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## IRENE SOAKS CITY ISLAND



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City Island was spared a direct hit by Hurricane Irene on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2011, despite dire warnings from weather forecasters and recommended evacuations of the low-lying homes on Tier and Ditmars Streets (Zone A flood zone). Winds over 40 mph and tides five feet above normal caused some flooding, but power remained thankfully on throughout the weekend. Residents and businesses prepared for the worst. Island marinas hauled boats out hurriedly in the days leading up to the storm to prevent damage to docks and yachts. A few boats broke loose from their moorings, but the fleet came through surprisingly unscathed. The sailboat above washed up on Earley Street beach. Waves pounded the yacht club docks on the west side of the Island. (See *Blotter* about a possible fatality related to Hurricane Irene.) The storm forced the postponement of weekend events, including the Alive 'n Kickin concert at Ambrosini Field that was rescheduled for Aug. 31. Clam diggers who came through the hurricane of 1938, as well as Donna (1960) and Gloria (1985), took Irene in stride.



## SENIOR HOUSING UPDATE

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Plans for the senior housing development in the vacant lot on Schofield Street appear to have stalled, as the developer, Dr. Dominic Mignone of the Italian Hospital Society, continues in his efforts to convince the community that it needs his project.

In response to community concerns, Dr. Mignone changed the design of the building from a plain four-story, block-long brick building to a more lavishly decorated four-story, block-long building, but the basic structure remains the same: nearly 200 very small studio units to be rented at market rates to seniors, with few amenities and only 55 parking spaces. Originally presented to Senator Jeff Klein as an "Italian-American nursing home," the building is not going to have assisted living or nursing home facilities; in fact, it will have no medical staff at all.

Dr. Mignone and colleagues addressed a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in July and indicated that the project would cost a total of \$39 million but that he had already raised \$3 million in grants

(from Senator Klein and Senator Diane Savino of Staten Island). He seemed sure that he would have no trouble raising the money, based on financial advice given to him by the construction firm George A. Fuller, a subsidiary of Capelli Enterprises in Valhalla, New York, although he gave no specifics.

Dr. Mignone's representatives informed the Chamber that they did not plan to go through the ULURP process to change the zoning from M-1 to residential or commercial but that they would go directly to the city's Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) for a variance, a much shorter process. Before the BSA can be approached, Community Board 10 would have to consider the application for a variance, but the board's recommendation is only advisory.

The Civic Association's interpretation of the zoning laws indicates that although a BSA variance would enable housing of this type to be built in a manufacturing zone, applicants typically must show a hardship in order to get such a variance. However, not-for-profit organizations (such as the Italian Hospital Society) do not need to show hardship, and a number of not-for-profit organizations have built affordable housing in manufacturing zones elsewhere in the Bronx.

Community leaders, including the presidents of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Civic Association, met with Senator Klein in August to express the concerns of City Islanders about the proposed project, focusing on the large number of units and the inadequate facilities for residents. Senator Klein will pass these concerns along to Dr. Mignone, who holds an option on the property at Schofield Street and City Island Avenue. In the meantime, the owner of the property is using it as a back-up space for an auto body business on Givan Avenue in the Bronx.

## City Island in the News

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Although (or perhaps because) *The Island Current* doesn't publish an August issue (even volunteers have to take vacations!), City Island was the subject of a lot of publicity during the summer of 2011, almost all of it complimentary.

It didn't start off that way, however, when the *New York Post* ran an article on July 11, describing the apparent reluctance of the Police Department's Narcotics Division to follow up on tips regarding drug dealers on the Island. Although much information had been given to the police, there was no follow-up after the report was passed from the 45th Precinct to Narcotics. Bill Stanton, president of the City Island Civic Association, was very upset by this lack of enforcement, although he was full of praise for the commanding officer of the 45th, Capt. Russell Green, who has done an excellent job this summer curbing traffic, illegal fireworks and excessive noise on the Island.

On Friday, July 22, a three-page, fully illustrated article on City Island appeared in the *Daily News*, based on conversations that reporter Jason Sheftell had had with many Islanders, including Capt. Ed Sadler, Ruth Markowe (Early Ruth) and several guests at the wedding reception of Steve Roth and Ken Binder on July 15. Mr. Sheftell wrote: "As bohemian as Greenwich Village in the 1960s, City Island could be New York's most intelligent and accepting neighborhood."

A few days later, on July 25, the *Daily News* published an editorial taking the Parks Department to task for allowing the landmark pavilions at Orchard Beach to deteriorate. Written in response to a photo exhibit at the City Island Nautical Museum about the history of the pavilions, the editorial was followed up on July 29 with a review praising the exhibition, which was

curated by Island resident Deborah Wye on the occasion of Orchard Beach's 75th anniversary.

Not to be outdone, the *Wall Street Journal* published a feature article on City Island on Aug. 12, focusing on local business, which has changed a great deal since the decline of the boat-building industry. Kavita Mokha, the reporter, quoted residents complaining that the Island has become "one big restaurant," but she noted the success of several establishments that attract both locals and visitors, such as the City Island Diner, the Black Whale, Bistro SK, Sugar and Spice, Lickety Split and Aggie's Roll.

Even the *New York Times* got into the act on Aug. 11 with an online blog written by Corey Kilgannon, who spent a week on New York waterways, including Eastchester Bay and Long Island Sound, talking with fishermen and boaters.

On Aug. 14, Channel 13 featured City Island when it reran the documentary by Stuart Miller and Sharon Seitz called "The Other Islands of New York" as a member favorite during its most recent fund-raising campaign. During the intermissions, Christine Ha interviewed several Island residents, including Ron Turner, Tom Nye, Barbara Dolensek and Steve Lott seated on the lawn of the Morris Yacht and Beach Club.

Because the traffic is always heavy in the summertime, it is difficult to tell if all of this attention resulted in more visitors to the Island than usual, but judging from the increased attendance at the City Island Nautical Museum, off-Islanders seem to have been paying attention to the publicity. Even the mayor himself paid a visit one evening in August, when he was seen dining at the Black Whale.

### EXPRESS BUS RIDERS:

Please note that starting in September 2011, express buses on route BxM7A will be relabeled BxM8. This is the route that provides express bus service from Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx and Midtown Manhattan with extensions to City Island during rush hour. The new label will reduce confusion for riders of the bus marked BxM7, which services Co-op City, but the current travel paths, service patterns, hours of service, and bus stop locations will not change.

## BRIEFLY...

**JOHN GILDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND-RAISER:** This year, on Saturday, Sept. 17, the John Gilder Scholarship Fund, dedicated to the memory of John Gilder, a City Island resident who died suddenly in August 2009 at the age of 23, will hold a garden party at the Morris Yacht & Beach Club from 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets (\$50) may be reserved if you e-mail [jack.jokinen@gmail.com](mailto:jack.jokinen@gmail.com) before Sept. 10; otherwise, tickets are \$55 at the door. Funds are used for scholarships.

**WANTED: SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS:** The New York City Police Department is currently hiring school crossing guards. Starting pay is \$9.88 an hour and rises to \$12.90 after three years. Health insurance is available with 20 hours of work per week. No formal education or experience is required for the job, but applicants must be able to speak and be understood in English, and all potential guards go through a training program. Crossing guards provide a crucial service to our communities by helping our kids get to school safely. Applications are available at all precincts. You can find more information on the NYPD website at [nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/careers/school\\_crossing\\_guard.shtml](http://nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/careers/school_crossing_guard.shtml).

**LANDMARK PAVILIONS TALK AT NAUTICAL MUSEUM.** Deborah Wye, City Island resident and curator of the photograph exhibition at the City Island Nautical Museum (190 Fordham Street), will be giving a talk on the design, construction and current condition of the pavilions at Orchard Beach on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 2 p.m. The talk will be of particular interest to everyone interested in architecture, landmark preservation or Orchard Beach history.

**AUDITIONS FOR "THE CRUCIBLE":** This fall the City Island Theater Group will present Arthur Miller's Tony-award winning play "The Crucible," which dramatizes the Salem Witch Trials. Written in 1953, against the political background of the McCarthy era, this is a brilliant and classic work of theater. Auditions will be held at the Grace Church Parish Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street, on Friday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m.

**ANNUAL PELL SANCTUARY CLEAN-UP:** On Sunday, Sept. 18, at 9 a.m. the second annual cleanup of the Thomas Pell Wildlife Sanctuary in Pelham Bay Park, celebrating Anne Hutchinson Year and sponsored by the Hutchinson River Restoration Project, will take place. Register by calling 718-885-9653 or by e-mailing [HutchinsonRRP@aol.com](mailto:HutchinsonRRP@aol.com).

**BRONX NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL** will be held this year in Pelham Bay Park on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 12 noon to 4 p.m., and be sure to visit the Anne Hutchinson table. For more information, call 718-430-1890 or 718-885-3423.

**FALL ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR:** Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10 and 11, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the fall fair along City Island Avenue.

**PUMPKIN SALE:** The American Legion Leonard Hawkins Post, 550 City Island Avenue, will have its annual pumpkin fair from Friday, Sept. 30, through Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011.

## 45 BLOTTER

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

- 1 – CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON
- 1 – ROBBERY
- 1 – GRAFFITI
- 2 – GRAND LARCENY
- 1 – POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY
- 1 – BURGLARY

Police provided details on the following incidents for the period from June 23 to Aug. 15, 2011.

6/23 – Police from the 45th Precinct arrested an Island male, 55, on Winters Street at 9 a.m. and charged him with criminal possession of a weapon. The arrest resulted from the execution of a search warrant during which police confiscated a shotgun and a 38-caliber

handgun.

7/17 – Police arrested an Island female, 40, at 10 p.m. and charged her with possession of stolen property. The property was reported stolen in a burglary committed at an apartment on City Island Avenue between

7/14 and 7/17. The victim was also an Island female.

7/28 – A boat was broken into at the Boat-Max Marina on City Island Avenue. Unknown perpetrators committed an act of grand larceny by removing electronic and other equipment.

