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Arts & Events

BAM's annual avant garde arts festival returns through December

Sunday, September 18, 2011, 9:26 AM



Michael J. Fressola
By

The borough has no one-stop, year-round, multi-disciplinary performing arts venue (the role is shared by the St. George Theatre and the Center for the Arts at the College of Staten Island).

But it has the next best thing: Proximity to the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM).

Home of the Next Wave Festival of new theater/dance/music, not to mention other must-see series, BAM is just 14 miles from the Verrazano-Narrows crossing (or a half-dozen R stops from Whitehall Street).

Try to get to Broadway, Carnegie Hall Lincoln Center or even the lower East Side so fast or so easily.

Plus, it is affordable, thanks to inventive marketing, sponsorships, subscription deals and subsidies. Some seats at some shows may be had for \$10 or \$15.

At 29, the Next Wave is no spring chicken, but it still gets hipster cred and remains obligatory for New Yorkers determined to see what's new. "New" is always a slippery term, of course. A significant percentage of the most celebrated presentations of past festivals, like the "Mahabharata" of Peter Brook, a nine-hour dramatization of the ancient Hindu epic, were re-tooled versions of old and well-thumbed material.



"Water Stains on the Wall" by Liu Chen-hsiang. (Courtesy Brooklyn Academy of Music)

All Next Wave premieres have not been pleasantly memorable, naturally. Sometimes new art is no good. But history has proven the festival's worth.

MACK THE KNIFE & MORE

The 2011 season has a new "Three-penny Opera" staged by Robert Wilson and the Berliner Ensemble (Oct. 4-8); "Cries and Whispers," the 1972 Bergman film re-made as a theatrical work by the Toneelgroep Amsterdam (Oct. 25-29), and Euripides's tragicomic "Alkestis," recast as "Supernatural Wife," by the Big Dance Theater.

The festival opens Wednesday with Kronos Quartet's "Awakening," a musical meditation on Sept. 11. Twentieth-century masters Terry Riley and Osvaldo Golijov are represented, and the Brooklyn Youth Chorus, the group that sang the national anthem last week at the ground zero dedication, will perform.

Next, Compagnie Thor and Belgian choreographer Thierry Smits will use African dance and ballet, hip-hop and Bach to celebrate cultural diversity in a nine-man full evening work called "To the One I Love." (Sept. 29 -Oct. 1).

Kuwaiti writer/director Sulayman Al-Bassan, whose "Richard III: An Arab Tragedy" came to BAM in 2009, returns Oct. 6 to 8 with "The Speaker's Progress," a play about the contemporary Arab world.

The popular Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan's new work has an odd title, "Water Stains on the Wall," but it actually exemplifies company choreographer Lin Hwai-min's appealing, ephemeral style. (Oct. 12-15).

Composer/violinist Daniel Bernard Roumain will complete his three-piece BAM residency with "Symphony for the Dance Floor," (Oct. 13 to 15). Millicent Johnnie is choreographing the piece with photos/videos by Jonathan Mannion, noted portraitist of such hip-hop royalty as Jay Z, Lauryn Hill and Eminem.

Another returning Chinese company, The Beijing Dance Theater (which presented "Raise the Red Lantern" in 2005), will dance "Haze," a new work that addresses "the tension between China's centuries-old traditions and its headlong rush into the future."

MALKOVICH THE MURDERER

Eighteen dancers go to work in "I Don't Believe in Outer Space," a full-evening piece by choreographed by William Forsythe and danced by his Forsythe Company.

The Antarctic expedition of Ernest Shackleton is the story of "69 Degrees S," (Nov. 2-5) a production of the Phantom Limb marionette ensemble, composer Erik Sankom, designer Jessica Grindstaff and the Grammy-

nominated junk-rock band Skeleton Key.

Sometime in the future, the world's tallest building could go up in Brooklyn. The premise is the basis of "Brooklyn Babylon," (Nov. 9-12) a concert/live painting/animation developed by composer Darcy James Argue and graphic artist Danijel Zexelji.

John Malkovich stars in "The Infernal Comedy (Nov. 17-19) playing a deceased serial killer-turned writer named Unterweger. Two singers, accompanied by the Orchestra Wiener Akademie, provide the backdrop to Unterweger's revelations.

"Tudo Isto E Fado," (Dec. 2 and 3) a concert evening, will reveal the facets of fado, Portugal's national song, in its traditional guise as an expression of loss and longing and in its newer formats, which incorporate pop, rock and electronica. Performers will include Lisboa Soul. Deolinda, Amalia Hoje and Camane, the leading male fadista.

Dublin's Gate Theater, a regular at BAM, is back with Samuel Beckett's one-man show, "Krapp's Last Tape,"starring John Hurt (Dec. 6-18). The text, in which a dyspeptic and embittered 69-year-old revisits himself at 39, provides a tour-de-force opportunity for a brave and skilled actor.

The late Merce Cunningham, the iconoclast modern dance choreographer, will have the last word at the 2011 festival with the "Legacy Tour," a four-night (Dec. 7-10) run presenting "Roaratorio," a dance inspired by James Joyce, "Pond Way," "Rainforest," Split Sides and "BIPED."

ONLINE: Visit BAM.org for showtimes and ticket prices for all of The Next Wave Festival productions.

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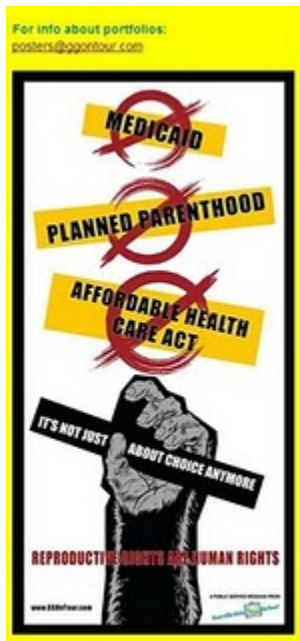


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Saturday, September 24, 2011

Post 'em, Toast 'em: Guerrilla Girls on Tour



An announcement by **Guerrilla Girls On Tour** that its poster portfolio is available for purchase, along with poster downloads for free, gives a good opportunity to share the fine work of this creative troupe -- especially since it is not only feminist, but steps up for pro-choice issues, too, as the poster to the right clearly shows.

(Once when Words of Choice went on tour during the election season, *Guerrilla Girls On Tour* emailed a wonderfully upbeat note with some download handouts, "You Have the Power to Choose: VOTE!" Just the right thing in a moment of harried travel!)

Guerrilla Girls On Tour, as it explains on its website, is *"an anonymous touring theatre company of 26 women trained in a variety of comedic theatre techniques who develop unique and outrageous activist plays, performance art and street theatre. We have presented over 200 performances and workshops around the world addressing reproductive rights, war, sex trafficking, hunger, herstory/history/hirstory and violence against women."*

With the motto, "Changing the World One Sexist City at A Time," the group undertakes bookings at colleges and elsewhere, where it presents its signature shows. Members use the names of deceased theatre artists -- Aphra Behn is one, Lorraine Hansberry is another -- and wear half-face masks that look a little, well, gorillalike. In fact, you can download a mask for free [here](#).

The Guerrilla Girls on Tour group was formed in 2001 by former members of Guerrilla Girls, a group of women's art activists who began challenging sexism in the visual arts, starting in 1985. The original Guerrilla Girls became known for sharp graphics and the use of wit and irony to jab at the male-dominated art world. Some of its work is even on display at the Museum of Modern Art in NY (2nd floor), and its origins are described in the Lynn Hershman Leeman film *Women, Art, Revolution* (also highly recommended!)

Guerrilla Girls on Tour has taken up the gauntlet in the theatre world -- challenging theatres to open their doors to artists of color and women (only about 20 percent of new plays produced are by women, if you can believe that!) The group also uses the medium of theatre to raise awareness about societal misogyny through performances and workshops.

Now, *Guerrilla Girls on Tour* is making available Limited Edition Portfolios of its first 16 posters under the title, "Monkey Business, The First 10 Years." Some can be seen [here](#) and others [here](#) or maybe [here](#). To find out more about the Portfolio, email: [posters\(at\)ggontour.com](mailto:posters(at)ggontour.com).

Upcoming on the Guerrilla Girls On Tour schedule, October 24-29, 2011 at Rollins College with *Feminists Are Funny*, part of the Winter Park Institute; November 4-30 with *Man As Object: Reversing the Gaze* at the SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan Street, San Francisco; November 9 & 10, 2011, at the [College of Staten Island](#), NY with *Feminists are Funny*, and a poster making workshop; and January 12, 2012, at CERES Gallery in NY, 547 West 27th Street, with a Meet the Artist lecture at 6:30 pm. Click on calendar [here](#).

New 9/11 exhibit open to all

Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 11:15 AM



Mark D. Stein
By



Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein

An exhibit titled "9/11 Aftermath: The Recovery of the World Trade Center at Fresh Kills" features a series of photographs and information that link the borough and victims of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

WILLOWBROOK -- Inside the College of Staten Island (CSI) Library is a lesson to be learned, but it won't come from opening a book.

As part of its ongoing mission to tell the story of the borough and its relation to the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, CSI Library Archives and Special Collections has mounted an exhibition highlighting the former Fresh Kills Landfill's use during the days following 9/11.

"9/11 Aftermath: The Recovery of the World Trade Center at Fresh Kills" is located in one of the galleries of the Volpe Rotunda in the school library (Building 1L).

Students, staff and the public are able to take in an array of photographs and details involving the process investigators went through to find remnants of victims who died in the World Trade Center's collapse.

The exhibit opened on Sept. 12.

"Our project was to document the 9/11 memorials [on the Island], but as we looked into that, we realized how important the Fresh Kills site was," CSI archivist and professor James Kaser said.

He described the images as very poignant and evocative of what the process was like.

Mark Schaming, director of exhibitions and education at the New York State Museum, was credited with taking the pictures of the wreckage and debris that was sent to the 2,200-acre former landfill.

Schaming visited Fresh Kills 40 times between November 2001 and August 2002 to document the

preservation of significant material, according to the exhibit.

While more than a dozen photographs are showcased, some aren't displayed because they're too graphic, the archivist said.

However, those that are on view are powerful, Kaser noted.

Some photos show investigators sorting through debris. Others show destroyed emergency vehicles, as well as belongings of people who perished in the attacks.

Though it closed in early 2001, the Fresh Kills Landfill has twice been pressed into service as the staging ground for sifting operations to recover the remains of World Trade Center attack victims.

It was first re-opened on Sept. 12, 2001, the day after the attack — and six months after Staten Islanders thought it was shuttered for good. That operation lasted 10 months.

The second sifting program began on April 2 of last year, after additional materials were found at Ground Zero. It lasted about 11 weeks, according to Advance archives.

Tons of debris was delivered to the site, said Kaser.

"They found little fragments that in some cases were the only tangible item that was associated with the person who perished in the World Trade Center Collapse," the archivist said, adding that the effort was incredible.

Kaser noted the work at Fresh Kills is important for the department to archive. Their archives have a lot of information on the former landfill's operation and its ongoing transition into a public park.

"I think this documentation of the recovery effort is something that may be missing. It's something we want our students to know about," Kaser said.

The exhibit in the Volpe Rotunda is open to students and staff, as well as the public.

Those not affiliated with **CSI** can visit it by providing a photo ID to the Public Safety office of the library for admission.

The exhibit will come down on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

CSI is at 2800 Victory Blvd. Call 718-982-2000.

Welcome mat out to borough's past, courtesy of si350

Friday, September 30, 2011, 7:20 AM



Stephanie Slepian
By

Weekend house tours will provide a glimpse of the way we lived then

Get an inside look at some of Staten Island's oldest buildings as si350 celebrates the borough's architecture with weekend tours that will take visitors from the 17th century through the 20th century.

The first stop is the Billiou-Stillwell-Perine House in Dongan Hills -- one of the Island's earliest surviving houses -- on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., followed by tours of four buildings at Historic

Richmond Town. Meet at 1476 Richmond Rd. The cost is \$20 per person and prepaid reservations are required. Call Sue Quadrino at 718-351-1611, ext. 240.

Other tours include:

Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Three guided tours of the landmarked Huguenot Reformed Church, 5475 Amboy Road, at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., along with a Fall Harvest Fest. Visitors are asked to bring canned food for Project Hospitality. Call 718-356-3737 for further details.

Oct. 23, 2 to 5 p.m.: Tours of the Judge Jacob Tysen House; 1 Pendleton Place, a Victorian Stick Style building; 281 St. Paul's Avenue, a Queen Anne, and the William H. Townsend House, today home to St. John Villa Academy in Arrochar.

Oct. 30, 2 to 5 p.m.: Join a discussion on architectural styles of the 20th century with special attention given to William H. Mersereau, James Whitford and Matthew Lester. Tours will include the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art, Crimson Beech and Ada Place.



Advance file photo

The first stop on the si350 architectural tour is the Billiou-Stillwell-Perine House in Dongan Hills, which was built in three sections -- the earliest section of which dates from the 17th century.

The tours on Oct. 23 and Oct. 30 will both meet at Historic Richmond Town, where a van will provide transportation. Prepaid reservations at \$20 per person are also required. Call Ms. Quadrino at 718-351-1611, ext. 240 240.

OTHER EVENTS

There are a number of other events taking place in October:

Tomorrow, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Tappen Park OctoberFest at the corner of Canal and Bay streets in Stapleton, featuring live music, a puppet show, hay bale jump, free pumpkins and a greenmarket. Admission is free.

Sunday, 1 p.m.: The Columbus Parade steps off at New Dorp High School.

Sunday, 2 p.m.: Alice Austen House and Museum National Coming Out Day Picnic.

Oct. 13, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.: Mary Bullock will discuss a book she is writing on the Seguire House, an 1830s mansion in Prince's Bay. It will take place in the College of Staten Island Library, Archives and Special Collections Room 216.

Oct. 15 and Oct. 16: Celebration at the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art on Lighthouse Hill as part of the annual Open House New York Weekend. Contact Meg Ventrudo at mventrudo@tibetanmuseum.org for details.

Oct. 16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Old Home Day at Historic Richmond Town.

Oct. 16, 1 p.m.: Italian Heritage and Culture Month at the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum in Rosebank. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. The price includes a light reception. Call 718-442-1608 or e-mail info@garibaldimeuccimuseum.com.

Oct. 29, noon to 4 p.m.: Sons of Norway Heritage Fair at Nansen Lodge, Travis.

Oct. 29, 10 to 6 p.m.: The 24th annual Jazz Festival at Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, Livingston. E-mail Sajda Ladner at **templeofthearts@hotmail.com**.

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Faculty & Staff

To Infinity and Beyond

A Q&A with Charles Liu, a professor of astrophysics whose *The Handy Astronomy Answer Book* is very popular among children.

July 11, 2011 by [Jacqueline Mroz](#)



Courtesy of Charles Liu.

Charles Liu, 43, is a nationally known astronomer at the American Museum of Natural History's Hayden Planetarium in New York. He helped design the museum's spectacular glass-enclosed Rose Center for Earth and Space. He is also a professor of astrophysics at City University of New York and the author of *The Handy Astronomy Answer Book* for children. Liu is also working on Cosmos, a NASA-related survey of nearly 2 million distant galaxies with the goal of mapping cosmic evolution. Born in Taiwan, he came to the United States with his family as a child. He lives in Montclair with his wife and three children.

What's the difference between an astronomer and an astrophysicist?

The difference is, if I'm sitting on a plane next to someone that I want to talk to, I tell them I'm an astronomer. If I don't want to talk to them, I tell them I'm an astrophysicist. But seriously, modern astronomy is applying the laws of physics to the universe beyond our Earth. But astronomy transcends just physics. There are also elements of every other science, such as math, computer science, chemistry, biology and more. It's the study of the universe and everything in it.

You primarily work on observational galaxy evolution, mainly the star-formation histories of field galaxies. What does that mean?

Galaxies are huge collections of billions of stars, plus interstellar dust, gas and dark matter. We live in the Milky Way galaxy, and our sun is one star in this galaxy. There are billions of galaxies in the universe. Galaxies are to the universe what cells are to the human body. I study galaxies to understand how the universe works. I also study the formation of stars. The birth and death of stars really dictates how these galaxies are born and how they age. By studying star-formation history, I'm studying the aging process of the cosmos.

Why is this important?

Because we want to know how everything is born, how everything ages and how everything dies. What I study won't change the price of bread today. But it could change the course of civilization tomorrow. If you're looking practically at astronomy, it's been shown that every dollar given to the exploration of space has led to many dollars returned in terms of human health, technological advances, education and in preparing our later generations for the future. On a practical level it's very important.

What does astronomy teach us?

All the great questions that we occupy ourselves with have something to do with astronomy. Are we alone? What will happen to us? The big questions that drive all humans. Like art, poetry and music, astronomy is getting at the core of who we are as human beings. We all wonder as we look at the sky at night, What's out there? So what I do has a very practical and a very transcendent component to it. We astronomers are lucky because we share something with all humans: the sky. We've all wondered what's out there. I get to do that for a living. It's a really fun thing to do.

Do you think there is life on other planets?

There's almost certainly life on other planets. But would we recognize it as life? We only have one model on Earth. If there were life elsewhere, we may not know it's alive. If there's life out there, we probably won't intersect with it in our lifetime. A couple of months ago, NASA's Kepler satellite detected more than 1,000 new planets outside our solar system. We may someday be talking about thousands of planets beyond our solar system. Within the next 5 or 10 years we may discover Earth-like planets.

Why is it important for people, including children, to learn about astronomy?

When a child is born, a baby knows what his crib is like, then his room and his home, then his neighborhood and town. Learning about the universe is the next step. Knowing our place in the cosmos is a way for children to put their existence into a context that truly takes into account the totality of everything. We can get bogged down in the details of life. But if we understood where we are and our place in the cosmos in space and in time, then the crappiest day in the world is still not that big of a deal. Doing astronomy gives me a sense of peace and the realization that it's all good.

MONTHLY UPDATE

CSI doctor to research high correlation of breast cancer

Dr. Donna Gerstle, director of the Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative at the College of Staten Island's Center for Environmental Science, is determined to find out why there is a high correlation between length of residency in Staten Island and incidence of breast cancer.

Dr. Gerstle and hundreds of Staten Islanders will participate in a Breast Cancer Walkathon to remember friends lost and lives changed. The Walkathon will take place on the College of Staten Island campus Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m., part of the college's first-ever Homecoming. Registration is required, with a requested donation of \$25. For more information, visit the Web site csitoday.com/walkathon or call (718) 982-2365.

ON THE JOB

BOARD MEMBERS

College of Staten Island Foundation

The College of Staten Island received her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from CSI, and her Master of Arts degree in psychology and her PhD in developmental psychology from Fordham University.

The board also approved a new slate of officers, including Samir Farag, vice president; Joseph M. Ricciutti, secretary; and Edgar Rios, treasurer.

Farag, who previously served as secretary of the Foundation Board, is the founder and president of Worldwide Electronic Corporation. He serves on a number of boards of directors for organizations including the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce and the Staten Island Mental Health Society, and he is president and chairman of the board of the Staten Island Rotary Club. He also participates in a number of committees, such as the General Committee of the Friends of CSI.

Ricciutti is the president of the Staten Island Yankees. Prior to his current post, he served as director, Alfred Lerner Hall/University Event Management at Columbia University. He was also director of stadium events at the Richmond County Ballpark and a facilities director at Snug Harbor Cultural Center. Ricciutti received his Bachelor of Science in business management from CSI and a Master's in management and producing (with honors) from Columbia University.

Rios is a co-founder and managing partner of Wenzl Capital Partners. Prior to his post at Wenzl Capital, he was executive vice president and general counsel of AmeriChoice Corporation, which he co-founded in 1989. He has also served as a staff attorney at the Los Angeles District Counsel's Office of the Internal Revenue Service. Rios holds an AB from Princeton University and a JD from Columbia University.

In addition to the new officers, Jeffrey O. Schnorbus, senior vice president and treasurer of Northfield Bancorp Inc., was elected as a new board member to a three-year term. Schnorbus has held various financial positions at Northfield, including principal accounting officer and controller, since 1991. His résumé also includes senior accountant with the Office of Thrift Supervision from 1987 to 1990 and auditor with Touche Ross & Co. from 1985 to 1987. He is a certified public accountant in the State of New York; a member of a number of professional associations, including the New Jersey Bankers Association, where he is chairperson, and he is a graduate of Wagner College.

The re-elected members of the CSI Foundation include Joseph A. Franzese, John Mazza, Richard M. Prinzi Jr., Peter Salvatore and Norma D'Arrigo. In addition, Gordon Di Paolo is the new faculty representative of the foundation.

ZAGHOUL AHMED

College of Staten Island

Zaghoul Ahmed, of the Department of Physical Therapy at the College of Staten Island and the Department of Neuroscience at The City University of New York Graduate Center, has been named one of five winners of the \$1.5 million 2011 BioAccelerate NYC Prize for his novel research of the PathMaker Neuromuscular Treatment System, a CUNY-trademarked method of treating spinal cord injuries by using electrical stimulation to strengthen neuromotor connections.

Ahmed was awarded the prize for his research at CSI, which involves a proprietary electrical stimulation method and system that combines trans-spinal steady DC stimulation with cortical and peripheral repetitive pulsed stimulation.

Funds from the BioAccelerate grant will be used by Ahmed to purchase equipment and create a facility on the College of Staten Island campus where a clinical trial involving 96 patients will be conducted in partnership with Staten Island University Hospital.



Online Journalism Awards names envelope pushing finalists

September 1st, 2011



Finalists for the 2011 Online Journalism Awards, many pushing the envelope of innovation and excellence in digital storytelling and distribution, were disclosed by the Online News Association and its academic partner, the School of Communication at the University of Miami.

A group of 34 industry-leading journalists and new media professionals teamed up to review entrants and select finalists. Twelve of those judges, representing a diverse cross-section of the industry, met at the university's Coral Gables, FL, campus and eight more conferred internationally to determine winners from independent, community, nonprofit, major media and international news sites.

Launched in 2000, the OJAs are the only comprehensive set of journalism prizes honoring excellence in digital journalism.

Changes note digital journalism innovations

This year, ONA introduced changes to acknowledge the explosion of journalistic innovation on new digital platforms. Entries for all awards were open to news produced for any digital device. Eight awards come with a total of \$33,000 in prize money, courtesy of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Gannett Foundation, which also is supporting innovative investigative work with two \$2,500 awards.

"We found that excellence in digital journalism today requires not only traditional shoe-leather reporting and engaging storytelling, but also sophisticated use of social tools and multimedia techniques," said Anthony Moor, Managing Editor, Local at Yahoo!, who, along with the Associated Press' Director of Global Product Operations Ruth Gersh, co-chairs the Online Journalism Awards Committee.

The finalists, listed in alphabetical order, are:

Knight Award for Public Service

Assault on Learning – The Philadelphia Inquirer

Barnegat Bay Under Stress – Asbury Park Press

Breach of Faith – Los Angeles Times

Deadly Neglect – Chicago Tribune

On Shaky Ground – California Watch and Center for Investigative Reporting

Gannett Foundation Award for Technical Innovation in the Service of Digital Journalism

Flipboard

Power to the People: Voter Education for All – e-thePeople

ScraperWiki

ScribbleLive

General Excellence in Online Journalism, Micro Site

NJ Spotlight

OnEarth

The Tiziano Project

Yale Environment 360

General Excellence in Online Journalism, Small Site

California Watch and the Center for Investigative Reporting

FRONTLINE

ProPublica

The Texas Tribune

voiceofsandiego.org – Voice of San Diego

General Excellence in Online Journalism, Medium Site

CBC News

Las Vegas Sun

NewsOK / The Oklahoman

The Globe and Mail

General Excellence in Online Journalism, Large Site

Al Jazeera

BBC News

The New York Times

The Wall Street Journal

General Excellence in Online Journalism, Non-English, Small Site

El Nuevo Herald.com

Il Tirreno

OWNI

General Excellence in Online Journalism, Non-English, Large Site

20minutos

G1 – Portal de Notícias da Globo

LA NACION

Breaking News, Small Site

Aggregation Breaking News – Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami 2011 – ProducerMatthew.com

A Snow Storm Hits New York and WNYC Listeners Map the Cleanup – WNYC Radio

Slave Lake Wildfires in Northern Alberta – Global News

Stanley Cup Hockey Riots in Vancouver – The Vancouver Sun

Breaking News, Large Site

Congresswoman Shot – The Associated Press
Coverage of the Uprisings in Egypt – Al Jazeera
Japan Earthquake – Wall Street Journal
The Earthquake, Tsunami and Nuclear Crisis in Japan – The New York Times

Specialty Site Journalism, Affiliated

NPR Music – NPR
Pipeline – Pittsburgh Post-Gazette/post-gazette.com
The Civil Rights Cold Case Project – Center for Investigative Reporting, Paperny Films
USA TODAY Travel – USA TODAY

Specialty Site Journalism, Independent

edweek.org – Education Week, Editorial Projects in Education
IEEE Spectrum – Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Gannett Foundation Award for Innovative Investigative Journalism, Small Site

Dialysis – ProPublica
Dollars for Doctors – ProPublica
Lifesaving Drugs, Deadly Consequences — InvestigateWest
On Shaky Ground – California Watch and the Center for Investigative Reporting
The Truth Left Behind: Inside the Kidnapping and Murder of Daniel Pearl: Pearl Project, sponsored by Georgetown University and the Center for Public Integrity's International Consortium of Investigative Journalists
Breakdown: Traveling Dangerously in America – National News 21 and The Center for Public Integrity

Gannett Foundation Award for Innovative Investigative Journalism, Large Site

Breach of Faith – Los Angeles Times
OTL: Painkiller Misuse Numbs NFL Pain – ESPN
Top Secret America – The Washington Post
What Really Happened to Phoebe Prince? – Slate

Multimedia Feature Presentation, Small Site

Apart from War – News21 Team at Syracuse University
Crisis Guide: Pakistan – Council on Foreign Relations/MediaStorm
The Poppy File – OpenFile, ninth+crux

Multimedia Feature Presentation, Medium Site

Exile Without End: Palestinians in Lebanon – CBC News, Radio-Canada, ALT Digital Design Studio
The '60 Bucs (Parts 4-7) – Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Multimedia Feature Presentation, Large Site

A Year at War – The New York Times
Quieting Dylan's Brain – Los Angeles Times
Traumatic Brain Injury: Coming Home a Different Person – The Washington Post

Multimedia Feature Presentation, Student

Global Warning – Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University

Haiti's Lost Children – University of Miami

Now What Argentina – University of North Carolina & Universidad Pontifica de Argentina

Vwa Fanm: Stories on Statelessness and Migration – Knight Center for International Media

Online Topical Reporting/Blogging, Small Site

Doctors Behaving Badly: Shedding Light on Poor Doctor Oversight by Medical Boards – William Heisel, ReportingonHealth.org

Ecotrope: Fresh Ideas on Nature and Community – Oregon Public Broadcasting and NPR

MindShift: How We Will Learn – KQED and NPR

Persian Letters – Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

Online Topical Reporting/Blogging, Medium Site

Casey Anthony Extended Coverage – WESH

Nancy Leson's All You Can Eat blog – The Seattle Times

The Closing of the Sahara – Las Vegas Sun

Ward Room – NBCChicago.com

Online Topical Reporting/Blogging, Large Site

CNN Belief Blog – CNN Digital

How Are Local Municipalities Impacted by The Great Recession – Will Alden, The Huffington Post

SciGuy – Eric Berger, Houston Chronicle

Social Media Coverage – Helen Popkin, msnbc.com

Online Commentary/Blogging, Small Site**Online Commentary/Blogging, Medium Site**

No finalists selected in either category

Online Commentary/Blogging, Large Site

Arianna Huffington – The Huffington Post

LZ Granderson – CNN Digital

Providing A Voice of Authority for the Everyman – Peter S. Goodman, The Huffington Post

Simon Says – Roger Simon, Politico

Outstanding Informational Graphic or Data Visualization, Professional

California Budget Balancer – Los Angeles Times

Crime L.A. – Los Angeles Times

Tell-All Telephone – Zeit Online

Outstanding Informational Graphic or Data Visualization, Student

No finalists selected

Online Video Journalism, Small Site

Cheap Shrimp, Hidden Costs – The University of British Columbia Graduate School of Journalism

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Group to stage 'Annie Get Your Gun'

Daily Star

The Norwich Theater Company will present Irving Berlin's musical "Annie Get Your Gun" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, as well as at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Chenango County Council of the Arts. The venue is at 27 W. Main St. in Norwich.

