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CONTROVERSY ARISES OVER SPRING FAIR

By KAREN NANI



Photos by RENA HANSEN

This year's spring fair sponsored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce and held during Fleet Weekend on June 1 and 2, 2002, generated some complaints from Island business owners. In addition to parking and access problems, some Islanders feel the fairs are becoming too much like flea markets (above) rather than art and crafts exhibits such as the one in front of Focal Point Gallery (below).



Pilot Street Group Home Opens

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

The sun shone auspiciously over City Island on Thursday, June 20, 2002, as the group home located at 141 Pilot Street was dedicated in the presence of numerous Island residents and off-Island guests affiliated with the Association for the Advancement of the Retarded and Blind (AARB), the private organization that renovated the house for eight individuals who had waited years for community placement.

The 1840 Italianate house was extensively renovated under the direction of AARB's executive director, Christopher Weldon (see the June 2002 issue of *The Current*). Islanders have watched with interest over the past year as the exterior of the house gradually regained its original elegance and integrity, even with the addition of an extension at the back, constructed in the style of the original building. Of special interest was the new fence, combining field stone and wooden pickets in a handsome period style.

Guests at the dedication ceremony were invited to tour the inside of the house, in which every room has been furnished and decorated in colors and fabrics reflecting the pre-Civil War era of the house. Various details, such as the original floorboards in several rooms and the restored fireplaces and mantels, were explained by AARB representatives and residents of the house wearing period costume.

After proudly introducing to the assembled audience the eight people who are now living in the house, Mr. Weldon generously acknowledged the contributions of many individuals and organizations to the renovation project, including the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, the Metropolitan Club Managers Association (MCMA) and Fleet Bank. He also thanks the architect, the contractor and the many others who worked on the project.

His warmest praise was reserved for the late Frederic Goldmann, in whose

Some City Island business owners were unhappy with the Chamber of Commerce's Spring Fair held on City Island Avenue during Fleet Weekend, June 1 to 2, 2002. They claim to have suffered business losses and were displeased with the quality of the goods that street vendors displayed along the avenue.

A petition signed by over a dozen City Island merchants was sent to the Chamber in June outlining their complaints. "We have observed that the two Chamber events [spring and fall fairs] have become more like flea markets rather than arts and crafts sales catering to off-Island visitors as well as local residents."

More importantly, the business owners say the "vendor only" parking restrictions placed along the avenue, and the crowding along the sidewalks, severely limited access to their own stores, resulting in sales losses.

"We understand the purpose of the events, and the need to boost local economy in a variety of ways, and we feel sure it is not the Chamber's intent to create financial losses for Island business people," the petition continued. However unintentional, the petitioners claim that the fair cost them business. "At the most recent event, many vendors sold items that included jewelry, candles, soap, CDs, DVDs, food, tee-shirts, and novelty items, including items that were in direct competition with those sold by established local businesses."

Peter La Scala, president of the Chamber of Commerce, responded to the concerns of the business owners (see Letters to the Editor). "The Chamber is responsive to the sensitive problems of parking and vendors and, wherever possible, we try not to compete with local business." Mr. La Scala told *The Current* that he looks forward to having a meeting with the petitioners to address the concerns of the business owners.

But sales losses and parking were not the only issues. Merchants complained about the attitude and quality of the street

vendors. They said some were rude and made no effort to cooperate with Island businesses.

Sarah Kim of the New Way Market at the corner of Fordham Street had several bad experiences during the fair. She told *The Current* that the vendors came in with an "entitlement mentality" and demanded change from City Island businesses, including her mother's market.

In spite of this, Ms. Kim took a break and visited some of the tables along the avenue. She decided it might be fun to have her fortune told by one exhibitor called Monica, the Tarot Card Reader. It was anything but fun, according to Ms. Kim. Monica told the usually cheerful Ms. Kim that she was "hexed and cursed" and she would die lonely and sick. The fortune teller recommended that Sarah join her church on Kingsbridge Road in the Bronx and suggested that this would help her.

The petitioners, including Claudia Deich of Buddy's Hardware, feel that the Chamber should screen the exhibitors more carefully and eliminate these types of vendors. "We hereby request that the Chamber return to the format of a juried arts and crafts fair or sale offering finely crafted and specialty goods."

Mr. La Scala said that the Chamber would like to have a fair featuring only Island arts and crafts, but that there were not enough people to make that possible.

Some exhibitors, including Barbara Dolensek, who worked the City Island Civic Association table during the fair, did not experience any problems with neighboring vendors. However, she agreed that the fair seemed to feature "more flea market type stuff than hand-crafted items."

The petitioners recommend that the fair location be moved to prevent crowding and for safety reasons. According to Ms. Deich, every bus stop, fire hydrant and driveway from Carroll Street to Bay Street was blocked by vendors' cars during the two-day fair. She and other business owners suggest moving the fairs to a "section of the avenue extending either just north or south of the main business area."

memory the house is dedicated. Mr. Goldmann was one of the founding members of the charity committee of MCMA and a strong advocate for AARB. As general manager of Wheatley Hills Golf Club in East Williston, Long Island, he sponsored tournaments that benefited AARB and its programs, including the creation of this group home on City Island.

For City Island, the most heartwarming moment was the dedication of the sitting room to the memory of the late Deborah Kall Salacan, the daughter of Jackie and Bob Kall. Virginia Gallagher welcomed the new residents to City Island as she described Debby's considerable contributions to the community, and the Kalls accepted a plaque in her honor.



Photo by BARBARA DOLENSEK

Christopher Weldon presents a plaque to Jackie and Bob Kall dedicating the sitting room of the Frederic Goldmann residence at 141 Pilot Street to their daughter, Deborah Kall Salacan, during a ceremony and open house on June 20, 2002.

BRIEFLY...

BLOOD DRIVE: The Bronx Masons will be holding a Blood Drive on Saturday, July 20, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street. 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 885-0374.

SUMMERMUSIC 2002: The Bronx Arts Ensemble will be giving a free "Holiday Salute to George M. Cohan" on Thursday, July 4, at 2 p.m. at Rockwood Drive Circle in Van Cortlandt Park. It will include Jazz and Dixieland Classics by George M. Cohan, Duke Ellington, W.C. Handy, Irving Berlin and more! There will be five free Sunday afternoon concerts, again in Van Cortlandt Park, at 2 p.m. starting on July 21, with "Mozart's Winds," music by Mozart and Rossini. On July 28 "Two Irish Tenors" will perform songs from the Emerald Isle; Aug. 4 will be easy listening to the "Mellow Brasses" Brass Quintet; Aug. 11, "A Ragtime Celebration" and turn of the century favorites and then on Aug. 18, "Tangos for a Summer Afternoon" with a bandoneon player and vocalist. The rain location for all of these concerts will be Vladeck Hall, 74 Van Cortlandt Park South at Hillman Avenue.

OUTDOOR BAND CONCERTS AT LEHMAN COLLEGE: The Lehman College Community Band will once again present its popular summer season of free outdoor concerts, featuring both popular music and well-known classical works by American and international composers. Performances will be held every Sunday in July: on July 7, 14, 21 and 28, at 2 p.m. in the Lehman Amphitheater outside the Speech and Theatre Building. Limited seating is available, but blankets and lawn chairs are welcome. In case of rain or excessive heat, the performances will be held in the Lovinger Theatre. The Lehman Band is composed of students, faculty and staff of the college, as well as members of the community, under the direction of Professor Alan Hollander. Lehman is located at Goulden Avenue and Bedford Park Boulevard in the northwest Bronx. Free attended parking is available. For more information call 718-860-8247.

BOOK SALE REMINDER: Don't forget to browse at the book sale at 294 City Island Avenue on Saturday, June 29, from 10 to 4. All proceeds will go into the City Island Civic Association legal fund. If you want to donate books of good quality (no magazines or textbooks or condensed volumes), please bring them to 294 City Island Avenue between 5 and 8 on Thursday and Friday evenings, June 27 and 28. Do not just leave them on the steps. For more information, call 885-1517 or 885-0507.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during May 2002. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list nor are complaints for crime occurring on the mainland.

MAY

- 1 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (commercial)
- 2 - PETIT LARCENY (1 commercial, 1 from school)
- 5 - HARASSMENT
- 3 - AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT
- 1 - LEAVING THE SCENE OF ACCIDENT/ PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 2 - DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)
- 1 - BURGLARY
- 6 - LOST PROPERTY

Police report the following arrests and incidents for the month of May:
 5/19 - Between 1 and 9:45 a.m. on Kilroe Street and Minneford Avenue, an unknown person struck a resident's vehicle and fled the scene causing damage to the left side of the car. Police are investigating the incident.
 5/25 - An off-Island male, 35, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated at City Island Road and the traffic circle at 2:30 a.m. Police observed the defendant driving in an erratic manner.

2012 Olympics Update

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

The group putting together the proposal that New York City will submit to the International Olympic Committee should the city be chosen to represent the United States for the 2012 Summer Games will be visiting the City Island Civic Association at the monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 30, to discuss their plans and respond to residents' concerns.

The ambitious plan proposed by the group, called NYC2012, is proposing two sites near City Island for the games: Rodman's Neck for shooting and Orchard Beach for water polo and the modern pentathlon.

The group's Web site (www.nyc2012.com) describes the expansion of Rodman's Neck into a world-class shooting facility, among other ideas, but since that site was launched, according to community-relations director, Brenda Levin, the issue of sound-abatement and

other problems facing Island residents have been taken into account.

Ms. Levin and members of her staff presented the plan to members of Community Board 10 in April and explained how the structure of the Olympics is intended to improve facilities in ways that each local community will support. The group is also concerned with environmental issues. One of their consultants is Paul Mankiewicz of the Gaia Institute, located on City Island.

NYC2012 has the full support of Mayor Michael Bloomberg; his deputy director Daniel Doctoroff is founder of the group. In November this year, the American Olympics committee will select an American venue from a short list of cities that includes New York. The International Olympic Committee will then choose the country in July 2005.



STREET REPAIR

Thanks to the efforts of James Vacca, district manager of Community Board 10, City Island Avenue received a much-needed makeover at the end of June.

When Mr. Vacca realized that the avenue would not be resurfaced until after the sewers were replaced and that this would not take place for many months, he asked the Department of Transportation (DOT) to make the Island's main road navigable by fixing pot holes, depressions and other hazards before the onslaught of summer traffic.