7/31 – Police are investigating an act of grand larceny at a marina on City Island Avenue. A jet ski was removed without the owner's consent in an act of grand larceny.

8/3 – On Fordham Street, the front porch of the City Island Nautical Museum was vandalized with graffiti. Police are addressing this as a quality-of-life issue.

8/6 – On Carroll Street at 3 p.m., a male resident, 15, had his cell phone taken from him. Police are investigating the robbery.

8/28 – As *The Current* went to press, police reported that a Hispanic male, age 68, was found in the waters behind the Sunset Marina,

551 City Island Avenue, following Hurricane Irene. His family told officers from the 45th Precinct that he left his home in the Bronx to check on his boat at the marina. The owner of the marina found his body floating in the water.

Officers from the 45th Precinct, with the help of the traffic detail agents, reported progress in reducing the number of traffic complaints and crimes on City Island during the summer months. In addition to the significant

number of traffic police present throughout the summer, there were police cars stationed near the City Island bridge and on Schofield Street during late July and August. These surveillance patrols were placed to prevent any potential criminal mischief and vandalism resulting from the Verizon workers' strike. No incidents occurred. Although crime was down, police remind Islanders and visitors alike to be mindful of their property when in public places.

## Police Close Library Bar and Former Patron is Sentenced

By KAREN NANI



Photos by KAREN NANI

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Following months of investigation, police from the 45th Precinct and attorneys from the city's Legal Bureau closed the Library Bar and Grill at 316 City Island Avenue on July 28, 2011. The owner was served with a nuisance abatement for violations that included serving alcohol to minors, according to Captain Russell Green, commanding officer of the 45th Precinct.

The establishment, which is operated by Gerard Pirraglia, had been under investigation since 2010, according to Captain Green. It became a high priority after the horrific car accident on Nov. 13, in which Island teenager Emily Sexton was severely injured by Peter Wolfman, who pinned her against a wall after jumping the curb in his pick-up truck.

Witnesses reported that Mr. Wolfman, a former Island resident, had been at the Library Bar, where he was said to have been drinking heavily. According to the Bronx District Attorney, the results of a blood alcohol test taken after the accident showed that Mr. Wolfman was legally intoxicated and also had cocaine residue in his bloodstream. Emily sustained a broken leg, 13 broken ribs, an arm fracture, and multiple organ and bone injuries. She had to undergo four surgeries.

Mr. Wolfman, aged 41, recently pleaded guilty to one count of vehicular assault, and driving while intoxicated (DWI) and causing serious physical injury.

He was sentenced on July 14, 2011, to one and a third to four years in prison.

Police responded to the community's outrage over the November accident and began building a case against the bar. They made several inspections during recent months and had issued summonses to the owner. Finally, an undercover sting operation in which two underage minors were sold alcohol triggered the nuisance abatement and closure.

"They had been on our radar for noise and other complaints since last August, but it takes time to build the case," Captain Green told *The Current*.

At around 6:30 p.m. on July 28, plainclothes and uniformed officers, as well as two lawyers for the city, entered the bar and issued the nuisance abatement. The manager, Islander Fred Hess, was at the bar with one customer. Mr. Pirraglia was not present.

Police did not experience any difficulty closing the bar. They served the papers and then proceeded to escort everyone out, turn off the electricity and padlock the doors. The attorneys, A. Jarovic and Detective Rosario Cannizzaro from the NYPD Legal Bureau, posted the legal notification on both doors of the establishment.

Lt. Paul Trapani, who is in charge of the City Island detail, assigned an officer to the scene in case any incidents occurred after the closure. Officer Keith Mellars, who was on call that evening, is one of four officers assigned to City Island all summer. They patrol the Island and respond to complaints of motorcycle speeding, noise from restaurants, DWI incidents and other quality of life issues.

Mr. Pirraglia appeared in court on Aug. 2, 2011. As a result of an agreement between the attorneys and the owner in front of a judge, the premise is to remain closed until Sept 2, 2011, the next court date.

According to Lt. Trapani, an updated liquor license must be obtained prior to the serving of any alcohol. "The New York State Liquor Authority has been advised and Investigator Buckley is working with the city attorneys. New stickers will be

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# Mother Patty Leaves Grace and Returns to First Vocation

By KAREN NANI



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The ministry of Reverend Patricia Alexander was celebrated on Sunday, July 31, 2011. After seven years as the Vicar of Grace Episcopal Church on City Island, she will become chaplain at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Maryland. Mother Patty is shown above with her husband, Reverend Randy Alexander of Christ Church in Pelham, and her sons, William, Peter and Andrew. Members of the Vestry and other parishioners paid tribute to her efforts to help rebuild Grace Church, both physically and spiritually. At left (l. to r.) are Eyvonne Baker, Peter Klopfer, Charlene Campbell, Mother Patty, Scott Meyer, Barbara Dolensek, Chandra Menon and Kathleen Palaia (holding her grandchild).



After seven years as the Vicar of Grace Episcopal Church on City Island, the Rev. Patricia Alexander announced that she had accepted a position as chaplain at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Maryland. Her departure comes on the heels of Pastor Sue Chadwick's transfer from Trinity United Methodist Church in June 2011, leaving parishioners from both churches and other Island residents saddened by the loss of two popular ministers.

Mother Patty, as she is known, leaves behind a legacy of helping to resurrect the 162-year-old church after years of decline,

in terms of congregation size and the condition of the physical plant. Her major contributions were to grow the congregation to its current size of 72 active parishioners and stabilize the parish's financial situation. She also presided over several major renovation projects of Grace Church's buildings and grounds, with the help of dedicated parishioners and vestry members, as well as support from the Episcopal Diocese and the City Island community. Some of the highlights include the complete renovation of the rectory, a residence alongside the church, the installation of new roofs on all three church buildings, the purchase of new

boilers, the replacement of the Parish Hall bathrooms, new siding on all three buildings, the painting of the parish hall and, most recently, the painting of the interior worship space and sanctuary.

Mother Patty's decision to leave Grace and return to teaching was a difficult one, she told parishioners in a letter announcing her departure. "Like Jesus' first disciples, we are asked to listen for His call and be ready to drop our nets and follow where He leads. After seven years [at Grace], the time has come for me to put down my net in response to Jesus' call."

Mother Patty reminded those who will miss her that her first vocation was as an educator and that she taught for a number of years before she was ordained. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts in English literature from Yale University, she became a middle and elementary school teacher at the Greenwich Country Day School in Connecticut.

Her ministry experience began at St. James's Church in Manhattan, where she was director of Christian education. During this time, she met Randy Alexander and they were married in 1998, while she attended the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria.

"When I entered the priesthood, I assumed that I would become a school chaplain. Clearly God had other ideas, and for the past 10 years I have ministered not in schools but in parishes, where I have been stretched and challenged," she reminisced.

The Alexanders returned to New York in 2000, and Father Randy accepted the position of Rector at Christ Church in nearby Pelham. But Mother Patty continued to follow her own callings. After she was ordained to the priesthood in September 2001, she became the assistant at St. Matthew's Church in Bedford, New York, where she was assigned to church school teacher training, adult education and women's ministries.

Under the leadership of former Islander Joseph Nixon and with support from Bishop Catherine Roskam of the New York Diocese, the Grace Church vestry named her as their new Priest-in-Charge in September 2004. After her appointment, Mother Patty told *The Current* about an ironic event early in the couple's return to New York. "We were being considered by the search committee at Christ the Redeemer. As part of the interview and tour, the committee chairman took us to lunch on City Island. We had never been to City Island and we immediately fell in love with the place."

She looks back on that lunch as prophetic. The selection of Rev. Alexander

renewed a historic link between Grace Church and the Parish of Christ the Redeemer on the Shore Road in Pelham. The history between the two churches goes back to the 1800s, when parishioner Adele Bolton rowed from the shores of Pelham to teach Sunday school to City Islanders. Then in 1863 the Rev. Samuel Chevers, who was Assistant Priest at Christ Church Pelham, was made Missionary-in-Charge of Grace Church on City Island. In 2004, vestry members noted the historical irony of naming Rev. Alexander 141 years later as Priest-in-Charge and wondered whether history was repeating itself.

Three additional joyous events accompanied the return of the Alexanders to the New York area. Their first son, William, was born in June 2001, followed by the birth of Peter in May 2003 and Andrew in August 2006 while she was at Grace.

In celebration of her ministry, a farewell luncheon was held on Sunday, July 31, 2011, after the 10 a.m. service. More than 100 parishioners from all the City Island churches, along with members of Christ Church and representatives from such organizations as the City Island Theater Group (who are tenants at Grace), came to pay tribute to Mother Patty.

The current wardens, Scott Meyer and Eyvonne Baker, along with vestry members Peter Klopfer, Bruce Weis, Chandra Menon and Barbara Dolensek presented Mother Patty with a book of photographs from her years at Grace. The book included pictures from her baby shower before Andrew's birth (the first baby shower for a minister in the history of Grace Church!) and many photographs of her participation in holiday services, the 160th Anniversary Dinner Dance, the Blessing of the Fleet, musical performances presented in the parish hall, Theater Group productions (including "Steel Magnolias," in which she played a starring role), and many more.

"Please know that Grace will never be far from my thoughts and prayers and that her people will remain in my heart. I love you all dearly and know that I have grown as a result of God's call to serve among you," she tearfully told the crowd. "I thank each of you for your spiritual friendship and for your companionship on this remarkable journey in Christ."

As the Grace congregation begins the process of searching for a new minister, Father Curtis Hart, Grace's resident Assisting Priest, and other supply priests will lead services and provide pastoral care during the transition period. Anyone needing information about services and other activities at Grace Church, may call the parish office at 718-885-1080.

## JOHN GILDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE

By JACK JOKINEN

The fund founded in memory of John Gilder, a City Island resident who died suddenly in August 2009 at the age of 23, is going strong. Four fund-raising events have been held during the past year, including a very successful lawn party at the Morris Yacht & Beach Club last September that was well attended by family and friends who joined to celebrate John's life. A second lawn party offering a great barbecue meal will be held at the Morris this year on Saturday, Sept. 17, and all are welcome to attend.