The show, directed by Carolyn McMaster, stars Mike Gray as Frank Butler, Sheila Geer as Annie Oakley, Craig LaForte as Buffalo Bill, Steve Emmons and Patti Carnike as Tommy and Winnie, Mike McCormack as Charlie, Sharon Springstead as Dolly, Larry McMaster as Foster Wilson and Rich Heim as Sitting Bull. Aria Maholchic, Colby Richardson and Francesco Salerno play Annie's assistants.

For tickets and information, go to norwichtheatercompany.org.

Auditions set for Bernard Shaw play

Out of the Woodwork Players will host auditions for Bernard Shaw's "How He Lied to Her Husband" from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, as well as from 2 to 3 p.m. Sept. 11.

Tryouts will be at Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre, 15 N. Main St., in Bainbridge.

The one-act play features husband, Teddy Bompas (a robust, thick-necked city man), Aurora Bompas (a pretty, spoiled woman), and her youthful lover, Henry ApJohn.

For more info, email owptheatre@yahoo.com.

Theater group to hold tryouts

Theater Project of Schoharie County will no longer present Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," but will do "Paint Your Wagon" by Lerner and Lowe.

Auditions will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Teen Town in Cobleskill on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Performances are set for Nov. 18 to 20 at Golding Middle School in Cobleskill.

There are acting, singing and dancing roles for adults and teens, male and female.

For more info, call director Cherie Stevens at (518) 231-6225 or email musicrazy952@yahoo.com.

Metalcore bands set for SUCO

Texas in July, a touring band from Ephrata, Pa., will headline a show at 7 p.m. Friday at the Hunt Union Ballroom on the SUNY Oneonta campus.

The group is a Christian metalcore band and has released two studio albums.

Also playing that night will be metal band Johnny Booth from Schenectady and Creacia from Syracuse.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for nonstudents. Doors open at the 6:30 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance at <http://tickets.oneonta.edu>.

Hobart bookstores to host talks

The bookstores on Main Street in the Hobart Book Village will host authors for book signings and lectures from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The scheduled events:

"Ç From 1 to 2 p.m. at Liberty Rock Books, Margaret Kenyon will sign copies of her new book, "Kortright Invites You: A Pictorial History of the Township of Kortright."

"Ç From 2 to 3 p.m. at the Hobart International Bookport, award-winning author Steve "The Dirtmeister" Tomacek will present a look at the world of rocks and minerals while discussing his new National Geographic Book, "Everything Rocks and Minerals." This is a family-friendly event.

"Ç From 3 to 4 p.m. at Adams' Antiquarian Books, Joel Schwartz, emeritus professor of biology and the history of Science at the College of Staten Island CUNY, and editor of "Darwin's Disciple: A Study of the Life and Letters of George John Romanes (1848-94)."

Shops will donate 10 percent of book sales for those coping with aftermath of Hurricane Irene.

SUNY Delhi to screen 'Pirates'

The State University College of Technology at Delhi campus will host a screening of "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" at 8 p.m. Sunday at the main entrance of the school. The event is free and open to the public.

For more info on both events, call 746-4565.

Mayor Bloomberg takes heavy flak over concealment of departed deputy's jail stint

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Tom Wrobleski

By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- With controversy surrounding the resignation of Deputy Mayor Stephen Goldsmith exploding around him, Mayor Michael Bloomberg yesterday found detractors and supporters on Staten Island.

"An administration that prides itself on being transparent clearly is being anything but," said City Councilman Vincent Ignizio (R-South Shore). "The silence is deafening."

Bloomberg has been scrambling after it was revealed that Goldsmith, the former Indianapolis mayor brought in by Bloomberg for his managerial wizardry, left City Hall after being jailed for allegedly roughing up his wife.

But when Goldsmith resigned suddenly last month, Bloomberg had said Goldsmith was looking to work in the private sector.

Many thought that Goldsmith was really taking the fall for botching the Christmas blizzard, an impression that City Hall let linger.

The administration kept to itself the fact that Goldsmith had just spent two nights in jail, after allegedly shoving his wife on July 30 in their home in Georgetown, outside Washington, D.C.

According to the police report, his wife, Margaret Goldsmith, who suffers from lupus, said, "I should have put a bullet through you years ago."



Office of the Mayor

All that glittered ... Stephen Goldsmith with Mayor Bloomberg in happier days.

The case was dropped after Goldsmith's wife said she didn't want to press charges. She has since said that police got the episode wrong and that no one was hurt.

Bloomberg canceled public events Thursday and also canceled his weekly radio show yesterday, even as elected officials and the press were slamming him and demanding a full accounting of Goldsmith's departure.

City Hall issued a statement saying that in light of the arrest, it was clear that Goldsmith couldn't continue in the administration.

Dipping into the Watergate lexicon, Ignizio said, "What did he know and when did he know it? The only person who can answer that, and should answer that, is the mayor."

Others were more forgiving.

Borough President James P. Molinaro said it was nobody's business why Goldsmith left the administration.

"How much better would the city had been if we'd known he'd been in jail for two days?" he said. "That doesn't benefit society. There has to be a certain amount of privacy."

Molinaro said the incident was between Goldsmith and his wife.

"They have to live with it," he said. "It doesn't matter to New York."

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, who contended in a letter yesterday that the mayor decided "to mislead the public and key figures" of his administration in respect of Goldsmith, said he will introduce legislation that would require the out-of-town arrest of any city official to be reported to city authorities.

Professor Richard Flanagan, who teaches political science at the College of Staten Island, said Bloomberg had done the right thing in letting Goldsmith leave quietly.

"He did the classy thing letting him slip away without getting torn to shreds," Flanagan said.

"Goldsmith didn't have a good run," said political consultant Hank Sheinkopf. "He got into some trouble. He's resigned, and good riddance. He was on his way out anyway."

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Supporting Obama

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Richard H. Schwartz, Ph.D.

In his Aug. 26 Letter, "On Cause of the Riots," Henry R. Marbach states that he does not understand liberal Jews who support Democrats like President Barack Obama. Here are just a few reasons:

Today's Republican Party has very few moderates and the Tea Party's increasing involvement is shifting the party even further to the right.

Current Republican leaders propose policies similar to or worse than these of the Republican George W. Bush administration, which converted a three-year budget surplus on track to completely eliminate the federal debt into a major deficit, created very few net jobs (none in the private sector) and left the economy in a major downward-spiraling economic freefall.

Republicans have been doing everything possible to keep the Obama administration from pulling the country out of the terrible economic conditions, often voting against and filibustering legislation they had previously supported and sometime co-sponsored, in attempting to regain power.

Republicans generally support the wealthy and corporations, rather than middle-class and poor people, and back cuts that will have devastating effects on social, health and welfare programs that help Jews and others.

Obama, along with many Israeli military and security experts recognizes that, while it will be difficult to achieve, a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential for Israel to avoid renewed violence, effectively respond to her economic, environmental and other domestic challenges, and remain a Jewish and democratic state.

While Democratic policies have not always lived up to our dreams, largely due to Republican obstructionism, a return to Republican rule would be a nightmare.

Professor Emeritus, College of Staten Island

College of Staten Island Studies Wii Fit's Effectiveness as Real-World Exercise

September 6, 2011



Dr. Maureen Becker, director of clinical education for the Willowbrook college's Physical Therapy Doctoral Program, is using three New York City-area students (Rachel Pollack of Willowbrook, Emily Cochran of Grasmere and Shirley Coffey of Brooklyn) — to study the most effective ways in which young people can get a real-world workout with Nintendo's Wii Fit. The study began in June, and focuses mainly on tween girls, because, Dr. Becker says, girls tend to have a higher obesity rate than boys in the same age range. So far, twenty teenaged girls have participated in the research.

The study is also a follow-up to a 2009 study that used less intense games played for five-minute-long sessions. That study found those 15 minutes of cumulative play, participants burned only a little more than half the daily minimum energy expenditure recommended for children, or 150 kilocalories.

"What that was telling us is if we changed some of the games, we could get a higher level of energy expenditure," Dr. Becker explained.

In the follow-up study, subjects fill out a questionnaire asking about their health, exercise routines and their Wii Fit use at home. Before each session, subjects' blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen levels are calculated, and their weight and height are documented to calculate Body Mass Index (BMI). Sensors are attached to the subject's feet, thighs and chest, which send information to computer software that calculates energy use.

"When we first look at the data, we look at them as one group, and then we categorize them [based on weight] to see if there are differences in energy expenditure," Dr. Becker explained. "We want to see if weight has any affect on the games they're doing and how many calories they burn."

After the preliminary measurements, the girls do a six-minute warm-up, followed by eight minutes each of the mini-games (Free Run, Super Hula Hoop and Advanced Step). In-between each activity, a one-minute break is taken, during which their blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen levels are checked.

They are also asked to rate the difficulty of their workout. After they are done with their session, the girls spend five minutes culling down and relaxing.

Researchers say they chose these particular Wii Fit games because they incorporate the whole body and offer a decent cardiovascular workout.

"If you had to stand there and do the run for 18 minutes [to burn 150 calories], would you do that more than a few times?" she asked. "Probably not."

After data is collected from this study, researchers say they plan to continue their video game research through the College of Staten Island's (CSI) Physical Therapy Doctoral Program. the next phase, says Dr. Becker, will compare Wii Fit to games on the Xbox 360's Kinect system such as Zumba on the Wii and Zumba for Kinect.

"A large part of this whole thing is to educate parents and health and physical education educators in the field," Dr. Becker reiterated. "And, also see if we can bring some of what we find to manufacturers of active video games so they can take what games expend the most energy when deciding new video games," she said, noting, "The Wii has become an exercise tool for so many people."

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Creative Writing Profs Dispute Their Ranking–No, the Entire Notion of Ranking!

By **Kat Stoeffel** 9/08 4:08pm



Almost 200 creative writing professors have signed an open letter to Poets & Writers, criticizing its 2012 rankings of MFA/PhD programs. Poets & Writers is the bi-monthly magazine of the non-profit organization of the same name.

According to a statement attached to the letter, Poets & Writers first offense is that it does not take into account a program faculty's reputation (reputation being the only thing a university or a career in creative writing have to offer anyway).

The rankings are based on polls of prospective creative writing program students about where they're planning to apply, as well as the scholarship and financial aid money the schools offer.

"It's analogous to asking people who are standing outside a restaurant studying the menu how they liked the food," said Leslie Epstein, novelist and Boston University program director.

“If the Poets & Writers list were entitled ‘MFA Programs Most Frequently Applied to by Readers of One Blog’ that would be accurate. I’m puzzled that Poets & Writers, a fine publication, continues to publish this misleading list,” said Deborah Landau, a poet who is unlikely to win the Jackson Prize this year.

It’s perhaps not surprising tensions are high. Poets & Writers, the journal of author interviews and prize application deadlines, is mostly circulated among creative writing students and professors that make up the list. However, most of the top ten programs are represented among the undersigned.

Full letter below.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM CREATIVE WRITING FACULTY REGARDING THE POETS & WRITERS PROGRAM RANKINGS

The people who have signed this letter have all taught as creative writing program faculty. Many of us are now program directors and serve as members of our admissions committees. Most of us also hold MFA and/or doctoral degrees. We hope our collective experience and expertise will provide good counsel to anyone thinking about applying to writing programs.

To put it plainly, the Poets & Writers rankings are bad: they are methodologically specious in the extreme and quite misleading. A biased opinion poll—based on a tiny, self-selecting survey of potential program applicants—provides poor information. Poets & Writers itself includes on its website a disclaimer suggesting the limitations of these rankings, recommending that potential applicants look beyond them. Regrettably, the information appears on a separate page.

What’s worse, if a program decides against encouraging a bad process by choosing not to provide information, P&W’s process insists on including that program as though the information was negative, a procedure we think is unethical, as well as statistically misleading. The P&W rankings, in their language and approach, labor to create the impression that the application process between applicants and programs is adversarial. It is not, as any proper, sensible survey of MFA students and alumni would indicate.

Instead of asking such students and alumni about quality of instruction, or anything else about actual program content, P&W’s rankings are heavily skewed toward viewing a program’s financial aid offer as the final arbiter of that program’s overall quality. We agree that financial aid must be a serious consideration, but a student’s relationship with his or her faculty—what and how one learns—is at least equally as important.

In economic times like these, there is no immediate correspondence between any degree and employment. This is particularly true of the MFA in creative writing and PhD in English with a creative

dissertation. While we work hard to help our graduates find jobs, it is essential to understand that creative writing for the vast majority is not a profession. Some writers earn their living as teachers, but others are lawyers, full-time homemakers, doctors, editors, business owners, sales clerks, and mechanics. No applicant should consider pursuing a creative writing degree assuming the credential itself leads to an academic job. And no applicant should put her or himself in financial peril in order to pursue the degree.

Our best advice is to do your research through the programs you're considering. If you are able to visit those programs, ask to sit in on classes and for the contact information of current and recent students. Talk to people you respect about different programs. Read work by the instructors.

Most programs have basic academic and financial information available on their websites. But don't hesitate to ask questions of the program directors, admissions committee members, and students presently attending the programs. This kind of commonsensical research will help you find a program suited to your hopes and talents.

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You Can't Travel Back in Time, Scientists Say

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The urge to hug a departed loved one again or prevent atrocities are among the compelling reasons that keep the notion of time travel alive in the minds of many. While the idea makes for great fiction, some scientists now say traveling to the past is impossible.

There are a handful of scenarios that theorists have suggested for how one might travel to the past, said Brian Greene, author of the bestseller, “The Elegant Universe” and a physicist at Columbia University. “And almost all of them, if you look at them closely, brush up right at the edge of physics as we understand it. Most of us think that almost all of them can be ruled out.”

The fourth dimension

In physics, time is described as a dimension much like length, width, and height. When you travel from your house to the grocery store, you’re traveling through a direction in space, making headway in all the spatial dimensions—length, width and height. But you’re also traveling forward in time, the fourth dimension.

“Space and time are tangled together in a sort of a four-dimensional fabric called space-time,” said Charles Liu, an astrophysicist with the City University of New York, [College of Staten Island](#) and co-author of the book “One Universe: At Home In The Cosmos.”

Space-time, Liu explains, can be thought of as a piece of spandex with four dimensions. “When something that has mass—you and I, an object, a planet, or any star—sits in that piece of four-dimensional spandex, it causes it to create a dimple,” he said. “That dimple is a manifestation of space-time bending to accommodate this mass.”

The bending of space-time causes objects to move on a curved path and that curvature of space is what we know as gravity.

Mathematically one can go backwards or forwards in the three spatial dimensions. But time doesn’t share this multi-directional freedom.

“In this four-dimensional space-time, you’re only able to move forward in time,” Liu told LiveScience.

Tunneling to the past

A handful of proposals exist for time travel. The most developed of these approaches involves a wormhole—a hypothetical tunnel connecting two regions of space-time. The regions bridged could be two completely different universes or two parts of one universe. Matter can travel through either mouth of the wormhole to reach a destination on the other side.

“Wormholes are the future, wormholes are the past,” said Michio Kaku, author of “Hyperspace” and

“Parallel Worlds” and a physicist at the City University of New York. “But we have to be very careful. The gasoline necessary to energize a time machine is far beyond anything that we can assemble with today’s technology.”

To punch a hole into the fabric of space-time, Kaku explained, would require the energy of a star or negative energy, an exotic entity with an energy of less than nothing.

Greene, an expert on string theory—which views matter in a minimum of 10 dimensions and tries to bridge the gap between particle physics and nature's fundamental forces, questioned this scenario.

“Many people who study the subject doubt that that approach has any chance of working,” Greene said in an interview. “But the basic idea if you’re very, very optimistic is that if you fiddle with the wormhole openings, you can make it not only a shortcut from a point in space to another point in space, but a shortcut from one moment in time to another moment in time.”

Cosmic strings

Another popular theory for potential time travelers involves something called cosmic strings—narrow tubes of energy stretched across the entire length of the ever-expanding universe. These skinny regions, leftover from the early cosmos, are predicted to contain huge amounts of mass and therefore could warp the space-time around them.

Cosmic strings are either infinite or they’re in loops, with no ends, said J. Richard Gott, author of “Time Travel in Einstein's Universe” and an astrophysicist at Princeton University. “So they are either like spaghetti or SpaghettiO’s.”

The approach of two such strings parallel to each other, said Gott, will bend space-time so vigorously and in such a particular configuration that might make time travel possible, in theory.

“This is a project that a super civilization might attempt,” Gott told LiveScience. “It’s far beyond what we can do. We’re a civilization that’s not even controlling the energy resources of our planet.”

Impossible, for now

Mathematically, you can certainly say something is traveling to the past, Liu said. “But it is not possible for you and me to travel backward in time,” he said.

However, some scientists believe that traveling to the past is, in fact, theoretically possible, though impractical.

Maybe if there were a theory of everything, one could solve all of Einstein’s equations through a wormhole, and see whether time travel is really possible, Kaku said. “But that would require a technology far more advanced than anything we can muster,” he said. “Don’t expect any young inventor to announce tomorrow in a press release that he or she has invented a time machine in their basement.”

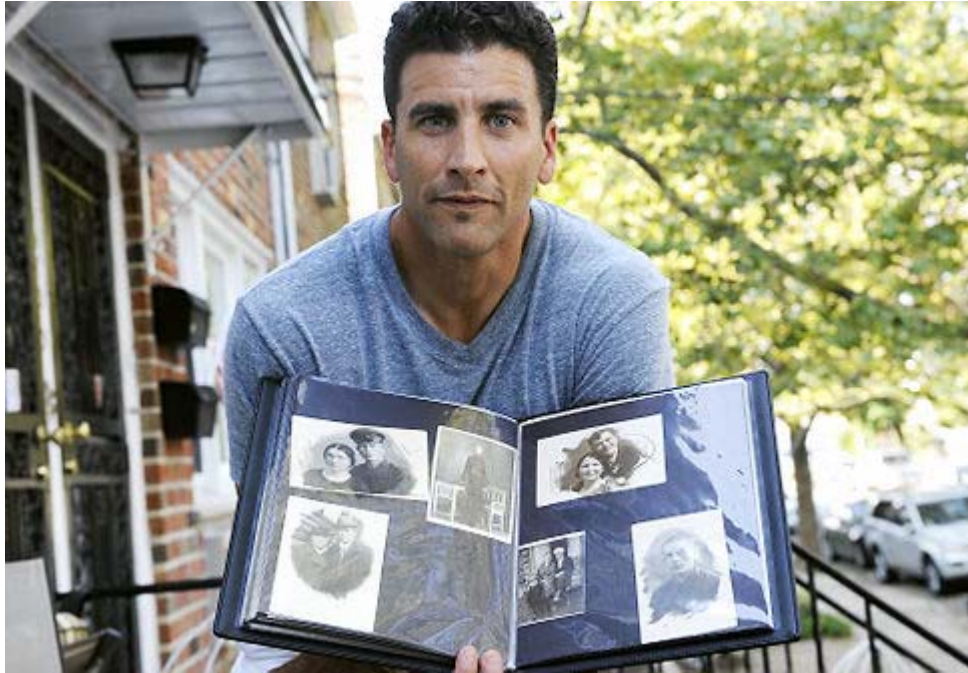
For now, the only definitive part of travel in the fourth dimension is that we’re stepping further into the future with each passing moment. So for those hoping to see Earth a million years from now, scientists have good news.

“If you want to know what the Earth is like one million years from now, I’ll tell you how to do that,” said Greene, a consultant for “Déjà Vu,” a recent movie that dealt with time travel. “Build a spaceship. Go near the speed of light for a length of time—that I could calculate. Come back to Earth, and when you step out of your ship you will have aged perhaps one year while the Earth would have aged one million years. You would have traveled to Earth’s future.”

Brooklyn man goes on Russian pilgrimage to trace family history

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Adam Gell, 46, holds family photo album showing pictures of his grandmother's first husband Nikolai Vickentevich Turubanov, who died in WWII.

[Adam Gell](#) was always close to his grandmother, [Lydia Gell](#).

"She lived about two blocks from our house," said Gell, who grew up in [Mill Basin, Brooklyn](#). "I would go there on a daily basis. Whenever I needed guidance, whenever I needed any support, my grandmother was there for me."

Lydia Gell would sometimes show her grandson sepia-toned pictures of a young man in military uniform whose name was Nikolai Vickentevich Turubanov.

"That was my first husband, your real grandfather, and he died in World War II," was about all Gell remembers her saying.

When Lydia Gell died on Nov. 11, 2001, Adam Gell, a physical education teacher at Brooklyn's [South Shore High School](#) and a [College of Staten Island](#) adjunct professor, inherited her diaries and scrapbooks.

Two years ago, he decided to find out more about his first grandfather. "I wanted to find out more about him," Gell said. "I looked at his photos and said, 'Who is this man? Will anybody remember him?'"

That's why in July, Gell, 46, and his wife Peggy found themselves touring rural [Russia](#), visiting Koigorodok, where his grandparents lived while married; [Syktyvkar](#), where Lydia Gell was born, and Mezhdador, Turubanov's birthplace.

He met relatives he never knew existed, and even some of his grandfather's former students, all elderly now but still remembering Turubanov as a teacher who was less stern than others.

"We were walking through Mezhdador and this woman in her sixties came out of her house and asked what we were doing," Gell said. "When I told her she said she was the school librarian and had all the old school records. She went back in the house and came back and told us some of my grandfather's students were still alive. She said 21 village men left for war and only six returned.

"They took us to another house, where a woman came out and, through the translator, told me I look like my grandfather."

Another student even recalled the day word came that Turubanov had been lost in the Battle of [Moscow](#) on Feb. 8, 1942.

"She said my grandmother ripped her hair out when she found out," Gell said.

Gell got to visit his grandfather's grave - he shared a mass grave with 7,000 of his fallen comrades until they were exhumed in 1952 and buried in individual plots in Karmanovo [Smolensk](#), a nearby cemetery.

To get to the cemetery Gell's driver took him along the same highway Turubanov and the other soldiers of the 352 Division, 224 Ski Battalion took to the battlefield where they died from German gunfire.

"It was very emotional," he said. "Nobody [in his family] knew where his body was, nobody ever saw his grave but me. I was very honored.

"I was doing this for my grandmother. She never got a chance to pay her respects to her first husband, who she loved."

Gell even found the house where Lydia and Nikolai lived before he went to war - a Communist hammer and sickle medallion was still nailed to the doorway, put there to let passersby know someone who lived there had been killed in the war.

Now Gell is hoping to do a documentary on his amazing family - believe me, the narrative above barely scratches the surface of the tale.

It all started when Gell uploaded a picture of his grandfather on an Internet site and asked, in Russian, if any of his relatives survived - Lydia Gell's diary noted that Turubanov had a sister.

"Last year I put that photo on my website and two weeks later I get a response from people who said we are the family of [Nikolai Turubanov](#)," Gell said. "They included a photo of him in the email, so I knew it was the right family."

Lydia Gell wrote her diary entries in Komi, a now rare language spoken primarily in [Komi Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic](#), the region which contains all of the towns mentioned above.

To find out what his grandmother wrote, Gell had to photocopy the diaries and upload them on the Internet where a family member in Russia could read and translate them to Russian.

Gell would give the Russian translation to a relative in Brooklyn, who would convert them to English.

Lydia Gell poured her heart into her diaries, sharing her loneliness after her husband went to war and her fears that he would not love her if and when he returned home, Gell said.

Lydia would marry a man, [Noel Gell](#), a shoemaker whom she met in an internment camp after the war. They, two children in tow, made a perilous journey through [Europe](#) to Brooklyn, where Noel Gell worked in a factory and a [Manhattan](#) deli. He died in 1998.

The Russian website Gell used to find his relatives is <http://www.mkvv.ru/forum/viewtopic.php?p=1464#p1464>. Right click once on the site and [Internet Explorer](#) will translate it to English.

New Springville green-grocer's dream became developers' delight

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By **Mark D. Stein**



Wilbur Meyer, at left, a former resident of his grandfather's gigantic farm in New Springville, met with James Kaser, College of Staten Island professor and archivist, last Monday at the Willowbrook campus. (Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein)

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -

WILLOWBROOK/NEW SPRINGVILLE -

Wilbur G. Meyer and his wife, **Virginia**, recently sat in the second floor of the College of Staten Island (CSI) library and described a world that many Staten Islanders would be hard-pressed to imagine.