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Improvements are sprucing up City Island Avenue, thanks to business owners and resident volunteers. Several properties owned by Islander John Persteins have been given facelifts with new siding and fresh paint. Islander Susan Bellinson (left in hat) led a new volunteer group called "Pretty Island" which began by refurbishing the front of the New Way Market at the corner of Fordham Street on June 8, 2002. The program is supported by the City Island Civic Association.

New Zoning Plan To Be Proposed; Carrion Pledges Support

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

The contextual zoning change proposed by the Department of City Planning (DCP) over a year ago will be presented at a joint meeting of Community Board 10 and the City Island Civic Association on Monday, July 29, at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Post 176, 550 City Island Avenue, at Cross Street.

For several years, residents have expressed concern about over-development, because it has had a negative effect on the Island's quality of life with overcrowded schools, major traffic congestion and increased pressure on outdated sewers and other aspects of the Island's infrastructure.

These concerns were conveyed to Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion when he met with the Civic Association's SONE committee on June 18. He expressed his intention to help implement whatever plans would help the Island keep its village atmosphere and its nautical character.

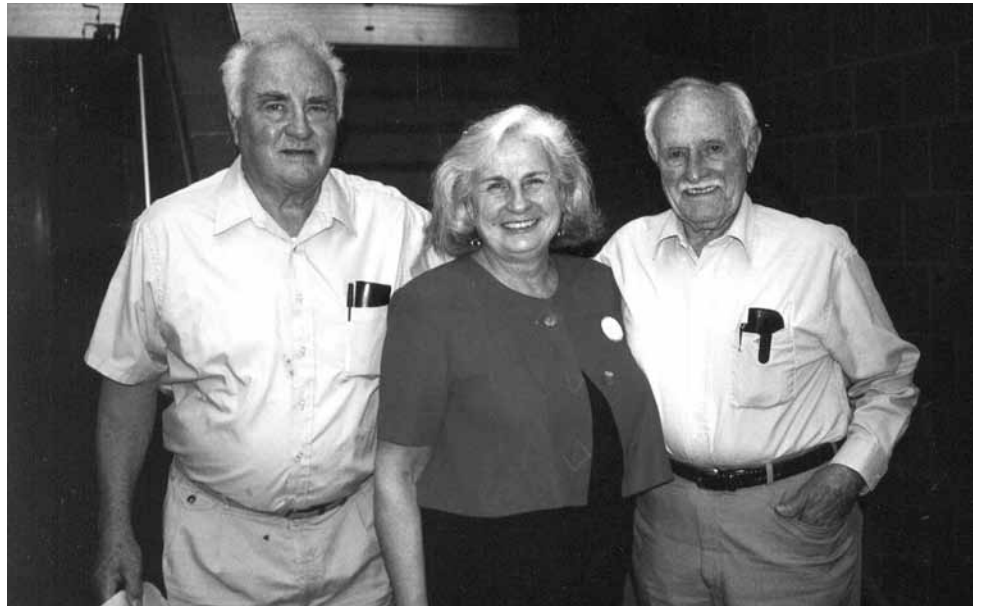
DCP published in 2001 a study of City Island and made several recommendations for ways in which its historic char-

acter could be preserved and its maritime activities restored. One of the recommendations was to change the Island's residential zoning to restrict the construction of row houses and apartment buildings because they do not fit the context of City's Island's one- and two-family house neighborhoods.

The Bronx office of DCP has been working on the contextual zoning project for several months and is now ready to present it to the community. Once that has taken place, the proposal must then go through a series of actions under the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) before it can be put into effect. ULURP can take more than a year to complete, although the borough president expressed his willingness to try to speed up the process.

Frank Fitts, acting president of the City Island Civic Association, urges all Island organizations to select representatives to attend the meeting in July in order that as many residents as possible can participate in the future of City Island.

IDEA MARITIME OPEN HOUSE



Photos by NANCY PRYOR

The 2002 Maritime Open House, held at P.S. 175 on June 7, was special in many ways. New trees were planted near IDEA's environmental learning pond behind the school in honor of principal Ena Ellwanger (above, left), who is retiring in August, and in memory of David Carman Jr. by the Carman family (bottom). Folklore chats were given by longtime Islanders, including Russell Schaller and Ed Sadler (top photo with Mrs. Ellwanger), and the students learned about marine ecology from Dr. Paul Mankiewicz.

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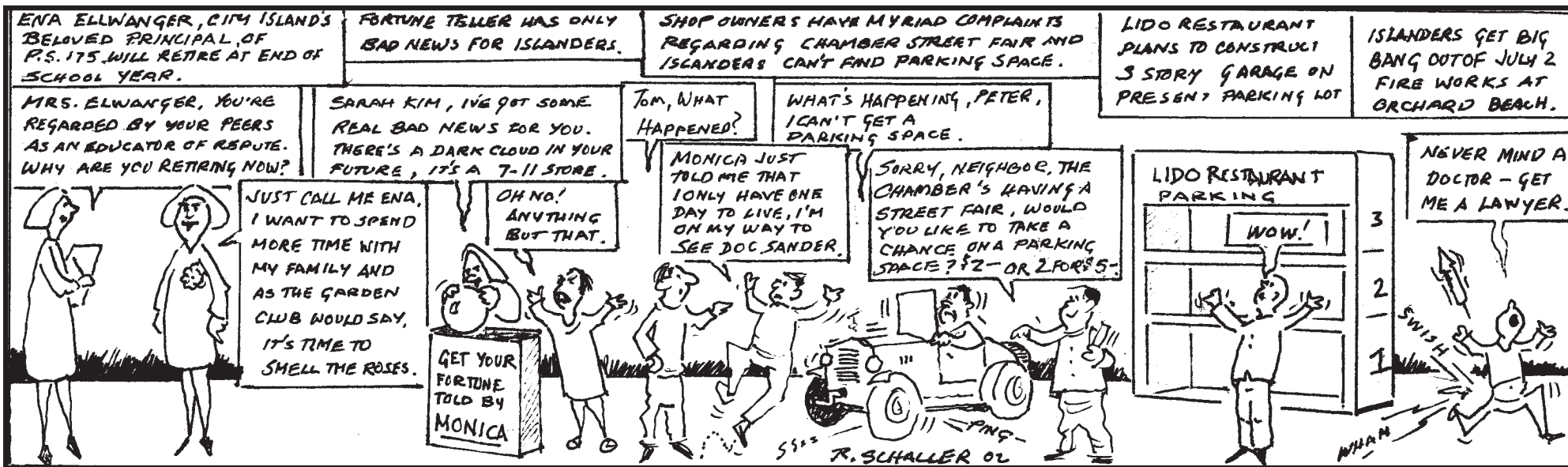
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Fair Winds or Foul: A column of editorial commentary on local items.

FAIR WINDS to the Persteins family for re-siding their properties along both sides of City Island Avenue near Schofield Street. Residents and visitors alike will be happy to see how attractive these buildings really are.

FAIR WINDS to the "Pretty Island" crew led by Sue Bellinson and her team of volunteers (adults: Jim Kortleven, Skip Giacco, David Sexton, Peter Weber, Michael Shanley, John Williams, Nancy Adams, Bob Adams, Alfonso Badillo, Maureen Masterson, Ellen Murphy, Felicia Maldari, Peter Zima; kids: Nicolette Lotriante, Jillian Lotrionte, Leah Weber, Stephanie Badillo, Abby Adams, Danny Masterson and Kyle Williams). Connie's Market (which supplied a lot of food and other support) now looks beautiful indeed and we hope will serve as inspiration to other property owners along the Avenue.

FAIR WINDS to Seafood City for putting up a handsome new fence in front of their restaurant. Let's hope they brighten it up with a few plants rather than beer signs.

FOUL WINDS to property owners along the avenue who don't seem to care what people think and who disregard City Island's special district zoning laws by putting up inappropriate signs or failing to cover their unsightly yards full of trucks and equipment with plantings.



We welcome letters and opinions. Letters longer than 250 words will be edited, with every effort made to preserve their substance. We reserve the right not to print letters that are copies, libelous, inaccurate or in bad taste, or those that cannot be verified. Include your phone number. Anonymous letters will not be printed, but names will be withheld upon request.

Garden Variety Greetings

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

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend greetings to everyone attending today's Garden Club of City Island Annual Luncheon. It is wonderful to join with you this afternoon and I am sure the view is spectacular!

This event is a wonderful opportunity to unite with those who share my commitment to New York City and to making sure that we remain the "Capital of the World." I would like to recognize those associated with the Garden Club of City Island for their efforts in maintaining the beauty of City Island and for their hard work in hosting this event. I thank you for your dedication to the people of your community and the entire city.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable afternoon and all the best for the future.

Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor

Pretty Island

To the Editor:

On June 8 and 9, 21 volunteers for the Civic Association's Pretty Island Project, gave their precious free time to improve the appearance of the City Island village. At the same time, they helped their neighbors who were grateful for the help.

Anna Gelety, a longtime City Islander, has owned the building housing the New Way Market (which will officially be called "Connie's" when the new sign arrives) for 50 years. She lives alone in an

apartment above the store. She has had multiple medical problems and hospitalizations in the last few years.

Painting her building was probably the last thing on her mind when we approached her with the plan. She is paying for all the materials we used to do the work. Connie's family owns the market business that supports a number of their family members. They are responsible only for those areas that directly involve their store.

Most people seem to be pleased to see the changes that took place. Many people expressed the hope that this would be the beginning of a renaissance for the Island and that other Island businesses would take it upon themselves to improve their property. Many have offered their services for future projects, to help those in need in our community. There is interest in increasing the involvement of Island youth.

As the coordinator of this project, I enlisted the help of many people and I would like to express my sincere appreciation for their generosity. Without their initial support, this project would never have gotten out of the paint can:

Jim Kortleven of the Kortleven Painting Co. was a really critical volunteer. Without his expert advice, financial support, painting skills, equipment and especially his enthusiasm for the project, it would not have happened. Alfonso Badillo removed the signs. Painters included Skip Giacco, new to the island and coincidentally a sign painter, Peter Weber, Bob and Nancy Adams, John Williams, David Sexton, Michael Shanley, Maureen Masterson, Ellen Murphy and Felicia Maldari. Peter Zima hung the shutters.

A number of kids also lent their expert painting skills: Nicolette and Jillian Lotriante, Leah Weber, Abby Adams, Stephanie Badillo, Kyle Williams, and Danny Masterson.

You all did a great job! Many thanks from your neighbors.

Connie's Market supplied food and drinks for all the volunteers for the two days. Sarah's great sandwiches kept us all going. They will be replacing their old signs with a new sign painted by Skip Giacco and a new awning that will further dress up the building. Thanks for your part in this.