In June of this year the fund awarded a scholarship to Savannah Cassidy, who will pursue film production at the College

of Charleston; she had been a student of John's favorite teacher, Rich Detmer, at Greenwich High School. In addition to giving scholarships to promising students, the fund also sponsors a City Island Little League team, which this year won the majors division championship.

For more information about the fund, or to donate, go to the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=131308933614900>. To reserve tickets (\$50) for the Morris fund-raiser, e-mail me at [jack.jokinen@gmail.com](mailto:jack.jokinen@gmail.com) before Sept. 10 or pay \$55 at the door. We hope to see many of you there!



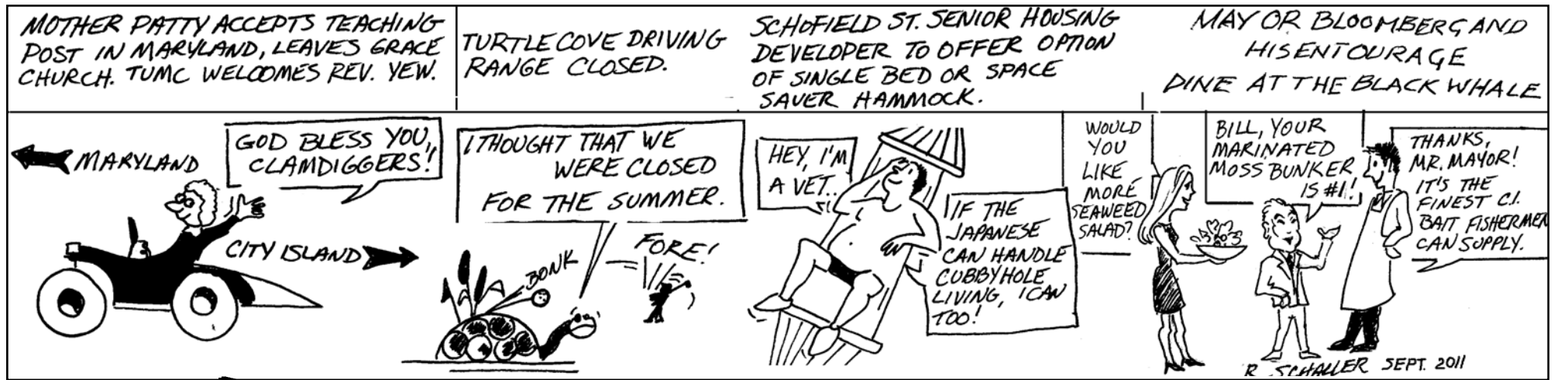
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**Miracle on City Island?**

As a hypnotist who works in the realm of personal motivation for my clients, I seek the bright spots, so when a miracle recently occurred in my life, I felt compelled to share it with readers of *The Current* as this happened on City Island.

You may call it simple coincidence or divine intervention, but whatever it was, the experience left me in a state of awe, and I will carry it with me till the end of my days. Every word of this is true.

Last March, my wife and I decided to meet up with two friends from Long Island at a convenient midway point. I had only been to City Island twice before, but I remembered the great assortment of seafood restaurants from those previous trips. We had made reservations for a Saturday at 6 p.m. at a restaurant on City Island Avenue, and we looked forward to an evening of catching up over great food. We all arrived on time only to find out that a miscommunication resulted in a 7:30 booking.

Too hungry and cold to wait the extra hour and half, we made a quick alternative decision to go elsewhere. We had all passed by a new eatery two doors away that had a menu posted in its window. We saw that it was French and so we entered the charming Bistro SK. SK is short for Stephane Kane, the name of its talented owner. We were immediately smitten as this quaint 35-seat place, and the warm and unpretentious atmosphere was a sight for our chilled bodies and ravenous appetites.

Stephane took our coats and seated us; he recommended his signature selections and we enjoyed a wonderful meal. As we were headed for the door at the end of this great evening, my friends asked what part of France he came from. At first he said Northern France, the Alsace Lorraine region, and when Leslie asked him to be more specific, he said "Metz," a city near the German border.

It turns out that I know only three people in that country of 75 million people, my cousin Bernard and his sons Alain and Serge, and I had last seen them in Paris five years earlier. I asked Stephane if the name Bernard Krancenblum meant anything to him, and he got an incredulous expression on his face. His eyes began watering and, barely able to speak, he said, "He's my father!"

I thought he must have been joking, but he pointed to a photograph on the wall (the only portrait in the place) and there was Bernard in his signature hat.

Stephane explained that Bernard and Alain took him into their home when he



The photo of Bernard Krancenblum in Bistro SK.

was 16 and homeless. They had seen him sleeping on the streets of Metz and offered him shelter; he was then adopted by my cousins and lived with them for years. Bernard coached Stephane in the ways of life and business, and the photo is Stephane's tribute to his adopted father.

My cousin was his family, and now Stephane and his wife, Maria, are my family too. Another interesting twist is that Bernard was gravely ill at the time but Stephane immediately called them to tell them the news and now we are all much more connected and Bernard is now on the mend.

Were we supernaturally designed to reconnect in this odd way? Who knows? But we have all connected just the same. This is the start of a lifelong relationship that I will always attribute to the luck of one door unexpectedly closing and a new door unexpectedly opening.

I am visiting City Island much more frequently now; clearly this Island and BSK are places of very good fortune. Go there to get some of this great energy and an unforgettable meal. I have found my great new cousin through great new cuisine.

**Bob Pargament**

**Revised Opinion**

To the Editor:

In early spring, I wrote a letter to you describing how upset I was at the "restoration" at Turtle Cove. I have revisited this area several times this summer. I watched as two very dedicated workers persevered through 100+ degree heat, day in and day out, planting native grasses in the water. They were up to their knees in mud and water, while mosquitoes buzzed all around them.

Their hard work has paid off. The area looks a lot better and is beginning to look restored. Much of the phragmites has been eradicated, and the newly planted spartina and glasswort seedlings have proliferated. Many bird species seem to appreciate the new grasses. Besides other species, marsh wrens, tree sparrows, killdeer and clapper rails successfully bred in the grasses and surrounding trees this year. For the first time I saw and photographed seaside sparrows in the marsh.

Only time will tell if the restoration was worth all the cost and effort. How-

ever, I do want to commend the steadfast workers of the Parks Department and particularly Marianne Anderson, Pelham Bay Park administrator, for her dedication and perseverance in improving the marsh after much criticism.

**Jack Rothman,**  
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**Library Bar Closed**

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posted soon," he told *The Current*, in response to a query about the removal of the original stickers on the doors of the bar in August.

State Senator Jeff Klein, whose office has been very concerned with this issue, told *The Current*: "This establishment was breaking the law and putting our commu-

nity and our children at risk. No one wants a business to close its doors, but these reckless and dangerous business practices simply cannot and must not be tolerated."

Community Board 10 received a notice that an application for a new license has been filed by Gerard Pirraglia (a previous license was in the name of his brother Kenneth, the former owner). Following the regular procedure, the board will hold a discussion of the new application in the board office at 3165 East Tremont Avenue, on Monday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m. The applicant will be invited to attend and address various issues regarding the business.

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## Trinity Welcomes New Pastor and Adapts to Change

By KAREN NANI



Photo by RICK DeWITT

The congregation of Trinity United Methodist Church on City Island welcomed their new full-time pastor, Ezra Yew.

Following the reassignment of Reverend Susan Chadwick in June after 14 years at the parish, the congregation of Trinity United Methodist Church on City Island welcomed their new full-time pastor, Ezra Yew, in July 2011. The assignment of Pastor Ezra represents a new chapter in the history of Trinity, as he is the first Korean-born leader of the 159-year old church.

"I feel like this is a homecoming for me. I grew up on an island in South Korea," he told *The Current* during an interview in the parsonage on Bay Street on Aug. 22. He had visited City Island twice over the years to have dinner (of course!) at some of our seafood restaurants. But the twists and turns of his life that now bring him and his wife to the Island are much more intricate than a simple dinner with out-of-town guests.

He was born in 1944 in North Korea but relocated to South Korea as a refugee when he was six years old and the Korean War broke out. He was ordained in the Korean Methodist Church in 1969. He came to the U.S. in 1976 after serving as a chaplain in the South Korean Air Force.

"In South Korea, military service is mandatory and there is a draft, not like in the U.S. now where it is voluntary," he explained in his animated and enthusiastic manner.

How he met his wife, Lucia Kim, begs the description "a match made in heaven." She was a Carmelite nun who played the organ in a convent in Seoul. Her feelings

about life as a nun changed, and she received permission from the church to leave the convent. She married Ezra and had three children: David, who now lives in Hawaii, and Susan and Paul, who both live in Texas. His daughter is married to a pastor, and Mrs. Kim now works full time at Bloomingdale's department store in White Plains.

In the United States, Pastor Ezra received degrees in theology from Union Theological Seminary and Yale Divinity School. He then earned his PhD from Drew University Graduate School in 1999; his doctoral thesis was about the teachings of the Trappist monk Thomas Merton. He showed off a first edition of a text by Thomas Merton that he pulled off the neat bookshelves in the parsonage office.

Pastor Ezra's first parish was in Lawrence, New York, where he stayed for 12 years. He has mostly led parishes in New York State, but he was also assigned to Wethersfield United Methodist Church in Connecticut from 1993 to 1995. "I will always be very grateful to the bishop and the members of that parish, as they supported me when I took a study leave to finish my dissertation. It was impossible to write my thesis and lead a parish at the same time. In one year, I hadn't even written one sentence," he said with an infectious laugh.

He is fluent in several languages in addition to his native Korean, including English, French and German, but he is candid about his accent and works hard to make sure his pronunciation is correct.

One of the changes he has brought to Trinity is that he prints out his sermons, so the congregation can read along and follow his message. "This is a wonderful idea and a new approach," longtime parishioner Ed Sadler told *The Current*. Mr. Sadler is the head of Trinity's Council and has warmed up to Pastor Ezra since his arrival. "He and his wife are wonderful people."

