herring, ring-billed and laughing gulls. Telling one from the other is not as difficult as it might seem, especially the adult gulls. In our area, large gulls are most likely going to be great black-backed gulls or herring gulls. If it doesn't have a black back, than it is probably a herring gull. Small gulls are either ring-billed gulls or laughing gulls. The former have black rings around the bills, and the latter have black heads, which look like hoods, but only during their breeding season. However, because of their distinctive call—which sounds like laughter—the laughing gulls are easy to identify with or without their hooded heads.

They are also fairly adept at catching food (a crust of bread?) thrown into the air.

Even telling juveniles apart is not as difficult as it might seem. The herring gull population is highest in our area, but the black-backed gulls are our largest shorebirds and the most aggressive. If the gulls you are trying to distinguish are large juveniles, pay an extra moment or two of attention to see which one is the largest and seems to be left alone or given first dibs more than the others. That is probably a black-backed juvenile. The smaller juveniles are probably laughing gulls, since most of the ring-billed gulls in our area are non-breeding adults.

Some of the least common gulls in our area include the lesser black-backed, glaucous and Iceland gulls, and as such are prized by birders. Another uncommon sight, or in this case sound, in our area is the incessant squealing mentioned above. Ornithologists say that a young laughing gull is cared for by both parents for about a month, and then the little one is on its own. Clearly, our specimen did not get the memo.

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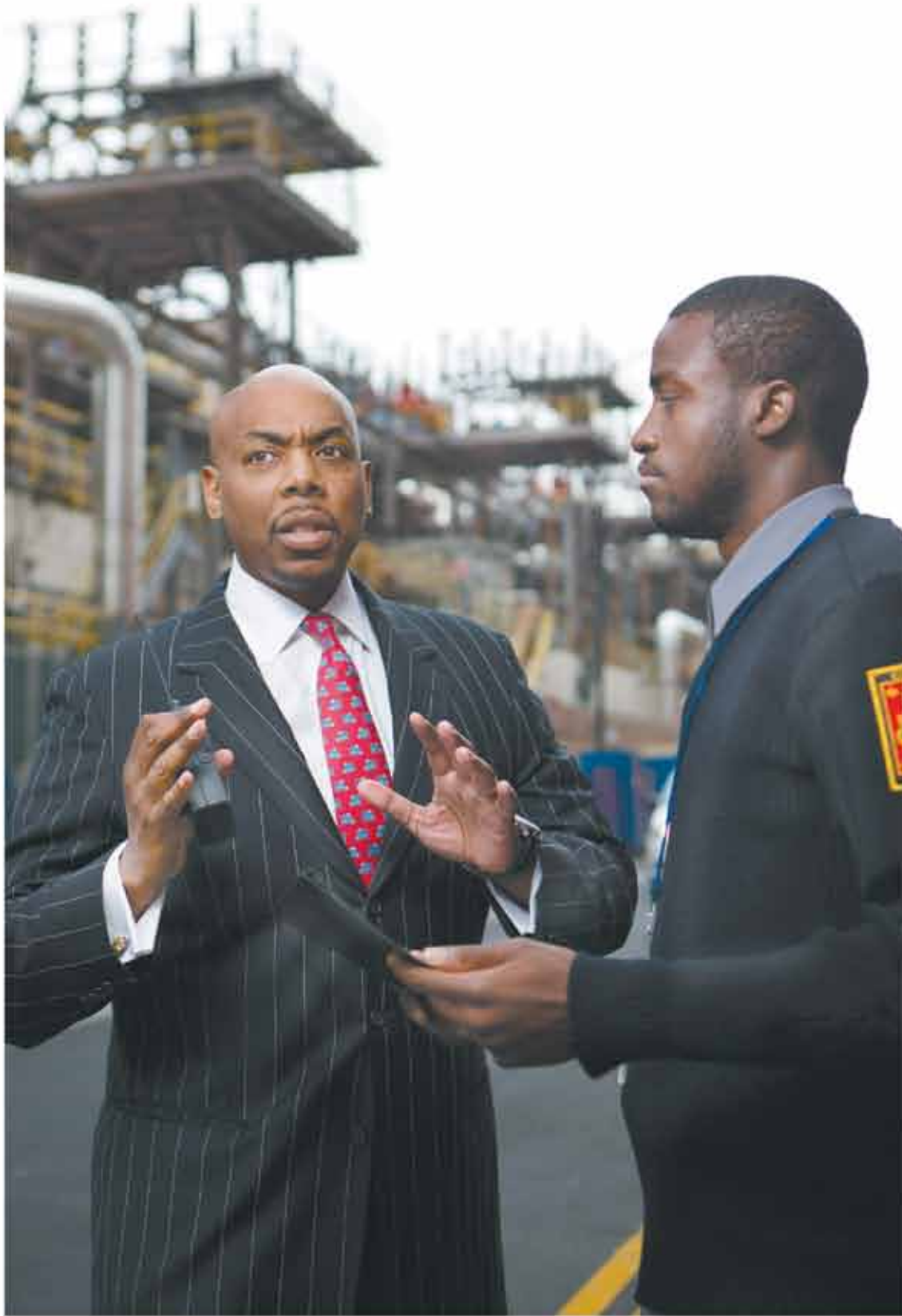
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On Wednesday, Sept. 17, members of AARP 318, including (l. to r.), Vice President Rosetta Woods, Darrell Smith, Vivi McGuire, President Barbara Whelan, and Acting Treasurer Mary Carman, read prayers at the "Lest We Forget" stone commemorating the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, and honoring the troops who have defended our pride and freedom. The annual event at AARP's memorial monument in Pelham Cemetery was attended this year by more than 25 members.