We would like feedback on this project to determine whether it should continue.

If you support the Pretty Island Project in any way, either as a volunteer or as a financial or "in spirit" supporter, please contact us at 885-2109 and let us know.

Susan Bellinson
Project Coordinator,
Pretty Island Project.

Fair Defense

To the Editor:

The City Island Chamber of Commerce has made every effort to present the Summer Arts and Crafts Business Fair each year featuring local arts and crafts people along with outside participants as well. As much as we would like to have only Island Arts and Crafts people at the fair, unfortunately we do not have enough people to make that possible.

The Chamber is responsive to the sensitive problems of parking and vendors and wherever possible, we try not to compete with local business. I want to thank all of the people for their feedback and look forward to seeing them at a meeting to address all of their concerns.

We welcome all who wish to participate with your ideas to join the Events Committee. Come and be a part of the fair, and support your business throughout the year by offering suggestions and participating in the events as well. The fairs are fund-raisers for all the advertising that is done throughout the year for your business to get walking traffic during holidays and other events.

The Chamber is a vital organization to the Island, representing the business of the Island. We contribute to all of the Island's major organizations and offer space at our events to worthy causes.

Many of the businesses are owned by people living on the Island, employing Islanders and making a valuable contribution to the Island's successful economy. A healthy community is in balance with shops and service places to meet and eat.

I would like to thank all of the people who made the fair a success, and the volunteers who helped the Chamber as they did last year. The Chamber is an equal-membership organization for small to big businesses. Be a part of the only organization strictly for you and your business working for the overall betterment of City Island.

Peter La Scala, President,
City Island Chamber of Commerce

Secret Number

To the Editor:

I am sure you were most chagrined recently if you were trying to reach our local Post Office on matters pertaining to your mail, your box, etc., etc. When I tried to reach our illustrious manager Anthony Nasta on City Island, I was horrified to get an 800 number from the Post Office in Wisconsin! The public relations person in Wisconsin did not seem to know where City Island was, and when I demanded the Island's secret number, he told me he couldn't give that information out.

I stormed down to accost our manager, and he said he had received similar complaints about the 800 number. I demanded to know the local number, which has been kept secret from us. Here they are, and make note of it because Wisconsin can't provide these: 885-3153 or 885-1615.

If you have any complaints and no one answers, I suggest you run down and storm the gates! I am sending a copy of this epistle to the Post Master General of the United States. Oh yes, our Post Master collects hats, but he is not getting one of mine until the situation is resolved.

Jackie Kyle Kall

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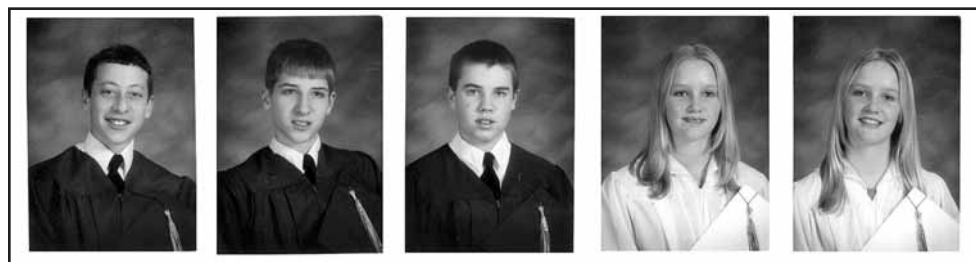
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Five City Islanders graduated from Pablo Casals M.S. 181x on June 21, 2002. Pictured (l. to r.), Matthew Breines, Peter Coyle, Sam DeWitt, Carolyn Schroeder and Mary Schroeder. These graduates have attended District 11's Gifted Program, directed by Islander Barbara Neuner, since first grade. They will attend the following high schools in September: **Bronx High School of Science:** Matthew Breines, Mary Schroeder; **Stuyvesant High School:** Peter Coyle, Sam DeWitt; **Townsend Harris High School:** Carolyn Schroeder. In addition, Peter received a scholarship from Fordham Prep and a scholarship from Iona Prep. Carolyn received a scholarship from Ursuline and Mary received a scholarship from Ursuline. On June 12, 2002, Matthew, Peter, Carolyn and Mary were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society for the fourth year in a row. Congratulations and best wishes!

Graduates Receive Awards

By VIRGINIA DANNEGGER

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

At St. Mary's graduation on June 14, principal Sister James Patrick made the following presentations:

The General Excellence Awards, with \$50 each donated by the City Island Chamber of Commerce and plaques donated by the school, were presented to Allison Rolon and Alysia Saunders.

The American Legion Award, with a \$100 savings bond donated by the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 156, for the best essay on "Who Do You Think is the Most Important Person in American History? Why?" went to Shana Bennett. A \$100 savings bond from the Leonard Hawkins Post 156 for the best essay on "How Did the Events of September 11, 2001, Affect Me as an American Eighth-grade Student" was presented to Kevin Shaw.

Awards were also given in individual subject areas: the Religion Award to Anthony Haley; the Mathematics Award to Kevin Shaw and the Language Arts Award to Shana Bennett. Shanee Pierce received the Science Award; the Social Studies Award went to Skye Akins, the Art Award to Christopher Dickerson and the Music Award to Sharyn Mitchell.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Chapter 3303 Award for Most Improvement was presented to Xenovia Smith and the AARP Chapter 318 Award for Most Improvement was given to Jonathan Stokes.

The Farenga Award for Community Service was given to Allison Rolon, the Debbie Kall Scholarship Award went to Monique Hawthorne and the Jo-Ann Cullen Leo Award was presented to Anthony Haley.

In the computer typing contest, first place went to Christopher Dickerson, second place to Skye Akins and third place to deVon Blackman. Antoine Butler and Nyria Davis received honorable mention.

Kevin Shaw has been awarded scholarships

to both Rice High School, and All Hallows High School.

Accepted into honors programs were Shantel Aponte, Sharyn Mitchell, Allison Rolon and Alysia Saunders.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future to all the 2002 graduates!

Public School 175

At the June 21 graduation ceremony, principal Ena Ellwanger made the following presentations:

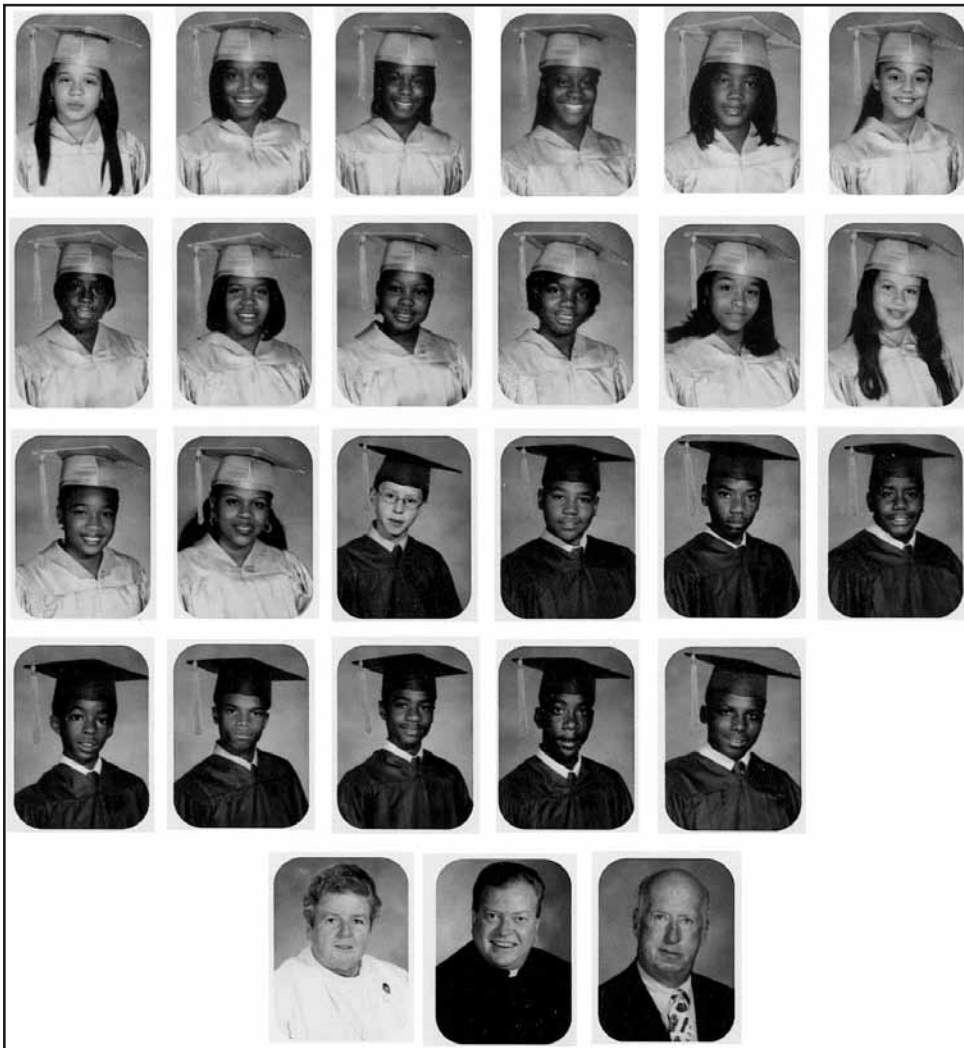
The Mary P. Fitzpatrick Award for Academic Excellence was presented to Lena Huberman and Danielle Lyons, and the Award for General Excellence from the City Island Chamber of Commerce went to Jean Pierre Ramos and Kaitlyn Ricci.

The essay award from the American Legion was presented to Raymond Pena, and the essay award from the Legion's Auxiliary went to Krista Karabel.

The Lucrezia A. Fusco Award for Effort and Perseverance went to Thomas Harty and Ashley Marichal; the Philip J. Abinanti Award for Service and Leadership was given to Krista Karabel; and the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) Citizenship Award went to Jean Pierre Ramos.

Edward Ciarletta was the recipient of both the UFT Millie Scheintaub Award for Citizenship, Leadership, Loyalty and Service and the Alice Persteins Award for Outstanding Service to School and/or Community and Involvement, Conviction, Moral Strength, Integrity and Purpose.

The CSA Award for Leadership and Cooperation was given to Krista Karabel and Danielle Lyons; the Gloria Misiurski Award for Fairness, Involvement and Concern for Others was presented to Lena Huberman and Jean Pierre Ramos; the Andy Galdi Distinguished Service Award went to Noah Feliciano.