The new pastor was candid about certain aspects of the Methodist Church. "We don't have a choice of our assignments. We go where the bishop decides we are needed." He learned of Mother Patty's departure from Grace Episcopal Church shortly after he arrived. He asked who the new minister would be and was somewhat surprised to learn that Grace's congregation, through a Search Committee and the Vestry, not the local bishop or the New York Diocese, makes the choice of a new priest.

He was also very candid about services conducted in Korean for Korean-speaking parishioners. "I led services in Korean at Queens Central United Methodist Church in Flushing for eight years. At my last parish in Ardsley, New York, I mentioned the possibility of an additional service in Korean, but they were not interested," he explained. "I have mentioned it to the Trinity Council as one of the gifts I have to offer here on City Island and a possible way to grow, but it is up to the congregation. I have no intention to push it. I am here to serve them and the community."

Pastor Ezra looks forward to meeting the

other clergy on City Island, including Father Challinor from St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church and Rabbi Shohama from Temple Beth-El. He and his wife are settling into the attractive parsonage, which he describes as a "palace" compared to the refugee camp in which he was raised.

He spoke emotionally about his mother, whose photograph he has placed on the wall. "My mother did not abandon me in the refugee camp as many parents were forced to do." He explained that after living in South

Korea since the war, she came to live in the U.S. in 2007. "Unfortunately, she suffered a stroke and spent her last years in St. Cabrini Nursing Home, where I visited her every day."

Pastor Ezra believes that Trinity Methodist Church on City Island may be his last assignment before he retires from active ministry. In the meantime, he looks forward to worshiping with the entire congregation (estimated at over 100) once the summer is over and people return from vacation.

## MEMORIAL FOR DEBRA BATES FICKE

By BRENDA PROHASKA



Photo by BOB LIVINGSTON

Pictured next to the bench dedicated to the memory of Debra Bates Ficke are (l. to r.): event organizers Patty Grondahl, Pat Fusco and Rev. Patty Alexander, Katie and Peter Ficke.

The sun was shining outside P. S. 175 at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, warming up a crowd that had gathered for the dedication of a bench in memory of Debra Bates Ficke, who died suddenly last November at the age of 52.

Debbie was a much-loved member of the community who had a bright smile for everyone whose lives she touched. As a postal carrier, she was one who regularly went above and beyond the call of duty, and she was always kind to the people and animals she met along her daily route.

The idea of dedicating a bench in her memory arose when so many of her friends were devastated by her death and wanted to memorialize her good nature. Patty Grondahl and Pat Fusco coordinated the donations, which poured in from individuals at the Post Office, Pilot Cove, the firehouses and the community at large.

The original idea was to place the bench outside the City Island Post Office where Debbie had worked for many years, but

when it became clear that it would not be possible to do so, Ms. Lipson, principal of P.S. 175, and her staff were very gracious in allowing it to be placed outside the school, which is directly across from the post office and which is attended by her daughter, Catherine.

The dedication ceremony was short but very touching. Many people gathered outside the school, including Debbie's family, many of her co-workers from the Post Office, Ms. Lipson and some of the school staff, along with Catherine and her classmates in the fifth grade. Mother Patty Alexander of Grace Episcopal Church offered words of blessings on the bench, and Freddie Lando sang the song "I Believe." Debbie's husband, Peter, and her daughter closed the ceremony with some words of love and memory.

All in all, it was a perfect dedication for the bench, which will stand strong for many years welcoming all that pass to rest a while, just as Debbie's own strength and warmth are remembered by all who loved and miss her.

## Canoeing to Clean-Up

By PATTY ATTIS

The second annual Thomas Pell Sanctuary Clean-up will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18, starting at 9 a.m. Organized by the Hutchinson River Restoration Project (HRRP) and aided by grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Citizens Committee for NYC, the clean-up consists of a canoe trip to designated sites along the Hutchinson River. Volunteer workers will be provided with gloves, high shoe covers, water and snacks.

The sanctuary, which is located on the east bank of the Hutchinson River in Pelham Bay Park, is the second largest salt-marsh habitat in New York City. Because it is a salt marsh, it is not accessible by land and must be cleaned up from the river. Sanctuary clean-up volunteers will travel to sites by canoes or powerboats. A boat will be assigned to each site to transport needed equipment and to return trash to the recovery site.

Landlubbers who would like to volunteer can help prepare the launch site, clean up surrounding areas and help in the recovery of the returned trash.

"Last year's clean-up was an extraor-

inary success," said Eleanor Rae, HRRP president. "Approximately 65 volunteers attended, and the amount of debris recovered was astronomical—some of which included 32 tires, a car bumper, four chairs, a sailboat and well over 1,000 bottles and canoes. But there is still so much more to do."

Those who would like to work on the river are encouraged to register early, as canoe space is limited. Last-minute volunteers may register on site at the bus stop on City Island Road at the corner of Shore Road.

The Hutchinson River Restoration Project is dedicated to making the Hutchinson River a clean, viable and fishable river for its surrounding communities and to protect the natural environment. The group's ultimate goal is for the river to serve as a living memorial to honor Anne Marbury Hutchinson, after whom the river is named.

For further information, visit [www.hutchinsonriverrestorationproject.com/cleanup](http://www.hutchinsonriverrestorationproject.com/cleanup), or you may call Eleanor Rae at 718-885-9653 or e-mail [HutchinsonRRP@aol.com](mailto:HutchinsonRRP@aol.com).



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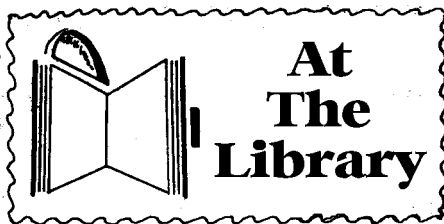
The Turtle Cove Golf Range in Pelham Bay Park closed earlier this summer because the concessionaire who has been operating the facility since last year allowed it to become somewhat run down, and the Parks Department negotiated to let him out of his contract before 2015. Although he was offered the opportunity to remain open through the summer, he declined to incur extra insurance and other costs. A new license agreement is in the works and may be in place by September.

This year the Focal Point Gallery, 321 City Island Avenue (718-885-1403) celebrates 37 years. A new exhibition of photography by Don Nester and Ron Turner will open on Sept. 2 with an opening reception from 7 to 10 p.m.; the show will close Sept. 30. Don't miss it.

September at Starving Artist Cafe & Gallery (249 City Island Avenue, 718-885-3779) features a "blues party" with Bennett Harris (Saturday, Sept. 10, at 8 p.m.), as well as the John Guth Trio (Saturday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m.). The last Friday of the month,

Sept. 30, is our regular open mic night, with host Marc Hohenstein, for songwriters, singers, poets, comics and actors. Come see the art of City Islanders Jon Esser and Cheryl Solomon—"Wonderfully Organic"—on the walls all through September. For a more complete calendar of music, visit [www.starvingartistonline.com](http://www.starvingartistonline.com).

Bistro SK, 273 City Island Avenue, and its manager, Stephane Kane, finally managed to get their liquor license, thanks to help from State Senator Jeff Klein. According to the Department of Buildings, the previous occupant had made additions to the space without completing the necessary permit applications, so the DOB would not allow him to obtain a liquor license of his own. "This was a case where government bureaucracy was not only standing in the way of a responsible small business, but was also affecting the vibrancy of a neighborhood," Senator Klein said. "City Island is internationally known as a destination for fine cuisine, but it has not had a French restaurant for almost two years. I'm proud to have helped Bistro SK and I have no doubt that they will be a fine addition to this community. I also want to thank Eric Berger and the building's landlord Ruth Markowe, for their expertise and cooperation." Mr. Kane said: "I was really in a tough place with this liquor license, and I appreciate the efforts of the senator and his staff to help me bring about a positive conclusion, and now I'm open for business."



### Come Celebrate the Library's 100th Anniversary on City Island (1911-2011)!

Hours: Mondays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We would like to thank Papa John's for their generosity in providing refreshments for the children's summer reading program!

#### September Children's Programs

**Lapsit Program:** Wednesdays, Sept. 14 and 28, 11 a.m. Birth to 18 months. All welcome for story time and music.

**Read-Aloud Story Time:** Read-aloud picture books: Thursdays, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 3:30 p.m. Ages 4 to 10.

**Fall Arts and Crafts:** Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 3:30 p.m.

**Toddler Time:** Tuesdays, Sept. 13, 20, and 17 at 11 a.m. 18 to 36 months.

#### September Young Adult Programs

**Yu-Gi-Oh!** Every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

**Game On:** Every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

**Friday Tweens and Teen Lounge,** 3:30 p.m.

**Game Strike.** Sept. 24, from 1:30 to 4:15 p.m.



Photo courtesy of NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
On Friday, Aug. 19, Ms Cynthia Coleman of City Island won first prize in the adult summer reading program of 2011. Here she is accepting a gift for having read more than 30 books in less than eight weeks, an average of 4 books each week.

#### September Adult Programs

**Introduction to the Internet:** Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Please register in advance. **Resumé Writing Workshop:** Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Please register in advance. **Movie: Double Feature:** Two films, "Jones Beach" traces the history and development of this famous local attraction; "The Great American Garage Sale" explains how it got started, what people are selling and what they have to go through to advertise. Saturday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m. **NEWS: Facebook:** The most popular social network website online. Now you can make new friends and reconnect with old ones. Every other Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Please check our flyers for any additional programs, cancellations, or last-minute changes for September 2011. All of our programs are free. We are located at 320 City Island Avenue at Bay Street. For information about any of the programs above, call the City Island branch at 718-885-1703.

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# A SUMMER TO REMEMBER!