Long before scores of houses lined Rockland Avenue, and decades before the creation of La Tourette Park Golf course, acres upon acres of farmland were a major feature of Staten Island's West Shore. The farm was responsible for producing tons of cabbage, celery, spinach, mint and a host of other herbs. Horses were a mainstay in

this rural environment, which in addition to Meyer Farm, included Dissoway and Fisher farms, as well as the Arbogast and Barret properties, and other nearby plots.

In total, Meyer's grandfather, Henry, owned 175 to 250 acres of land that were not only home to crops, but to family members whose lineage traces back to Jersey City and Germany, Meyer explained to CSI archivist **James Kaser** and two other faculty members on the Willowbrook campus.

At 915 Rockland Ave., said the 91-year-old Meyer, known by many as Bill, the lane that entered the farm was gorgeous.

"His farmhouse was back further, about 400 or 500 feet from Rockland Avenue. The lane ran in, and it was white gravel, and there were pine trees planted on the left. My father (**George**) helped plant those pine trees . . . and then there were plots of flower beds," said Meyer.

A stone wall and pair of trees further enhanced the welcoming vista. Everything sat near or on green grass.

"It was like going to a rich estate," said Meyer.

HOW IT STARTED

The estate was founded in 1903 when **Henry Meyer** purchased the first of many available properties scattered through New Springville and Willowbrook. While the heart of the farm was centered near Rockland Avenue, the land spanned what is now La Tourette and a portion of the campus of **CSI**, where Meyer and his wife shared their history.

Henry Meyer's house had four two-story columns. "It was a large house with a large kitchen," explained Meyer, who lived with his wife in a stone house with two-foot thick walls that was built in the 1750s.

"It was a piece of history," said Mrs. Meyer. "But (eventual buyers) destroyed it."

A two-car garage sat on the property, as did a stable with eight or nine stalls for horses. A cow also lived on the farm.

Three of Henry's sons, **George, Henry and Fred**, ran the vast farm for several years after their father died in 1926. The operation was complex and included frequent trips to Manhattan and Brooklyn to sell herbs and produce.

Formerly farm land

Henry H. Meyer came to Staten Island in 1903 and began purchasing farms. This map provides a rough estimate of the area Meyer controlled. By the 1920s, He had over 200 acres of land on the West Shore of the borough, including a portion of the land the College of Staten Island sits on today and most of La Tourette Golf Course in New Springville.



Wilbur Meyer, a tall man with gray hair and a sharp memory, specifically described how his family packaged their crops for travel to the other boroughs to make money.

"The spinach was packed in baskets, cabbage was packed in barrels, and they specialized in celery, and they shipped it to Manhattan," he said.

Meyer explained that workers on the farm used to trench celery in the fall around Election Day. They plowed the land, dug up trenches by hand that were 15-to-18 inches wide where they packed the crop. When the weather grew colder, they covered the celery with leaves for winter so it wouldn't freeze.

"When they harvested, they dug them out, cleaned them, eventually bunched them together with red tape and packed them in crates," said Meyer, adding that it was then the crops were hauled to individual stores.

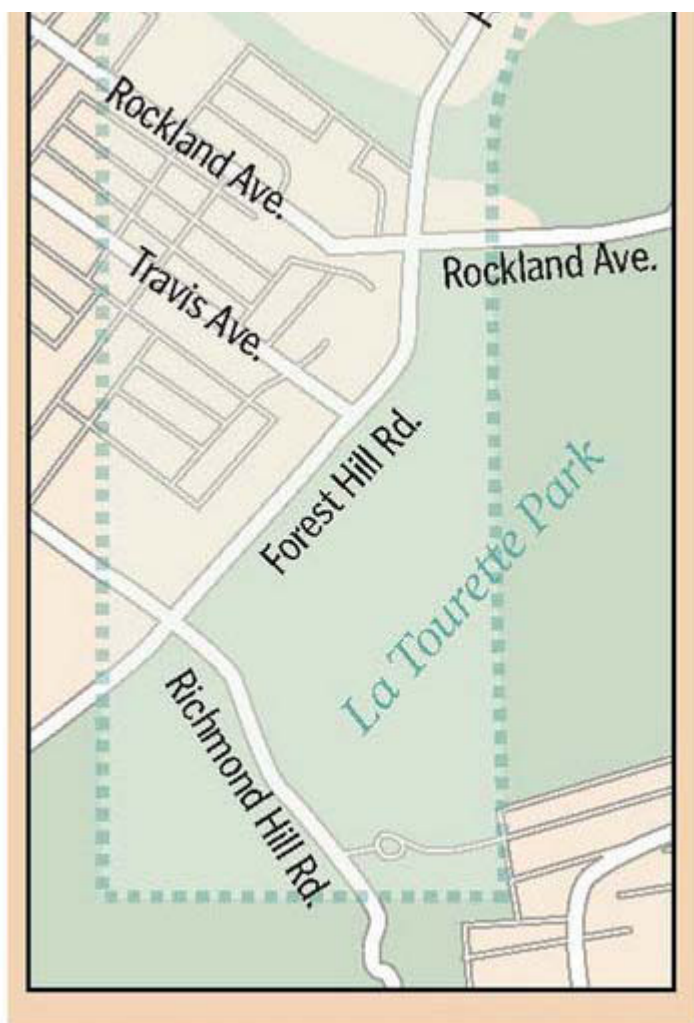
His father's route was in Brooklyn.

FELT DEPRESSION

The farm thrived for over 30 years, but more than a decade after Henry Meyer passed, the three brothers who owned the main farm were unable to pay off the mortgage, as a result of the Great Depression.

For instance, Meyer said, they'd prepare spinach for sale, drive into the other boroughs, but wouldn't be able to sell much. If they did, it was for prices far below their expectations. The Meyers would be forced to bring leftover crops back to the farm, where they eventually rotted.

"After a while, it didn't pay," he said. "You were working for nothing."



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In addition, crops from California that were shipped via refrigerated train cars were becoming competition.

A parcel of property was given to Henry's two daughters and another son. All of the original farm owners' children were unable to keep the land in their possession.

Eventually, Meyer wound up working for Western Electric. He joined the Navy in 1944 and served in South Carolina. In the early 1960s, most of the Meyer family moved to Rhinebeck, N.Y., where Meyer owned a Dodge Chrysler dealership. Not long ago, they settled in Ocala, Fla.

Whenever they visit, the Meyers are always shocked by what they see.

The land they grew up on is long gone, having been replaced by an endless number of townhouses. Nothing of the farm remains.

"You can't see anything. The large house is gone," said Mrs. Meyer. "Everything is gone."

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Birds make a move to Wolfe's Pond

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By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - Another topic being remarked upon on the SI Naturalist message board is the change at Wolfe's Pond. A fresh water pond separated by an earth berm from the salt water bay, it emptied when the berm was breached during Hurricane Irene. Now a tidal pond, it fills with bay water during high tide and is a mud flat during low tide which has been a big attraction for shore and wading birds.

"The birds are quick to take advantage," said **Ed Johnson**, director of science at the Staten Island Museum.

"This newly created flat deserves frequent checking for vagrant herons and shorebirds this fall," wrote **Richard Veit**

on SI Naturalist. The professor of biology at the **College of Staten Island** noted 20 great egrets, 10 snowy egrets, two great blue herons and 20 juvenile semi-palmated sandpipers on the flats.

A young American eagle was reported there by **Irv Robbins**.

Johnson said the red-eared sliders and painted turtles will die in the salt water, but they could conceivably follow the fresh-water stream under Hylan Boulevard to Acme Pond.

The snapper turtles have a better chance of survival, said Johnson. They "can withstand harsher conditions" and will be tolerant of some salt. Johnson made the point that the area continues to be fed by a fresh water stream and the bay is not as salty as the ocean.



Enlarge

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A great egret was among the scores of egrets and herons taking advantage of the mud flats and shallow water created when Wolfe's Pond emptied into the Raritan Bay. The great egret wades in a variety of wetlands, including marshes, streams, ponds, and tidal flats to feed on fish, invertebrates, amphibians and reptiles. (Photo courtesy of Anthony Ciancimino)

Wolfe's Pond birds gallery (6 photos)

The pond was a great destination for ducks. Mergansers, redheads, scarp and wigeons are among the species that will be missed this winter.

Seth Wollney, program associate with the Staten Island Museum said that an unpublished report in the museum's archives, written by Hugh Powell, about Wolfe's Pond indicates its history has always been a tug of war between the bay and the pond in which both nature and humans have interceded. Solutions to the current problem are still being considered by the city's Parks Department and Department of Environmental Protection.

Its repair is awaited, but in the meantime, the current wisdom seems to be, it is a scene worth observing.

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Staten Island the exception to downturn, as median income rises 5 percent

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Deborah E. Young
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Even as many Staten Islanders were dealt a blunt blow by the Great Recession, in some ways the economic downturn has been less sharply felt here than in other parts of the city, new Census data show.

While median household incomes across the city fell by nearly 5 percent, the median income was up by nearly 5 percent on the Island between 2009 and 2010, to \$70,560, according to the 2010 American Community Survey.

Analysts say the Island may have been buffered slightly from the recession by its strong middle-class job base, which comprises numerous city, state and federal employees.

In fact, the ranks of workers in government jobs on the Island remained the highest in the city, the data also show, with 24 percent of workers here in 2010 on the public payroll, up from 20 percent in 2009.

"Municipal workers are a pretty big piece of the labor force, and they're to some degree cushioned, because this city is in less financial distress and has been somewhat better-managed, and we haven't had the massive layoffs that some other cities have had," said Jonathan Peters, a professor of finance and a demographer at the College of Staten Island, who closely follows Census trends in the borough. "The public employment is still growing. The problem is, you need tax base to pay for that; you can't have your whole economy based on public-sector employment."

The data are from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey -- a massive annual poll of random households that uses statistical sampling to derive results. The survey has largely replaced the



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One man's trash is another man's treasure.

official decennial Census for providing detailed and nuanced economic, housing and demographic information on the population.

It shows that the Island's income patterns, with a strong mid-income range, more closely mirror the classic bell curve than do other parts of the city and nation. Manhattan, for example, serves as a textbook example of the divide between the rich and the poor, and had the sharpest income imbalance in the nation.

In that borough, top earners made an average of \$370,000, bringing in nearly 38 times as much as the bottom fifth -- who made less than \$10,000.

The Census data does not provide a breakdown of incomes above \$200,000, but according to an analysis of Forbes data yesterday by the New York City Coalition Against Hunger, the 57 billionaires in New York City increased their net worth by more than \$11 billion in the last year, and now have as much money as 14 million people working full time, at minimum wage salaries, for a year.

Such outsized earnings may have helped skew the average household income in Manhattan in 2010 to \$119,199 (but down from \$131,704 the previous year).

The average household income on the Island, by comparison was \$86,105.

The median household income (a figure not affected by outlying extremes) in Manhattan was less than on the Island, at \$63,832.

"The fact that you have so many city workers, firemen, policemen, teachers, sanitation workers, on the Island has stabilized the economy for Staten Island, and that makes a big impact; that's an important factor," said retired 35-year teacher and union representative Marty Eisenberg, of Greenridge. "Of course, in Staten Island, we still have poverty."

Poverty in the borough did rise, especially childhood poverty, which was up 2 percent to 17 percent, the data show.

Still, the increase was not nearly as stark as the city overall, where poverty overall was at 20.1 percent, and childhood poverty was at 30 percent -- the highest level since 2000.

The borough's lower numbers might simply reflect the fact that the people on the margins here may have simply had to move, said demographer Peters.

"There is not a lot of safety net on Staten Island, which is less connected to subsidized housing and other services than other boroughs," he said. "It's harder for the poor sector to hang on here. If you're not working and don't have reasonable income it's harder to hang on."

Indeed, the 2010 American Community Survey found 374,998 people in the borough of working age -- or above the age of 16.

In 2009, the survey showed some 392,966 working-age Staten Islanders.

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Cancer survivors rally against cuts to research funding

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Staten Island Advance

By

By JOSEPH PEPENELLA

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Cancer survivors and advocates protesting cuts in research funding rallied yesterday at Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze.

James Pistilli, the Staten Island legislative representative for the American Cancer Society, spoke to the efficacy of research: "There have been major strides since 1991, the cancer mortality rates have come down because of ACS policy securing funding for the National Institutes of Health; now there are over 11 million survivors."

He endorsed ACS' message of "celebrating more birthdays" — something Islanders should note, he said, because the borough has the highest cancer death rate in the city.

It's incumbent on ACS to "celebrate with action," he said, because the funding, which has led directly to major advancements in cancer detection, treatment and patient care over the last 10 years, is threatened.

Dr. Frank Forte, director of oncology at SIUH, stated that the research has made it possible to treat patients more individually, instead of prescribing "chemo across the board."

According to Pistilli and College of Staten Island research professor Dr. Jimmie E. Fata, research funding is targeted for cuts to achieve deficit reduction, when, in fact, "in 2010, NIH produced 69.28 billion in new economic activity and created 485,000 jobs."

Dr. Fata, a breast cancer and biology researcher, will be affected by funding cuts because his lab requires the money to buy new equipment, conduct experiments and pay salaries. He said the funding he has received was essential to the discovery of a plant that contains an extract that can kill cancer cells. The funding also allowed him and his research team to generate a new tool for detecting cervical lesions.

Dr. Fata praised Island and city elected officials for the support they have extended to him.

Pistilli will be traveling to Washington D.C., on Sunday, joining congressional representatives and senators

from all 50 states, to spread the message of keeping cancer on the decline by not cutting federal funding for cancer research. He says that money for cancer research "must be a top priority in the 2012 budget."

On Tuesday, Pistilli will deliver and read "messages of hope" written by cancer survivors and family members about treatment that saved lives.

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News

Questioning Assumptions

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NEW YORK -- When big thinkers get together to talk about community colleges, they typically focus on external forces buffeting the sector, like budget cuts, swelling enrollments and political pressure caused by the “college completion” agenda. What community colleges actually *do* can get lost in the shuffle.

Bucking this trend was a meeting Friday at the City University of New York Graduate Center, during which community college leaders talked about how to better teach their students, and how to replicate successes at individual campuses. Dubbed “[Reimagining Community Colleges](#),” the invitation-only event was hosted by leaders of CUNY, which is opening a new community college here next year.

Several speakers said community colleges must work harder to improve their remedial education offerings, rather than bemoaning the poor preparation of students when they arrive on their campuses.

The sector needs to take more responsibility for designing effective remedial tracks that match up with 21st-century career paths, said Paul Attewell, a professor of sociology and urban education at CUNY’s Graduate Center. “We have a lot of catching up to do.”

Walter Bumphus, president of the American Association of Community Colleges, agreed. He said that many community colleges have failed to respond to budget cuts with innovative solutions.

“Too many community college structures look pretty much like they did 20 years ago,” Bumphus said.

The conference featured successful teaching approaches and degree programs that have helped community college students get to graduation, like CUNY’s [Accelerated Study in Associate Programs](#). And there was widespread agreement that community college leaders -- including the more than 50 presidents in attendance -- should seek better incentives for faculty members, like rewarding good teachers and innovators with compensation and tenure.

When asked what was the most important fix for remedial education, the audience, using classroom clickers, voted overwhelmingly for “team teaching” and related faculty innovations.

“We have not thought enough about faculty and teaching,” said Thomas R. Bailey, director of the Community College Research Center at Teachers College of Columbia University, adding that most structural reforms at community colleges “haven’t really penetrated the classroom.”

Conspicuously absent during the meeting were complaints about state budget cuts. Tight times are here for a while, speakers said, so community colleges need to lean on innovation rather than waiting for better budgets to return.

More money isn’t always a good thing, said Victor M.H. Borden, a professor of educational leadership and policy studies at Indiana University at Bloomington. An infusion of cash can lead to the addition of new programs, but not always better ones, Borden said. Money is obviously important, he said, but lean times can spur innovation and needed program cuts.

In addition to challenging conventional wisdom about money woes, several participants were skeptical about aspects of the completion agenda, which is driving much of the policy maker and foundation interest in the sector.

Sandi E. Cooper, a professor of history at the [College of Staten Island](#) and chair of the CUNY Faculty Senate, said community college leaders should push back on pressure to graduate students in a “compressed” amount of time, such as the three-year time frame used by the federal government to determine graduation rates at two-year colleges.

“What we need is more time,” Cooper said.

Borden challenged that assertion, saying that while it may be fine for some students to take longer to earn degrees, that approach isn’t good on a macro level. For most students, the more time they spend in college, the greater the odds that “something will happen in their lives that will prevent them from” earning degrees.

One panel tackled the ambitious goals of the college completion push, such as President Obama’s call for five million additional community college graduates by 2020, with a big name in higher education admitting that he’s not a fan of such targets.

“It’s a mistake,” said William Bowen, a professor of economics and public affairs and former president of Princeton University. “Let’s not worship a number pulled out of the sky.”

During the meeting several faculty members spoke up to defend their continuing efforts to improve teaching at community colleges. “We’re working on pedagogy in the bathroom,” one professor said. “This is our life.”

Specific community college programs featured at the meeting included:

- The Statistics Pathway (Statway) [program](#) from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which seeks to bring researchers and faculty members together to develop a “continuous improvement process” for teaching subjects like remedial math. So far 19 community colleges are participating in the project, the rolling results of which will be open source.
- The American Association of Community Colleges’ Voluntary Framework of Accountability, a [system](#) that will offer benchmarks for community colleges to track student progress and completion data. The effort, which is still in development, seeks to create “appropriate” accountability measures that fit community colleges and tell a broader story than graduation rates. AACC anticipates a roll-out of the framework in early 2012.

— **Paul Fain**

Newsmakers

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New CEOs

David Shockley will assume the presidency at Surry Community College (North Carolina) on Jan. 3. He most recently served as executive vice president of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Shockley served in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves before beginning his career in higher education at Appalachian State University in 1993. He joined Caldwell in 1996 as director of computer services and in 2004 was named vice president of student services and as executive vice president in 2006.

Appointments

Elizabeth Gombash has been named executive director of strategic grants planning and development at Seminole State College of Florida. Gombash has served as a director on the national boards of the National Grants Management Association and the Council for Resource Development.

Saundra King has been named assistant vice president of remediation and innovation at Ivy Tech Community College in Indiana. King has more than 25 years of experience in higher education and most recently served as director of transitional studies for Chattanooga State Community College (CSCC) in Tennessee. She began her career at the college as a counselor and adjunct instructor in 1991, before serving as director of the Testing and Advising Center at Massachusetts Bay Community College. Kim Parker recently joined Cleveland State Community College (Tennessee) as director for plant operations and maintenance. He came to the college following retirement as a captain in the U.S. Navy, culminating 29 years of active duty service.

At Lehigh Carbon Community College in Pennsylvania, Brian DeLong has been appointed associate dean of student success, and Louis Hegyes is now director of recruitment and admission. DeLong most recently served as director of new student orientation/CLUE program at the College of Staten Island in New York. His previous experience includes serving at Stony Brook University as director of student orientation and family programs. Previously, Hegyes was a college and university client representative at Sage Scholars, Inc., and served at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia in various assistant director and director positions.

At Rock Valley College in Illinois, Brian McIntyre is now program director of the Small Business Development Center, technology, innovation and entrepreneurship, and Jeff Hefty is the new director of employment and grants. McIntyre has extensive small business experience, having been involved in start-ups, turnarounds and companies needing management consulting. Hefty previously served at the college for six years as a career counselor with the dislocated worker program.

College of Staten Island (CSI) Foundation Board Elects Dr. Christine Cea as President

By Terry Mares

The College of Staten Island (CSI) Foundation Board of Directors recently elected Dr. Christine D. Cea '88 as its new President. Dr. Cea is currently a researcher at the New York State Institute for Basic Research in developmental disabilities. In addition, she is a member of the New York State Board of Regents. Her experience at CSI includes former President of the Friends of CSI, and Adjunct Lecturer in Psychology and Sociology. She is Chair of the Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council, and a member of the Borough President's Advisory Board on Disability and the Board of Directors of the Staten Island Mental Health Society.

She also serves on the local Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Human Rights Committee on Informed Consent, and she was honored as a Woman of Distinction by Soroptimist International for her work as a rights advocate for people with disabilities. Dr. Cea received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from CSI, and her Master of Arts degree in Psychology and her PhD in Developmental Psychology from Fordham University.

CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales, commented, "The Foundation is proud to have Dr. Cea, a CSI alumna with long and distinguished history of service to the people of Staten Island and the State of New York, as its new Board President. Her experience and commitment to the College will be valuable assets as she directs the future of the Foundation."



'ToTally Online Hebrew School' to launch next month

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By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The Afikim Foundation is changing the face of Jewish education with the launch of the first live, interactive "ToTally Online Hebrew School" on Oct. 9.

Students ages 8-11 are using a new web-conferencing technology with a kid-friendly interface that creates a fully functional virtual classroom at home.

The fall semester begins at 9 a.m. on Oct. 9 with a level-one term for students with limited background. An hour later, an original online Bar and Bat Mitzvah Program for 11-13 year-olds will be launched.

College of Staten Island Rabbi Dovid Winiarz, president of Survival through Education Inc., said he applauds the ToTally Online Hebrew School for people who do not have access to the type of Hebrew school they need to introduce their children to the basics.

With the rising cost of brick-and-mortar Jewish education, and the closing of many community Hebrew schools due to the dismal economic climate, this program enables children to acquire a foundation of Jewish knowledge from master teachers who are available to their students between classes for questions and discussion, Rabbi Winiarz said.

"There are numerous local Hebrew school programs in Staten Island," Rabbi Winiarz said.

"For homebound students, however, and the student not near quality Jewish education, I am 'ToTally' on board with this program."

Parents registering on-line may use a Survival through Education code to receive a 25-percent discount. Call 718-801-1923 for the code. For information, visit the web site Totallyonline.org or e-mail Rabbi Tzvi Gluckin at tzvi@totallyonline.org.

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Sports



College of Staten Island teams optimistic about fall campaign

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Danny Colvin

By

Fall is in the air, and so is a bit of optimism at the College of Staten Island, whose sports season gets rolling today.

The Dolphin women's soccer team, one win shy of a CUNY championship a year ago, will host NYU-Polytech at 3 p.m. The CSI men will play NYU-P at 5. Tonight at 7, the Dolphin women's volleyball squad opens at New Jersey City University.

On Saturday, the women's tennis team debuts at St. Joseph's, L.I. at 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Dolphin netters are coming off the best season under fifth-year coach Paul Ricciardi, whose team posted an 11-6 overall mark and was the second seed (8-1) in the CUNY Tournament.

Last year CSI did a lot of the heavy lifting with four graduated seniors but Ricciardi doesn't sweat with the addition of solid incoming freshmen and former Nos. 1 at their high schools Sophia Varriano (St. Joseph Hill) and Alena Vedeneeva (New Dorp).

"I'm excited from a local standpoint," says Ricciardi, who also has newcomers Curtis' Leena Abdo and Long Island's Kaatie Schelin joining sophomore returnees Ilona Stoyko and Demi-Jean Martorano.

"We lack depth but it's going to be a competitive season. Baruch and (CUNY champ) Hunter will bring out the best in us. (Assistant) Carissa Sommerlad (S.I. Mixed Doubles champ and D-I experience at Rutgers) will be a big plus for our program. We've got a nice, young nucleus and we have to build upon that."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Dolphins return a three-headed scoring monster with CUNY Rookie of the Year Demi-Jean Martorano (16 goals and 37 points), fellow soph Natalie Tombasco (10 goals and 5 assists) and senior captain Lauren Neglia (9 goals, 5 assists).

"It's nice to reach into the bench and not miss a beat," said eighth-year coach John Guagliardo. "That depth is going to carry us. We are the deepest we have been since I have been here."

Senior Paige Buono is the quarterback in the middle, senior Christina Sgarlato set a **CSI** record with nine assists last year, and junior Valerie Incontrera is the goalkeeper.

"We're expected to battle for a CUNY championship," Guagliardo says of his team, 11-5 a year ago. "But our best is to come. We only scratched the surface last year. I wouldn't want to play us down the road when we start to jell."

MEN'S SOCCER

Rookie coach Jose-Luis Rebay is not sitting around waiting for last year's (4-11-2) squad to mature.

"We're going to go right up until our first game with roster spots open," he explained. "Right now we have 15 players on our roster, and we will be selective as to who makes our final team."

The Dolphins lost but one senior and do return quality players.

Senior captain Ahmed El-Ghareib, who became the first **CSI** goalie in 10 years to play every minute of every game last year, recorded three shutouts and a .793 save percentage.

CSI received scoring from junior Lirim Begai and soph winger Dong Luu, but the Dolphins were outscored 46-15 and outshot 325-204 in 17 games last year. Rebay expects Susan Wagner's Alfonso Castaneda and Sean Andrada, along with soph Aziz Kabulniyazov, to remedy that situation.

"This was a young team last year and they proved that when they played together and played well, they can be a very difficult opponent," Rebay added. "This year we're getting ourselves prepared each game to win."

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Rookie coach Atef Dosse must right a program which went 4-17 overall and 2-7 in CUNY play last season and has had only one winning season in the last 10 years.

"Our goal at **CSI** is to build a program from scratch that focuses more on athleticism and skill-building," said Dosse, who formerly coached at F.D. Roosevelt HS in Brooklyn. "Our foundation for success will be to have a team that is committed to improvement with hard work, and bringing in athletes who are athletic and want to grow and improve their skill sets. We will work hard and have fun."



Advance file photo

CSI senior Paige Buono is hoping for a good season on the soccer field.

CSI graduated only one senior and brings back nine players including go-to senior Danielle Ponsiglione. Newcomers Jennifer Samuel (Port Richmond) and Brittany Olenick (Susan Wagner) should add some punch.

"We have a good returning base and many of our athletes play more than one sport which keeps them active," said Dosse. "To have this base makes me very excited and we will continue to move the program to a very strong level."

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College of Staten Island women's volleyball fall to NJCU 3-1

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The visiting Dolphins dropped their season opener by scores of 22-25, 25-22, 25-16, and 25-13, spoiling the debut of coach Atef Dosse.

After winning the opening game, CSI could not sustain its effort as the Gothic Knights earned a fifth straight series win.

The Dolphins, who play tomorrow at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, got 12 kills from Maricor Socorro-Calleja. Pola Poskrobko added 8 kills, 6 aces and 15 digs, while fellow newcomers Jennifer Lewandowski notched a game-high 20 digs and Jennifer Samuel 21 sets and 10 digs.

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College of Staten Island men's soccer draws game against NYU-Polytech 0-0

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The host Dolphins played 100 minutes and managed a 0-0 split in their non-conference season opener. The game was halted as an official contest after the first 10-minute overtime period due to darkness.