Pictured above, the graduates of St. Mary, Star of the Sea School are: First row top, (l. to r.): Skye Akins, Shantel Aponte, Shana Bennett, Nyria Davis, deVon Blackman and Selina Borrero-Negron. Second row: Monique Hawthorne, Chantel Hazell, Jameta McBride, Sharyn Mitchell, Shanee Pierce and Allison Rolon. Third row: Alysia Saunders, Xenovia Smith, Alfred Bastone, Antoine Butler and Christopher Dickerson. Fourth row: Anthony Haley, Gregory Jones, S. Mason, Kevin Shaw, Jonathan Stokes and Keith Williams. Also pictured at the bottom are: Sister James Patrick, principal, Reverend Robert Moore, pastor and Mr. Peter Caddell, teacher.

The Ilona Balint Award for Progress and Perseverance was given to April Betancourt-Tricoche, and the Blanche Schwartz Award for Effort went to Sara Ramasova.

Several awards were presented in memory of City Islanders. The Deborah Kall Salacan Award for Proficiency in the Arts was given to Thomas Harty; the Christine Jorgensen Hansen Award for Community Service went to Kathleen McCormick; the Alice Connolly Service Award was presented to Raymond Pena; the Catherine Scott Literary Award went to Lena Huberman and Michael MacIndoe.

The AARP Minneford Chapter 3303 Award for Most Improvement was given to Thomas Harty, and the AARP City Island Chapter 318 Award for Honesty, Maturity and Resilience went to Mallory Byrnes.

The Ena P. Ellwanger Award for Compassion, Humor, Integrity, Love of Learning and Sense of Community was presented to Griffin Burnett.

The P.S. 175 Academic Achievement

Awards (90 percent or better) were given to Griffin Burnett, Francis Cebek, Lena Huberman, Krista Karabel, Danielle Lyons, Michael MacIndoe, Alexander Petrou, Jean Pierre Ramos, and Kaitlyn Ricci.

The P.S. 175 Effort Awards were presented to Jessica Maniotis, Ashley Marichal, Jesika Pemberton, Caitlin Stiene and Chrislyn Paukowits.

The P.S. 175 Service Awards were given to Griffin Burnett, Francis Cebek, Philip Choy, Edward Ciarletta, Patrick Donohue, Mary Ann Emmerick, Russell Harmon, Krista Karabel, Danielle Lyons, Michael MacIndoe, Michael Maniotis, Kathleen McCormick, Matthew Murphy, Stephen Pecoraro, Alexander Petrou, Jean Pierre Ramos, Kaitlyn Ricci, Matthew Rodstrom and Gerard Roman.

In addition, the Knights of Columbus Vince Lombardi (Sons of Italy) Award was given to Stephen Pecoraro.

Congratulations to all the award winners and all the 2002 graduates!

City Island to Host Teachers Group

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

On July 2, City Island will be the focus of attention from about a hundred teachers interested in maritime arts and culture. Each summer the Nassau BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) holds a weeklong seminar on an interesting topic as part of its "Making Connections" program, and this year City Island was chosen to participate.

The day will start with a gathering at Grace Episcopal Church, where the guests will learn something about the history of City Island, as well as the fascinating story of this beautiful structure with its famous stained-glass windows and wood-ship models.

Then the group will divide into three

smaller groups that will take tours of different parts of the Island, followed by lunch at various Island restaurants.

The afternoon will feature a program in which ten residents will each take a small group of teachers to a different spot on the Island to explore such subjects as the boat-building and sail-making industries, growing up on City Island, the City Island Nautical Museum collection, the City Island school and IDEA, City Island journalism, artists on the island, City Island and the movies and notable residents of the Pelham Cemetery.

The program was coordinated by various trustees of the City Island Historical Society.



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.

The **Midtown Antiques Gallery** at 310 City Island Avenue will have its grand opening on Saturday, July 27. It specializes in furniture and antiques of the 17th through early 20th century. The owners are Mort and Violet Ellis. For information, call 885-2820.

The **Focal Point Gallery** at 321 City Island Avenue will present "Shot on the Street," an exhibit of color photography by Patrick Pagnano from July 12 to July 28. The opening reception and book signing will be held on Friday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m.

On exhibit for the month of July at the **Kathlyn Moses Gallery** are paintings by Beth Ann Geisel, Mary Rappold and Lois Weingarten. Also on display are decorative hanging quilts crafted by Ann McGuire. The opening reception will be on Friday, July 12 from 7 to 11pm.

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AUTHOR KELLEY READS AT MOODLIGHT'S 3RD ANNIVERSARY PARTY

By CARMEN MASON

The elegant and amusing author, mentor and teacher William Melvin Kelley (*A Different Drummer*, *Dancers on the Shore*, *A Drop of Patience*, *dem*, etc.) read his short story "Carlyle Tries Polygamy" (published in *The New Yorker*), at Julissa Quesada's Moodlight candle shop at 270 City Island Avenue on the evening of June 12, 2002.

The event, to honor the new location of Moodlight, formerly a block away, was multifold. First, there was Kelley's humorous story, an excerpt from the riveting *dem* and his ruminations about becoming a feminist after being "surrounded" by women (his wife, two daughters, and grandchildren). Then there was the viewing of his wife Aiki's *Tree of Life* mural in the rear anteroom of the charming shop, followed by seven-year-old Blossom Kelley Washington's artful playing of her violin (donated by OPUS 118-We Want Music Program). And finally there was a delicious repast of scallops, chicken, salad, wine and other delights.

Many Islanders, off-Islanders (from Riverdale, Manhattan, Yonkers, Canada!) mingled and networked, and conversa-

tions from rock bass guitar playing to organic homesteading could be heard amidst redolent candles of natural pine, golden nectar, grapefruit, neroli, watercress, cucumber, passion fruit and sandalwood. Glass and wrought-iron candelabra hung everywhere, even from the diaphanous burnt-orange ceiling drapery created by Quesada (which took a day to install).

The invitations, print designs, color choices, business card with the 10 "candle commandments" and all future events (including a writing workshop supervised by Mr. Kelley) are the work of Islander Jesi Kelley. The interior colors of Moodlight—"sashay" red, gold, cobalt and velvety purple—are fused into a womblike atmosphere of warmth and of bold scent and design.

This writer chose 18 votive candles and a cobalt-blue Hundi lamp to remember the evening.



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The Island Garden

By DORIS STRAUS

In our continuing quest to create a beautiful garden with the least amount of work, it is crucial that we come to terms with the garden's location. Growing the right plant in the right spot will avoid a lot of disappointment. For example, if you are trying to grow rhododendrons in somewhat alkaline soil in full sun, you are going to have some problems. However, putting a forsythia, hypericum (St. John's Wort) or Scotch broom (*Cytisus x praecox*) in that same location should lead to success.

Everyone likes evergreens, but for these plants to be at their best they need a good deal of sun; shade will cause them to develop open, ratty centers. If you have a partially shady spot, you could try viburnum, a really nice group of shrubs that don't mind part shade, can also do well in the sun and are tolerant of a wider range of soil types than azaleas or rhodies. Viburnums come in a variety of sizes, leaf textures and flowering types; some are also semi-evergreen. It would be nice to see more of these very useful shrubs on the Island. *Viburnum lantana* tolerates more lime than others and *Viburnum rhytidophyllum* is said to tolerate deep shade, while *Viburnum plicatum v. tomentosum* has beautiful flowers and an especially elegant form.

Another approach to low-maintenance planting that I find interesting is knowing where the plants came from originally and adapting the selection to your own garden. For instance, there are a host of herbs and perennials from the Mediterranean and other hot, dry, breezy areas that are well suited to City Island. These include sea holly (*Eryngium maritimum*), sage (*Salvia* various), catmint (*Nepeta*), wormwood hybrids (*Artemisia*) and rosemary (*Rosmarinus*).

If you are fortunate enough to have anshady, acidic corner of your garden with good organic soil, you can try a number of wonderful woodland plants, including astilbe, coral bells (*heucheras*), goat's

beard (*Aruncus*) and some really beautiful ferns, such as the Japanese painted fern (*Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum'*) and the Japanese red shield fern (*Dryopteris erythrosora*).

Grasses are an easy, low-maintenance solution for sunny spots. You will have to chop them back in late winter, but aside from that all they need is occasional watering once established. Daylilies are also very easy plants that come in many colors and heights and will tolerate light shade. I witnessed a testament to their invincible nature when I saw a daylily tuber that continued to grow after it had been ripped out of the ground and run over by a backhoe at the New York Botanical Garden. I can't think of any other plant that could have survived that experience.

In July, when your roses have finished their first flush of bloom, make sure they are deadheaded, and give them a feed of an all-purpose organic fertilizer. Roses may also appreciate a drink of fish emulsion (diluted according to instructions on the label), which some people believe helps them hold their flowers longer in the heat. If you've got black spot—and 2002 looks like a bad year for this problem—make note of the plants that are really badly affected and consider replacing them with more disease-resistant varieties next year.

If you feel you must spray (I don't), use only an environmentally sound product because almost all fungicides are extremely toxic to marine life and not the kind of thing you want near yourself or anyone you care about. Remember to keep newly planted shrubs and perennials well watered, and keep an eye on them for wilting when the days get really hot. The goal is to establish a good root system during the first growing season so you will get many years of enjoyment (and less work) out of your new plants.

Oh, and get that chaise out and enjoy your garden!

Current Review

Kiddy Kabaret Goes Hawaiian

Trinity United Methodist Fellowship Hall was transformed into a cabaret on Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16, when the City Island Theater Group presented its Hawaiian Kiddy Kabaret. Guests were seated at round decorated tables and served a light lunch by hosts and hostesses. When lunch was over, they were treated to "The Stowaway," a play written by Laury Hopkins. During intermission, guests were served dessert and then took part in a luau.

The show was the culmination of a series of workshops held by Laury Hopkins through a grant given to the City Island Community Center by the Bronx Council on the Arts. In the workshops, children learned to design and create the set, costumes and playbill and to apply theatrical make-up.

Stephen Marcus served as musical director for the production, which was made possible in part with public funds from the Bronx Council on the Arts through the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program. The show was also supported with funds from COLONY that were used to purchase some supplies for the workshops and to cover costs for printing the playbill.