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The hot and humid summer of 2011 also included an earthquake on Aug. 23, which, although centered in Virginia, shook the sofas of some Islanders, and a blast of wind and rain from Hurricane Irene on Aug. 28. In between, Islanders and visitors made the most of City Island's best resource: sand and sea. The annual fireworks display on June 30, sponsored by Senator Jeff Klein and borough president Ruben Diaz, kicked off the summer under clear, starry skies. Sailors took to Long Island Sound and Eastchester Bay from all of City Island's yacht clubs and marinas. The wonderful photograph of a baby dolphin swimming alongside his mother was taken on Aug. 12 by a member of the Morris Yacht & Beach Club. On Saturday, Aug. 20, nine entries competed in the first cardboard boat race held by the Harlem Yacht Club. Using corrugated cardboard, member teams designed and built their own boats, which were propelled by either oars or paddles. The flag officers, shown above right, crewed their own entry, *The Widow Maker*. Finally, thanks to the diligent efforts of the police on land and sea, traffic complaints and crime declined during the summer months. Summer officially ends on Sept. 23, so there is still plenty of good sailing to come. Fair winds to all!

## SAILING LIFE ON CITY ISLAND

By JOYCE MULCAHY

When you join a yacht club on City Island, you join a community of like-minded lovers of the sea, adventure-seeking sailors and racers eager to cross the start line. The Northeast Regional Championship will be held on City Island this year on Sept. 17 and 18. Contact the Harlem Yacht Club ([www.hyc.org](http://www.hyc.org)) for more information about this exciting J-24 race.

You also meet sailors on City Island who are unquestionably generous in their friendships and experiences. Tragically, a fellow sailor here on the island, Ellen Badome's husband, Paul Badome, passed away this past May. You may have heard this and wondered why this happened to such an experienced sailor. Ellen told me her story, and now she wants to tell you. Generous in spirit, and willing in her grief, Ellen shares a message important to us all.

**From Ellen Badome:** "As sailors, we have so many lessons to learn. We learn to watch the wind, the weather; we watch and protect our crew; we learn to have ice on board to keep the beverages cold; we remember to have provisions and first aid kits always on hand. We make sure we have hand-held radios, personal flotation devices and paper charts, as well as state-of-the-art navigational equipment; we routinely check the bilge, the gas, the water and the rigging. And on it goes. One other critical thing we must learn to do is to install a carbon monoxide (CO) reader to protect ourselves from the deadly and silent killer.

"On May 21, 2011, my husband, Paul Badome, captain of a Pearson 30 named *Columbia*, which is moored on K1 at CIYC, passed away as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning. It was a terrible thing, a tragedy. There wasn't time to get an obituary in *The Current*, and although it was initially upsetting that the news didn't get into the paper, it is clear to me now that this article is an opportunity to do more than just report his passing.

"Most people think that sailboats sail only by wind at all times, but we use gas engines, too. It should be a mandatory regulation that CO readers are installed on every boat. Unfortunately, in our case there was not one on board. The boat went into the water on May 20, and the following evening Paul slept

on the boat. He was alone, and he charged the batteries and ran the engine for an unknown amount of time. Since he could not smell CO, he had no idea of how much exhaust was enveloping him. He had no idea that the CO, which no one can detect, was to end his life. I would like to keep that horrible fate from happening to anyone else in the sailing community of City Island.

"Paul was an avid cruiser, and for years he sailed from City Island to destinations as far away as Nantucket. He raced on *Mustang Sally* on Wednesday nights. He loved the water, and he loved kayaking, sailing and his home on City Island. As his wife, I know that he would want me to pass this on and help others. I cannot bring my husband back, and I miss him every day, but I can do this."

**From the Center for Disease Control and Prevention:** "Install and maintain a working CO detector inside the boat to alert people when dangerous levels of CO have built up inside the boat cabin.

- Properly install and maintain all fuel-burning engines and appliances.
- Educate all passengers about the signs and symptoms of CO poisoning.
- Swim and play away from areas where engines vent their exhaust.
- Watch children closely when they play on rear swim decks or water platforms.
- Never block exhaust outlets. Blocking outlets can cause CO to build up in the cabin and cockpit areas—even when hatches, windows, portholes and doors are closed.
- Dock, beach or anchor at least 20 feet away from the nearest boat that is running a generator or engine. Exhaust from a nearby vessel can send CO into the cabin and cockpit of a boat."

One such system is the MariTech Industries Carbon Monoxide Protection System, which is called COPS. The CO detector is active. When unsafe levels of CO are detected, the system will activate, sound an alarm and automatically shut down the CO-producing source (engine, generator, etc). If you are asleep, you can be safe. Lesson learned: protect your boat! Learn to rejoice in love and laugh every day, and keep your family and friends close.

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### Current Calendar

#### SEPTEMBER

Sat. and Sun., Sept. 10 and 11, **Arts and Crafts Fair**, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Island Avenue.

Fri., Sept. 16, **Boy Scout Troop 211 Registration**, 7 p.m., Trinity Methodist Church hall at the corner of City Island Avenue and Bay Street. Go to [Troop211-ideas@yahoo.com](mailto:Troop211-ideas@yahoo.com) for more information.

Sun., Sept. 18, **Thomas Pell Sanctuary Clean-up**, starting at 9 a.m. Call Eleanor Rae at 718-885-9653 or e-mail [HutchinsonRRP@aol.com](mailto:HutchinsonRRP@aol.com) for information.

Sat., Sept. 24, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: chicken sausage with peppers, potatoes and onions

Tues., Sept. 27, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Fri., Sat., and Sun., Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, **American Legion Pumpkin Sale**. Legion parking lot at City Island Avenue and Cross Street, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Grace Episcopal Church

Weekly worship schedule: Grace Church celebrates Holy Communion every Sunday at 10 a.m. We also offer evening prayer in the church every Monday at 7 p.m.

Morning prayer on Wednesdays has been suspended until further notice.

Here is an overview of what's happening at Grace Church during September:

Sunday, Sept. 4: Lambs babysitting available beginning at 9:50 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.: Grace will hold a special church service recognizing the 10th anniversary of 9/11. All City Islanders are welcome to attend.

#### St. Mary, Star of the Sea

In early September, we bid goodbye to Fr. Alexander Iheonunekwu, who has been with us for the months of July and August. He will return to his parish work as pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Nigeria. We wish him God speed.

St. Mary's School will officially open on Tuesday, Sept. 6, when the faculty will gather for the opening conference day. Students will report on Wednesday, Sept. 7. We hope the year will be an enriching and challenging one for all.

St. Mary's Thrift Shop will reopen officially on Thursday, Sept. 15. Come and check out all the fall selections.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, we will hold our annual outdoor Mass at 5:15 p.m. in St. Mary's schoolyard. A light supper will follow the liturgy. This is always a very special occasion, so mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Sunday, Sept. 18, has been designated Catechetical Sunday throughout the country. On that morning at the 10 a.m. Mass, we will commission our catechists for the work they will do in our religious Education program throughout the year.

Our religious education program will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 21, with grades 1 through 3 meeting from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and grades 4 through 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Registrations should be sent to Sr. Bernadette as soon as possible. All students can obtain forms from the rectory or in the vestibule of the church. An opportunity to register in person will be given on Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in St. Mary's School gym. New students should bring a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Our monthly holy hour will resume on Friday, Oct. 7, from 4 to 5 p.m.

**Sr. Bernadette, osu**

#### Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island wishes all our friends and neighbors a most happy and healthy, sweet New Year (5772). "Your Shul by the Sea," located at 480 City Island Avenue, between Beach and Bowne Streets, is unaffiliated, an all-inclusive, egalitarian and spirited congregation, providing an exciting place for observance for Jewish families and individuals who come from many different communities and cultures. We gather together under the leadership of the innovative Rabbi Shohama Wiener. Some services may be conducted by Cantor Elaine Faver, a composer and arranger, or by the singing pianist Reb David Markus.

Sabbath services, open to all, are Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. We use Rabbi Marcia Prager's easy-to-read English prayer book with singable Hebrew. Some Friday nights are congregation-led so contact Mort Ellis to learn how, or come and participate with Bob Berent, accordionist and drop-in musicians.

Rabbi Shohama, accompanied by guitar, will conduct her next Kabbalat "welcome" Shabbat on Friday, Sept. 9.

Our annual meeting and elections will be conducted at the Temple on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

A "Selichot by the Sea" to usher in the High Holy Days is being planned with the Rabbi for Saturday evening, Sept. 24, on the shore. Shall we sail or raft-up, too? Friends with boats should call Bob Berent at 718-885-3098. Check our website [www.YourShulByTheSea.org](http://www.YourShulByTheSea.org) for updated details and exact time and place.

Contact us about your Ilfe-cycle service in our sanctuary or to sponsor an oneg, or to help with our annual breaking of the fast on Yom Kippur, Saturday, Oct. 8.

Finally, High Holy Days services (free to all) begin on Wednesday evening, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. Rosh Hashana morning services continue on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29 and 30, at 9:30 a.m. Each day's service will be interestingly different. Tashlich is scheduled for 12 noon on Thursday.

Yom Kippur will start with Kol Nidre at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7. Yom Kippur's morning service starts at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 8; Yizkor will be at 11 a.m., and the evening service starts at 5:15 p.m. (with a break fast afterwards).

For additional information, please call Steve Slotnick 718-931-0382 or Paul Klein at Kaleidoscope, 718-885-3090.

**Ken Binder**

#### 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. The children's Sunday school will reopen on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. All children are welcome to attend.

A fall group Bible study will be held at Trinity for five consecutive Sundays in Fellowship Hall beginning Oct. 23 and concluding on Nov. 20. It runs from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The round-table type of discussion is based on the subjects presented in the Biblical text being read. The study is aimed at an understanding of the text and its application to us as Christians today. It is led by George Cavalieri, Trinity's lay leader. The study is a continuation of the New Testament historical narrative of the book of the "Acts of the Apostles" (chapters 16-20), written by Luke. The New Testament text and a study outline will be provided, and no registration or fee is required. The study will again resume during Lent of 2012. All in the community interested in Bible study are welcome regardless of whether you have or have not previously attended. In the words of Jesus, "Come and see."