The Fighting Blue Jays out-shot **CSI**, 18-6 (4-3 on goal) and earned a 12-1 advantage on corner kicks. Neither team registered a shot in the overtime frame.

CSI will return to action on Thursday, hosting SUNY-Maritime at 4:30 p.m.

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2011 CUNYAC WOMEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW

MEC & CSI Lead a 5-Way Battle For the Top Prize



Photo by: Greg Armstrong

CSI's Demi-Jean Matorano & MEC's Kathy Salcedo Face-Off During the 2010 Final

FLUSHING, NY – The field continues to grow each year for the **CUNYAC / Applebee's Women's Soccer Championship**, after being stuck at three competing schools for a few years, **John Jay College** successfully resurrected their program in 2010 and **York College** looking to contend in their initial season in 2011. Moreover, with the magic number at seven for a potential NCAA berth in the future, the Conference is optimistic that goal may be reached in 2012 if two more member schools get on board.

Last year wrapped up with **Medgar Evers College** finally coming through in the championship with a 3-1 victory over perennial force, the **College of Staten Island** at the Metropolitan Oval. This year, CUNYAC is proud to announce that Championship Saturday will be contested at the Randall's Island Soccer Stadium, adjacent to Icahn Stadium, just under the Triboro (err, RfK) Bridge. The semifinals at the two highest seeds will be held on Wednesday, November 2 at 4:00 pm and the final will be held at Randall's on **Saturday, November 5 at 4:00 pm**, preceding the Men's Championship match.

Here are condensed previews in order or last year's finish, as provided my member school's sports information office:

STATEN ISLAND DOLPHINS

The **College of Staten Island** women's soccer team did everything to put the sting of a three-win season behind them last year, but still left a CUNYAC Championship on the table on the season's final day, a 3-1 loss to Medgar Evers to cap the 2010 season with a record of 11-5. The Dolphins sported a revamped lineup last year to afford them the positive surge, and under eighth-year Head Coach **John Guagliardo**, much of the same is expected, and nothing less than a CUNYAC Championship will do.

The Dolphins have plenty of reasons to be excited. The team that struggled to put up goals two years back posted 3.23 goals per game a year ago, and will return seven of its top eight scorers in 2011, a collection that scattered 49 of the teams' 52 goals. Much of that came on the foot of 2010 CUNYAC Rookie of the Year **Demi-Jean Martorano**, who played every position except goalkeeper a year ago and shined everywhere, posting 16 goals and five assists for a team-high 37 points. Fellow freshman **Natalie Tombasco** was just as lethal, popping in 10 goals and five goals, while returning senior captain **Lauren Neglia** put in 9 goals and five assists. The scoring foundation will be banked on by Guagliardo, and will be on full display when the team opens on Thursday against NYU-Polytechnic at 3pm.

"We had scoring last year and the ability to bring them all back is exceptional," he said. "Adding what we did this year to what is already in place is tremendous, especially when we only stand to lose a couple of players at the end of this year. We are in very good shape."

While the three-headed goal-scoring monster will be at the forefront, it's depth that the Dolphins will look to towards sustaining another quality campaign in 2011. Dynamic midfielder **Paige Buono** is coined the quarterback in the middle, returning from an injury that sidelined her for **CSI's** playoff run a year ago after scoring seven goals in 11 games. Senior **Christina Sgarlato** set a **CSI** school record with 9 assists a year ago, while sophomore **Cassandra Black** returns from a quality freshman year. Together with players like **Christina Jacob** (Jr. MF/D), **Stephanie McNichol** (So., ST), and shutdown defenders **Nicole Quattrocchi** (Sr., D) and **Amanda Percaccio** (Sr., D), the Dolphins should be back in business come kickoff.

While the returning nucleus will be overwhelming for opponents, **CSI** will be tested between the pipes. The Dolphins graduated senior **Danielle McLaughlin** who shouldered most of the load in 2010, and freshman **Victoria Donegan**, who was sidelined most of last year due to injury will not return in 2011. It was a hurdle the staff was not ready for, and the team will look to junior **Valerie Incontrera**, who saw some time in goal in 2009, to take over duties. The defender has little experience, but Guagliardo hopes the improvement around her, and her ability to play above her 5-2 frame will be just what the doctor ordered. When Incontrera is not net-minding, expect McNichol and newcomer **Samantha Wysokowski** to patrol the pipes.

"It's going to be a pressure-packed position because we are teaching people to play the position and starting fresh, but the truth is, we think our goalkeepers are going to do a super job," the coach stated. "We are not looking at goalkeeping as a problem, because they are going to be just fine."

As great as it is to have a strong returning squad, **CSI** will undoubtedly enjoy the benefits of what Guagliardo has termed to be the "best recruiting class" the program has seen, as the Dolphins get set to introduce nine new faces in time for opening day, along with a pair of players who could join the team later in the semester. The most noted are Wysokowski, a tremendous scorer who, like Martorano, could play anywhere on the pitch, including goalkeeper. Outside midfielder **Melissa Gelardi** has already

displayed a powerful leg and may join **Almedina Desevic** as a potential starter in the midfielder. Six-foot defensive stopper **Liana DeNero** is being termed as the enforcer in the back who could add an immediate spark as well.

"It is going to be very exciting," said Guagliardo, who was notably anxious for the start of the season. "Our new faces are going to add a lot of life to this campus."

CCNY BEAVERS

It was a tale of two seasons.

Those were the words from City College of New York women's soccer head coach **Donald Manfria** as he recalled the way his team's 2010 campaign played out. The team – sporting many new and young student-athletes – struggled to find rhythm in dropping its first 14 games while only managing to six goals during that span. Over the final seven games though, the experience that CCNY gained during the hardship losing streak became evident, as the squad recorded a 2-4-1 mark. During that stretch, the Beavers defeated SUNY Maritime and Yeshiva University, while also playing to a tie with John Jay before nearly knocking off top-seeded Staten Island in the semifinal round of the 2010 CUNYAC Women's Soccer Championship. Heading into this season, Manfria feels that the team can get off to a quick start, and the maturity of the returning players is a big reason why.

"Last year, we were so young," Manfria said. "We entered the season with many new players who had an extraordinary amount of talent, but we lacked experience. Towards the end of the year, we became competitive and pushed teams to the limit. Coming into this season, I believe there's a good chance that our late-season success from 2010 can carry over because we have 11 returning players, and we're adding talented and fundamentally-sound recruits to the equation. We're very excited about the opportunity to have a memorable year."

Returning to the fold for the Beavers will be co-captains **Heather Ruger** and **Catrin Svensson**. Ruger was a solid piece for the Beavers a season ago, and brings to the team a championship pedigree, having been a part of two CCNY championship teams (women's indoor track and field, and women's outdoor track and field) within the last seven months. She'll be expected to provide leadership and be a force on the defensive side of the ball, as she makes that transition after playing primarily as a midfielder last season. Svensson joined the 2010 squad midway through the year, played eight games, and showed potential. She'll occupy the midfield this year looking to make an impact.

One player who will be expected to produce and score goals for CCNY will be Abraham Lincoln High School product **Yanique Newman** who is entering her second season with the Beavers. Last year, she played and started in 15 games for City College, tallying a team-high 10 points (four goals, two assists) while also topping the unit in shot attempts with 39. She brings an "attack" mentality and will hope to establish herself as a potent offensive option for Manfria.

Due to the slew of talented recruits joining the fray, returner **Lindsay De La Rosa** will now be able to be utilized in different ways. Last year, she played as a defender, but for 2011, she will make the transition to the center of the field with an opportunity to exemplify leadership and help stabilize the position as well.

Another player back in the fold will be Brooklyn, NY native **Frances Tapia**. The 5'3 junior did a good job playing an unfamiliar position last season, and coach Manfria believes that now that she has the experience and knows what is expected of a player at the forward position, that she will be even better this year.

Rounding the returnees for the Beavers include backup goalkeeper **Natasha Matombo**, midfielder **Angela Choi**, forwards **Jessica Salas** and **Tabitha Azor**, and defenders **Angelica Lopez** and **Erika Jimenez**.

Perhaps the most necessary addition to the squad will be goaltender **Nicole Carroll** who comes to CCNY after transferring from Division II Concordia. Last season, the Beavers went with a goalie-by-committee for a good portion of the season, using five different players in that position. Now, with Carroll coming over, it brings stability to a very important aspect of Manfria's plan. The standout started half the games last year, and is hoping to come in and help the team be successful.

One key midfielder joining the fray will be **Daniela Agudelo**. The newcomer comes to City College from Bayside High School, and can be classified by coach Manfria as a "Fundamentally-sound soccer player that knows how to play the game." Agudelo has the ability to be a calming influence as well, and may be able to settle the team down when the time calls for it. She can move the ball well, and is a smart decision maker.

Two key defenders who will join the Beavers include **Lucero Zamora** and **Carolina Martinez**. Zamora comes over from BMCC, and is a former high school teammate of Yanique Newman. She is an individual who will be expected to bring stability to the outside of the team's defense, and with her being implemented into the defensive scheme, teammate Lindsey De La Rosa can now be used at different positions and in different ways to help maximize the effectiveness of the squad as a whole. Zamora is an experienced player with "soccer intelligence." Martinez – a Long Island native – is known as an individual who may be short on flash but not progression. She combines good fundamentals with experience, and she hopes to make a noticeable impact for the team in her first season.

JOHN JAY BLOODHOUNDS

After doing an excellent job of getting its feet wet in its inaugural season last year, the John Jay women's soccer team is primed for a ferocious run at the top of City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) play this season as the Bloodhounds are set to embark on their season year.

Under head coach **Kamal Haruna**, the John Jay women's soccer team finished a respectable 3-10-1 (1-4-1 CUNYAC) and a third place finish in conference play. This season, Haruna welcomes back a solid core of players from last season's team, hence giving the Bloodhounds a reason to be feared.

Back from last season's squad are all three all conference players from the 2010 roster including forwards **Alexis Ochoa** and **Brenda Pitts** along with goalkeeper **Marcelina Kopec**.

Also returning this season are highly skilled veterans including **Danielle Bassett**, **Jennifer Gomez** and **Yuri Giraldo**.

A tough schedule lies ahead for the 2011 Bloodhounds. Along with two games against conference teams **College of Staten Island**, CCNY, York College and Medgar Evers College, John Jay will play stellar non CUNYAC teams including Montclair State, College of Mount Saint Vincent, FDU Florham, Ramapo College and St. Joseph's-Long Island.

YORK CARDINALS

Don't expect the York College women's soccer team to be a pushover just because 2011 will be the inaugural season.

"We should have a very competitive team," said head coach **Kafui Kouakou**. "We're a new team but we are going to get better little-by-little and I think our first season will be a good one."

The Cardinals have some strong players who should make an impact immediately. **Latima Malachi**, a transfer from last year's CUNYAC Champion, Medgar Evers College, should be a key part of the squad. Midfielder **Estafani Chimbo**, forward **Jessica Cornejo** and keeper **Darshanie Thakoordyal** will also be integral members of the first-ever Lady Cardinals women's soccer team.

MEDGAR EVERS

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2011 CUNYAC WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Hunter & Baruch Expected to Lead the Pack Again



Baruch's Lauren Hayden, CCNY's Dalliana Toussaint, Lehman's Gerri Ann Martin and 2010 Tournament MVP Christine Luebcke of Hunter

FLUSHING, NY – Besides the **2011 CUNYAC Championship** match, the best game on paper for the 2011 season, will be played on day one. Due to the Conference block schedule, defending champion **Hunter College** will face off against regular season and tournament runner-up **Baruch College** as part of the **CUNY Athletic Conference Multi-Match event on Saturday, September 10 at the Bearcats' ARC Arena.**

Once the dust settles from that day, the CUNYAC standings will round into shape over the next month and a half. Will third place **City College** still be a factor with one key returnee and a new coach? Is **Lehman College** (4th place in 2010) ready to knock off Baruch or Hunter and finally get into the title conversation? Will Brooklyn, Staten Island or York take the next step up in the league race? We will all have to wait and see.

The quarterfinals of the **2011 CUNYAC Women's Volleyball Championship** will be held on **Tuesday, November 1** at the home courts of the higher seeds and the semifinals and final match will be held at a familiar place, **City College's Nat Holman Gymnasium on Thursday, November 3rd**, beginning at 4:00 pm. Once again, the championship match will also be taped for broadcast on CUNY-TV the following week, while the winner is competing at the NCAA Tournament.

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HUNTER HAWKS (17-18, 9-0 CUNYAC)

The defending CUNY Athletic Conference Champions start the season by hosting non-conference opponents FDU-College at Florham and Stevens Institute of Technology on Thursday, September 1st in the Hunter Sportsplex beginning at 3:00pm.

Head Coach Ray Bello's squad includes seven returning players from last year, including CUNYAC Tournament MVP Christine Luebcke and fellow CUNYAC All-Tournament Team Members Katina Boutis and Mallory Grubler.

The Hawks will cross the Hudson River to compete in non-conference tri-matches at Rowan University, New Jersey City University, and Montclair State University, as well as a match at Rutgers-Newark. Closer to home, Hunter will participate in the NYU Violet Classic and round out their non-conference schedule with trips to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and SUNY College at Old Westbury.

The road to back-to-back CUNYAC Championships includes multi-matches at Baruch College and the College of Staten Island, as well as a trip to the Bronx to face Lehman College. The Hawks will host conference opponents John Jay College on September 20th at 6:00pm, Brooklyn College on the 27th at 6:00pm, and the College of Staten Island on October 18th at 6:00pm in the Hunter Sportsplex.

The Hawks regular season schedule concludes with the Hunter College Invitational Tournament on October 28th and 29th, as SUNY-Cortland, Elmira, Ithaca, and Rampapo Colleges visit the Hunter Sportsplex.

BARUCH BEARCATS (25-11, 8-1 CUNYAC)

The Baruch Bearcats will be seeking their third consecutive season with at least 25 match victories.

The Bearcats, who are coached by Allison Stack, will begin their competitive schedule on the road on September 2 at the highly-competitive St. Lawrence University Invitational in upstate Canton, New York.

The team returns a majority of their starters, led by two-time CUNYAC Libero of the Year Posey Wilson, setter Melinda Santiago, middle blocker Lauren Hayden, and outside hitters Carissa Oliveira, Rebecca Peralta and Brittany Sorensen.

"I am really excited about my team this season and I can't wait to begin," said Stack, who won her 100th career women's match last season. "I think this team is probably the best I have had at Baruch College and we are all eager to start playing."

CCNY BEAVERS (21-17, 7-2)

The City College of New York women's volleyball team – with first-year head coach Jennifer Manicad - will shoot for its second CUNYAC title in three seasons when the team heads to Baltimore, Maryland to participate in the Johns Hopkins University Tournament to start its season. On Friday, September 2nd,

CCNY will play DeSales University and Goucher, and the next day – September 3rd – the Beavers will take on Johns Hopkins University and Meredith.

On Saturday, September 10th, CCNY will head to Baruch College for a multi-match where the Beavers where play their first pair of conference matches, with contests against John Jay and Hunter scheduled. CUNYAC all-star Dalliana Toussaint is the Beavers' one key returning player this season.

Three days later, CCNY plays its traditional home-opener against the Bearcats – a rematch of the intense five-set match played between the two rivals in the CUNYAC semifinals.

In all, the Beavers will play in five regular season tournaments, including one the Beavers will be hosting on Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd.

LEHMAN LIGHTNING (17-15, 6-3 CUNYAC)

To hear that the Lehman women's volleyball team consists of 12 volleyball players would seem to sound a bit redundant. A volleyball team made up of volleyball players. Good one. And by the way, the sky is blue. But when speaking with head coach Wolfgang Lucena about his 2011 team, the idea becomes clearer.

"My secret this year is that Lehman has a true volleyball team in body and skills," said Lucena. "I'm not sure how the season is going to play out, but if we lose a game, it won't be because we didn't know how to execute or where to be on the court. We have 12 ladies who know how to play the game."

While that may sound like a knock on past Lehman teams, it shouldn't be taken as such. Rather, it's merely a reality of a majority of programs on the Division III level where teams are often a unique blend of the highly skilled and those learning the nuances of a respective sport.

"We know that Hunter and Baruch will be near the top as always, but we feel we have the solution," said Lucena. "Even having lost some top players from last year, we have the potential to cause problems for those top teams. We have many interchangeable parts. We can go to the bench and feel just as confident as with the starters."

That ability to shuffle players in and out with little to no drop-off will prove invaluable as two of the main components from last year's ECAC tournament participant – the first time ever for the Lehman women's team – outside hitter Vanessa Brown and setter Lisa Jagdeo , will not be with the team this season. Instead, Lucena will lean on a host of returnees including Gerri-Ann Martin and senior captain Jennifer Winkler to set the tone.

A product of nearby John F. Kennedy High School where she starred prior to coming to Lehman, Martin has been a force in CUNY since the day she stepped onto the court. The conference's Rookie of the Year as a freshman, she earned her second consecutive CUNYAC First Team All-Star nod in 2010 while ranking eighth in kills with 279 and will be one of the Lightning's main attacking forces.

Winkler enters her senior year having trained relentlessly over the summer in hopes of closing out her Lehman career in memorable fashion. The team's libero a season ago, Winkler has the ability to play

anywhere but will be moved around the court to maximize her attacking ability from the outside or opposite hitter position.

Sliding into Winkler's libero spot will be junior Shayla Thompkins. Mainly a bench player a year ago, Thompkins has emerged as a completely different player in a short period of time. Whereas last season she may have been unsure of her ability on the court, in early practices this year she has been in complete control at the position, communicating effectively both on the court and on the sidelines with some of the newer players.

Responsible for keeping order around the net as either middle hitters or middle blockers will be senior Racine Brown and sophomore Andrea Vasquez. Brown has shown continued improvement since her first year and has impressed Lucena with both her potential and dedication to training. Vasquez, similar to Thompkins in that she displayed moments of hesitation on the court last season, has continued her evolution as a volleyball player and now is constantly heard shouting out encouragement and instruction to fellow teammates.

Joining the aforementioned core group will be "old" newcomers Jasmine Bermudez and Shari Quiles. Both acted as team managers last year after transferring to Lehman – Bermudez from City College of New York and Quiles from Old Westbury – and will be integral to the team's success. Bermudez has the unenviable task of replacing the departed Jagdeo and her 727 assists at setter and will be the starter from day one, while Quiles will make her presence felt on the front line as a blocker and occasional setter if needed.

With a healthy amount of talent filling the roster, there isn't much that can keep Lucena's team from a successful season as long as the group keeps its eye on the prize.

BROOKLYN BULLDOGS (11-12, 5-4 CUNYAC)

Brooklyn College will look to build upon from last season's campaign; which saw the team post an 11-12 overall record, while going 5-4 in CUNYAC. The 11 wins last year marked a seven-win improvement from the 2009 season, while the five wins in the CUNYAC were the most conference wins in a single season since 2006.

Head Coach Joanne Riggs, entering her seventh season at the helm of the program, will rely on last season's team captain Middle Hitter senior Caitlin McMullen, a 2010 CUNYAC Second Team All-Star selection. McMullen racked up 144 kills last year, good for third on the team, while ranking fifth in the conference in hitting percentage (.249). Along with McMullen, sophomore Outside Hitters Jillian Escobar and Maritza Morency are back and will both look improve from their solid freshmen seasons.

Newcomer Right Side/Middle Hitter Alicia Sanchez, a transfer from Queensborough Community College, will look to make an immediate impact to the Bulldogs in 2011. Sanchez led the Tigers in blocks and ranked third on the team in kills a season ago, en route to helping lead QCC to the 2010 CUNYAC/EmblemHealth Community College Volleyball championship.

"I am looking forward to another exciting season for women's volleyball," said Coach Riggs. "With six returning players and a host of newcomers, I anticipate BC volleyball will be strong contenders in the conference."

STATEN ISLAND DOLPHINS (4-17, 2-7)

On the heels of a 4-17 season a year ago, the **College of Staten Island** program will be looking to go in one direction in 2011: straight up. Under the direction of new Head Coach Atef Dosse, the revamped and new-look unit is ready for a forward surge, and if preseason practices are any indication, **CSI** seems primed to climb the CUNYAC ladder.

"We are still in development mode at **CSI**," said Dosse when asked how far his team has come from 2010. "Every day we are navigating who we are and who we can be, and learning from one another. I think we are all a little nervous coming in, but if we can continue the improvement we've been seeing over these last few days, we have a lot of potential."

As with most teams, the returners will be looked at to provide consistency out of the gate for the Dolphins, and the collection of five returning faces should see plenty of opportunity to provide early guidance, incorporating Dosse's system on to the newer players. The centerpiece will be senior Danielle Ponsiglione, who saw a majority of time at the setter position a year ago but could double as an outside hitter as well. Flanking her is sophomore Vasiliki Stergioula, who was thrust into a starting role a year ago, playing in 62 games, finishing second in both aces and digs. With a full year under their belts, returners Catherine Ebro, Priscila Alvarez, and Tracey Rooney could also see for favorable time in 2011.

"We have a lot of new faces, so it makes our returning players that much more important," said Dosse. "I've been very impressed with what I've seen so far. The improvement of Vasiliki (Stergioula) has been tremendous and I think all five of our returning players will get a chance to show how far they have come. They have worked very hard."

Look for players like setter Jennifer Samuel (Susan Wagner) to hit the ground running, allowing Ponsiglione to return to her natural outside position. Never known for their size, the Dolphins will be undoubtedly bigger this year, namely in frosh Pola Poskrobka, a 5-foot-11, middle hitter, from Susan Wagner High School and 5-foot-8 Brittany Olenick from nearby Port Richmond High School. Dosse and new assistant Michael Labib are rightfully excited.

YORK CARDINALS (6-19, 1-8 CUNYAC)

Though 2010 was a rebuilding year for the York College women's volleyball team, coach Andre Titus is optimistic that the Lady Cardinals will step up their play in 2011.

"I see us being competitive and making a strong playoff run," said head coach Andre Titus.

York will be led by libero Pamela Yap. The 2010-11 York College Female Rookie of the Year, Yap finished among the leaders in the CUNYAC in a number of categories. The sophomore was seventh in the conference in aces per game (0.56) and eighth in the conference in Digs (2.81). Sophomore Sharon Fordyce, who was third on the team in kills per game (1.23), as well as sophomores Eveyln Florentino and Krystina Rivera should also bolster the team.

Freshman outside hitters, Yasheka Lewis and Antenieka Burton, freshman middle blocker Stayce Kay Muirhead and freshman defensive specialist Laureen Oliver are all expected to step in right away and contribute this season.

“How far we go depends on the ladies’ goals and determination,” added Titus. “I can see us doing much better than last season.”

MEDGAR EVERS COUGARS (4-5, 10-15)

No Preview Available.

JOHN JAY BLOODHOUNDS (3-6, 5-26)

No preview available.



CSI soccer women nip Old Westbury with 3-2 win

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Demi-Jean Martorano scored two goals and Natalie Tombasco scored one as the host [College of Staten Island](#) rallied from a 2-0 deficit to take a 3-2 non-conference women's soccer decision from SUNY-Old Westbury.

[CSI](#) trailed 2-0 at the half, but cut the lead to 2-1 on Martorano's first goal.

Tombasco's goal on a long lead pass from Melissa Gelardi tied the score. Martrano's winner came off a pass from Gelardi.

Goalie Valerie Incontrera had seven saves for the 2-0 Dolphins.

The Dolphins open CUNY play on Saturday at York College at 11 a.m.

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Maya Johnson Promoted; Catherine Alves Added to New Position on CUNY Athletic Conference Staff For 2011-12



Maya Johnson & Catherine Alves

Thursday, September 8, 2011

FLUSHING, N.Y. – The **City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC)**, is excited to announce two key changes that will get the league set for 2011-12 and beyond. **Maya Johnson**, entering her fourth year at the Conference office is now the Assistant Director of Championships, while **Catherine Alves**, a former Scholar-Athlete of the Year has been named Strategic Planning & Special Projects Manager.

“I am thrilled to be able to bring Catherine on staff and increase Maya’s role at CUNYAC,” said Executive Director Zak Ivkovic. “Their professionalism, energy and diligent approach will significantly add to our unparalleled services to the well-being of our student-athletes. We look forward to reaching new heights with them in 2012 and beyond.”

Maya Johnson returns for her fourth year at City University of New York Athletic Conference and has been promoted to the Assistant Director of Championships. In 2008 Johnson joined the CUNYAC staff as the Championships intern. No stranger to CUNY, she has worked at Baruch College Summer Camp for the past seven summers. Johnson transferred her knowledge of CUNY and has become an essential part of the Conference staff as she assists in all aspects of running the conference’s 24 championships

tournaments. She has also assisted in the coordination of CUNYAC's special events such as the Leadership Seminar, the Basketball Press Luncheon, the Michael Steuerman Scholar Athlete Awards Ceremony and the newest conference event, the Athletic Alumni Celebration.

Johnson is a 2008 graduate of Alfred University where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Sports Management. She was a three year member of the indoor and outdoor track and field teams and served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the Saxons. Maya is an avid horseback rider and spends most weekends at her family's country house in upstate New York. A Brooklyn native, she will be receiving her Masters degree in Sports Management from Columbia University this Fall.

Catherine Alves is a 2009 graduate from the Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College, where she was a four-year student-athlete for the softball program. Earning CUNY Athletic Conference All-Star honors all four years of her career, Alves garnered the Player of the Year title in her senior season and helped to lead the Hunter Hawks to two CUNYAC Championships and NCAA appearances in 2006 and 2008. A leader on and off the field, Alves was honored with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award and the Michael Steuerman Scholar-Athlete Award in 2009, was a two-time participant in the NCAA Division III Leadership Conferences, and also served as the CUNYAC and Hunter College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee President from 2007-2009.

In her role as Strategic Planning & Special Projects Manager at the CUNY Athletic Conference, Alves develops and oversees strategic planning initiatives and generates long-term strategy goals in the areas of fundraising, financial sustainability, data collection and analysis, and marketing, communications, and promotions strategy. She also plans and coordinates special events for the Conference office, including the SAAC Leadership & Rules Seminar, CUNYAC/Con Edison Basketball Luncheon, CUNYAC Alumni Celebration, Michael Steuerman Scholar-Athlete Awards Ceremony, professional development meetings and the Goodwill Tour.