The children who participated in the show were Abby Adams, Amanda Anne, Elizabeth Balfe, Jennifer Basker, Jack Clayton, Dylan Cruz, Alexis Cunzio, Molly Delaney, Joe DeWitt, Samantha Emmert, Amanda Figuiere, Sam Fisher, Kaylin Fitzpatrick, Liam Flynn, Ilana Gross, Gwyn Hopkins, Lily Kolb, Briana Lotrionte, Jillian Lotrionte, Marie Louise,

Gabriella Maldari, Phoebe Mankiewicz, Kristen Marie, Bernadette McMahon, Kelly Mercorella, Shannon Monaghan, Blerta Muijaj, Jonathan Nagy, Blakely Nagy, Samantha Nagy, Marie-Louise Nangle, Sean O'Leary, Ashely Oda, Anthony Orzo, Samantha Pecoraro, Maddie Piscatelli, Sophie Piscatelli, Grace Ramos, Rebecca Rodstrom, Imelda Rojas, Sarah Rothschild, Gregory Sexton, Tiernan Shanley, Emmett Shanley, Hannah Sheehey, Alex Skokos, Janae Spinato, Rebecca Taffet, Elizabeth Vacca, Victoria Velez, Leah Weber, Sarah Williams, Aimee Zambrana and Stephanie Zambrana.

Participating in the workshops were Christine Arnone, Elizabeth Arnone, Deliah Berger, Jack Clayton, Molly Delaney, Samantha Emmert, Liam Flynn, Julia Gurevich, Cait Henessey, Daniella Maldari, Phoebe Mankiewicz, Danny Masterson, Jack Masterson, Kelly McCabe, Shannon Monaghan, Ashely Oda, Nicholas Peluso, Sophie Piscatelli, Chelsea Rodstrom, Rebecca Rodstrom, Leah Simoncek, Maria Swieciki, Julia Walker, Reese Werkhoven, Aimee Zambrana, Stephanie Zambrana and Romane Zrioi.

Rounding off the production was the crew: costumes and make-up by Delia Berger, Kelly McCabe, Maria Swieciki and Romane Zrioi; set by Bridget McGowan, Phoebe Mankiewicz, Lea Simoncek and Reese Werkhoven.

Everyone involved, especially the audience, enjoyed the show!



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The City Island Theater Group's Kiddie Kabaret production premiered on June 15 and 16 at Trinity Methodist Church.

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Organization News

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Current Calendar

JULY
Tues., July 2, **Bronx Fireworks Extravaganza**, Orchard Beach, 9:30 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Sat., July 20, **Blood Drive** sponsored by the Bronx Masons, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church at 113 Bay Street.

Tues., July 23, **Pelham Cemetery Lot Owners** meet, 7:30 p.m., Leonard Hawkins Post, 550 City Island Avenue. This meeting is for lot owners only.

Mon., July 29, **City Island Civic Association/Community Board 10** joint meeting with Department of City Planning, 8 p.m., Leonard Hawkins Post, 550 City Island Avenue.

Tues., July 30, **City Island Civic Association** meets, 8 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

AUGUST

Tues., Aug. 27, **City Island Civic Association** meets, 8 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Garden Club

The Garden Club's "Luncheon by the Sea," held on June 13, was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the event and the wonderful prizes that were won in the raffles.

The club will have a summer get-together on Wednesday, July 24, at the City Island Yacht Club on Pilot Street.

By now everyone on City Island should have received our annual fund drive letter. All monies donated are spent on the beautification of City Island. Garden Club members plant the lovely flowers in Hawkins Street Park; we also sponsor the weekly cleanup of City Island Avenue. If you have not received our letter and would like to make a donation, send a check to the Garden Club of City Island/Beautification, and mail it to Kathy Gibbons, 183 Horton Street. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated for the club to continue and expand its work.

Phyllis Goodman



Chapter 318 AARP

We will not meet during the months of July and August, so please mark your calendar for Atlantic City. Our next trips will be Tuesday, July 9, and Tuesday, Aug. 13. The bus departs from 113 Bay Street, City Island, at 9 a.m.; for reservations please call Jean Ringel at 885-1479 or John Bonicoro at 885-1844.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 113 Bay Street, at 1 p.m.; refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Have a very happy and safe summer.
Marie Tirelli

Trinity United Methodist Church

Our annual picnic will be held on July 28. We will again be entertained by the Circuit Riders, a Christian group of musicians and singers based in Mamaroneck. We have been privileged and blessed by these talented folk with their music for several years now. Anyone who has heard them will want to come and clap their hands, stomp their feet and join in the fun! Come join us at our worship service and stay for the picnic afterward. You'll be glad you did!

Trinity's Budget Corner was a terrific success this year. A big thank you to all the hard workers who put in so much effort in preparing, sorting and working in the many capacities we asked of them. Thank you also to those who gave so generously of all your goodies. Without you we would have had nothing to sell! Budget will be closed for the summer to allow those who have worked hard all year a well-deserved rest. We will reopen on Sept. 17. Please do not leave any donations until Sept. 1. We cannot accept anything at all until then, and whatever is left will have to be discarded.

Have a terrific summer. We'll still be here on Sundays at 10 a.m. Come on in and pray a while. We would love to see you.

Donna LaValle

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El, "The Shul By The Sea," is moving forward with its renaissance under the aegis of its new rabbi, Shohama Wiener. Many programs and projects are being planned, from a dinner cruise to a Sunday brunch at sea, and from an Installation Dinner/Dance (for the rabbi) to the High Holy Day Services.

Town meetings have been scheduled for Tuesdays, July 16 and Aug. 20. All are welcome to participate.

Regular Friday night services will be suspended during July and August, but some will be conducted on board members' boats. Contact Bob Berent, at 885-3098 for any information or assistance.

High Holy Day Services (open to all at no charge) begin early this year. Erev Rosh HaShanah is on Friday, Sept. 6, with services continuing on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7 and 8. Yom Kippur will begin on Sunday evening, Sept. 15.

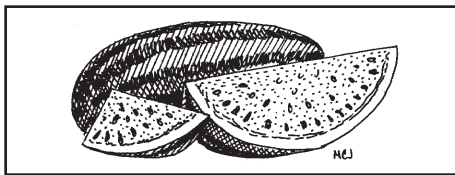
Temple Beth-El continues to invite all our friends and neighbors to help create a distinctive community garden next to the Temple at 480 City Island Avenue. Our goal is to create such a garden—the Gan Eretz Community Garden—along with the opportunity to learn more about the connection between Judaism, nature and the environment. Individuals and groups may call Nathan Graber at 828-8351.

Bob Berent



Photos by GINGER DANNEGGER

The officers of the City Island Garden Club enjoy the "Luncheon by the Sea" held on June 13, 2002 (above, l. to r. Susan Strazzera, Joan Ficarra, Ruth Collins, Brigitte Schibli and Phyllis Goodman). Many great prizes (below) were raffled off to raise money to help the club keep City Island beautiful.



City Island Seniors

The City Island Seniors meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at Trinity Church Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m.

At the meeting on Tuesday, July 2, there will be a surprise dessert served by the Kitchen Committee, after which bingo will be played. Come out and join our friendly group and enjoy.

The Aug. 6 meeting will be a picnic at the Fordham Street beach from 12 to 4 p.m. Members are asked to bring a light lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided by the City Island Seniors.

At the Sept. 3 meeting, the food sale, white elephant sale and raffle will be discussed. Laura Sadler is collecting white elephant donations and food for the raffle.

The fund-raising sale is set for Saturday, Sept. 7, starting at 9:30 a.m. Come out to our sale, enjoy our delicious baked goods and other foods, take a chance on our food raffle baskets and go home with a choice item from the white elephant table.

For more information on any of these events, call 885-2124.

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Legion News

Since we go to press early this month, you will notice the brevity of this report.

There were 39 essays submitted by eighth grade students of P.S. 175 and St. Mary's for this year's essay contest. The winners are named in the graduates story in this issue. Most of the essays were excellent, but the winners were one cut above the rest.

I've heard, through the Post grapevine, that ten large pizzas appeared at the Post following the Memorial Day parade, compliments of Danny and Dino of Seafood City. Unfortunately, I wasn't aware of this largesse until it was too late.

Richard O'Keefe reported that the outgoing state commander's dinner at Rhodes was a success.

In January Peggy and Dick Eberhart were presented a Blue Star Banner in honor of their son Patrick, a lieutenant colonel serving in the Army Special Forces. Since then, the families of Michael Knapp, Greg and Michael Clancy received banners, and the family of Matthew Delaney received a banner from a Legion Post in Montauk. At our regular meeting on July 1, the families of John Breene, William Lindsay, Rachel Smith, Chom Phalit and Michelle Healey will be presented with Blue Star Banners.

The Sons of the Legion recently requested a meeting with the Post to address several problems that have arisen. Since this is a matter of great import to all concerned, the Post will entertain their request with alacrity at the next corporation meeting in October. I was a Sons of the Legion member prior to embarking on my military career in 1942 and recall, although few in number, we were very active and our rapport with the rest of the Post was excellent. This is the way it should be.

Our commander, Vincent Hecker, asked that I again thank everyone who participated in the Memorial Day Parade as a marcher or worker. The parade was the biggest ever.

Those present at our last meeting were taken for a trip on the Erie Canal. Bill Clancy gave an impromptu discourse on his adventures on the canal. Some of you might remember that I mentioned an Angus Clancy who crossed the Delaware with Washington. There is a reliable rumor that a Paddy Clancy, laborer, worked with a pick and shovel on the construction of the canal.

Flags are available at the Post. The price is \$10 and a bracket is included at no extra charge.

We could still use a few good men to help place flags on the avenue. Some of our volunteers have taken additional sections. If you can lend a hand, call Russ Schaller at 2087.

There will only be two meetings during the summer hiatus. July 1 will be a regular meeting and Aug. 12 an executive board meeting.

At the Bronx County Convention on Friday, June 7, Joe Goonan was elected Bronx county commander. The attainment of the prestigious office elevates Joe to the status of Poo-Bah, a title enjoyed by relatively few members of our Post.

The annual clam bake will be held during the summer, but no date has been set. Those interested in joining the clam-digging detail should contact the commander.

Sick Call: to the best of my knowledge, there are no changes since last month. Richard Lindley is at Sound Shore; Captain Frederick (Skip) Lane is at Providence Rest; Don Varian, Billy McGee and Bud Scollen are at home.

Fall out for another month.



If you wish to submit, for inclusion in this column, information regarding events and activities at the City Island Community Center, please call Laury Hopkins at 885-3202 no later than the 15th of each month, except December and July. Leave a message, including your name and phone number.

Announcements

Monthly Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Thanks to all who participated in the Kiddy Kabaret Production, it was a great success!

Ongoing Events

To schedule events at the Center, call Laury Hopkins at 885-3202.