The Budget Corner will reopen this fall with lots of newly donated items. Look for



Photo by RICK DEWITT

On July 17, the City Island Nautical Museum launched a new exhibition called "A Landmark Pavilion at Orchard Beach," curated by Island resident Deborah Wye (center) and sponsored by the Pelham Bay Park Administrator's Office and the Friends of Pelham Bay Park. Featured are historic and contemporary photographs of the pavilions that were designed at Orchard Beach in the 1930s by the architect Aymar Embury II working with Parks Department Commissioner Robert Moses. The project was supported by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia and funded by the federal government during the Great Depression. The curator and the museum's administration are pleased that the exhibition, which shows the present deteriorated condition of the pavilions, has received widespread attention.

the schedule, which will be posted soon. Remember, the proceeds from the Budget Shop help Trinity to continue in programs and outreach on City Island.

**Rick DeWitt**

#### American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

Hope everyone had a happy and healthy summer. Where does time fly? Please be reminded that our next meeting to start planning another successful year will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see many of our members in attendance as this is an important meeting to start us off on the right track. Also, a special shout out to the Sons of the American Legion who always go out of their way to help - especially at the outstanding Clambake. Thanks! See you on the 6th!

**Regina Murphy  
Corresponding Secretary**

#### City Island Republicans

There will be no primary election in Bronx County this year. The general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011.

Politically, this a slow year but a good time to regroup and plan for the big one next year. The only race on the ballot this year is for Bronx County District Attorney, and the current DA is running on several lines, including ours.

The Presidential primary will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Only registered Republicans will be able to vote in the Republican primary. Anyone interested in changing to the Republican party can do so until the beginning of October to be in time for next year's primary.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a poll worker may call Fred Ramftl at 718-

885-0984.

Our next meeting will be held in October; details will be in the next issue.

**Fred Ramftl Jr.**

### REGULAR MEETINGS

#### Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

##### Narcotics Anonymous:

Sundays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, City Island Avenue near the Bridge.

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

##### Alcoholics Anonymous:

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

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

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church: 718-885-1440

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**Open Monthly Meetings of the Board** are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Main Room at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend. For up to date information, visit [www.cityisland-communitycenter.org](http://www.cityisland-communitycenter.org), call 718-885-1145 or "Like" us on Facebook.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

**September Classic Movie Night:** Friday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. School of Rock. \$2 per ticket. Concessions available. For more information please e-mail [BxShanley@optonline.net](mailto:BxShanley@optonline.net) or call 917-721-8747.

#### NEW CLASS

**Fall After-school Art Classes with Laury Hopkins:** Story and Picture for K-3. Mondays; Drama for ages 7-12, Tuesdays; Explorations with Paint and Paper for grades 3-5, Wednesdays; and 3-D Dragons for grades 4-8, Thursdays. Call Laury at 718-885-3202 for a complete schedule, more information or to sign up. Please leave a message. Or e-mail [lauryh@optonline.net](mailto:lauryh@optonline.net). Classes start Oct. 3.

#### Weekly Schedule

##### YOUTH PROGRAM

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

**Jill's Playgroup:** For pre-school children on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. No charge, but donations are appreciated. Call 917-330-0922 for more information.

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**Yoga Stretch with Norma:** Thursdays at 7 p.m. This is an easy hatha vinyasa class suitable for all fitness levels. These yoga stretch poses helps remove any fears or challenges in doing these exercises, and it also assists with stress reduction and weight management. This class focuses on stretching and toning muscles that are often neglected but that are so important to keeping you healthy and mobile. And best of all, yoga stretch is easy and fun enough for beginners and for those who just haven't exercised in a while. \$10 per class; call 718-885-0535.

**Fit for Life:** Cardio and strength training class geared for all ages. Fall schedule coming soon. For more information, call

Sarah Persteins at 718-885-9122. \$8 per class.

**Zumba Gold:** A fun-filled dance/exercise session with a salsa beat. Geared for ages 50 and up. Mondays (Sept. 12, 19 and 26) at 10:30 a.m. with Stephanie. Fee for the class is \$4.

**Rhythmic Movement Exercise Class:** A fun way to combine exercise with various styles of dance. Mondays from 6 to 7:15 p.m. \$15 per person. If you have questions, please call Judy Farnum at 914-548-4184 or e-mail [judyfarnum@aol.com](mailto:judyfarnum@aol.com).

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

**Aerobics with Mary:** Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793.

**Tai-chi:** Please join us at 9 a.m. on Saturdays for gentle Tai-chi and yoga sessions. Using bamboo props, balls, straps and partnering to increase flexibility and strength. For more information, please call Marc Kaplan at 718-885-2445.

**Parenting in the 21st Century:** Join an ongoing and free-wheeling discussion of the joys and pains of parenting led by Teacher John (parent, grandparent, school psychologist, parent educator). Learn to stop yelling, get what you want from your family life and create opportunities for your children to become responsible, loving and independent. Eight sessions (one per month) from 7:30 to 9 p.m. \$20 per session. Contact John Scardina at 718-885-9305 or through his website [www.thinklaughlearn.com](http://www.thinklaughlearn.com).

**SheWorkHer:** Learn basic home repair. SheWorkHer is dedicated to helping women learn just how much they can do with a few tools and the right knowledge, and saving hundreds of dollars doing it yourself. Classes are every other Monday. Call Nancy today at 646-235-1175 and reserve your spot.

**Tap Dance:** Intermediate level adult Jazz-Tap class with Corinne Grondahl. Let your feet become a musical instrument! Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Call 718-309-8041.

**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.

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

**Amy Gottlieb**

#### Bronx Rotary Club

The Club is proud to announce that it is sponsoring its 13th child for Gift of Life surgery. Three-year-old Valdren Bytyqi from Kosovo had his life-saving heart surgery at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at the Westchester Medical Center on Aug. 17, 2011. He has come through the surgery that repaired a hole in his heart with flying colors and is doing well. Valdren is here with his father, Musa, and when released from the hospital will return to the home of his host family in Brooklyn until such time as his follow-up check-ups are concluded.

Our meeting on Sept. 20 will feature



Photos by EVELYN SCHNEIDER

On Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011, nine entries competed in the first cardboard boat race held by the Harlem Yacht Club. Using corrugated cardboard, member teams designed and built their own boats, which were crewed by members and propelled by either oars or paddles. The designs differed radically from each other, ranging from a Viking ship to a keeled kayak. The flag officers crewed their own entry, *The Widow Maker*, and their wives—the Commadorables, as they are known at the HYC—crewed theirs, *Girls Rule*. The restaurant committee's boat, *Bar Fly's*, was, alas, the first (and only) boat to sink; *Paper Tiger* made it just past the finish line before it disintegrated. The keeled kayak, *Yellow Submarine*, won the day, with *Paper Tiger* and *Girls Rule* coming in second and third. A pig roast followed the race, and a rollicking good time was had by all!

retired Senator Ron Tocci, who will speak about veteran's affairs. The club has also invited Mel Saks from Volunteer Services at the VA Hospital on Kingsbridge Road to attend so that he may receive books for the vets that have been collected. In an earlier presentation to the club, Mr. Saks stated that the VA is in great need of books for the vets, particularly paperbacks, which wounded vets find easier to hold. If you would like to contribute used books to the VA Hospital, please call Marguerite Chadwick-Juner at 718-885-0933, or come and join us for lunch on Sept. 20 with your donation.

The Bronx Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Harbor restaurant on City Island Avenue.

**Marguerite Chadwick-Juner**

#### American Legion Post # 156

The annual clambake was a great success. The festivities were organized by the Sons of the Legion (SAL) and the fare plus libation was good and plentiful. My immediate family, friends and distant relative Jackie Kall were present. Since I was among the original members of the SAL, I was accorded the honor of being made a life member. We were a small group originally and used to hold our monthly meetings in a house on Centre Street, which now is owned by a fellow comrade, Michael Rauh.

One of our long-time members, Jack Hartigan, was recently awarded his 50-year pin and Life Gold membership. Jack retired from the New York Police Department with the rank of Inspector. Jack served the Post for many years as Judge Advocate.

Here's some good news. Jack Sullivan is no longer in a nursing facility but is at home and doing well.

There will be no meeting Monday, Sept. 5, as we celebrate Labor Day. The first regular meeting will be Monday, Sept. 12. An Executive Board meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 19.

Tempus fugit. Friday, Sept. 23, is the first day of autumn.

Comrade Shipp is busy fund-raising for Comrade Clancy's coming campaign for State Commander. There will be 50/50 drawings each month to help raise funds.

We have a new member, Thomas Tobin,

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a Vietnam veteran. Another new member, still in the service, was also sworn in. Mario Ayala served a hitch in Afghanistan and is re-enlisting. He is now awaiting reassignment.

The annual Pumpkin Sale will take place at the Post from Thursday, Sept. 29, to Saturday, Oct. 1. Ed Shipp could use some help.

Where does the time go? Here we are only days from Labor Day. My telephone was out for more than a month. Yes, I do pay my bill, but I had to rely on my cell phone which frequently cuts out. I heard through the local grapevine that the Verizon workers will be returning to work following their summer "sabbatical." I guess we won't see the police cars at the bridge or on Schofield Street anymore.

Don't forget to dispose of any weathered or old flags by placing them in the mailbox at the Post and they will be disposed of properly.

Until October, at ease.

**Russ Schaller, Sgt. Emeritus**

#### Sons of the American Legion Squadron # 156

The annual clambake was a huge success, with more than 140 in attendance on July 30. At this event, the Squadron bestowed its first life membership to Russell Schaller Sr., who is the only living member of the original Squadron, which was chartered in the late 1930s.

Thanks goes out to Richie Ferris Sr. for donating a case of Sternos. They will come in good use now that football season is around the corner.

Speaking of football season, stop by the Post to have a drink and watch all of your favorite games.

The dues for 2012 are now being collected. They are once again \$30; checks should be written out to SAL Squadron #156 and dropped off in the SAL Box at the Post or mailed to us at 550 City Island Ave., Bronx, NY 10464.

Post Vice Commander of Americanism Ed Shipp requests that all old, tattered and worn flags should not be discarded but instead brought to the Post and placed in the red, white and blue mail box next to the flagpole.