Previously, Alves worked with global events management company, The Experience Corporation, directing logistics, registration and communications for large-scale conferences, including The New York Forum and The Cecilia Attias Foundation Dialogue for Action. She also spent two years as a projects associate in the International Program at Demos, a non-partisan public policy research and advocacy organization in New York City, Boston and Washington, D.C.

About CUNYAC

The City University of New York Athletic Conference is comprised of nine institutions in its senior college division competing in the NCAA's Division III, and five institutions in its community college division competing in the NJCAA's Region XV. All fourteen schools are a part of the City University of New York, and are spread across the City's five boroughs. The conference runs championship events in 24 sports, for both men and women. Member institutions include Baruch College, Borough of Manhattan Community College, Bronx Community College, Brooklyn College, the City College of New York (CCNY), the College of Staten Island, Hostos Community College, Hunter College, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Kingsborough Community College, Lehman College, Medgar Evers College, Queensborough Community College and York College.

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CSI loses volleyball game to St. Joseph's College

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By

The College of Staten Island women's volleyball team dropped a 15-25, 13-25, 24-26 non-league decision to St. Joseph's College yesterday.

Maricor Socorro-Calleja had seven kills to pace CSI (0-3 overall). Jennifer Samuel contributed nine digs and two aces, and Danielle Ponsiglione added 11 digs.

The Dolphins play two CUNY matches tomorrow at Baruch. CSI plays Lehman at 10 a.m., and John Jay at noon.

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Fall Sports Seasons Heating Up

By **MICHAEL RANDAZZO**

Barry Ritter James Gales being led by Chris Francis last season.

With yesterday's [opening of New York City public schools](#), many local residents are officially mourning summer's end. For student athletes at [Long Island University's Brooklyn Campus](#), [Brooklyn Technical High School](#), and [St. Joseph's College](#), sun and fun ended weeks ago. They have since been replaced by hours of preparation for the upcoming fall sports seasons.

Starting this weekend, numerous noteworthy local athletic programs will offer a slate of compelling and entertaining games in Fort Greene and Clinton Hill.

Beginning today at 2 p.m. the [Blackbird Volleyball Invitational](#) will be held at LIU's [Wellness, Recreation and Athletic Center](#). Tomorrow at noon, Brooklyn Technical High School opens its 2011 football season at home. Earlier this week, St. Joseph's announced the school's acceptance into the NCAA Division III. The has added Bears games to the smorgasbord of organized athletics available for local fans to consume.

In this year's installment of the Blackbird Invitational, LIU's volleyball squad hosts Syracuse at 4 p.m. today, before closing out the tournament with matches tomorrow against Lehigh at 10 a.m. and Temple at 5:30 p.m. All matches will be held at the Wellness, Recreation and Athletic Center and are free and open to the public.

The Lady Blackbirds seek to rebound from last year's uncharacteristic losing performance, as coach Kyle Robinson has a healthy squad. Hopes are high that the team will compete for the Northeast Conference championship as well as a berth in the [NCAA Division I Women's volleyball tournament](#).

After a slow 1 – 6 start, including losses at top-ranked University of California, Berkeley and University of San Diego, the Lady Blackbirds are poised for a strong conference campaign. Led by sophomore Hanna Gibeau, 2010 NEC All-Conference honoree, and senior Ashley Rice, 2009 NEC Tournament MVP, LIU seeks the winning formula that led to six straight NEC titles before being unseated last year by [Sacred Heart University](#).

Brooklyn Tech's football team returns from their best season in years and — despite the loss of four All-City seniors — the team is looking to build upon last year's exciting run in the PSAL playoffs. They host their season opener this Saturday at noon against [John Adams High School](#).

With returning stars, juniors James Gales and Thomas Plonski, the team has experienced playmakers on both sides of the ball. Coach Kyle McKenna is hopeful that the squad will continue its steady improvement, especially in the wake of last year's [impressive upset victory over Thomas Jefferson High School](#) in the first round of the PSAL City Championship series.

"We have a good mix of hungry seniors and experienced juniors which gives us an opportunity to progress on what we've done over the last 2 years," Coach McKenna said.

Senior Kevi Shyti is in his second year as quarterback and with Mr. Gales and Heru Bernard in the backfield, as well as wide receivers Adonijah Smith and Nathan Mdluli, scoring points should not be a problem for Tech. Newcomers Justin Minucci, Zarique March and Kareem Ellis are being counted on by Coach McKenna to shore up Tech's defense and continue the team's rise in the PSAL.

St. Joseph's College, located on Clinton Avenue, is a new entry to the NCAA, but the Bears have a rich athletic tradition dating back more than 60 years. After a concerted effort by Athletic Director Frank P. Carbone, St. Joseph's [has officially been granted full NCAA Division III status](#). This early September milestone was followed by the [announcement of an impressive three-story, 26,000-square-foot tiered athletic complex](#) to be constructed on Vanderbilt Avenue by 2012.

With opponents including The Cooper Union, Brooklyn College, Berkeley College (not to be confused with the West Coast sports powerhouse) and other small local colleges, St. Joseph's is working its way up the athletic ranks, building a small but focused sports program with aspirations of playing bigger and better opponents.

The Bears first home game of 2011 is a women's volleyball match at Brooklyn Tech on September 22 at 7:30 p.m. versus the [College of Staten Island](#). Admission is free and all are welcome.

Michael Randazzo is a Community Roots Charter School parent and community advocate focusing on education and sports for children.



For **CSI** Cross Country, Anthony's Run Is a Labor of Love

Courtesy of Staten Island Sports Information



For nineteen years, Anthony DeMartino captured the hearts of his family and friends as he valiantly battled his fight with Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy which ultimately took him in 2007. For the last three years, **College of Staten Island** Cross-Country Head Coach Robert Russo and his wife, the former Christina DeMartino, Anthony's older sister, have brought Anthony's story to countless others. They organize Anthony's Run, a 5k trek through Staten Island's Clove Lakes Park to help promote awareness and develop cures for the severe, life-threatening, disease. The 2011 installment of Anthony's Run will take place on Saturday, September 17, at 10:00am, and the Russo's will be there again taking center stage at one of Staten Island's signature charity events.

"We started the idea behind Anthony's Run a few months after he passed," said Russo. "We were determined to keep Anthony's memory and positive spirit alive. Anthony's loving heart, courage and perseverance inspired us to start an organization that can help achieve these goals and also directly help others living with similar diagnoses. We knew the best way to honor Anthony's memory and celebrate his life would be by making a positive impact on others."

And that it has! Over 250 participants took part in last year's event, including both the **CSI** Cross-Country and Volleyball squads, who helped organize, sell raffles, and distribute nearly 100 individual and team awards, making it one of the biggest charity events on Staten Island.

"We are overwhelmed by the amount of people and support we have had for this event over the years. As early as spring of this year, past participants reached out to us to ask when the next Anthony's Run would take place. We've also used the feedback of our volunteers and participants to improve the event each year."

Russo says the support has been striking, and comes into focus in many ways. "We regularly see people wearing the event t-shirt and the very popular wristbands we give to participants. We had a family member vacationing in Italy who was recognized by another Staten Islander because he was wearing the wristband. It really helps us understand the effect we have on the people we serve."

The relationship to Anthony is the principal reason why the Russo's take on the challenge of Anthony's Run each year, but the charity run is unlike many others in its ability to effect people first-hand. All of the funds raised support causes close to home, including offering financial support for medical treatment and equipment for local families that cannot afford the overwhelming costs.

"People really appreciate knowing their donation made an impact on their community. We encourage the event to be family friendly and even though we have great competition among many talented runners, we open the event to walkers and young children," he said.

Despite the overwhelming turnout and the response by the College of Staten Island student-athletes to support the run each year, both Robert and Christina continue to work extremely hard to make Anthony's Run bigger and better each year. They hope that the community that may be hearing about Anthony's Run for the first time this year will make it a part of their causes for charitable giving, whether they run or not.

"We understand that there are many great causes to participate in," Russo began. "Anthony's Run is a fun and exciting way to participate in a local event for a local organization that helps people in the community. Sometimes when volunteering for larger organizations, the message gets lost in all the sales and promotional aspects of what you really signed up to help accomplish. No matter how you want to get involved, we're happy to have you. This is apparent in the responses we've gotten. Many people reach out to us from various sports clubs, school teams and other organizations interested in helping out. Whether they donate their time, money, or expertise, they are all helping to advance our cause and contribute to the continuing success of the Foundation."

Anthony DeMartino passed away in March of 2007, shortly after graduating with honors from Tottenville High School. He was your typical teenager that loved to watch the Mets and Jets, play Smack Down on his Playstation, and spend time with his family and friends. He was an avid reader and writer of poetry, and had a great talent for drawing. Anyone interested in participating in the run, making a donation, or volunteering on raceday to help support Anthony's Run can do so by visiting the Foundation's website at: <http://anthonydemartinofoundation.org>.



Staten Island sports bulletin board -- Friday, Sept. 9, 2011

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By

YMCA fall baseball

The YMCA is holding registration for its fall baseball league for boys and girls ages 4-16. Registrations can be accepted at 3939 Richmond Ave., by calling 718-227-3200 or by e-mailing costrow@ymcanyc.org.

JCC girls' basketball league

The Jewish Community Center (1297 Arthur Kill Rd.) is holding registration for a high school girls' preseason league on Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at the Greenridge facility. The cost is \$100 per player and referee fees for the eight-game season plus playoffs. T-shirts will be given. Call Wayne Goldstein at 917-922-5821 or Lucy Kamil at 917-923-5978.

CSI Alumni baseball game

The [College of Staten Island](#) will host its third annual baseball alumni game Sept. 24. Registration and batting practice begins at 10 a.m. with the game to follow. A \$50 donation is asked of each participant which will net an alumni t-shirt, food and beverages. An MVP trophy will be awarded to each team. Contact Mike Mauro at knubby7@aol.com or Neil Barbella at nbarbella@aol.com.

Baseball clinics

Coach Dan Lynch is holding instructional baseball clinics Thursdays (4-6 p.m) starting Sept. 15 and Saturdays (9-11 a.m.). Call 646-824-6991.

Rebels basketball

The Staten Island Rebels AAU girls' basketball program will hold tryouts for its 2012 season tomorrow and next Saturday (Sept. 17) at the Our Lady Star of the Sea athletic complex. Tryout times: Grades 3-4, 6 p.m., Grade 5, 7:15 p.m. (Paul Mitchell Gym); Grade 6, 6 p.m., Grades 7-8, 7:15 p.m. (WTC Gym). Call 718-351-9619 or e-mail sirebels1@aol.com.

TabEEK softball

The James and Joanne TabEEK Memorial Softball League is registering teams for the fall nine-inning co-ed division and the men's doubleheader division. Interested parties can call 718-987-2818 or e-mail tabEEKmemorial@aol.com.

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Bishop Verot names new baseball coach

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Bishop Verot announced Chris Kelly as its new head baseball coach today. Kelly replaces longtime coach Tom Losauro, who led the Vikings to a state championship in May.

“We are pleased to announce the selection of Chris Kelly,” said Verot athletic director Phil Dorn. “He has been an asset to the Bishop Verot community as a faculty member and we truly believe that he will preserve the integrity of our storied baseball program.”

Kelly began his second year at Bishop Verot as the Learning Resource Coordinator and will add head coaching duties to his responsibilities on campus.

Before arriving at Verot, Kelly spent two years as the head baseball coach at Cape Coral High School and in the Frontier League, where he coached for one year following his retirement as a player.

Kelly pitched in high school and the collegiate level at the College of Staten Island before moving on to the minor leagues where he played for three years.



Staten island sports bulletin board: CSI baseball alumni game set

Sunday, September 11, 2011, 3:39 PM

Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

By

Diamonds tryouts

The Diamonds AAU girls' basketball program is conducting tryouts for elementary school age teams to compete in the 2012 AAU National program. The tryouts will take place at the Beacon Center at Egbert IS, at 333 Midland Ave. (enter at the park side of the building). Tryouts will be Tuesday for the 4th-grade team at 5:30 p.m. and the 6th-grade team at 7; Thursday for 5th-grade team at 5:30 and the 8th-grade team at 7; and Saturday for the 5th-grade team at 9 a.m. and the 7th-grade team at 10:30. Contact Joe Loughran at Diamonds.lough@gmail.com.

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Tunnel to Towers volunteers

The New York City Fire Department is looking for any active or retired member to volunteer to hold a flag or a banner along the route in their Class A uniforms for the Sept. 25 Tunnel to Towers Run. The run begins at 8 a.m.. Contact Denis Driscoll Jr. at 917-968-4707.

OLSS Basketball

Final registration for the Our Lady Star of the Sea Intramural League, which runs weekend mornings, will be Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the parish athletic center. Games will not interfere with the CYO season or practices. Openings are still available in kindergarten through 6th-grade divisions. The season starts the weekend of Sept. 24 and runs through Dec. 18. Contact Joe Mazzella at 917-748-3928 or go to the parish Web site at olssbasketball.com.

Flag football registration

The United Sports Leagues of America (USLA) Men's Flag Football League is taking registrations for its upcoming fall Saturday league season at Cpl. Thompson Field in West Brighton and Egbert IS in Midland Beach. Call 718-887-4980 or 631-445-5248.

Fun League sign-ups

Registration for Fun League's Sunday night party bowling, Thursday indoor volleyball, Wednesday beer pong, Tuesday night darts, and weekend and Sunday coed softball leagues is underway. Call 718-477-6787.

Girls' AAU hoops

The Staten Island Hurricanes fifth and sixth grade girls' AAU basketball team is holding tryouts on Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Fastbreak Basketball Center (236 Richmond Valley Rd.). Call Erinn Vaiano at 347-515-0303 or e-mail yankeefan4e13@aol.com.

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First win of season for CSI volleyball

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The College of Staten Island women's volleyball team won its first match of the season, topping John Jay 3-1 during a CUNY tri-meet at Baruch College in Manhattan Saturday.

Pola Poskrobko had five kills and four aces, Vasiliki Stergioula and Danielle Ponsiglione had three aces apiece and Maricor Socorro-Calleja registered eight kills in the 14-25, 25-22, 25-14 and 25-14 contests.

The Dolphins dropped a 3-1 decision (19-25, 12-25, 25-19 and 17-25) earlier to Lehman.

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Weekend Sports: Wins, Losses and Ties

By **MICHAEL RANDAZZO**

LIU Athletic Department Hanna Gibeau goes up to try and strike a point for LIU.

The news was mostly good for local sports teams this weekend. The Brooklyn Technical High School football team routed John Adams High School, scoring 44 – 14 in the victory over the visiting Spartans. Junior James Gales lived up to lofty preseason expectations, running for 113 yards on 10 carries, returning an interception 82 yards for a touchdown and throwing a successful two-point conversion. Senior Kevi Shyti completed 7 out of 11 passes for a total of 53 yards and a touchdown. He had the support of a staunch Tech defense that had five tackles for losses, two interceptions, a fumble recovery and a touchdown.

Next up for the Engineers is an away game against Canarsie High School, which dominated Susan Wagner High School in a [30 – 0 win on the road](#).

The [Long Island University](#) women's volleyball team dropped their first match of the Blackbird Invitational to Syracuse University, but thanks to freshmen Annika Foit and Vera Djuric, as well as star sophomore Hanna Gibeau, the Blackbirds proceeded to take matches against [Lehigh University](#) and [Temple University](#). Next up for the Blackbirds (3-7) is a home match tomorrow at 7 p.m. against the St. John's University Red Storm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The LIU women's soccer team dropped a [heartbreaking 1 – 0 decision at home](#) to the University of Hartford Hawks, snapping an 11-game win streak. After a tense, scoreless contest, the Hawks broke through in the 88th minute, when Mary Beth Hamilton scored a goal on a turnover in the penalty area. The Lady Blackbirds (2-4) return to action on Friday, Sept. 16 with a visit to the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

LIU's men's squad fared better with a [0 – 0 double-overtime tie against NJIT](#) in Newark, New Jersey. The Blackbirds (1-1-2) are back in action this weekend at the Colgate Raider Classic, in Colgate, NY, against Cornell University on Friday and host Colgate University on Sunday.

The [St. Joseph's College](#) women's volleyball team opened their season on Friday by [sweeping Cooper Union in Manhattan](#). After road matches against St. Elizabeth, New Jersey and Brooklyn College, the Lady Bears (1-0) open their home schedule on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. against the [College of Staten Island](#). The match will be held at Brooklyn Technical High School.

On Sunday, Sept. 25 at noon, St. Joseph's men's soccer team will host the Culinary Institute of America at Brooklyn Tech's Football Field.

Michael Randazzo is a Community Roots Charter School parent and community advocate focusing on education and sports for children.



College of Staten Island women's soccer pounds York 8-0

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By

The Dolphins scored three goals in the first half and cruised to the CUNY victory in Queens.

Demi-Jean Martorano led the way with three goals, Natalie Tombasco tallied twice and Christina Sgarlato, Samantha Wysokowski and Lauren Neglia provided the other goals in the CUNY opener for **CSI** (2-1 overall).

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Dolphins Duo Nets Women's Soccer Weekly Honors Martorano and Gelardi Led Staten Island to a 2-0 Week



Photo by: Courtesy of [CSI](#) Athletics

Demi-Jean Martorano (left) and Melissa Gelardi (right) share the spotlight this week with CUNYAC / Applebee's Women's Soccer honors.

[College of Staten Island](#) women's soccer duo Demi-Jean Martorano and Melissa Gelardi capped a 2-0 week for the Dolphins by gathering weekly City University of New York Athletic Conference honors. For the second straight week, Martorano scored Player of the Week honors by virtue of her five-goal week while frosh Gelardi scattered a trio of assists to power [CSI](#). The Dolphins came roaring back from a two-goal deficit to defeat Old Westbury 3-2 last Tuesday, before blowing by York College in their CUNYAC opener on the road on Saturday, 8-0.

No one in the conference has had the start that Martorano has had, as the New Dorp High School has now tossed in eight goals and an assist over the first three games of the season. After scoring a hat trick in [CSI's](#) opener, Martorano scored twice in the come-from-behind win at home over Old Westbury. The sophomore struck first at the 73-minute mark, creating a turnover and marching in the rest of the way for a point blank shot to make it 2-1. Later, with the score knotted at 2-2, Martorano saved her heroics for the 86th-minute, blasting in a short range shot off of the foot of a Gelardi cross, to give [CSI](#) the improbable win.

Against York College, Martorano scored two goals inside of a minute. At 2:18, she converted another Gelardi cross to put **CSI** on top 1-0, and 37 seconds later, **CSI's** Natalie Tombasco forced a turnover and fed a ball to Martorano who was left open for the tally. Martorano followed up the second half in much the same way, scoring 10 minutes in to put **CSI** up 5-0, before the team rolled to an 8-0 win.

Martorano now has 24 goals in 19 career games, good for 5th on **CSI's** career goal-scoring list.

Freshman midfielder Gelardi has also enjoyed a nice start to the season. The freshman from St. Joseph by the Sea High School posted her first career assist in her first college game and added three more last week to raise her season total to four, the team lead. Two of Gelardi's assists came in the 3-2 comeback win over the Panthers. The first was on the game-tying marker by Natalie Tombasco, and the second the eventual game-einner by Martorano. Picking up where she left off, Gelardi found Martorano in the game against York to open the floodgates.

Along with the four assists, Gelardi is fourth on the squad in shots with eight.

Casares Scores 2 Goals In NJCU's 6th Straight Win

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

JERSEY CITY— Senior striker Julia Caseres (Union) scored two goals and added an assist to move into second place in New Jersey collegiate soccer history in scoring as New Jersey City University matched the best start to a season in program history with a 5-2 triumph over the College of Staten Island, in non-conference action on Tuesday at the Robert L. McNulty Memorial Soccer Field.

NJCU improved to 6-0-0, matching the 2008 club for the best start in its history, while Staten Island (3-1-0) suffered its first setback of the year.

Caseres scored the first and third goals of the game for a five-point effort that increased her four-year scoring totals to 86 goals, 37 assists and 209 points in 70 games—second most among men's or women's collegiate Division I, II or III players in the history of New Jersey soccer. She now trails only current U.S. Women's National Team captain Christie Pearce Rampone, who had 212 points in 80 games for Division I Monmouth University from 1993-96. Caseres extended her NJCU school records for game-winning goals (15) and assists (29) in the win.

Senior striker Jennifer Albuja (Union City /Hoboken) registered her 11th career hat trick to account for the rest of NJCU's scoring.

Sophomore center midfielder Brianna Taylor (Linden) distributed a pair of assists, giving her five in the first six games of her Gothic Knight career

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CUNYAC SAAC Leadership & Rules Seminar Sets the Course for 2011-12



Photo by: Kenson Noel

The **6th Annual City University of New York Athletic Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Leadership & Rules Seminar** helped get student-athletes from all 14 CUNYAC campuses on the right path for their upcoming seasons and their future endeavors. It was held on Monday, September 12, 2011 at the **Hunter College Sportsplex** in Manhattan.

Created in 2006 to educate CUNYAC student-athletes on concepts of leadership, teamwork, and personal fitness and nutrition, this year's CUNYAC SAAC Leadership & Rules seminar featured workshops on sportsmanship, leadership, basic NCAA and NJCAA rules, nutrition, and injury prevention.

"This event has really developed over the past six years into a high-quality professional development seminar for student-athletes and coaches alike," said **Zak Ivkovic**, CUNYAC Executive Director. "Still, we continue to monitor the needs of our student-athletes and hope to continue to improve the program every year."

Building off of last year's success, the program welcomed several new speakers, including motivational speaker **Dr. Gary Sailes** and **Dr. Osric King** and **Sotiria Everett** from the **Hospital for Special Surgery**, a longtime sponsor of the Conference.

"I feel very empowered after meeting and speaking with Dr. Sailes," commented **Ashley Armand**, a sophomore at Bronx Community College, who was the CUNYAC Women's Cross Country Champion last

year and National Runner up at the 2010 NJCAA Division III Championships. “This experience was very beneficial to my progress this semester and throughout life. I’ve also never attended a nutrition and injury prevention seminar, which not only can assist me, but our entire team and the BCC athletic program.”



Photo by: Kenson Noel

Dr. Gary Sailes Inspired the CUNY Student-Athletes at the 2011 seminar.

Dr. Sailes, a noted professor and motivational speaker, addressed the student-athletes on concepts on leadership and sportsmanship. He builds a mental attitude and life skills in order to inspire student-athletes to become peak performers in academics, career, and sports.

“I’ve become a better leader from this experience each of my four years,” said **College of Staten Island** senior men’s basketball all-star **Jordan Young**. “It’s helped teach me to be in control of a situation, as opposed to following it. That’s what leadership is about. Also, the rules and regulations segment was very insightful to me. To be able to know for certain what is allowed and not allowed in different scenarios is something I can help my teammates with directly.”

Representing the leading orthopedic hospital in the nation, Dr. King focused on the best practices for injury prevention, while noted Nutritionist Sotiria Everett prepared the student-athletes for their season of competition, and the rest of their athletic careers.

“Every year I have been able to come away from tonight with more mental willpower and determination from this event,” said Hunter College senior two-sport star (women’s basketball & softball) **Megan McKenna**, who was in her own gym for the event for the third consecutive year. “As athletes, we don’t realize how much of performance is mental. I just want to take this knowledge back to my teammates and prepare for a great season.”

The evening also featured a seminar for CUNYAC coaches with roundtable discussions focused on recruiting, conditioning and practice preparation, and professional development. Coaches learned how to better their skills in each of these areas and grow as professionals from peers and experts within CUNYAC.



Photo by: Kenson Noel

Hospital For Special Surgery Nutritionist Sotiria Everett during her presentation.

And finally, Jeff Myers, a NCAA representative, led a rules and regulations segment to the student-athletes, then gave an overview to the coaches regarding current trends and hot topics in NCAA/NJCAA Division III legislation, highlighting the key changes taking place across these associations.

The CUNY Athletic Conference would like to acknowledge the support of the NCAA, U.S. Army, and Metro PCS in making this event possible.



CSI soccer men win over Brooklyn College

Thursday, September 15, 2011, 10:27 AM



Staten Island Advance
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Dogan Altunsoy scored two goals 12 minutes apart in the second half to lead the College of Staten Island to a 3-2 CUNY Conference men's soccer victory over host Brooklyn College yesterday.

CSI trailed 2-1 midway through the second stanza, but Altunsoy tied the score on a breakaway, then gave the Dolphins the lead when he converted a rebound off the crossbar.

Kenneth Zaw also tallied and goalkeeper Ahmed El-Ghareib stopped 10 shots for the Dolphins (1-2-1 overall, 1-0 CUNY).

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CSI Dolphins fall to Mt. St. Vincent in women's volleyball

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Staten Island Advance

By

The **College of Staten Island** women's volleyball rallied from a two-set deficit only to fall 3-2 to visiting Mount St. Vincent last night.

Junior Erin MacBride (19 assists and 14 digs) recorded a career-high 10 kills and a triple-double as MSV went back to the Bronx with a 25-17, 25-18, 18-25, 13-25, 15-7 non-conference victory.

Maricor Socorro-Calleja (29 digs) collected 16 kills and Vasiliki Stergioula 12 for the (2-5) Dolphins.

In the deciding set, MSV sealed their third win in 10 outings by winning the final five points.

CSI travels to Baruch College for a 6 p.m. CUNY match on Tuesday.

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CSI women win, men lose in soccer action

Saturday, September 17, 2011, 11:49 PM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

Four different players scored in the **College of Staten Island's** 4-0 CUNY women's soccer win over John Jay on Saturday.

Paige Buono, Christina Sgarlato and Demi-Jean Martorano notched first-half goals. Lauren Neglia finished with a second-half score.

The (4-1 overall) Dolphins outshot the Bloodhounds 23-3.

CSI plays Monday at St. Joseph's Patchogue.

MEN'S SOCCER

Berkeley 2, CSI 0

David Mugenga punched in goals in each half in a non-conference match. ¶

Ahmed El-Ghareib made seven saves for the (1-3-1) Dolphins, who travel to York College on Wednesday.

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Weekend Sports: Early Season Losses

By **MICHAEL RANDAZZO**

Mike McLaughlin The Long Island University women's volleyball team fell to Penn State University this weekend.

Despite a valiant effort against the fifth-ranked Nittany Lions in the Penn State Classic, including multiple missed opportunities to close out the host team during a 29-27 first set loss, the Long Island University [women's volleyball team was once again swept](#) 3-0 by the reigning, four-time NCAA champions.

Exhibiting tremendous resilience, LIU (5-9) rebounded to sweep [Rutgers University](#) behind the efforts of Hanna Gibeau and Chelsey Stanton, but [Florida Gulf Coast University](#) scored a 3-1 victory to close the tournament for the Blackbirds.