Teen Center: Saturday evenings. To volunteer your time so that we can keep the Teen Center open, please call Jay Howard at 885-2192.

Senior Nutrition Program: Held at Pilot Cove Manor, weekdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All senior citizens are welcome; the cost is only .80¢ per meal. Call 885-0727 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for your monthly calendar with daily lunch menus and schedule of visits to shopping centers.

Belly Dancing Classes: Call Nadia at 885-9660.

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July 7 will be a special concert featuring pianist Adrienne Kimm, violinist Yurika Mok, violist David Cerutti and cellist Wolfram Koessel in a performance of Brahms's great G-minor Piano Quartet, among other pieces.

Violinists Garrett Fischbach and Yurika Mok (members of the Metropolitan Orchestra), violist Jessica Troy and cellist Wolfram Koessel will present two string quartet masterpieces on July 14: Beethoven's Opus 95 and Brahms's A-minor Quartet.

July 21 will be the City Island debut of the versatile group Ensemble Musicora (piano, violin, cello, clarinet, vocal and guitar), who will perform works by Mozart, Schubert, Granados, Debussy and Vaughan Williams.



On July 28 former Meridian string quartet violinists Sebu Sirinian and Lisa Tipton, with violist Jessica Troy and cellist Wolfram Koessel, will perform works by Haydn, Beethoven and Puccini.

Don't miss pianist Ilan Rechtman's return on Aug. 4, when he will present a surprise program with cellist Wolfram Koessel, among others.

On Aug. 11, pianist Adrienne Kim will be joined by her sister, violinist Vivian Kim, and others to perform Schumann's fantastic piano quartet. She will also play Schumann's Fantaisie in C for solo piano.

Violinist Azmira Woodward-Page will make her City Island debut on Aug. 18 with pianist Jonathan Bliss, playing pieces by Dvorak, Brahms and Bartok.

Violinist Andrea Schulz, violist Jessica Troy and other string players will present a program of different chamber music works for strings on Aug. 25.

And to finish the summer schedule, pianist Adrienne Kimm and cellist Wolfram Koessel will play Brahms's Sonata in F and works by Debussy and others on Sept. 1.

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Directed by Robert Redford

Robert Redford, famous for his acting and distinctive good looks, has directed six films about magic, idealism, nostalgia and healing. He won an Academy Award for his first-time directorial effort of the film, **Ordinary People** (1980). This excellent and moving drama is the story of Conrad Jarrett (Timothy Hutton) and his parents, Beth and Calvin (Mary Tyler Moore and Donald Sutherland), who are still mourning the loss of Conrad's older brother Buck, who was killed in an unfortunate boating accident. Conrad, riddled with survivor guilt, goes into therapy with Dr. Berger (Judd Hirsch), much to the embarrassment of Beth, who cannot tolerate any sort of mess in her life. Calvin desperately tries to hold his family together, but there is constant friction between mother and son. Elizabeth McGovern is on hand as the girl who captures Conrad's eye, causing him typical teen angst in the midst of his family crisis. This is one of my very favorite dramas.

The Milagro Beanfield War (1988) is a story of the plight of a Mexican-American town in the United States. A real-estate developer (Richard Bradford) and his wife (Melanie Griffith) come to town to build condominiums. They want a piece of land that belongs to Joe Mondragon (Chick Vennera), who angrily kicks a water pipe, which winds up irrigating the property. He decides to plant beans, and the entire town is drawn into his struggle. From garage mechanic Ruby (Sonia Braga) to lawyer Charlie Bloom (John Heard) and the sheriff (Ruben Blades), no one is left untouched by the confrontation, especially when tough guy Kyril Montana (Christopher Walken) is called in to handle the situation. It is the story of a dying town that once more becomes a real community. There is also a magical quality that makes reality seem like a fable.

The cinematography steals the show in **A River Runs Through It** (1992), set in Montana in the years leading up to the first World War. Redford himself narrates this memoir of Norman Maclean (Craig Sheffer), the elder son of a Presbyterian minister (Tom Skerrit) and his wife (Brenda Blethyn) and brother to Paul (Brad Pitt), a wild, free-spirited newspaperman. This is the story of how fundamental principles of life are passed down from father to son, through the ministry, but more often through fishing in trout streams. It is a gentle, poignant and nostalgic film of days gone by.

The historical drama **Quiz Show** (1994) might seem odd to viewers today,

because its theme is the loss of idealism through the scandal of rigging quiz shows. Today's jaded public would react to the revelations with: "So what?" But at the time, it was a real scandal when Columbia professor Charles Van Doren (Ralph Fiennes), a handsome WASP from an intellectual family, was provided with the answers in a quiz show to replace the reigning champion, Herb Stempel (John Turturro), a homely Jew. It is poignant to watch how Charles tries to gain his family's validation and the attention of his famous father (Paul Scofield).

Redford's love of the West comes through in **The Horse Whisperer** (1998), which he both directs and stars in, as Tom Booker, a Montana man with a reputation for healing troubled animals. When Grace MacLean (Scarlett Johansson), daughter of high-powered New Yorkers Annie (Kristin Scott-Thomas), an editor, and Robert (Sam Neil), a lawyer, has a horrible accident with her horse, Annie implores Tom to help. During the course of the healing process, he helps not only the damaged horse, but also Grace's pain, as he wins Annie's heart. The book had a typical Hollywood ending, but Redford's change makes the conclusion of the film more believable and true to life.

The Legend of Bagger Vance (2000) is a rather mystical film that takes place in Savannah, Georgia. Talented golfer Rannulph Junuh (Matt Damon) and Adele Invergordon (Charlize Theron) are very much in love until Rannulph goes off to World War I, and "loses his swing." Adele's father builds a great golf course during the Depression, and to save it from ruin, she invites the world's most famous golfers, Bobby Jones (Joel Gretsch) and Walter Hagen (Bruce McGill), to a tournament. The town insists that the South be represented, so Adele persuades Rannulph to enter the game "for Savannah." Bagger Vance (Will Smith), who appears out of nowhere and offers to be his caddy, helps him find his swing and his lost soul again. The film is narrated by Jack Lemmon, who tells the story through his own eyes as Hardy Greaves (J. Michael Moncrief), who was a little boy at the time. This is a wonderful film about finding peace and healing, and the golf is beautiful to watch too.

And until next time, be safe and happy viewing...

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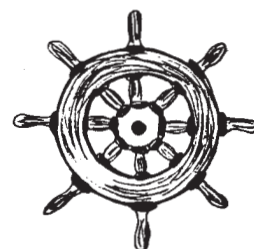
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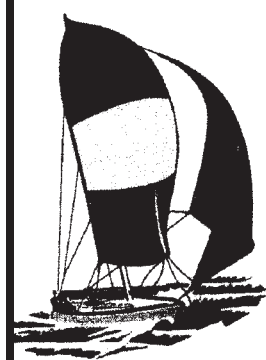
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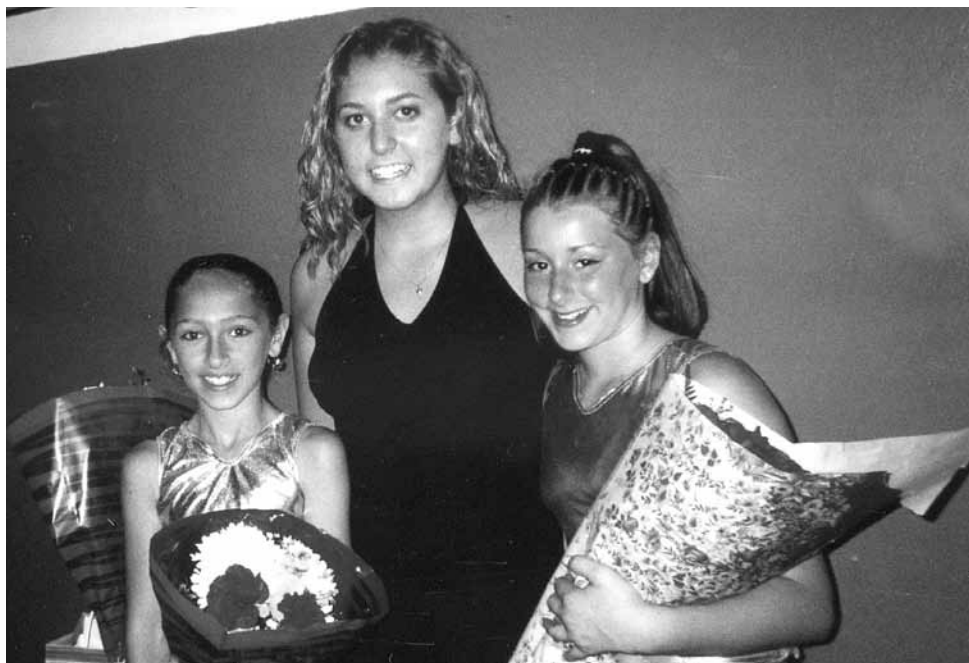
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Islanders Alaura Mancuso (left) and Bianca DeGiudice (right) are shown with their dance instructor Amanda Basso at Miss Beverly's Dance School recital on June 9, 2002.

LOCAL VIEWS

By TERESA TETO

What makes a good City Island citizen?



Irwin Weinfeld

We need to take an interest in our neighbors, not just coming home, closing the door and turning on the television. It doesn't matter who is in the White House, but it really matters who is in our house. Otherwise, government of the people, by the people, and for the people will become a government at the people. Politicians, then, guided by special interests, will make one-sided decisions when too few people are involved.

Alice and Kenny Rotello

The ongoing renovation of building facades is improving the looks of City Island Avenue. We respect and find much pleasure in the beautification work of the good citizens of the Garden Club, most especially because our children need to respect and take pride in their City Island home. Also, our beaches must be maintained and kept in mint condition. better control of traffic, including double-parking, needs to be worked on.



Donna Kinford

The best citizens respect other Islanders and the surrounding waters. Boaters and jet skiers need to navigate courteously and slowly and be careful of children swimming off City Island beaches. We all need to be vested in our community.

Cathy Cahill Cokeley

The suburbs involve one-generational living. City Island, on the other hand, involves multiple generations and caring. So when we go from the very young to the really elderly, we have a mix of neighbors who are more than ready and willing to help. Having neighbors who represent so many different age groups means that good citizens need to accept and respect that, and then play a role in the well-being of our community.



Doris Straus

We must appreciate what a special place this is. Everyone who complains but doesn't do anything about their complaints is not a good citizen. Involvement is absolutely necessary.