School Success: The Value of a Good Working Memory

By JOHN SCARDINA

Remember when we had to learn phone numbers instead of just looking them up on our cellphones? How easily can you do rapid mental calculations in your head, figuring out the tip at a restaurant or estimating the grocery bill while you are shopping? Do you like to do puzzles like Sudoku—with multiple rules at play at once—and play memory games like Simon?

We all need an active working memory: the ability to take in information and use that information to complete a mental process, even while more information might be coming in. As it turns out, working memory is just about as important in the classroom as being "smart." Teachers who notice how well you pay attention,

follow directions and remember facts think you are "smart" in school, while truly "smart" kids (who can imagine wonderful and creative solutions to problems while thinking outside the box) may struggle in the classroom because they are distractible, poor at following directions and unable to do those two-minute math drills efficiently.

Working memory is a life skill. It's like the set of Post-It notes in your brain that keep you on track during the day. You won't remember that shopping list tomorrow, but you had better remember the milk today!

What hurts working memory? 1) distractions; 2) too much information (also known as the "my brain is full phenomenon"); 3) too much complex information ("how did this diesel engine go back together again?"); 4) emotionality (sarcasm, shame and embarrassment have no place in the classroom or the workplace if we want to have productive students and workers!).

What helps working memory? 1) Limiting distractions (turn off that TV!); 2) "chunk" information into manageable pieces; 3) practice / rehearsal/repetition; 4) limit directions to one or two steps while children are young; 5) practice mindfulness (breathe / pay attention to your breath / be here and now); use music and rhyming (like the Alphabet Song!).

So, can you remember to try this out?

City Islander John Scardina is a child development specialist, school psychologist, and parent educator. Check out his website at www.ThinkLaughLearn.com and join his parent support groups at the CI Community Center (usually the last Tuesday of the month).

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Belated happy 90th birthday wishes to Hawkins Street's Marie Pryor, who celebrated her big day on Sept. 27.

Happy anniversary greetings on Oct. 1 to Ditmars Street's Amanda and Mike Libretto.

Happy third birthday greetings on Oct. 12 to Waverly and Thora Treiber of Earley Street. Mommy, Daddy, Grandma, Grandpa, Mima, Nana and Barbara are so joyful for the happiness and blessings you bring to our lives.

Birthday wishes across the miles on Oct. 29 to Sunjay Sebastian from your City Island friends and neighbors. We miss you!

Happy October birthday wishes to our grandson, Joseph Penny, who will be turning six. Lots of love from Grandma and Grandpa Penny. Have a fun day!

Congratulations to Pilot Street's Cait Hennessey, who graduated in May from SUNY Oswego with a Bachelor of Arts degree in human development.

Anniversary wishes for continued happiness to Judy and Mike Rauh, Mike and



Cait Hennessey

Roseann Bunyan and special congratulations to John and Linda Wright on their 50th anniversary!

If you are running in the New York City Marathon on Nov. 2, please call Judy Rauh at 718-885-2079 so we can set up a photo.

Happy October anniversary to Danielle and Phil with much love from Mom and Dad R.

Birthday wishes to our sweet granddaughter, Scarlett, who celebrates her first birthday this month. Love, hugs and birthday kisses from Nonni and Pop.

Enjoy this lovely Fall weather; see you at the Halloween Parade on Oct. 31!

Maria Swieciki



The fifth annual lawn party in honor of the late Islander John Gilder was held at the Morris Yacht Club on Aug. 23, 2014. The fundraiser provides scholarships at Fordham University and Greenwich High School, as well as funding a City Island Little League team in John's memory.



Photo by JENNIFER KURYS

A large clean-up crew did a great job on the beach north of the City Island bridge on Saturday morning, Sept. 20, thanks to the leadership of Patty Grondahl and Brenda Prohaska and the hardworking group of Girl Scouts from Daisy Troop 1365 at St. Theresa's School (l. to r.): Gianna Parrotta, Ava Deboghossian, Keira Cortina, Kaylee Kurys, Dominique Ruisi, Bryanna Kurys, Madison Riordan, Mia Riordan, Kaitlyn Riordan, Hailey Riordan and Emma Salandy.

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