LIU returns to the friendly confines of [the Wellness, Recreation and Athletic Center](#) on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. to open the Northeast Conference slate of their schedule. The Blackbirds will be seeking to avenge home and away sweeps by the [Robert Morris University](#) Colonials (3-10) in 2010.

Also this Saturday, the LIU women's soccer team opens their conference schedule at 4 p.m. at home, with an Alumni Day showdown against the Knights of [Fairleigh Dickinson University](#) (3-3-1). The Blackbirds (3-5) come off a disappointing loss to rival [Columbia University](#) (2-4), who booted in a late goal for a [1-0 win over the visiting Blackbirds](#).

In local football action, the [Brooklyn Technical High School](#) varsity football team traveled to [Canarsie High School](#) to face the Chiefs on their home turf, seeking to follow up an opening day win over [John Adams High School](#).

Their hosts could not have been less hospitable, as Tech (1-1) [was thoroughly dominated by Canarsie in a 26-6 loss](#). Engineers quarterback Kevin Shyti was sacked twice, while the Chiefs' defense kept running back James Gales in check, holding him to a touchdown and 91 rushing yards and thwarting his game-breaking abilities.

Next up is another road trip for Tech — this time to Staten Island to take on PSAL power [Curtis High School](#) (1-1). The Engineers will return home to Brooklyn Tech Field on Friday, Sept. 30 for a twilight game against [Herbert H. Lehman High School](#).

Moving around the neighborhood, last Thursday night the [St. Joseph's College](#) women's volleyball team dropped a straight set decision to cross-borough rival [Brooklyn College](#). Evening their record at 1-1, the Lady Bears are eager to get back into the win column.

However, due to a scheduling problem, Thursday night's game against the [College of Staten Island](#) has been postponed. For a chance to see the volleyball team in action, pencil in Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m, when they'll take on [York College](#) at Brooklyn Tech High School.

Finally, St. Joseph's men's soccer team opened their inaugural season in Division III athletics with an [ugly 11-4 loss on Thursday to Berkeley College](#). The Bears (0-1) get a chance to rebound quickly, with an away match this Friday against [The Cooper Union](#).

Local fans will get a chance to see this young squad in action at Brooklyn Tech Field this Sunday, Sept. 25 at noon against the [Culinary Institute of America](#), the first of three home games for the Bears.

If you have a local sports story you'd like to see covered, please contact The Local at bklocal@nytimes.com.

Michael Randazzo is a Community Roots Charter School parent and community advocate focusing on education and sports for children.



Soccer: CSI women fall, 4-0

Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 9:48 AM



By **Staten Island Advance**

MEDFORD, L.I. — The College of Staten Island women's soccer team managed just one shot and fell 4-0 to St. Joseph's College last night in a non-conference match.

The (3-2-1) Eagles pushed in three first-half goals against Valerie Incontrera (four saves) and one versus Demi-Jean Martorano (seven saves) in the second half.

St. Joseph's outshot the (4-2) Dolphins, 20-1.

CSI hosts Mount St. Vincent tomorrow at 4 p.m.

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Caseres Honored By NJCU For 2nd Time This Year

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

JERSEY CITY — Senior striker Julia Caseres (Union) is the New Jersey City University women's athlete of the week for the second time this season and the 12th time in her three-year Gothic Knight career after becoming the all-time leading scorer in New Jersey collegiate soccer history—male or female—while notching four goals, four assists and 12 points in a 3-0 week as NJCU improved to a school-record 8-0-0. It is the best start to a season and the longest winning streak in program history.

Caseres had two five-point efforts during the week and increased her four-year totals to 88 goals and 40 assists for 216 points between NJCU (2009-11) and Rutgers-Newark (2008) in 72 games. Caseres eclipsed current U.S. Women's National Team captain Christie Pearce Rampone, who had 212 points in 80 games for Division I Monmouth University from 1993-96—on the all-time scoring charts among men's or women's collegiate Division I, II or III players in the history of New Jersey soccer. Caseres also extended her NJCU program record with her 15th and 16th game-winners in three seasons. In three games she had 11 shots, with eight on goal.

On September 13 in a 5-2 non-conference home win against the College of Staten Island, Caseres had two goals and one assist for five points, attempting seven shots, with six on goal. Caseres scored the first and third goals of the game. She scored the first goal of the game just 4:50 into the action before extending the lead to 3-1 early in the 26th minute. She teamed with fellow striker Jennifer Albuja for an assist in the 35th minute for a 4-1 halftime margin.

Caseres didn't score in a 3-2 double-overtime conference win over William Paterson University on September 17, and was unable to get a shot off while being double-teamed defensively. However, she provided two assists, on the go-ahead second goal of the game in the 69th minute for a 2-1 lead and the golden-goal sudden-death overtime winner in the 108th minute—setting up Albuja for both strikes. The overtime assist was especially impressive. On the left wing, with her back to the goal, Caseres flicked a side-header off a long throw-in into the box where Albuja got a foot on the ball, side-stepped the keeper, and buried the winner.

On September 18 in a 4-0, road non-conference win at SUNY Old Westbury, Caseres surpassed Rampone by chalking up another five-point effort, tallying two goals and one assist. She had the first two goals of the game, scoring in the 42nd minute with the eventual winner before adding an important second goal in the 79th minute. She assisted on the final goal in the 89th minute, setting up Albuja with another header off a throw-in.

Caseres has 10 goals, nine assists and 29 points in the first eight games of the season, while registering 45 shots, 26 shots on goal, three game-winners and three unassisted goals in 646 minutes of action.

Through September 19, Caseres leads the NJAC in points, assists, assists per game (1.12), and game-winning goals, ranks second in points per game (3.62), goals and shots, and fourth in shots per game (5.62) and goals per game (1.25).



CSI's Demi-Jean Martorano Makes it 3 Straight CUNYAC/Applebee's Player of the Week Awards; John Jay Freshman Stephannie Regnifo Earns Rookie Nod



Week 3 Women's Soccer Winners

CUNYAC/Applebee's Women's Soccer Player of the Week

**DEMI-JEAN MARTORANO, Staten Island
Forward/Sophomore/Staten Island, NY/New Dorp**

College of Staten Island women's soccer star Demi-Jean Martorano grabbed her third straight CUNYAC / Applebee's Player of the Week award. Martorano, a sophomore, has owned the Player of the Week title in the 2011 season. Despite the Dolphins, taking their first loss to NJCU on Tuesday, the sophomore had her team's first goal just eight minutes into the game. In Saturday's conference win vs. John Jay, she tallied two assists and a single goal. Her goal count for the season is up to ten so far with 23 points.

Honor Roll: Yanique Newman (CCNY).

CUNYAC/Applebee's Women's Soccer Rookie of the Week

STEPHANNIE REGNIFO, John Jay

Defense/Freshman/Woodhaven, NY/Health Professionals

The City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) has announced that John Jay women's soccer player, Stephannie Regnifo has been named the women's soccer Rookie of the Week for the week ending September 18. Rengifo earned the award after helping the Bloodhounds to a 1-1-0 week, which included a dramatic win against SUNY Maritime last Wednesday. The first year player scored the game winner in the final minute of play breaking a 2-2 tie in John Jay's 4-2 win over SUNY Maritime on Wednesday. So far this season, Rengifo has one goal and has taken five shots.

Honor Roll: Samantha Wysokowski (Staten Island).



Staten Island sports bulletin board -- Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011

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Staten Island Advance

By

Sr. Vets tennis tourney

The SI Tennis Association is taking registrations for this weekend's Senior Vets (45+) Tournament at Westerleigh TC. Call Nick Farkouh at 718-987-1905 by Sept. 21 to register.

CSI Alumni baseball game

The College of Staten Island will host its third annual baseball alumni game on Saturday. Registration and batting practice begins at 10 a.m. with the game to follow. A \$50 donation is asked of each participant who will net an alumni T-shirt, food and beverages. An MVP trophy will be awarded to each team. Contact Mike Mauro at knubby7@aol.com or Neil Barbella at nbarbella@aol.com.

Diamonds tryouts

The Diamonds AAU girls' basketball program is conducting tryouts for elementary school age teams to compete in the 2012 AAU National program. The tryouts will take place at the Beacon Center at Egbert Intermediate School, at 333 Midland Ave. (enter at the park side of the building). Tryouts will be today for the 4th-grade team at 5:30 p.m. and the 6th-grade team at 7; Thursday for the 5th-grade team at 5:30 and the 8th-grade team at 7:30; and Saturday for the 5th-grade team at 9 a.m. and the 7th-grade team at 10:30. Contact Joe Loughran at Diamondsofsi@aol.com.

Lacrosse clinic

Sky's the Limit Athletic Training is offering a 10-session clinic featuring high school lacrosse coaches and Division I players. This program focuses on stick skills (passing, shooting, ball control, etc.) and sports conditioning necessary to play the game. All ages and levels are welcomed. Space is limited. Call to reserve your seat at 718-494-2800.

Basketball clinic

The Knicks Youth basket clinic will be held Thursday for boys and girls ages 9 to 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Fastbreak Basketball Center.

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Volleyball: CSI loses to Baruch

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Staten Island Advance

By

The College of Staten Island dropped to 2-2 in the CUNY with a 25-9, 25-11, 25-12 women's volleyball loss to host Baruch yesterday in Manhattan.

The Dolphins (2-6 overall), were led by Danielle Ponsiglione (23 assists and eight kills) and Maricor Socorro-Calleja (18 assists and six kills).

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CSI wins women's, men's soccer matches

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Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

By

Demi-Jean Martorano scored two goals to pace a balanced attack as the **College of Staten Island** cruised past Mount Saint Vincent 7-1 in women's soccer yesterday in Willowbrook.

The Dolphins (5-2) took a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Natalie Tombasco and Martorano and exploded for five goals after intermission.

Lauren Neglia and Melissa Gelardi had a goal and two assists apiece.

MEN'S SOCCER

CSI 1, York 0

Dong Luu's unassisted goal in the 67th minute powered **CSI** to a CUNY Conference shutout in Queens.

Ahmed El-Ghareib had five saves for the Dolphins (2-0 CUNY, 2-3-1 overall).

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Women's soccer extends winning streak

by Daniel Hinton

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The NYU women's soccer team extended its winning streak to three this weekend with two road victories: a 5-1 win over Manhattanville College on Friday and a 3-1 decision against St. Joseph's College-Long Island 3-1 on Sunday.



File photo by David Lin

Coming out of the weekend, freshman goalkeeper Meg Patten gained confidence in her team.

"We'll be fine as long as there's a soccer field and we're prepared," Patten said.

In their first match of the weekend, the Violets continued their offensive surge with five goals for the day, giving them nine in two games.

The first goal came in the 17th minute as junior midfielder/forward Serra Tumay curved a free kick from the sideline and into the net to put the Violets up by one. The Violets' goal-scoring leader (four, tied with Sophomore forward Megan Young), midfielder/forward freshman Cami Crawford, then added to the lead about three minutes later.

Even NYU's rookies got involved. With her first goal of the season, freshman midfielder Hannah Speer scored off of a lead-in pass by freshman midfielder Nicole Anzalone to put the Violets up by three before the half.

Manhattanville's lone goal of the game came 10 minutes into the second half. Junior midfielder/defenseman Sonia Occhionero put the Valiants on the board with a free kick that went inside the right post.

Nevertheless, the Violets' offensive onslaught continued. Sophomore forward Leslie Smith responded in the 77th minute, giving the Violets back their three-point lead. Less than two minutes later, Tumay placed a hard shot in the left side, her second goal of the match.

Sunday's game in Medford, N.Y., marked the third straight road win for the Violets.

Young scored on an assist from sophomore forward Leslie Smith just 3:29 into the game, putting the Violets up by one against the Golden Eagles.

The lead didn't last long, however, as St. Joseph's tied the game at the 15:34 mark of the first half. Freshman midfielder Sarah Hansen and senior midfielder Kaitlin Arthurs, the top point-scorers for St. Joseph's, connected on a free kick, as Hansen recorded the assist and Arthurs put the ball in the upper-right corner.

Although the score was even at halftime, the Violets dominated the last 45 minutes, out-shooting the Golden Eagles 13-0.

"We talked about organizing the attack more and playing quicker," head coach Michele Canning said about the Violets' game plan heading into the second half. "We wanted to set the tempo."

That's exactly what NYU did, as Tumay passed the ball through the defense and forward Ashley McKenzie kicked it past the goalie's left side and into the net in the 68th minute. Up 2-1, Crawford scored an insurance goal for the Violets in the 86th minute — her fourth goal this season.

The Violets will now begin a three-game homestand, starting Tuesday, Sept. 27 against the [College of Staten Island](#) at Gaelic Park in the Bronx.

A version of this article appeared in the Monday, Sept. 26 print edition. Dan Hinton is a staff writer. Email him at sports@nyunews.com.



Hunter's Zureikat & CSI's Casteneda Get Player & Rookie Men's Soccer Nod



Hunter's Saif Zureikat & CSI's Alfonso Casteneda Claim Week 4 Men's Soccer Awards

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CUNYAC/Appleebee's Men's Soccer

Standings: <http://cunyathletics.com/standings.aspx?path=msoccer&>

Statistics: <http://cunyathletics.com/custompages/msoccer/MEN2011/confstat.htm?path=msoccer>

CUNYAC/Appleebee's Men's Soccer Player of the Week

SAIF ZUREIKAT, Hunter

Forward/Senior/ Abu Dhabi, UAE/Benjamin Cardozo

The CUNY Athletic Conference announced today that Hunter College men's soccer player Saif Zureikat has been named CUNYAC/Appleebee's Men's Soccer Player of the Week. In the 56th minute against CCNY Zureikat threaded a corner kick through the Beavers defense, creating an opportunity for freshman Erick Estrada to head in the game-winning goal. But Zureikat saved his best performance of the week for

Medgar Evers as he scored three consecutive goals to break a 1-1 tie and help post the Hawks to a 2-0 CUNYAC record with their 5-2 victory over the Cougars. Zureikat's first goal came just seconds after the break as he put back his own rebound for the game-winner. In the 71st minute he placed his second goal into the bottom left corner of the net, and less than five minutes later he took a feed from Jack Haanraads and drilled it home to put the game out of reach. Hunter (3-4-1, 2-0 CUNYAC) will be back in action tonight as they face NYU in a non-conference matchup at 7:00pm.

Honor Roll: Rachidi Amadou (York), Akil George (Baruch) Dong Luu (Staten Island).

CUNYAC/Applebee's Men's Soccer Rookie of the Week

ALFONSO CASTENEDA, Staten Island
Forward/Freshman/ Staten Island/Susan Wagner

Alfonso Casteneda, a freshman at the College of Staten Island was awarded the CUNYAC/Applebee's Rookie of the Week men's soccer. Castaneda scored two goals in Saturday's 7-1 victory over CCNY. He totaled four shots, all on-goal, while also assisting Dogan Altunsoy's second half goal. The Susan Wagner product is giving the Dolphins a lot of opportunities leading with 25 attempted shots for the season.

Honor Roll: Erick Estrada (Hunter), Philippe Sainival (York).



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Staten Island's Volleyball Moms Spotlighted on NY1

Courtesy of New York 1 News



Photo by: Courtesy of CSI Athletics

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The College of Staten Island women's volleyball team boats a host of new faces in 2011, but two of their newcomers are more than just your average freshmen navigating through college life. Ma Sacorro-Calleja and Christina Trunzo-Mosleh are anything but conventional. The pair are both mothers of three children, balancing their family commitments and a return to the classroom with full-time jobs and the vigorous practice and play regimen of the intercollegiate volleyball season. This past week, the dynamic duo was spotlighted on NY1 News, telling their unique story of their return to the hardwood. The segment was covered by NY1 correspondent Jon Weinstein and is available on line by the link above.

Socorro-Calleja and Trunzo-Mosleh are anchors on a new look CSI team under the guidance of new Head Coach Atef Dosse. The pair have had an immediate impact on the team as well. Socorro-Calleja leads the squad in a host of offensive categories including kills (73), total attacks (226), an attack percentage (.150) while placing second in service aces with 24 and defensive digs with 81.

Trunzo-Mosleh has appeared in 21 games, tied for sixth on the squad in kills (13) and ninth in digs (16). The numbers pale in comparison to the duo's exploits in the classroom and beyond. Both are exceptional students and are termed scholar-athletes, with Trunzo-Mosleh boasting an over 3.40 GPA. Socorro-Calleja is an overnight nursing home attendant, while Trunzo-Mosleh has gained a career as a sign language interpreter. Check out their full unique story on NY1.

Volleyball: CCNY tops CSI

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

CCNY 31-29, 22-25, 25-19 and 28-26 women's volleyball decision from host College of Staten Island yesterday.

Ma Socorro-Calleja led the Dolphins (2-3 CUNY, 2-8 overall) with 29 digs and 16 kills, while Vasiliki Stergioula had 17 digs and eight kills. Jean-Marie Lewandowski totaled 15 digs for CSI. Jennifer Samuel had 19 assists and Danielle Ponsiglione added 12.

The Dolphins are home Saturday at noon for their fifth annual Serving for a Cure Breast Cancer Awareness Game against the Culinary Institute.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

NYU 7, CSI 0

The Dolphins (6-3 overall) were outshot 40-2 in the non-conference loss to the Vio-

lets (7-2).

Gabriela Galeano and Stephanie McNichol registered the two shots for the Dolphins while Samantha Wysocki made 13 saves.

CSI hosts CUNYAC rival John Jay in this Saturday's Kick For A Cure Breast Cancer Awareness game at 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Kean 9, CSI 0

The host Dolphins fell to 2-5 overall after the non-conference loss to the Cougars (4-1).

CSI hosts John Jay in a CUNYAC match Friday at 3:30 p.m.

SINGLES: Lauren Petrucelli (K) def. Alena Vedeneva, 10-1; Debra Dress (K) def. Iona Stoyko, 10-8; Erin Hendricks (K) def. Jean Baak, 10-8; Jaelynn Lee (K) def. Maryna Incherchera, 10-9; Melanie Strollo (K) def. Katie Masterson, 10-0; Erika Tapia (K) def. Jacquel Jamaledine, 10-0.

DOUBLES: Petrucelli/Lee (K) def. Vedeneva/Stoyko, 8-6; Dress/Strollo (K) def. Baak/Avevor, 8-0; Hendricks/Tapia (K) def. Incherchera/Masterson, 8-5.

CSI baseball program to celebrate its past, present

Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 11:21 AM



By **Staten Island Advance**



Photo Courtesy of CSI

Last year's alumni baseball game drew a very representative cross-section of former Dolphins players.

WILLOWBROOK -- The College of Staten Island (CSI) baseball program has a pretty successful history, dating back to its inaugural season in 1965 when it was Staten Island Community College.

For the third straight year, some of that past — and more recent — history will be on display, albeit a bit older and less lean in many cases, when the Dolphins host the annual alumni game.

The game, postponed a week due to rain, is set for Saturday and the day begins with registration and batting practice at 10 a.m.

The game follows on the Willowbrook campus.

Present head coach Michael Mauro is hoping for good weather and a large turnover of former Dolphins. A \$50 donation is asked of each participant which will be used toward an alumni T-shirt, food and beverages.

An MVP trophy will be awarded to each team. Contact Mauro at knubby7@aol.com or assistant coach Neil Barbella at nbarbella@aol.com.

Last year, players ranging from the 1985 to 2006 teams were on hand as the alumni from odd-numbered years defeated the even-numbered years 3-2. Mark Gonzalez, who knocked in the winning run and earned the save on the pitcher's mound, was selected MVP for the winners.

The game is actually just one event going on at the Willowbrook campus Saturday as the school stages its first Homecoming.

Homecoming will kick off at 9 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast followed by the Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative Walkathon.

There will be a noon volleyball match-up between the women's team and the Culinary Institute of America.

Also on tap is a women's City University of New York (CUNY) league soccer match between **CSI** and John Jay at 2 p.m.

The men's soccer team is scrimmaging the New York Police Department team at 10 a.m.

For more information on Homecoming, call 718-982-2290.

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Lehman College blanks CSI in men's soccer

Thursday, September 29, 2011, 9:25 AM



Staten Island Advance
By

Momar Thiam scored on a penalty kick in the 75th minute as Lehman College edged the host College of Staten Island 1-0 in CUNY men's soccer yesterday.

The loss was the first league setback for the Dolphins (3-1 CUNY, 3-4-1 overall).

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CSI ATHLETICS TAKES CENTER STAGE AT FIRST-EVER HOMECOMING THIS WEEKEND

Courtesy of Staten Island Sports Information



**Check out:
Women's Tennis & Baseball Alumni Games
Women's Volleyball and Men's & Women's Soccer Games**

The **College of Staten Island** will be celebrating its first-ever campus wide Homecoming Event this weekend on Saturday, October 1, and **CSI** Athletics will take center-stage, with a total of five sporting events that feature alumni, community involvement, and crucial conference and con-conference tests for the fall lineup of intercollegiate teams. Nearly 20 events and gatherings spread all over campus will be taking place at **CSI** as part of the day beginning at 9am running into the evening. **CSI** Athletics encourages the entire community to take part, bring the kids, and enjoy the hospitality of the **CSI** campus as part of it's first-ever Homecoming event.

For Athletics, the action begins early and bleeds into the late afternoon. After a continental breakfast for pre-registrants and same-day registrants at 9am in the Auxiliary Gymnasium, the action starts right next door at the **CSI** Tennis Center, where the 2011 Women's Tennis team will be taking on members of the Alumni in a first-ever Alumni contest for the program.

At 10:00am, the men's soccer team will welcome in the New York Police Department's "B" travel team for a friendly scrimmage at the **CSI** Soccer Complex. Prior to the game, members of the Petrides Panthers U-7 boys youth team will join **CSI** in pre-game festivities and welcoming introductions, and will also play a modified game at halftime.

At 11:00am, **CSI** Baseball will usher in its 3rd-Annual Alumni Game. Teams will split according to alumni year in the annual "Blue vs. Black" event. Over 100 Alumni were welcomed back in the first two years of the baseball event, the highlight of **CSI's** fall-ball season.

At 12 Noon, the action switches back to indoors, as **CSI** Women's Volleyball will get underway at the

Sports & Recreation Center, as the Dolphins will welcome in the Culinary Institute of the Arts for a non-conference test.

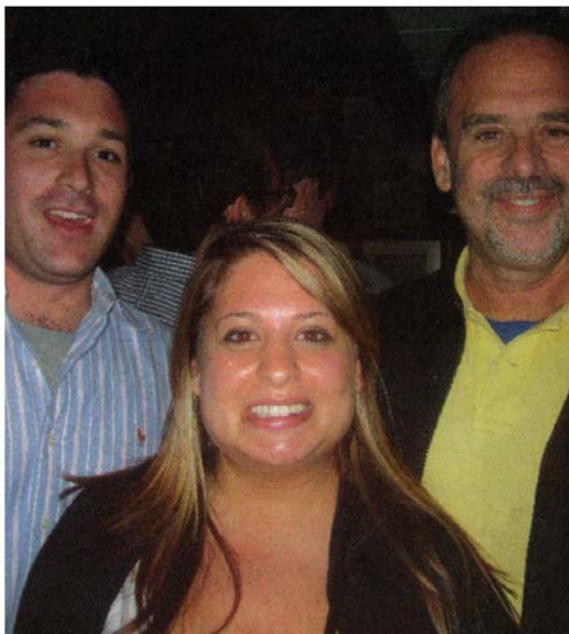
Finally, at 2:00pm, fans can top things off with a crucial CUNYAC-contest for the CSI Women's Soccer team, as they play host to conference-rivals John Jay College. CSI defeated the Bloodhounds earlier in the season, 4-0, and will put their perfect CUNYAC record on the line once again.

As part of the day's festivities, the men's and women's soccer teams as well as the women's volleyball team will be promoting breast cancer awareness by donning pink on the field of play, raising funds for CSI's Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative, to which CSI has already donated over \$25,000 to over the past four years.

The athletic events at the College will serve as a backdrop to other great initiatives going on throughout the campus. The Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative will coordinating a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on the Great Lawn (9am), and all-day family themed events like a Fall Pumpkin Patch & Face Painting (between 2N & 1C), Alumni Tent (Great Lawn), and special WSIA reunion programming (1C), will also be on hand. Other activities include a Campus Bus Tour, Career Speed Networking (11-12pm, 1C), Italian Gelato Party (2-4:30pm, 1C), outdoor music performances, and many more events are on tap. For a complete listing of events, log onto <http://csitoday.com/homecoming/>. Most of the events, including all of CSI's athletic programming are free of charge to the general public.

Stories

Breakfast celebration

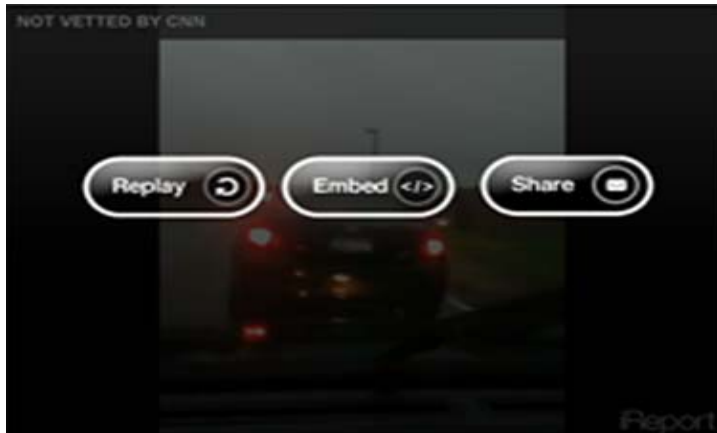


Special to Business Trends

Hillel at the College of Staten Island held a breakfast celebration at the Richmond County Country Club honoring its outgoing president, Dr. Steve Acker, for his three years of service leading the Hillel Board of Directors. During his tenure, Hillel at CSI has grown to include close to 400 students participating in a diverse array of activities including Jewish values-based learning, community service, leadership development, and spiritual growth. Dr. Acker will remain on the Hillel Board, lending his expertise as a member at large. He is succeeded by Jack Stern. Acker (right) is pictured here with his children, who attended the event.



Traffic bumper to bumper in **csi** (**college of staten island**)



iReport —

Crazy traffic

Great growth, in the face of 9/11 tragedy

The Hilton Garden Inn was set to open to the public within days of the terrorist attacks — and it did

By MARK STEIN
STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

BLOOMFIELD — When the planes collided with the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, 300 construction workers were rounding out their last few days of work at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bloomfield.