Susan Strazzera

Over 22 years ago, when the Garden Club realized how many trees were dying of Dutch elm disease, we got busy planting more trees. I've seen hundreds of trees planted through the efforts of good citizens, and I hope to see hundreds more. Trees make our island truly livable and beautiful, as do all the flower plantings by the Garden Club. Now about those dogs barking in the early morning and roaming loose on our streets . . . hmm?



Photo by GINGER DANNEGGER

P.S. 175's fourth grade presented their family genealogies, including profiles of special relatives and coats-of-arms, to the City Island Historical Society on June 17, 2002. Genealogist Joanne Brogan directed the students in this project.

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Wednesday, July 10 **Children's Magic Show-Featuring John Turdo**
2:00 PM Colucci Park, Wilkinson Avenue, Bronx

Thursday, July 11 **"Mostly Sinatra" Greg Wilder & Virgil Scott Orchestra**
7:30 PM Coyne Park, McLean Avenue, Yonkers

Tuesday, July 16 **The "Poni Tails"**
7:30 PM Bufano Park, Waterbury - La Salle Avenue, Bronx

Wednesday, July 17 **Children's Magic Show - Featuring John Turdo**
12:30 PM United Cerebral Palsy, Stillwell & Vance St., Bronx

Thursday, July 18 **Virgil Scott Swing Band**
7:30 PM Hudson Park, Pelham Road, New Rochelle

Monday, July 22 **"A Tribute to Gershwin & Porter"**
7:30 PM Pelham Town House, Fifth Avenue, Pelham

Wednesday, July 24 **Children's Magic Show - Featuring John Turdo**
2:00 PM Hudson Park, Pelham Road, New Rochelle

Thursday, July 25 **"Irish Night" - Featuring Guss Hayes**
7:30 PM St. Margaret's Riverdale Avenue, Bronx

Tuesday, July 30 **Guss Hayes & The Margaret Pike Irish Dancers**
7:30 PM P.S. 19, Katonah Avenue & 238th Street, Bronx

Wednesday, July 31 **Children's Magic Show - Featuring John Turdo**
2:00 PM Loreto Park, Morris Park Avenue, Bronx

August

Thursday, August 1 **Buster Long**
7:30 PM Preston High School, Schurz Avenue, Bronx

Tuesday, August 6 **Larry Chance & The Earls**
7:30 PM Veteran's Memorial Park, Throggs Neck Expwy., Bronx

Wednesday, August 7 **Children's Magic Show - Featuring John Turdo**
2:00 PM Pelham Town House, Fifth Avenue, Pelham

Thursday, August 8 **"Mixed Nuts"**
7:30 PM United Cerebral Palsy, Stillwell & Vance St., Bronx

Wednesday, August 14 **Nancy Corvino & "Company"**
7:30 PM City Hall, Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon

Thursday, August 15 **The Capris**
7:30 PM Colucci Park, Wilkinson Avenue, Bronx

Wednesday, August 21 **"A Tribute to Gershwin & Porter"**
8:00 PM Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester

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Down the beach. We're not sure, but we'd like to think that "down the beach" is an expression peculiar to City Islanders. Not that we don't share it. Or won't. Of course not. It's just that while the rest of the world goes "to the beach" or spends the day "at the beach," City Islanders have always gone "down the beach," as if a day at the beach on City Island is an experience unlike any other. And maybe it is. Again, we'd like to think so. We have our ideas about the origin of this expression, but we'd like to give our readers a chance to weigh in first. Drop us an e-line at jdsstrat@earthlink.net.

On a recent visit "down the beach," we saw something that has become an all too familiar sight (and sound) on beaches everywhere—cell phones. One particular young man spent the lion's share of his time either making or receiving calls or checking his signal. We could not help but wonder if his family (a wife and two small children were present) would have been better served if that device had been washed away by a rogue wave. There are so many things to do at the beach (including doing nothing), why not leave the phone home for a couple of hours this summer and just relax?

There was a time when beaches and just relaxing were all most people wanted out of a City Island summer. It's a fact that many Island homes began as someone's summer bungalow, some of them dating from the 19th century. Most of the old summer rentals have long since been converted to year-round residences (our own included!), but there are a few leftovers. And you may be able to sneak a peek at one or two of them the next time you are out for a walk on Minneford Avenue. You'll have to look

down toward the beaches, though. Gigi was sneaking peeks at the woodpeckers on King Avenue. She had to sneak them, she said, because she didn't want anyone to think she was cuckoo. Let them think what they want, Gigi. It's what YOU think that counts. Celeste thought she heard a couple of owls the other morning. They turned out to be mourning doves. That's mourning, not morning, doves, because of the mournful, cooing sound they make.

The plaintive coo of the mourning dove is truly a far cry from the "caw-caw-caw" of the American crow. One can't help but eavesdrop on the conversations of these native American birds. What it is they actually say to one another is unclear, but the fact that they are conversing is a certainty. Listen for yourself as one crow calls and then another crow, farther away, answers that call with the identical sequence of "caws," usually in threes (and usually early in the morning!).

The red-winged blackbird may not be as intelligent as its distant cousin, or as big and bulky, but it is every bit as tough. Tougher, we think. We've seen many an American crow fought off in mid-air by a red-winged blackbird. When provoked, a redwinger can fly circles around a crow, striking at it from many different angles, sometimes in tandem with two or three others, in which case the poor crow never has a chance. We've even seen redwingers handling hawks in this way. Another blackbird familiar to these parts is the brown-headed cowbird. Like the red-winged blackbird, its name is all you need to know for identification in the field.

Like the American crow, the American toad is a native American. And while it may not be as familiar to City Islanders, we can assure you that there are toads on City Island. We have seen at least two on Bay Street. Whether or not they have always been around or have been introduced recently is an open question; again, we invite our readers to weigh in on the issue. A toad is more terrestrial than its cousin the frog, hence its dry, warty skin. It eats slugs and snails, among other things, so don't be surprised if you come across one in your garden. Well, maybe a little surprised.

Enjoy the summer, everyone! See you in September.

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By BERNARD WITLIEB

A Sense of Community

It was the early fifties, the time of "I Love Lucy" and "The Honeymooners," the growing years of the baby boomers, that sweet time when the Korean War was winding down, when the fall of the French stronghold of Dienbienphu in 1954 to Ho Chi Minh's forces in the far-away land of Vietnam seemed to have no bearing on the flow of daily life in America, in City Island.

It was the time for the creation of a biweekly community newspaper on Dec. 18, 1952:

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The cost? 10 cents, but free until Feb. 26, 1953. The editor and general manager? Jim Standridge, of 99 Carroll Street.

It was the time when its first front page contained a drawing of an idyllic, snowy Christmas scene. It was a time when the Jan. 15, 1953, front page had an heroic drawing of soon-to-be-inaugurated President Eisenhower; on Jan. 29, a Boy Scout envisioning a distant horizon; on Feb. 12, Abraham Lincoln; on April 9, photos of toddlers bedecked in Easter finery; on Oct. 29, page 3, a photo of a housewife sorting garments in front of a clothes washer, with the headline "Getting That Wash Day Smile."

It was the time when the editorial of May 7, 1953, could unabashedly proclaim: "City Island is Your Home Town."

IF you call almost everyone you meet by his first name.

IF you never fail to tell the City or County Commissioners that you are a taxpayer.

IF you attend the PTA and Civic Association meetings.

IF you resent seeing anyone chop

down a tree whose beauty and shade you have enjoyed for a lifetime.

IF you share a feeling of pride in young folks who work hard, build their own homes and raise families.

IF you're blue when local fishing is a flop.

IF you raise your hand in friendly salute to everyone you meet, even strangers.

IF you ignore the scandals, and take a peek in the baby buggies to see what the newest citizens look like.

IF you go to church suppers to be sure they'll be a success.

IF you know the name of just about every dog you meet on the street and [to] whom he belongs.

IF the town seems to have come a long way, although newcomers complain it's slow to grow.

IF you do business without contracts and without worrying.

IF you locate every other place on earth by its distance from where you are, then, brother, it's your home town.

But to be sure, you're also an Islander if you find some resonance in these complaints found on the very same page:

We need our roads fixed now—not in the fall.

We need a playground for our children.

We need better bus service.

We need a teen-age canteen.

The year 1953 was the time when a sense of community reemerged on City Island. It was the time of the creation of a Little League. It was the time of the formation of the City Island Players. The year 1953 marked the beginning of Cub Scout Pack #211. It was the time of pride and patriotism; for a community of just over 5,000, an astonishingly large number of young men and women were serving in the armed forces. It was the first full year that Islanders could avail themselves of the Board of Trade's free service establishing public bulletin boards in the Island's four barber shops. The year 1953 was special.

(1953 will be the focus of a series of articles to appear in The Current. Many thanks to Bob Mickelson, who asked his friend Russ Schaller to provide me with photocopies of a year's worth of issues of the City Island News.)



Photo by RENA HANSEN

Artists were joined by family members and friends for the latest opening at the Kathlyn Moses Gallery at 327 City Island Avenue on June 8, 2002. Shown above are (l. to r.) Mitchell Rosenbaum, Jean Goldin, Ellen Grace and Claire Sommer.