We are here for all of your party needs! When planning your next party, make sure you consider our Post. We have a nice hall and can accommodate up to 100 people. Members get a discount on all room rentals.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 8 p.m. After the meeting, we will have some food and drinks to celebrate the start of the football season.

**Fred Ramftl Jr.**

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**Life in the Middle East**

This past January, I took a vacation during which I spent two days in Egypt, just two weeks before that country exploded. The trip provided me with some insights about a region of the world with which I had previously been unfamiliar. There are a wide variety of films that deal with Middle Eastern life.

I have always been haunted by the film **Not without My Daughter** (1991), which stars Sally Field as Betty, an average American wife married to an Iranian physician named Moody (Alfred Molina). When they take their daughter, Mahtob (Sheila Rosenthal), to meet Moody's family in Iran, Betty finds herself trapped in a foreign country. Moody has decided they will stay in his homeland, where women have no rights. This is based on a true story of the awakening of an American woman to the plight of women in that country and her unwavering resolve to free her daughter and herself from captivity.

A disturbing depiction of life under Taliban law, **Osama** (2004) is set in war-torn Kabul in the 1990s. It stars Marina Golbahari in the title role as a scared young girl whose mother (Zubaida Sahar) works in a shell of a hospital but must flee when it is raided. It is illegal for women to work or even to walk in the street without a male companion. In order to feed herself, her mother and her grandmother, Osama has her hair cut and, pretending to be a boy, goes to work for a sympathetic shopkeeper. Her continuing fear is palpable as we won-

der how women survive in such a society.

**Paradise Now** (2005) is the story of two Palestinian best friends, Said (Kais Nashef) and Khaled (Ali Suliman), who live on the West Bank, where they are preparing to become suicide bombers. This film shows us their humanity as it depicts their mundane lives, the pull of the terrorist group and the inner conflicts they experience at the prospect of carrying out their mission. Their faith falls short of stereotypical wide-eyed fanaticism, and the viewer is kept wondering if they will succeed—and what, in fact, success really means.

**The Kite Runner** (2007) is a portrait of Afghan culture through the memories of 38-year-old Amir (Khalid Abdalla) and his mission to gain redemption for his betrayal of a friend. As a 12-year old, Amir (Zekiria Ebrahimi) was adored by a servant boy named Hassan (Ahmad Khan Mahmoodzada), whom he abandoned during a brutal incident. Amir's shame and guilt follow him throughout his life and takes him back to the country of his birth during a violent time.

**Persepolis** (2007) is a fascinating, animated, autobiographical feature film directed by Marjane Satrapi, the author of the book version. It is a flawed and surprising coming-of-age film that shows life in pre- and post-revolutionary Iran.

Set in Ramallah, the Israeli-occupied Palestinian city on the West Bank, **Laila's Birthday** (2009) follows a day in the life of Abu Laila (Mohamed Bakri), a former judge who is forced to make a living to support his wife and daughter by driving his brother-in-law's taxi. It is a very short film (71 minutes), filled with absurdities, humiliations, frustrations and chaos as Abu Laila attempts to get a present and cake for his daughter's (Nour Zoubi) seventh birthday. The film's ending adds to its charm.

War-torn Iran is the location for a true story entitled **The Stoning of Soraya M** (2009). The title character is played by Mozhan Marno, a condemned woman falsely accused of adultery by her sadistic

husband Ali (Navid Negahban) who wants to get rid of her and marry a 14-year-old girl. The punishment for adultery in ancient Islamic law is death by stoning. Jim Caviezel plays Friedoune Sahebham, the Parisian journalist who recounted this incident in his 1994 best-seller of the same name. The story is told to him by Soraya's Aunt Zahra (Shohreh Aghdasloo), two weeks after her niece's violent death, which included the participation of Soraya's father, husband and two sons. This is an incomprehensible event to witness.

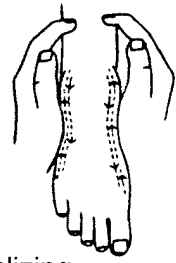
Told entirely from the point of view of young Israeli soldiers, **Lebanon** (2010) takes place inside a tank during the early days of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982. The occupants are the increasingly nervous gun operator named Shmulik (Yoav Donat); the driver, Yigal (Michael Moshonov); a smart-aleck soldier, Hertzal (Oshri Cohen); and their anxious officer, Assi (Itay Tiran). This haunting film presents the hesitations of frightened men and their consequences. The story is taken from the personal experiences of writer-director Samuel Maoz.

An extraordinary film, **Incendies** (2011) begins in Quebec, where twins Jeanne and Simon Marwan (Melissa Desormeaux-

Poulin and Maxim Gaudette), at the reading of their mother's will by notary Jean Lebel (Remy Girard), discover that they have a father and brother they have never met. Though not specifically stated, the film takes place in a country like Lebanon in the 1970s or '80s. It recounts the story of their mother, Nawal (Lubna Azabal), who has survived unimaginable ordeals, and moves back and forth between that history and the twin's quest to find their roots. Lebel aids them by providing stability in the midst of chaos.

These films remind us of the blessings of growing up and living in America. And until next time, happy viewing. . .

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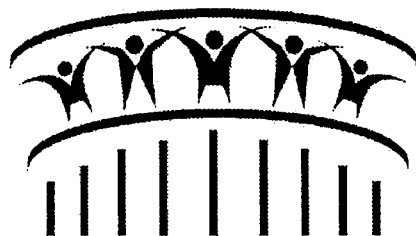
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This summer, on Saturday, July 23, at Grace Church, the City Island Theater Group presented a free theater workshop for kids, who worked with teaching artist Braddon Mehrten and had a wonderful time, in spite of the 90-plus degree weather.

## Creating a "Learning Biography" for Your Child

By JOHN SCARDINA

Every school year begins with a learning curve: teachers and students need to learn about one another and develop a style and routine that will (hopefully) lead to a successful experience. Why not help the process along by creating a learning biography for your student?

Start with a photograph that captures your child's personality. Either paste one onto a blank page or download one from the computer. Then sit down with your child to complete the following, discussing each point and coming to some agreement about the most honest and helpful answers that could be given:

- 1) I am a (good/fair/poor) student in the classroom.
- 2) I am a (good/fair/poor) student at home.
- 3) Three things in life that I absolutely love to do are
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Three specific skills I hope to

learn and/or improve this year are

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) My favorite subject area is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) My most challenging subject area is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) I describe myself as (circle all that apply): self-motivated – a lover of learning – an independent learner – a detail person – attentive – impulsive – fidgety – a reluctant learner – organized – sloppy – forgetful – curious – bored – distracting – distractible – competitive – a team player – critical of others – critical of myself – a teacher's pet – responsible – lazy – a class clown – a positive person – a negative person.
- 8) I wish I could be more like this (circle all that apply): self-motivated – a lover of learning – an independent learner – a detail person – attentive – organized – curious – competitive – a team player – a teacher's pet – responsible – a positive person.
- 9) The most important goal I have for myself this year is \_\_\_\_\_.

End the exercise by having your student write a brief note to the teacher, followed by a brief note from you. Then send it off to school and know that you and your child have done something positive to start the new year in school. What are you waiting for?

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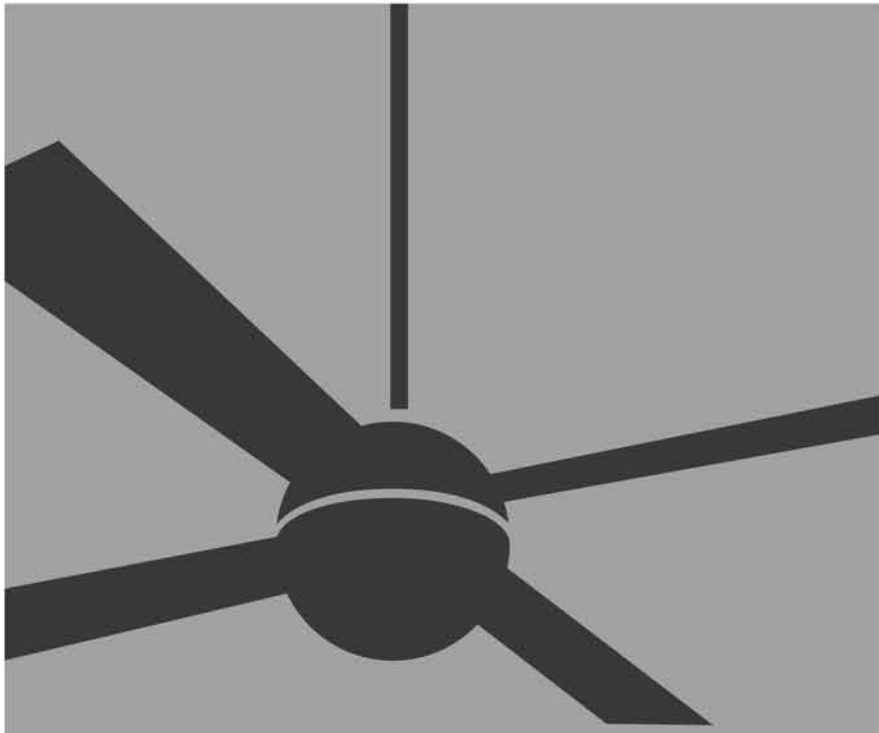
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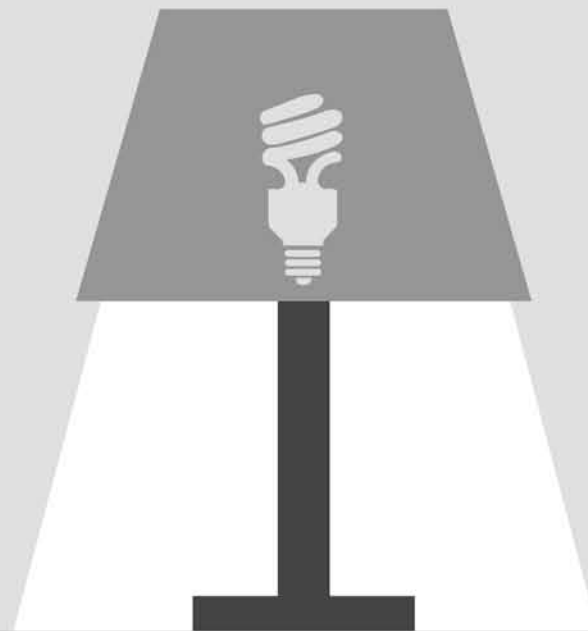
# ceiling fans can improve energy efficiency...