They were in the process of completing the hotel that would open four days later. But work was interrupted, as some of the crew left because they were members of the National Guard.

Others exited to handle emergency wiring at hospitals and temporary emergency areas that were taking patients. Richard Nicotra, owner of the hotel and the Nicotra Group, said, according to the Advance the day after terrorists attacked America.

Nicotra vowed it wouldn't affect the hotel's opening.

"We will be ready," he said, noting that the first banquet scheduled at his hotel would only take place if the celebrants — a wedding couple and their families and friends — wanted to do so. "It's up to them."

The wedding went on, as did the party, and work at the Hilton hasn't stopped since.

"We left every option open to them. They were unsure about proceeding because they had friends and family who were affected by the tragedies of 9/11," said **Carroll Tavella**, senior vice president of the Hilton Garden Inn and Hampton Inn & Suites.

"Once their family encouraged them to proceed and they knew were ready to go, they decided to go on with their day as planned," she said. "Weddings are celebratory, but that one was a particularly celebratory day — their guests escaped from the harsh realities of our new world for a five-hour reception. To see the couple start their new life together was a hopeful moment for everyone present."

Two-hundred guests attended the wedding of **Stephen Guerra** and **Jill Jacobson**.

"After 9/11 our staff was extremely eager to extend hospitality to all who came to the hotel. The rooms were open by early October. We also saw our staff grow, so many employees joined our staff from restaurants or hotels downtown that were closed due to the attacks," said Ms. Tavella. "Our hotel was a professional refuge for the waitstaff and hotel workers who found work on Staten Island; it was a place, to them, to start anew."

Ten years later, the Hilton has hosted more than 1,500 weddings, 4,140 social events, 4,200 corporate



Spirit of 9/11 — a steel and bronze memorial statue designed by artist Gregory Perillo and dedicated to Staten Island victims — stands several feet from the Hampton Inn in the Corporate Park of Staten Island, Bloomfield.

events, 793 fund-raisers and 700 pool parties. About 1.1 million glasses of wine have been poured, 20,000 pounds of imported prosciutto di parma served and 420,201 good-night-sleeps have been had.

The grounds of the Hilton Garden Inn are marked with tributes to Sept. 11, 2001 in subtle ways, including one near the Hampton Inn, where the "Spirit of 9/11" by artist **Gregory Perillo** captures the bond formed through sports between a father and his children. It was inspired by firefighter **Lt. Charles Joseph Margiotta**, of Westfield, a soccer, softball and basketball coach, who died Sept. 11, 2001.

Mario Lupia, an Island native and current New Jersey resident who works as chief operating officer at CollegeBound, has seen the Corporate Park become what it is today.

When he was a boy, he'd ride South Avenue in Bloomfield, then a one-lane, dirt road, to the Staten Island Expressway.

"It was nothing," said Lupia.

He moved to the Garden State in the 1990s, but returned to work on Staten Island eight years ago. CollegeBound, housed at 1200 South Ave., set up its office the day after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Over the years, seeing it grow from one building, to two, to multiple buildings, and the Hilton being put up ... it's incredible," said Lupia. "For me, personally, growing up here, Staten Island never really had a Corporate Park, an area with thriving businesses. Staten Island lacked that for so many years."

The expansion of the Bloomfield area has made it a well-received visiting location for clients, Lupia continued.

Today, with the Bloomfield Conservancy maintaining the property, Nicotra and his wife, **Lois**, have had a park developed at the top of South Avenue. A tall, red spiral piece of art anchors the area.

"We find ourselves at this 10-year mark remembering all of the past meals that we hosted in those first months of our existence," said Ms. Tavella. "Nicotra's Ballroom has been host to so many 9/11 family fund-raisers and celebrations of loved ones."

"To assist these grieving families remembering their family member and drawing positive outcomes from tragedy is an honor," continued Ms. Tavella. "We like to say that Nicotra's Ballroom is where memories are made, but sometimes these events are how memories live on."

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A pair of 10-foot, four-ton steel girders taken from the World Trade Center stand tall, near building 3N, on the College of Staten Island campus in Willowbrook.



Firefighters Erect A Flag On
September 11, 2001

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Staten Island Remembers September 11

By [Elena Hart-Cohen](#), Staten Island Arts Examiner

This Sunday marks the 10th anniversary of September 11 and Staten Islanders are ready. Despite fears of terrorist threats and reprisals, many Staten Island groups, schools, and public service branches will be marking the occasion.

For many, the remembrance brings back a flood of memories of loved ones lost, for others it was the end of an era, and for me it was a turning point. After September 11, the economy and sense of unbridled optimism I felt about New York City would never be the same again. It is a day marked by a march through lower Manhattan, in a fearful walk towards the Staten Island Ferry, home, and perceived safety.

Here's a brief look at how Staten Island groups will be commemorating the anniversary of September 11, according to reports on SI Live:

TOMORROW QUILT DISPLAY

The 10th Anniversary Display of the United in Memory 9/11 Victims Memorial Quilt will be at St. John's University. Each block of the 16,000 square foot quilt is a personalized dedication to a victim. It opens tomorrow evening with a private reception and viewing for families from 6 to 9. It will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit www.unitedinmemory.net.

HEALING GARDEN

Families will stand for "A Day of Reflection" at the Healing Garden at 10 a.m. The garden on Clove Road, Richmond Road and Targee Street, is directly across the street from Rescue Co. 5, the Concord firehouse which lost 11 men. Families will retreat to the Marine Corps League in Sunnyside following the observance. Call Beverly Dyrack at 718-351-5754 for a flag to place in the garden.

AT CSI

The [College of Staten Island](#) will hold a moment of remembrance and reflection at noon at its World Trade

Center Memorial, located on the lawn between Buildings 2N and 2A. Opening remarks will be given by Dr. Tomas Morales, school president, followed by music, poetry and the reading of alumni names.

BENEFIT CONCERT

At 8 p.m., the Stephen Siller Foundation will host “A Tribute to Our Heroes,” a concert and fund-raiser at the St. George Theatre. Featured guests will be The New York Tenors; former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani; Tony Potts, host of Access Hollywood; actors John Turturro and Gary Sinise; Five For Fighting and Q104.3 DJ Ken Dashow. Proceeds will build homes for Marines injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

SATURDAY 9/11 LECTURE

An educational program presented by the Academy of Medicine of Richmond as part of the 9/11 Memorial Lecture Series will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Regina McGinn Education Center at Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze. Among the speakers will be Dr. James Cone, medical director of the World Trade Center Health Registry.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Beginning at 4:30 p.m., candles will light the way at St. Peter's R.C. Church in West Brighton at the Eve of Solemn Remembrance, organized each year by the University of Notre Dame Alumni Club. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m., followed by a candlelight procession, benediction and adoration until 7 p.m.

SUNDAY AT SIUH

A reading of the names at 8:45 a.m. at the Memorial Wall at Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze; and at the Flag of Heroes Display in the lobby of Staten Island University Hospital, Prince's Bay.

RUSSIAN-AMERICANS REMEMBER

The Russian-American community will offer prayer and poetry — presented in both Russian and English — from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Seaside Wildlife Nature Park at the foot of Nelson Avenue in Great Kills. Red, white and blue balloons will be released “as a symbol of unity, liberty and respect. Guests are encouraged to wear red, white and blue.

AT ANGEL'S CIRCLE

A public memorial program with public officials, representatives of the uniformed services and victims' families at Angel's Circle in Grasmere at 4 p.m.

9/11 THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS

The Creative Photographer's Guild will hold a reading and slide-show titled, “9/11: A Decade Later,” featuring a collection of essays, lyrics and images at 4:30 p.m. at its gallery at 814 Richmond Terr., New Brighton.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

St. John's Episcopal Church and Christ Episcopal Church will hold a joint Mass of Remembrance at 4 p.m. in St. John's Church in Rosebank. The mass will present Gabriel Faure's Requiem in D minor, which will be sung by a full choir and supported by a 10-piece professional chamber orchestra.

AT POSTCARDS

A public memorial program with public officials, representatives of the uniformed services and victims' families at Postcards on the St. George Esplanade at 6:30 p.m.

IN ROSEBANK

The FDNY Retirees, Staten Island Division, will hold a candlelight vigil from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Alice Austen House Museum, Rosebank.

IN ELTINGVILLE

Another candlelight vigil will take place at the Elks Lodge in Eltingville at 7 p.m. The Elks will welcome firefighters, police officers and EMTs, who are biking from Naples, Fla., so they could attend the ceremony at Ground Zero. Once they arrive here, they will have traveled 1,600 miles over 22 days.

MONDAY BLOOD DRIVE

New York Blood Services will hold a blood drive in honor of "The Heroes We'll Never Forget," from 3 to 9 p.m. in the parish hall of St. Sylvester's R.C. Church, Concord. Donors must be 16 with parental consent, weigh at least 110 pounds, bring a signature or picture ID and eat and drink before donating. Call 800-933-2566 or visit www.nybloodcenter.org.

'SAINT OF 9/11'

The Staten Island LGBT Community Center will screen the "Saint of 9/11," a documentary that tells the story of Father Mychal Judge, the FDNY chaplain who died while giving last rites to firefighters. It takes place at 7 p.m. at 25 Victory Blvd., Tompkinsville.

In other words, Staten Islanders need not ever forget. Please don't forget to observe a moment of silence on September 11 and a chance to remember those that New York City lost.

'Rock for a Cure Fitness Marathon' to raise funds for Tuberous Sclerosis Complex this weekend

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Andrea Boyarsky

By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Tommy Lindsey of Castleton Corners has been through a lot in his 12 short years. Born with a genetic disorder called Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC), he's endured up to 50 seizures per day, four brain surgeries and the growth of numerous tumors on his brain, heart, eyes, skin and face.

Despite knowing the effects of their son's illness are permanent, his parents, Tom and Peggy, have worked to find a cure for the disease and raise money for the Tuberous Sclerosis (TS) Alliance.

"My wife and I made a pact that we're not going to let this happen to anyone else," said Tom Lindsey, who previously served on the Alliance's board of directors. "I can't reverse what happened to my son, but I can only hope new technology will change people's lives for the better from early on."



Advance file photo

Actress Julianne Moore (left) has become an advocate for TSC and has participated in several events on the Island since 2003. In this 2004 photo, she is seen with Tom, Tommy and Peggy Lindsey.

This year, the community is rallying behind the family with the first Tommy Lindsey Rock for a Cure Fitness Marathon, Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the College of Staten Island's gym. Hosted by One on One Physical Therapy, which has locations in New Springville, New Dorp and Brooklyn, the day will include yoga and children's yoga, pilates, Zumba, strength training and conditioning classes.

GET FIT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Tommy Lindsey of Castleton Corners was born with the genetic disease Tuberous Sclerosis Complex that

causes tumors to grow on different organs throughout his body. An event in his name this weekend will help his family provide for him throughout his lifetime.

What

Tommy Lindsey Rock for a Cure Fitness Marathon

When

Saturday

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where

The College of Staten Island gymnasium, Willowbrook

Who

Hosted by One on One Physical Therapy

Admission

\$30 for a full day of fitness, or \$10 per class for relaxation, yoga, pilates, Zumba, children's yoga, strength training and conditioning

More information

Visit oneonone-pt.com

All proceeds from the event — \$30 donation for a whole day of fitness or \$10 for any class — will go to the Thomas Robert Lindsey Supplemental Needs Trust Fund, which will help the family provide for their son throughout his lifetime.

"I just see how much [Tom] and his wife do," said Diane Ofriel, chief operations officer for One on One Physical Therapy, who has known the Lindsey family for years.

She mentioned how the couple tries to maintain a normal life for their 6-year-old daughter, Abigaile, who is not affected by TSC, while caring for Tommy, who as a result of the disorder has autism, seizures and behavioral issues. Cognitively, the 12-year-old acts about 3 years of age.

"One thing that's touched us is the work big Tommy does for the TS Alliance," Ms. Ofriel said. "The things that come now will be for other people — the developments and drugs," she continued. "He's helping other parents have a better life. It amazes me that he's still working so hard, even though he's not going to see the benefits."

TUMOR GROWTH

TSC causes tumors to form in different organs, primarily the brain, eyes, heart, kidney, skin and lungs, according to the TS Alliance. While non-cancerous, these tumors can cause serious problems, and patients can experience developmental delays, mental disabilities and autism.



Photo
courtesy/The
Lindsey Family

Tommy Lindsey of Castleton Corners, 12, has Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC), a genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow in his body.

Many with TSC, however, live independent, healthy lives and work in a variety of professions. Some are so mildly affected the condition goes undiagnosed.

At least two children born each day have the disorder, according to the Alliance, and it's estimated to affect one in 6,000 births. Nearly 1 million people world-wide have TSC, with about 50,000 in the United States. The disorder can be transmitted through genetic inheritance or as a spontaneous genetic mutation.

Most people with TSC will live a normal life span, the Alliance notes, although there may be complications in organs like the kidneys and brain that can lead to severe difficulties and death if untreated. People with TSC should be monitored throughout their lifetime for potential complications.

The Lindseys realized something was wrong with their son shortly after birth. At 5 weeks of age, they noticed Tommy was having seizures, which first looked like subtle twitching and then graduated to more pronounced shaking.

An MRI revealed the tumors on his brain. A doctor told the new parents it was likely TSC, adding that they shouldn't have high hopes for their son, who probably wouldn't walk.

BRAIN SURGERIES

As he got older, Tommy's seizures became worse, sometimes occurring upwards of 50 times a day. In 2003, he underwent three surgeries in the span of 11 days to try to control his epilepsy. Doctors removed a large tumor from his right frontal lobe, as well as a portion of the right temporal lobe.

The following year, a fourth surgery was necessary to fix a hole in his skull that resulted from the first set of surgeries.

"The first stage of surgery was a great success; he went to zero seizures. Tommy was progressing more in the first six months after surgery than he had in the first three-and-a-half years of his life," Tom Lindsey said.

Tommy's seizures stopped for a while, and he is still seizure-free on the right side of his brain. But the seizures started again, this time coming from the left side of his brain. With tweaking of his medications, Tommy now can go a month without any seizures, or have 10 in a week.

For all the pain that came from the gene that gave Tommy TSC, his father notes that his son "has the love, affection and happy gene." He also is "strong as an ox" and can walk, beating doctors' initial predictions for his abilities.

CHANCE MEETING

In 2003, shortly after Tommy's first set of surgeries, his father took him to a TSC conference at New York University Medical Center in Manhattan. He parked his car, and as he was walking noticed a woman climbing the stairs of a building. He quickly realized it was actress Julianne Moore.

The two exchanged pleasantries and Lindsey began to walk away, but realizing his opportunity, he turned back, stopped Ms. Moore and told her his story.

"I told her 'I need a face to attach to this disease,'" Lindsey recalled. And then he invited her to a fund-raiser on Staten Island.

Lindsey didn't know if he'd hear from the actress again, but she called, letting him know she'd be at his fund-raiser. Ms. Moore has attended a number of local fund-raisers since and is a spokeswoman for TSC.

On Oct. 13, the actress is expected to attend another TSC event at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bloomfield. Dubbed A "Rock" Tail Party, proceeds also will go toward Tommy's trust fund and to help raise awareness about TSC.

"From such a bad thing happening," his father observed, "such a great thing came out of it."

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At College of Staten Island, a day to reflect and remember on 10-year anniversary of 9/11

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Mark D. Stein

By

WILLOWBROOK -- As Stephanie Geraci played "Meditation" by French composer Jules Massenet on the violin, several of the 75 people seated for the College of Staten Island's (CSI) Sept. 11, 2001 10th anniversary remembrance and reflection event wiped tears from their eyes.

Others not seated, who were not present for the start of the 30-minute gathering that began last Friday at noon, wandered to the CSI World Trade Center Memorial on the lawn between buildings 2N and 2A to pay their respects to thousands of victims, including the 27 college alumni, who perished in the terrorist attacks a decade ago.



Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel

Dr. Tomas D. Morales, president of the College of Staten Island, welcomes guests at the start of the ceremony.

Joyce Miuccio sat with her son, Owen, in the front row during the ceremony in honor of her husband, Richard, a South Beach resident who died during the attacks.

An auditing supervisor with the state Department of Taxation and Finance, Miuccio worked on the 86th floor of 2 World Trade Center and was last seen descending the stairs at the 78th floor. He had recently celebrated his 35th year with the agency.

He and his wife met at the age of 13 in their South Beach neighborhood and had been inseparable since.

"He was the only man I went out with in my life," said Mrs. Miuccio. "It was love at first sight."

Two months prior, her husband beat prostate cancer caused by exposure to Agent Orange while serving in



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Joyce Miuccio, who lost a loved one on 9/11, attends the ceremony.

the Vietnam War in the late 1960s. Miuccio was expected to retire in December 2001.

"It's an honor to be here. I want to do whatever I can to honor his name," said Mrs. Miuccio. "It's sad for me to not have him in my life."

SCULPTURAL BACKDROP

She, like others of family members of **CSI** alumni, along with faculty members and students, listened to college president Dr. Tomas Morales as he spoke to the crowd of more than 100 attendees.

"All of us take tremendous pride in this part of the campus," said Morales, standing in front of two World Trade Center beams and an inscribed monument reading names of the deceased **CSI** alumni.

"The memories of that day and aftermath will remain eternally close in our heart and in our minds," he continued, adding that he was in California to assume an academic position at the time.

In high school, Morales worked in the financial district and walked by the towers every day. They defined the skyline, he said.

The loss will always be felt, the school president said.

"Please know that you and your loved ones . . . will always be forever part of **CSI**," he concluded.

Joseph McDonough, **CSI** student, a US marine who served two tours in Iraq, and a member of the college's Armed Forces Club, also shared his thoughts.

"Many of us can recall where we were, where we stood, and wondering why these tragic events took place," said McDonough, whose cousin James P. Ladley, an employee of Cantor Fitzgerald, died on 9/11.

CSI professor Cate Marvin shared poetry, and Elaine R. Schenk, Catholic campus minister, preached forgiveness and peace.

SIMPLY ERASED

Afterward, an emotional McDonough spoke of how the incidents 10 years ago will remain a haunting memory forever.

"You remember all the good . . . yet it's like someone erased him and all you have is the memories," he said.

Suzy Shephardson of New Springville, associate director of academic advisement at the college, celebrated her birthday on Sept. 11 this year.

"It's very strange," said the event attendee.

On 9/11, she was supposed to celebrate her day in Manhattan, but early on, she knew that wasn't going to happen.

Ms. Shephardson said the reflection event is necessary because it brings people together as a community.

"And it helps us heal," she continued, "even though there will always be a hole in our hearts."

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Sara Porath's 'I'm Not Alone' documentary shines light on breast cancer

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Sara Porath, 60, is telling the story of her breast cancer in a documentary, 'I'm Not Alone.'

- [Give self a checkup for breast cancer](#) *"I used to be afraid of dying, when I first got the diagnosis of breast cancer. Breast cancer has always frightened me. When I was growing up, almost everyone I knew that had got it actually died from it. I was more than fearful. I was really phobic about cancer, specifically breast cancer."*

- [Sara Porath](#) in her documentary, "I'm Not Alone."

Her résumé suggests Sara Porath spent most of her early life learning to tell the story of her breast cancer.

She's the scion of a long line of rabbis, so she knows how to tell a story.

She has a master's in social work - a profession she shares with both of her parents - from [Columbia University](#), and spent years as a therapist, so she knows how to listen.

"People have always been important to me; people's stories and how they transform themselves," she said. "I did family therapy, marital therapy, child therapy.

"I loved my patients and learned from them, but I didn't like the therapeutic process. I really liked telling people what to do, which you don't do in therapy, and I liked seeing results, which in therapy takes a long time."

Her master's of business administration degree from [NYU's Stern School of Business](#) and 10 years creating advertising campaigns for [American Express](#) - coupled with her present job as a producer with [City University of New York](#) television series "Study With The Best" - put her in the right spot to tell her story when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009.

"I use my social work skills every day, my marketing skills to plan and market," she said. "I really do see one building on the other."

Still, Porath, 60, needed convincing to step in front of the camera.

"I'm a producer," she said. "I am not used to being in front of the camera."

Luckily, Porath was persuaded to do otherwise. The result is the 30-minute-long documentary, "I'm Not Alone," which uses Porath's cancer - though she continues some treatment regimens, Porath is now cancer-free - to examine breast cancer in the CUNY community.

In the show, Porath interviews [Hunter College](#) graduate and [Harlem](#) artist [Wilhelmina Obatola Grant](#) (a former subject of this column), a cancer survivor who has used her art to support several breast cancer awareness campaigns.

[Baruch College](#) adjunct law professor and former [Director of Student Affairs](#) [Carl Aylman](#) and his wife, Ann, another breast cancer survivor, talk about cancer as something a family has to deal with as much as the individual.

CUNY has a large role in cancer research. Hunter College [Biological Sciences Prof. Jill Bargonetti](#) is a leader in cancer drug research, and [College of Staten Island](#) scientists are examining why that borough's cancer patients as a whole have some of the worse outcomes in the city.

Porath's documentary shows how CUNY students have embraced the fight, taking part in breast cancer walks like the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and in Relay for Life, as well as holding breast self-examination workshops on various campuses.

"All my knowledge about cancer was wrong," she said. "It was based on cancer 30 years ago, and there has been a lot of progress in treatment."

"I'm Not Alone" will air on CUNY TV Channel 75 at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Oct. 2 and Oct. 16; at 8 a.m., 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Oct. 5 and Oct. 19, and at 7 p.m. on Oct. 8 and Oct. 22.

Vintage car show draws thousands to **CSI**

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Mark D. Stein
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **WILLOWBROOK**
- Wandering through parking lots at the **College of Staten Island (CSI)** is a real buzzkill on weekdays, but on a certain Sunday in September, there's something scintillating about it.

Hundreds of motorists, proud of their prized possession vehicles – Ford Mustangs, Chevrolets, Oldsmobiles, Cadillacs and more – displayed their favorite cars for one of the last times this year at the 35th annual car show hosted by the Staten Island Region of the Antique Automobiles of America.



A yellow, 1939 Ford Tudor was one of 525 vehicles - ranging from Mustangs to vintage Oldsmobiles - on display at the **College of Staten Island**, Willowbrook. (Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein)

More than 2,500 visitors made their way through lots on campus to take a gander at these rare vehicles. Forty flea market vendors were on hand and sold car accessories, clothing, mugs and more.

Car enthusiast **Joe Michilli** was one of hundreds who brought their cars to the show.

His 1975 Mercury Cougar XR-7 and its 351/400 Cleveland engine appeared untouched, as if he'd purchased it just yesterday. The car, amazingly, has just 1,525 miles on it, said the Annadale resident who explained that he only drives it to shows.

Michilli worked for Ford when he purchased the car more than 35 years ago.

Since then, he's kept it in pristine condition.

"This car is my life. It's part of my family," said Michilli, who also displays a picture of himself and the car at



Joe Michilli, of Annadale, holds a picture taken when he purchased his 1975 Mercury Cougar XR-7, more than 35 years ago. This bright, gray car has only traveled about 1,525 miles, he said. (Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein)

point of purchase.

Over time, the passion for American vehicles has faded, said Michilli. "Most of the guys that have cars here have gray hair like me. Back then, it was all American."

Today, added Michilli, Hondas, Toyotas and other foreign cars draw the buyers.

Joe Coscia, also of Annadale, brought a 1970 Chevelle to the show.

"It's part of the hobby. The whole picture is showing the car and seeing other peoples' cars," he said as he stood near

his vehicle, which is purposely comprised of stock products to provide an authentic, "brand new" look.

"It's a labor of love," he said, noting the car will be stored away once the first snowflake hits the ground.

The Staten Island Region of the Antique Automobiles of America event has grown in years, he added. "It's such a big turnout. It's getting bigger and bigger," he said.

Brothers **George and Richard Agnello** show up each year to display their cars – a 1989 Mustang and 1978 Corvette, respectively.

They both said it's a nice event. They like to see the other vehicles and people who care for them.

One spectator, **James Crowney**, called the event a trip through time.

"You see the old and the new, and you're reminded of what things were once like and it triggers memories of your youth," Crowney said.

Phil Boffa, Staten Island Region treasurer and past president, said 300 awards were given to car owners.

Each participant is graded on a 100-point system, mostly regarding each vehicle's condition and style. First-, second- and third-place trophies went to owners with scores over 90, 80 and 70, respectively.

"Everybody's a winner that comes to the show. Everybody's got a great car, and it's a good place for them to show it," said Boffa.

According to Boffa, this year, the Staten Island Region is a registered 501(c)(3) group, and proceeds from the car show will go to help the G.R.A.C.E. Foundation of New York. Last year, money was donated to Project Homefront. The club sends its earnings to a different charity each year.

The club meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Manor House Restaurant at 917 Manor Rd., Castleton Corners, and is always looking for new members.

As for the cars, said Boffa, "It's something you live for. We put on a better and better show every year."

Boffa, who owns a restored blue 1957 Chevrolet sedan delivery, said people have a passion for seeing cars as they once were made.

"It's the feeling you get when you pull up to a red light and people say 'Wow! Look at that car,'" explained Boffa, of Middletown, N.J. "And at that moment, all the frustration and money spent paid off. Without a doubt."

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Diabetes walk is set for Oct. 23

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - The Staten Island branch of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) will hold its annual Walk to Cure Diabetes on Oct. 23 at the College of Staten Island.

Registration for the 5K walk will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the walk stepping off at 10 a.m. Participants can either walk as individuals or a team.

Each walker is asked to set a fund-raising goal to help the Island branch reach its goal of \$291,000.

As many as three million Americans may be living with type one diabetes, according to the JDRF. A life-long disease commonly diagnosed in children and young adults, it can result in heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney failure and amputation.

Founded by parents seeking a cure for their children with diabetes, the JDRF is an organization that puts over 80 percent of its expenditures towards supporting research and education.

Admission to the Island walk is free, along with refreshments, activities and entertainment. For more information or to pre-register, visit jdrf.org.