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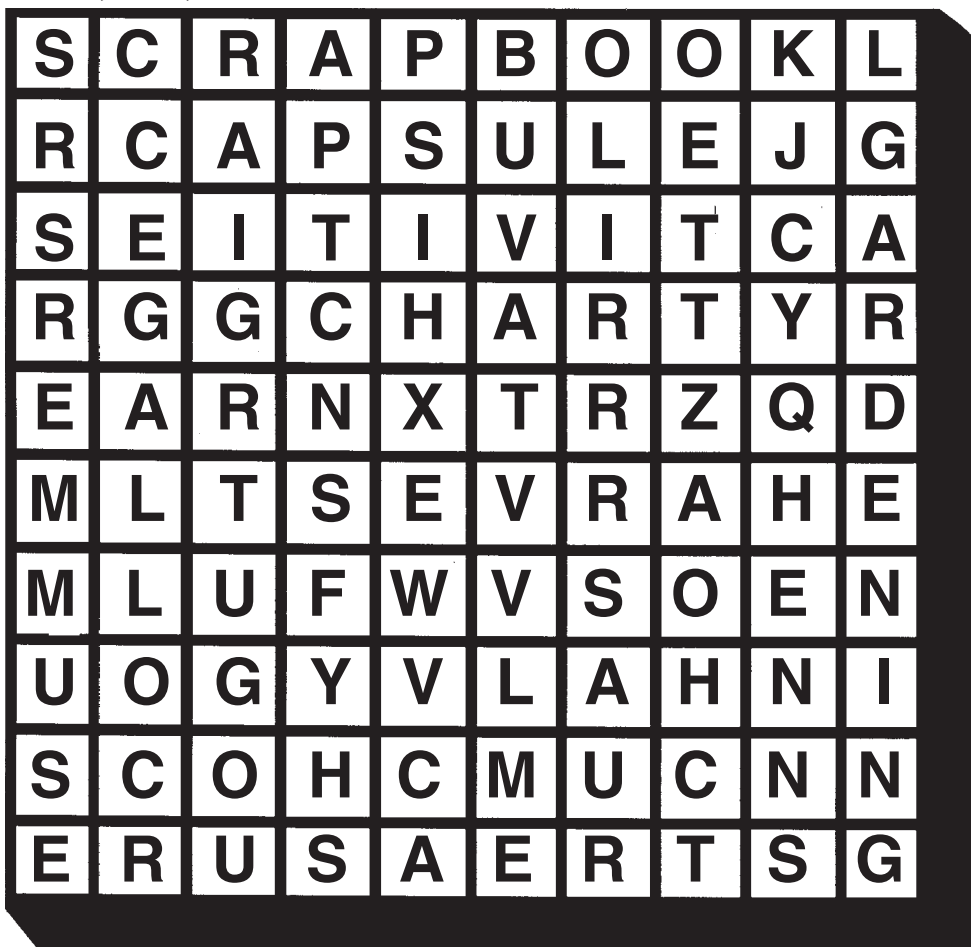
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WORD SEARCH PUZZLE #29

The following words can be found vertically, horizontally, backwards or on the diagonal. Good luck!

Scavenger, treasure, summer, scrapbook, collage, capsule, gardening, harvest, chart, activities.



Summer Reading Activities

Reading skills that children acquire during the school year can weaken if children stop learning during the summer break. But, of course, learning never has to stop. Children who read during the summer can even begin the new school year with increased vocabulary and language skills. It is not difficult to keep your child interested in reading and learning, since almost everything they do in their daily activities provides an opportunity to read.

Start by setting a goal with your child to read a certain amount of books. Make a chart and put it in a visible location as a daily reminder. Agree on a reasonable reward for reaching the goal and have fun with it.

The following are a list of suggested summer activities that you can do with your child that will encourage reading:
* Make a treasure hunt for items to be found around your home. Hide items in different locations and write riddles that will have to be read and solved in order to find the items.

• Create silly board games together. Write up silly activities on the cards, such as "sing twinkle, twinkle before moving ahead" or "make a funny face." Encourage creativity.

• Begin a scrapbook together. Glue recent photographs to a piece of colored paper and write captions. Decorate the page. Encourage your child to write

details about the events or people in the pictures. These details will help the child remember the events or people later on.

• Make a time capsule. Decorate a box and encourage your child to write about what is happening in his or her world today. Write about a favorite event that has taken place recently.

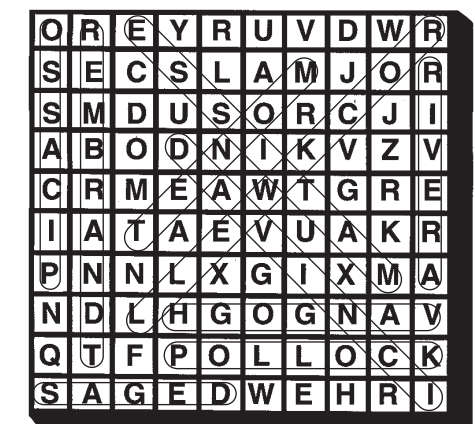
• Send your child on a scavenger hunt. Ask him or her to find a fruit that begins with the letter "B," or something in the garage that has the sound of "T" in it, or something that rhymes with "ing."

• Make garden signs together and place them by the various plants in the garden. On a calendar, chart the dates when the plants should be watered, weeded and harvested or picked. Find recipes together that call for some of the ingredients you are growing, such as tomatoes, oregano, basil and rosemary.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of daily reading. Like anything else we want to improve, the more practice you do, the more improvement you see. Reading should be pleasurable, not a chore. When reading becomes a family event, everyone will want to join in. I wish you all a happy, healthy and relaxing summer.

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE #28

Answer to last month's puzzle



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Welcome home to Bay Street's Michael Torres, who is returning from a one-year stint in Japan as an English teacher. It's good to have you back!

Congratulations to Thomas Flynn on his graduation from P.S. 175. We're proud of you and wish you good luck in Stepinac in Sept. With love, Uncle Pete and Aunt Marg.

Congratulations to John Anthony Persteins for his successful return to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Waldo, Sarah, Aunt Ena and Uncle John.

Much happiness to Waldo Persteins and Sarah Bleil on their engagement. Sarah has been a first hand at Shakespeare Theatre and is currently a costume shop manager at Wolf Trap Opera, both in Washington, D.C. And welcome back to New York, Waldo. Washington, D.C.'s loss is New York's gain. Love, Mom, Dad, John Anthony, Aunt Ena and Uncle John.

It is with great pride that Bette D. and Edward D. Heben announce the graduation of their son Benjamin Lee Heben from SUNY Binghamton University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in financial economics, his election to Omicron Delta Epsilon, the International Honor Society for Economics, his entry into the world of business and his attainment of a career position with Gabelli Funds in Rye, New York.

And congratulations, also, to Ethan Mayer Heben upon his graduation from Fordham Preparatory School, his congressional nomination and official appointment to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. A most honorable achievement. Way to go, E! Bette and Ed hope that you join us in wishing Benjamin much luck and happiness on his journey to a successful career in business and in their prayers extending Ethan Godspeed on his path to becoming an officer and a gentleman in the U. S. Navy. May all of their dreams and aspirations come true.

Happy 11th birthday on Aug. 22 to Bay Street's Maria Christina Swieciki with love from your family.

Keep up the good work! Mrs. Beverly's Dance School of Pelham had their recital on June 9. Congratulations to Alaura Mancuso and Bianca DelGiudice.

Keep dancing!

Godspeed to the Fordham Prep Class of 2002! Island teens who graduated on May 29 were Thomas Cokeley, Ethan Heben, Walter Koschak, Roger Nani and Nicholas Salacan. Ethan is off to the U.S. Naval Academy, Tommy and Roger will attend Boston College, Walter goes on to Lemoyne College and Nicky will attend Fordham University.

It's a boy! Welcome to Paul Alexander, born May 11 to Karen and Paul Mazzella. Thrilled grandparents are City Islanders Roberta and Bill Collier and Diane and Sam Mazzella.

Happy July birthdays to Sally McPherson, Christa Chatnuch, and Beth and Susie Rauh. Beth: When are you coming to visit? We miss you!

Happy August birthdays to Marisa Chatnuch, Philip Dolensek and Linda Wright.

Congratulations to Pilot Street's Charlie Koschak, who graduated from P.S. 175 on June 21 and will be attending Fordham Prep in September. And continued best wishes to Walter Koschak with love from your family. Good job, boys!

Happy birthday to Winter Street's one-year-old Jimmy McGaughan, who will share his birth date of July 7 with Aunt Tracy on Marine Street. Happy birthday(s) to both of you!

Happy birthday on July 12 to Schofield Street's Flo Bonicoro, who will be very busy with all her new great-grandchildren.

Happy birthday on Aug. 3 to Cathy Cepek and her son, Frankie Cepek, on Aug. 22. With love from your family.

Welcome to the Black Whale's newest addition: little Kayleigh, born on June 4 to Bill and Vicki Kenny. Proud big brother is Liam Kenny, who will turn two on July 16. Congratulations to all!

Birthday greetings go out to Donny Kolb on July 25, Donald Kolb on July 26 and Billy Seiter on July 27. With love from Geri.

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

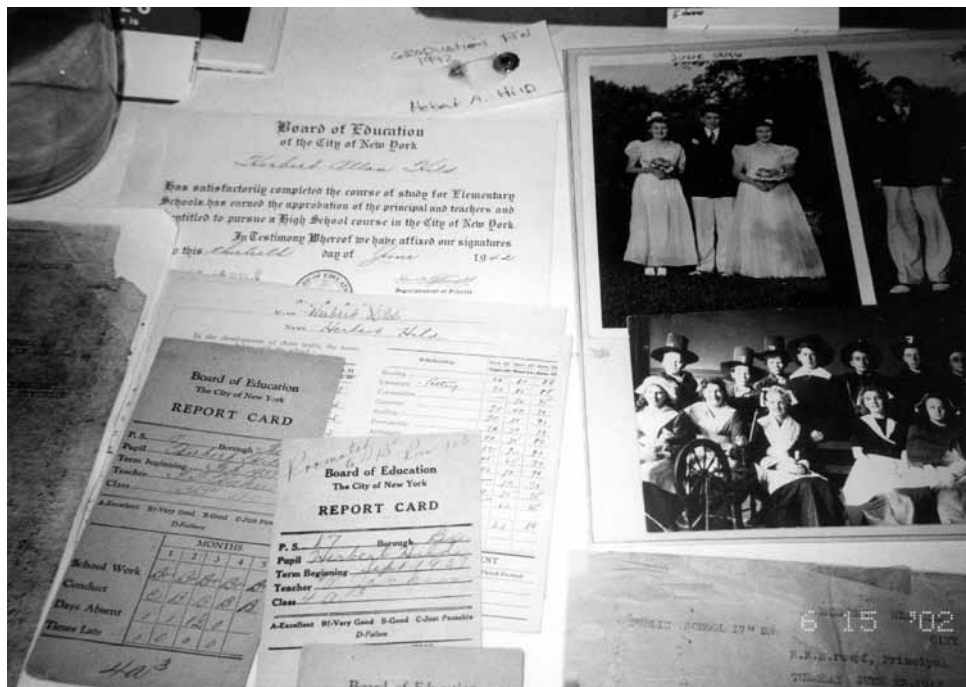
And to all our neighbors and readers: have a wonderful, safe summer. See you in September!

Maria Swieciki



Photos by KAREN NANI

The P.S. 17 class of 1942 celebrated their 60th reunion at the City Island Yacht Club on June 14, 2002. The enthusiastic group reminisced fondly at the dinner table and shared stories and memorabilia from their grammar school years. Shown above (seated, l. to r.) are Lucille Brenner Masterson, Georgia Nakis McNichol, Lorraine Buschmann Rauhauser and Helen Conley Leupp. Standing are Bill Mitchell, Eleanor Gunderson Enersen, Jean Casanova Anderson and Herb Hild.



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