- a. in the summer
- b. in the winter
- c. in both summer and winter

answer: c

# which of these will *not* reduce your electricity use?

- a. replacing light switches with dimmers or motion sensors
- b. focusing light where it's needed instead of lighting a whole room
- c. removing lamp shades
- d. keeping bulbs and fixtures clean



answer: c

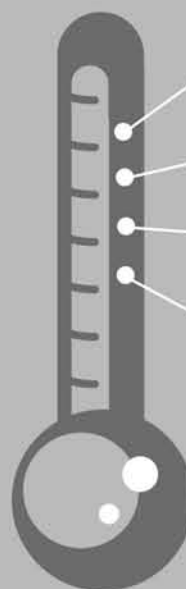
# an efficient way to keep your home cool in the summer is to...

- a. close shades or drapes to keep out the sun's heat
- b. leave your a/c on all the time so it doesn't have to cool a warm house
- c. leave windows open for a breeze, even when it's hot out

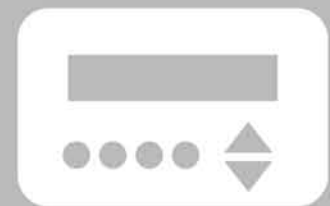


answer: a

# what is the recommended setting for your a/c thermostat?



- a. 80°
- b. 78°
- c. 72°
- d. 60°



answer: b



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02 Fri	0244	7.91	0906	-0.18	1505	8.50	2207	-0.23	Fri 02
03 Sat	0345	7.44	1006	0.30	1607	8.09	2322	0.16	Sat 03
04 Sun	0504	7.03	1126	0.76	1731	7.71			Sun 04
05 Mon	0037	0.41	0633	6.87	1251	1.00	1903	7.59	Mon 05
06 Tue	0145	0.48	0746	6.98	1403	0.98	2013	7.68	Tue 06
07 Wed	0247	0.40	0848	7.24	1506	0.78	2113	7.86	Wed 07
08 Thu	0343	0.26	0942	7.55	1602	0.50	2207	8.03	Thu 08
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Maggie Myers (and her pal Mama) in front of her mural at the Fordham Street beach.

**MAGGIE MYERS:  
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE**

City Island's reputation as a haven for artists and self-expression may not be quite the open secret it was in the 1960s, but don't let its grown-up-now, conservative facade fool you. The number of artists who still live and work on City Island may surprise you. A friend of ours is making a movie and producing a play, and just the other day we saw an advertisement for a new recording studio on the Island.

Muralist Maggie Myers has been all over the world painting murals, and examples of her work can be found in France, Switzerland and Singapore. And now, thanks to the advocacy of Mary Jo on Fordham Street, City Islanders have to go no further than the Fordham and Tier Street beaches to see Maggie's artistic talents on display. And what a display! Maggie's Fordham Street mural, which is in two parts, is more than 100 stony feet of colorful images of the sea. There is something for everyone: a shark, a mermaid, a lighthouse, sailboats, seabirds, jellyfish, a sunken tall ship and more. Her murals are "community related," she says, "not vulgar." And how!

Maggie did not grow up knowing that

she was going to be an artist. Nor did she grow up on City Island. She was attending the Katherine Gibbs School in Connecticut when a chance encounter with a brochure at the Metropolitan Museum of Art changed her life forever. It was an advertisement for an opportunity to study art in France for the summer, an opportunity she couldn't resist. Seeing the work of some her favorite artists, such as Cézanne, Monet and Manet, convinced her to change career paths. When she got back to the States, she moved to City Island and enrolled at Queens College, where she earned her BFA and graduated magna cum laude in 2003. She also began displaying her work in local galleries and joined the unions SAG and AFTRA, in which she remains a member in good standing.

Today Maggie is a freelance artist who knows how to incorporate the latest technology (i.e., her Apple iPad) into her art. Clients can preview their commissions digitally, which saves them time and money. Maggie says that where her clients are concerned she can be very flexible. She'll paint anything from a portrait to a sign, and she even teaches privately. And, of course, she makes murals. Anyone interested in more information can contact Maggie at [mmyer-sart@yahoo.com](mailto:mmyer-sart@yahoo.com).

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Bistro SK, the new French restaurant at 273 City Island Avenue, was the venue chosen for the second annual Anne Hutchinson birthday celebration on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011. City Island resident (and graduate of P.S. 78, Anne Hutchinson High School), Grace Nicoletti, dressed in a costume loaned by the Hutchinson River Restoration Project (HRRP president), played Anne Hutchinson to perfection. Tom Vasti of the East Bronx History Forum told of the Hutchinson family journey from England to what is now the Bronx, in the approximate area where the parkway and the river. Celebrants included (standing, l. to r.): Madeline Provenzano, Eleanor Rae (HRRP president), Marianne Anderson (Pelham Bay Park administrator), Grace Nicoletti, Violet Smith. Seated are Bill Tuomy of the East Bronx History Forum and Toby Liederman, coordinator of Anne Hutchinson Year.

# Obituary

## James A. Waring

As Islanders prepare to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 World Trade Center attack, we remember an Islander who perished that day.

Former Islander James "Doc" Waring passed away on Sept. 11, 2001. He was 49. Jimmy had not lived on City Island for years, but he grew up on Centre Street and went to school on the Island. At the time of the attack, he worked as a security guard at Cantor Fitzgerald on the 106th floor.

Jimmy was survived at the time by his mother, Catherine, who later passed away in 2004; and his sisters, Helen Feola and Mary Jane Edgar.

His family misses him every day.



James "Doc" Waring

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Councilman Jimmy Vacca and former Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano joined Captain Michael Moran at the City Island firehouse on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, to cut the ribbon for the newly renovated kitchen, made possible by capital funding provided by the City Council.

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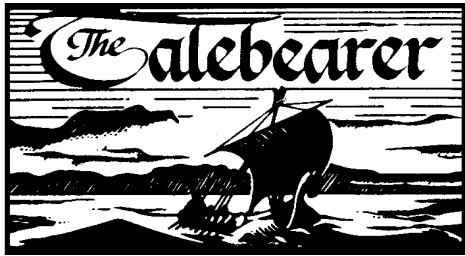
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Belated happy birthday to James Livingston and Gumby from the Sons of the American Legion. The SAL also sends a very happy birthday wish to Vic Anderson, who enjoyed his special day on Aug. 23.

Happy birthday to Mike Rauh, who is training for his 34th consecutive New York City Marathon. Way to go, Mike!

Congratulations to Judy Rauh on her retirement from Lavelle School for the Blind.

Best wishes for continued happiness to Bay Street's Ben and Virginia DiGregorio, who are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary on Sept. 5.

Birthday greetings on Sept. 5 to the Sailmaker's Ann McGuire, with love from the Swieciki family.

Happy birthday(s) to Bay Street's Jean Anderson, Ben DiGregorio and Bob Swieciki, who all share the same day: Sept. 12.

Enjoy your birthday, Tina Ruggiero, on Sept. 28, with love from your family and friends.

Congratulations to Marguerite Chadwick-Juner, whose watercolor "The Watermelon Eater" has been chosen for inclusion in the North Light book Splash 13: Alternative Approaches, which will be available in May 2012. Her work is also in Splash 12: Celebrating Artistic Vision, which is currently available online and in bookstores.

Happy Sept. 4 birthday wishes to Hawkins Street's Diane Carmody, with love from Kelly, Lil Bob, Bob, Cricket and Tiki.

Birthday wishes on Sept. 3 across the miles to Samantha Sykes from your City Island friends.

Happy 25th birthday wishes to Stephen Swieciki, who celebrates on Sept. 2.

To my precious Opal: You are the cheese to my macaroni, you are the horizon to my sky, you are the bacon to my eggs, you are the laces to my sneakers, you are the jelly to my peanut butter, you are the gravy to my mashed potatoes. And you are ALWAYS the smile to my face! Love always, E.B.

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John and Corrine Barry were married on July 22.



AAU Junior Olympics silver medalist, Andrea Amoroso.

to John and Corinne Barry, who were married on July 22. Proud parents are Jack and Betty Barry of Hawkins Street and Tom and Regina Gorman. John's brother, Dan, was best man.

Way to row! Boston College sophomore and City Island resident Alycia Da'Loia-Moore represented the United States in the U23 World Rowing Championships at the Bosbaan Regatta Course in Amsterdam. She spent the summer there in a training



Photo by CARYN DA'LOIA Earley Street resident Alycia Da'Loia-Moore represented the United States in the U23 World Rowing Championships on July 21.

program and rowed her first race on July 21, coming in fourth. At 18, she is one of the youngest competitors at the event and ended up coming in 15th, which is a remarkable achievement. A record number of nations (63) entered 314 crews for the competition vying for the Nations Cup "Paoloa d'Aloja," which is awarded to the federation with the most points at the con-

clusion of the regatta. Da'Loia-Moore, who had an outstanding year rowing for Boston College, qualified for the world championship event by winning the single sculls U.S. trial on June 29 in West Windsor, N.J. The ACC Rookie of the Year will go head-to-head against scullers from Chile, Estonia, Hungary and Slovenia.

Get well wishes to Tommy Cleary, City Island's friendliest mailman.

Minneford Avenue resident Andrea Amoroso competed in New Orleans on Aug. 1, 2011, at the AAU Junior Olympics in track and field. She won the silver medal in Youth Girls Javelin, with a personal record of 107 feet. Her family and team are extremely proud of her achievement. This is the second year in a row she has won the silver medal in this event; she was originally ranked fourth at the start of the national competition but exceeded all expectations by earning the silver medal for a second year.

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