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Rep. Maloney Hails \$20 Million Federal Job-Training Grant for NYC Community Colleges

New York, NY – U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan, Queens) applauded a \$19.86 million federal grant awarded today to City University of New York’s community colleges that will help them train workers who want to change careers – a vital need during this time of high unemployment. This grant, provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, will fund CUNY’s Career PATH (Preparation for Adults through Training & Higher Education) program, which provides instructional programs -including basic academic and English language courses- that meet specific industry needs. The program also includes short-term occupational training and a “virtual enterprise simulation” to give students hands-on experience. This grant is part of the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training program, a \$2 billion, four-year initiative to support partnerships between community colleges and employers. Community colleges receiving grant funding include LaGuardia Community College, which is located in Maloney’s district, along with Queensborough Community College, Borough of Manhattan Community College, Bronx Community College, College of Staten Island, Hostos Community College, Kingsborough Community College, and New York City College of Technology. Every community college that receives grant funding must have at least one employer partner – a sponsor that has jobs available and needs workers trained to fill them.

“Far too many New Yorkers are struggling in the aftermath of the Great Recession – so I am heartened that our community colleges will soon be getting \$20 million in federal funding to help train New Yorkers who need to change careers. This grant will provide New Yorkers with industry-specific training and pathways to good jobs. I thank President Obama and Labor Secretary Solis for delivering this much-needed funding to New York,” Maloney said.

“It’s also clear that we must work together to pass President Obama’s jobs bill, which would cut payroll taxes for both businesses and workers, giving New York families an extra \$1,500 per year; create jobs by investing in our transportation infrastructure; and support hiring thousands of teachers, cops, and firefighters. Every one of the proposals in the President’s bill has had bipartisan support in the past – and with our economy hanging in the balance, there’s no reason for anyone to stand in the way of this jobs bill now. I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to work with us, pass this bill, and help address the number-one issue on the minds of the American people: job creation.”

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American Public University System Charles Town, WV	100%
Baker College of Flint Flint, MI	100%
Boston Architectural College Boston, MA	100%
Cambridge College Cambridge, MA	100%
Cameron University Lawton, OK	100%
Cogswell Polytechnical College Sunnyvale, CA	100%
CUNY--College of Staten Island Staten Island, NY	100%
CUNY--Medgar Evers College Brooklyn, NY	100%
Freed-Hardeman University Henderson, TN	100%
Goddard College Plainfield, VT	100%
Granite State College Concord, NH	100%
Metropolitan State University St. Paul, MN	100%
Missouri Western State University St. Joseph, MO	100%
Mountain State University Beckley, WV	100%
Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alva, OK	100%
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Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Think pink and walk for a cure in October

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Andrea Boyarsky
By



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Jennifer D'Ambrosio, left, and Sister Grazyna Michniewicz spoke during the Staten Island region of the American Cancer Society's kick-off breakfast for the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, which will be held Oct. 16 in Clove Lakes Park.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — When Jennifer D'Ambrosio of Rosebank felt pain in her chest two years back, she could have blown it off. A new mom who'd recently returned to her nursing job, where lifting patients was a usual task, it was easy to think the pain was from a pulled muscle or the result of pumping breast milk.

Then she felt a lump. A visit to the doctor and subsequent tests confirmed her worst fears: At 31, Mrs. D'Ambrosio had breast cancer.

Last year, she participated in the Island's premiere breast cancer event, the American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, to help ensure others don't have to battle the disease in the future. Along with around 6,000 others, she aided in raising a

combined \$632,000 for breast cancer research and education.

This year's walk will be held Oct. 16, beginning at 9 a.m. in Clove Lakes Park. The day will include a DJ, singers, dancers, cheerleaders and people dressed as cartoon characters, with a theme revolving around "more pink for your green" to raise research money so more people can survive the disease and fewer have to face it.

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After her diagnosis, Mrs. D'Ambrosio learned the cancer had metastasized to her sternum, left hip, left rib

and axillary lymph nodes. When she first heard that the disease was stage four, she worried she wouldn't see 5-month-old Alyssa grow up. Then, she became determined to beat the disease.

Still undergoing chemotherapy, Mrs. D'Ambrosio will be walking in the Making Strides event again this year with a team of around 15 friends and family members. The cancer, she is happy to report, is now only in her sternum and she is close to remission.

"Two years later, I think I beat it. I think it's all because of my positive attitude and realizing that fighting was my only option," she said. "It's not a death sentence, you need to stick with the regimen, fight it and put your heart and soul into it."

CSI WALKATHON



Photo courtesy of Catherine Tantillo

Catherine Tantillo, right, of Annadale will be participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer on Oct. 15 and 16. Here, she is with her aunt, Mary Quattrocchi of Brooklyn, who is a breast cancer survivor.

Dr. Donna Gerstle is determined to find out why breast cancer rates on Staten Island are so high. As director of the Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative, she studies deaths due to the disease and their correlation to length of residency and the communities in which people live.

Dr. Gerstle is helping spearhead the first Breast Cancer Walkathon at the **College of Staten Island**, where she serves as director of the Center for Environmental Science. Slated for this coming Saturday, the first day of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the walk will raise funds for breast cancer research and community education. It's also helping kick off the Willowbrook college's first Homecoming.

"It's important to honor those people going through this, [who] have gone through this or have family members with breast cancer," Dr. Gerstle said.

An average of 350 women on the Island are diagnosed with breast cancer annually, resulting in about 72 deaths per year, according to state Department of Health statistics. Dr. Gerstle's research has revealed two main findings: The longer people live on Staten Island, the higher their risk of breast cancer death, and spending puberty years on the Island increases the chance of death from the disease.

In November, the initiative will release new findings at the American Public Health Association meeting regarding how different areas of the Island are affected by breast cancer.

For now, Dr. Gerstle encourages Islanders to participate in the Walkathon, which begins at 9 a.m. with registration on the college's Great Lawn, and kicks off at 10 a.m. Sponsored by Con Edison, the walk's theme is "Live Green, Embrace Pink" and will feature lawn signs containing facts on energy efficiency, green living and breast cancer along the route.

AVON WALK

When Catherine Tantillo of Annadale first participated in an Avon breast cancer walk in 2002, it was on somewhat of a whim. Driving to work, she heard an advertisement on the radio and decided to help out the cause. She enjoyed the event — despite part of it being rained out — and knew she would do it again someday.

As the years passed, the goals of the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer became more personal for Ms. Tantillo. In 2006, her aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer and earlier this year she learned her best friend had it as well. Fortunately, her aunt can now call herself a survivor and her friend's cancer was caught early and she's been given an optimistic prognosis.

"It hits home, we're [my friend and I] really close in age," the 42-year-old said. "What everyone needs to remember, I can't tell you how important it is for everyone to have a regular mammogram."

This year, she'll participate in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer again, just as she knew she would nine years ago. The two-day event, hosted by the Avon Foundation for Women, will take place in Manhattan on Oct. 15 and 16, kicking off at Hudson River Park's Pier 84. The first day, participants can walk 13.1 or 26.2 miles, and the second, 13.1 miles, for a total of either a marathon or a marathon-and-a-half.

Funds raised are to ensure that all women and men receive screening, support and the treatment they need, and support breast cancer research. Ms. Tantillo already has raised more than \$20,000 and hopes to raise about \$5,000 more before the walk.

"My ultimate dream would be for women to just stop dying from this," Ms. Tantillo concluded. "I encourage everyone to participate. Even if you can't walk, donate."

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Staten Island Breast Cancer Awareness Month events

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By **Staten Island Advance**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Breast Cancer Awareness Month starts Oct. 1 and a number of events are being held throughout the Island and city to celebrate survivors and honor those lost to the disease.

Breast Cancer Walkathon

Where: The College of Staten Island Great Lawn

When: Saturday, with registration at 9 a.m. and walk at 10 a.m.

What: Sponsored by Con Edison, the walk's theme is "Live Green, Embrace Pink," promoting facts about breast cancer prevention and energy efficiency. A requested donation of \$25 is asked of participants.

More information: Call 718-982-2365.

Making Strides

Where: Clove Lakes Park

When: Oct. 16 at 9 a.m.

What: The American Cancer Society's annual event celebrates survivors, expresses hope, and aims to eradicate the disease that threatens the lives of many people each year.

More information: Call 718-987-8872 or visit makingstrides.acsevents.org.



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Walkers head out from Clove Lakes Park for the Breast Cancer Walkathon on Oct. 21, 2007.

Avon Walk

Where: Kicks off at Hudson River Park's Pier 84 in Manhattan

When: Oct. 15 and 16

What: The two day event allows participants to walk up to 26.2 miles on Saturday, and 13.1 miles on Sunday, leading to either a full marathon or marathon-and-a-half.

More information: Call 888-541-WALK or visit **avonwalk.org**.

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CSI to hold first-ever Homecoming

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Mark D. Stein

By

WILLOWBROOK -- For the first time in its history, the **College of Staten Island (CSI)** is calling its alumni home.

This Saturday, the CUNY [City University of New York] campus in Willowbrook will host its first Homecoming ever — to bridge the gap between students of today and yesterday.

"It's part of an overall effort to reconnect with our alumni," said Enrica Chretien, director of development at **CSI**. "We've heard from alumni that they don't hear from us. So we want to find ways to reconnect them with **CSI**, and instill pride in them."

The day kicks off at 9 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. Following that comes a walk-a-thon for the **CSI** Breast Cancer Research Initiative.

After that, alumni can take in a volleyball match between the **CSI** Dolphins and a team from the Culinary Institute of America.

"There's something going on at every turn on the campus to appeal to a broad swath of people," said Ms. Chretien.

A career speed-networking event will give students from the Class of 2012 to meet and gather career advice from members of the Class of 1987, who are celebrating their 25th anniversary.

"It's modeled on speed-dating. Students will have three to five minutes to meet with an alum, practice their elevator speech, tell them all about themselves, their dreams, aspirations, career hopes, and also ask the alum questions to find out more about them," said Ms. Chretien. "They practice the kinds of skills they're going to need when they go out and interview for a job."

Classes ending with "2" and "7" — from 1962 to 2007 — will also celebrate their reunions. Retired faculty members are expected to attend.

Many former students have never seen the current **CSI** campus, which opened in 1993. Many attended what was formerly known as Staten Island Community College in Sunnyside, where the Michael J. Petrides School

now exists.

Student ambassadors will take alumni on bus tours around the spacious campus **CSI** occupies today.

"I think they're going to be impressed," said Ms. Chretien. "It's a beautiful campus. The facilities are awesome. It's all geared to instill pride in our alumni."

Also planned are a gelato party, soccer and tennis matches, kids' activities such as a pumpkin patch and face-painting, and the WSIA-FM 30th Anniversary Dinner at 6 p.m.

CSI has 55,000 alumni, said Ms. Chretien. At least 200 will attend.

Many students are expected to volunteer and attend the day-long event, too.

"We have people coming from near and far," said the director of development.

"It's the starting place. It's the first year ever," said Carol Brawer, director of student life. "It's got to take on some legs and the idea is to continue to grow this and learn from this. There's a lot of excitement about it."

For more information, and to register, visit www.csitoday.com/homecoming, call 718-982-2290, or e-mail alumni@csi.cuny.edu.

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Growing with its audience

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Mark D. Stein
By

WILLOWBROOK -- From a broom closet in Sunnyside to a state-of-the-art facility in Willowbrook, the **College of Staten Island's (CSI)** WSIA has come a long way in 30 years.

"It wasn't a radio station when it first came about," said Philip Masciantonio, WSIA's general manager since 2006. "It was really just a group of students who were playing music into the cafeteria with the idea that one day, maybe, it could become a radio station."

With some hard work from the students and the college — then known as Staten Island Community College and located in Sunnyside — WSIA became recognized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in August 1981.

Since then, the station — tune to 88.9 FM — has pumped speakers full of different types of rock. Occasionally, it bounces to other genres, including hip-hop, country, blues, jazz and techno.

And when **CSI**'s Willowbrook campus opened in 1993, the station was given its own location in Room 106 of Building 1C.

This Saturday, WSIA staffers will celebrate three decades of existence at the West Shore campus' first ever Homecoming.

The event will include an alumni reunion and will feature a dinner honoring former WSIA general manager Dr. Greg Adamo, who held the position for 22 years.

Adamo is currently the associate professor and coordinator of the Graduate Program in Communication Studies at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md.

Though Masciantonio and engineer John Ladley are staffed at the station, volunteer students are its driving force.

"It's not only a service to the college and community, but the students get such an incredible experience from going there," said Carol Brawer, **CSI**'s director of student life. "Both from a perspective of learning how

to run a radio station, and also that it prepares them to go out into the world in so many different ways.”

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Students & Alumni

Students



By Robert K., Staten Island, NY

Before high school, science did not interest me. I didn't take class seriously and I certainly didn't do anything that had to deal with science. It was simply another bothersome subject to take in school. School, in general, didn't interest me until high school, but that is another story.

As a freshman, I wanted to join everything I could. I didn't know the school well, so it was difficult for me to join anything. At first, when I heard about a two-period research class for biology, I laughed. Maybe it would make science more interesting to me, so I decided to join.

Amazingly, it made biology interesting to me. It opened my eyes to fascinating things that I never knew I was interested in before. For the first time, my teacher performed experiments. I felt like doing some, myself. When I worked in the school labs, I wanted to do more, not just assigned lab work. I heard about dissection of organisms from my brother and I wanted to do things like that, also.

I decided to join a summer research program at the College of Staten Island. Even before that, I scheduled to take chemistry research as a class for the following year. In the science research program I listened to lectures, like bacteriology, and I worked in a real college lab. I got to work on my first real experiment, "The effect of calcium on the locomotion of mice and crickets."

Even though the conclusion of my experiment didn't agree with my hypothesis and I had to work with crickets, it was a great experience. The program was fun and I got to work with friends. The program was only for a month, so I had plenty of time to go on vacation. I even took the program again in the following summer.

It is a big question whether or not I should major in science. I still need time and I am only a junior. Right now, I go the College of Staten Island twice a week. There is no program. I just work individually with a professor on a project I hope to enter in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search. If I saw myself doing this four years ago, I wouldn't believe it. Life is full of surprises! u

New York Giants pay surprise visit to youngsters at Staten Island's Prall Intermediate School

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Ernie Palladino/Staten Island Advance

By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Because of something very, very bad that happened to Mike Gutmajer five and a half years ago, something really, really cool happened to the eighth-graders at Prall Intermediate School in West Brighton today.

The Giants came to visit.

Not all of them, mind you. But first-round cornerback Prince Amukamara was there, along with fellow cornerback Michael Coe and safety Derrick Martin, to encourage the kids at the school to get up, go out, and exercise for at least an hour a day.

The short, surprise assembly, attended by an auditorium filled with shocked and star-struck students, would not have happened at all if not for the fund-raising work of the school's art and special education teacher Anna Gutmajer. And that work, which has yielded the American Heart Association more than \$20,000 over the past five years, including last year's record figure of \$6,780, might never have started had Rheumatic Fever not ravaged the heart of her then 17-year-old son Michael.

"Michael had Rheumatic Fever twice," Gutmajer said as she awaited the Giants' arrival. "He was under the care of a cardiologist, and finally they told us he needed open-heart surgery. Right away, I called the American Heart Association, and that's how I got through it all."



Enlarge

Jan Somma-Hammel

Teacher Anna Gutmajer gets her hat sized by New York Giants safety Derrick Martin. (Staten Island Advance / Jan Somma-Hammel)

New York Giants visit Staten Island's Prall Intermediate School
gallery (7 photos)

Her son underwent a valve replacement operation as surgeons swapped out the diseased part for a bovine (cow) valve. Now 22, he is a student at the College of Staten Island with clearance to participate in low-contact sports.

In other words, normal.

"The doctors say that if it wasn't for the scar, they'd never know anything had happened to me," Mike said.

The American Heart Association would know, though. Shortly after the operation, the mother started raising funds at the Prall School. Several other teachers jumped in with the Valentine's Day and Mother's Day trinket sales. Physical education teacher Mike Margiotta soon would spearhead Hoops for the Heart and jump roping fundraisers.

"We've had a lot of kids who participated," said Margiotta, whose family has held Giants season tickets since 1958. "We usually have 100 kids raising money, and a lot of others who support the events."

When the Giants heard about the money total, the highest among Staten Island schools, they came knocking. The effort, the age group of the kids, and the message of physical activity fit right in with their "Play 60" program, where five caravans of players traveled to one school in each of the city's five boroughs to promote physical activity.

"They wanted somebody locally," the Heart Association's youth marketing director for New York City schools Margaret Oliva said. "Anna's been a great partner for us the last five years, and we thought she deserved it."

"I'm just thrilled the Giants decided to come here," Margiotta said.

Gutmajer all but jumped out of her seat when Oliva told her of her school's selection in August. But because of the surprise element, she was sworn to secrecy.

"At least now, I know I can keep one," Gutmajer said.

It was worth the effort. As Amukamara galumphed down the auditorium aisle, well ahead of Coe and Martin despite a still-healing broken left foot, more than 200 students broke out in screams and giggles for their heroes.

It was over in 15 minutes. The message: Get away from the video games and fast-food, go outside, and PLAY!

"We're defensive backs, and we rely on our speed and athleticism," Coe told the students. "But staying fit is the main thing for us. You can't put anything in your body like McDonald's or Burger King. Greasy food weighs you down, and we can't run fast if we've got a lot of fried chicken and bacon laying on our stomachs."

"Do whatever you do. But just get outside and enjoy the rest of this weather as long as you can."

The players also visited the Clove Lakes Rehabilitation and Senior Center, where they donated two recliners to the activities room, and a BP gas station where they handed out gift cards and T-shirts.

But for the eighth-graders at Prall, just listening to three pros made the day worthwhile.

Then again, it's been that way the past 5½ years at the school.

"I'm here five and a half years, and we've been recognized with documents and e-mails, but nothing like this," principal Tracy Kornish said. "They only picked one school in every borough, so this is a big deal."

Very cool, actually.

Cooler, still, that Mike Gutmajer was still around to see it.

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PRLOG

Sissy gets hair raising butt kicking from fight trainer Laurie Cahill LIVE on The Sissy Gamache Sho

Laurie Cahill is not only an experienced martial arts fighter/trainer, she's also Sissy's hair stylist and she faces Sissy head on this Friday night LIVE 7:30pm EST on MNN Channel 56 TWC Manhattan and our website www.thesissygamacheshow.com

PRLog (Press Release) -Sep 16, 2011 - Brooklyn native Laurie Cahill grew up in the Bayridge section of Brooklyn, the only girl in the family with five brothers. Playing sports of all types was a big part of her childhood. Encouraged by her father, who played baseball for the Boston Redsox and a strong positive mother, who held the troops together. Laurie was awarded a full athlete scholarship to ST. Francis College in basketball.

A martial artist and personal trainer for thirty years, Laurie has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and holds international and national titles in fighting. Last year, she trained in Thailand in four different training amps and competed in Muay Thai against men and women from all over the world. Still competing in full contact muay thai at age fifty, against much younger opponents, Laurie exemplifies her firm belief that there is no limit to what a person can achieve with hard training and good nutrition. She has successfully helped clients recover from debilitating injuries and has helped empower others with chronic physical disabilities to overcome limitations. In Laurie's words, "training and good nutrition builds a body inside and out and thats what it is all about!"



Laurie trains at Chok Sabai in Manhattan with Kru-Natalie, and trains her clients at Harbor Fitness in Bayridge, Brooklyn. Her skills with her hands have helped her hone her skills in the art of hair styling which she has proven on a great deal at Bruno Grillo's Salon & Spa in her native Bay Ridge in Brooklyn.

Laurie will be joined on stage by one of her proteges 18 year old Christie Piscitelli. Christie recently graduated from Bishop Kearney High School in Brooklyn, New York this past summer, and now she is taking classes at the College of Staten Island. She has grown up in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn all her life.

Since she was seven years old, she's been working out and taking kickboxing lessons with Laurie Cahill. Ever since then, she has not stopped meeting with Laurie, working out and she has inspired her throughout her teenage years and now into her adulthood. Kickboxing with Laurie has almost been life changing for Christie. It's a stress reliever, it keeps her in shape and she has come to realize how significant it will be in every aspect of her adult life.

Before she graduated from Bishop Kearney High School, she became captain of the cheer squad. As time consuming as it was, it was her life when the season came around. For her, cheer camp was one of the biggest days of the school year because it was a bonding experience for both returning members of the team and new first year cheerleaders. If she could, she would go back in time to be part of that cheer squad again.

For a few years now, she's been thinking of going into the field of medicine, specifically pharmaceuticals. She has been interning at a pharmacy in Staten Island, New York for a couple of years and she really enjoys the environment, the people and the job itself.

Now these 2 ordinary locals with extraordinary abilities and aspirations will share what they know with Sissy this Friday night LIVE 7:30pm EST on MNN (Manhattan Neighborhood Network) Channel 56 Time Warner Cable Manhattan and on our website www.thesissygamacheshow.com

New Dorp consignment shop, Hand Picked Creations, pulled out all the stops at its grand opening last week

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Virginia N. Sherry

By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **NEW DORP** - One of the guests at the party and fashion show at Hand Picked Creations last Thursday evening was New Dorp resident **Sherry Terrell**, who is marrying **Steven Faicco** on Sept. 24.

"His mother and I are huge thrift-store shoppers, and I bought things at the shop for my honeymoon in Bermuda," she said. "All the summer clothing was 50 percent off!"

Ms. Terrell is exactly the sort of customer that owner **Claire Guadagno** hopes to please.



Claire Guadagno, far right, with her mother and daughter, at the Sept. 8 party in her new shop on New Dorp Plaza called Hand Picked Creative Consignment. (Staten Island Advance/Virginia N. Sherry)

"The mission of this store is to offer high-quality merchandise at amazing prices," she told the 100 friends, customers, and consignees who packed the space for the convivial event on Sept. 8. The Annadale resident "cooked all week," and catered it herself with copious trays of homemade Italian food, including her acclaimed meatballs, a knock-out pink lemonade-vodka punch, wine, and soft drinks.

"Consignment is the fast-growing segment of the retail market right now. New Jersey has jumped from 700 consignment shops to over 2,000 of them now," Ms. Guadagno said.

"Staten Island has to catch up. No one has better taste than Staten Island women, and the mindset needs to be changed," she continued, explaining that sharing beautiful clothing and accessories with others, especially in these continuing tough economic times, should be viewed as something positive for both consignees and purchasers.

"I love the clothes here," said **Donna Manning** of Tottenville, who has shopped at the store a few times

since it opened in June. "Everything is good quality, and hand-picked. It's a nice selection."

'HIGH-END, AFFORDABLE'

Helping out before the party started at 7 p.m. was **John Ondrejack**, who flew up from Boca Raton, Fla., for the event. "I've known Claire for about 10 years, and this has been her dream. She's one of the best salespeople I've ever known," he said.

Wanda Caruso of Richmond was there with her husband, **Christopher John**, a songwriter, singer, and musician. "It's high-end, with prices that you can't beat," she said. "It's also Claire's personality – and the energy, the camaraderie. Claire promotes all the businesses in the neighborhood. She's all about everyone helping one another."

Among Ms. Caruso's purchases at the shop: "A designer, wool-plaid tartan skirt, perfect to wear when I substitute-teach, and a beautiful, classic blouse – both in impeccable condition.

"When I shop, I look at fabric, style, and price. What you get here is high-end, but affordable," she added.

Statuesque **Crystal Ruiz** of Westerleigh, one of the models, walked into the shop a few weeks ago, she explained. She and **Stephen Armstrong**, of the same neighborhood, have a wedding date set for July 2013.

"I tried on a wedding dress, and they asked me if I'd model it at the fashion show," she said. Her husband-to-be works as an EMT, and she plans to go back to the College of Staten Island for her nursing degree.

'FILLING A NEED'

Pam Gavirty of Eltingville – whose jewelry, designer shoes and handbags are on consignment at the shop – attended the party, along with her granddaughter, Samantha, who lives in Huguenot.

"My granddaughter and Claire's daughter, **Ariana**, are best friends," explained Mrs. Gavirty. "A shop like this fills a need, especially now, because times are hard."

Women dominated the crowd at the party, but men were not absent. **Alan Schrier** of Bay Terrace joked that "Claire and I have been friends for three years less than God is old." Their friendship actually dates back about 25 years, they both agreed. "We've been on 1,000 adventures together," commented Schrier.

Arlene Bentivegna of Great Kills was there, too. "I've been friends with Claire for 30 years," she said.

ON THE RUNWAY

The fashion show featured four models – **Anna DeMegelia**, **Claudia Lind**, **Crystal Ruiz** and **Erica Urkonis** – with three changes of outfits each, ranging from fall sportswear to business attire and evening wear, followed by a bridal finale.

As each model came down the runway, Ms. Guadagno noted the original retail cost of the clothing and accessories, and then told the audience the significantly lower cost of each outfit at the shop.

Many New Dorp and other East and South Shore residents remember that the new store is the former location of Time After Time, a popular consignment shop that **Carla Manheim** operated with her sister-in-law and partner, **Sheila Manheim**, for 25 years, closing its doors and retiring in January 2010.

"A lot of our old customers are here tonight," said Ms. Manheim as she made the rounds and chatted. And Ms. Guadagno was quick to acknowledge the help that she received. "This party is all about gratitude. Carla adopted me, was my mentor, and gave me her contacts," she told the audience.

SPECIAL GUEST

A special guest was 90-year-old **John DeLillo**, Ms. Guadagno's landlord, who was stylishly outfitted in a black top-hat and whimsical, outsized bow tie. Well known and loved in the neighborhood, DeLillo was greeted by person after person, as he sat in a chair next to the runway.

"I was born in this building on a Sunday – July 27, 1921," the World War II US Army veteran noted. "My mother was supposed to go to a picnic at Mandy's Beach (in what is now known as New Dorp Beach)."

In her remarks to the audience before the fashion show kicked off, Ms. Guadagno cited DeLillo as "the best landlord ever," and thanked him and his daughter, Carol DeLillo – also in attendance – as "the most generous, wonderful people."

She also thanked **Claudia Carucci**, owner of Zoe Salon on New Dorp Plaza North, and her stylists, **Lisa Barone** and **Dianne Gerardi**, who donated their time to do the models' hair, and **Carmen Sanchez** and **Nicole Gentry**, who handled the makeup.

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Alumni

Madeline Gervase Appointed Director of Nursing Education at MCCC

By Brenda Whiteman

West Windsor, N.J. – Madeline Gervase (of Flemington) has been appointed director of Nursing Education at Mercer County Community College (MCCC). She served most recently as Family Nurse Practitioner Track Coordinator at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

"I am very excited about joining MCCC's outstanding nursing program," said Gervase. "I look forward to working with their dynamic faculty. As educators we provide not only textbook knowledge but a solid clinical-based foundation for students to equip them with the critical skills and insights necessary to succeed in all aspects of the nursing profession. It is a life-changing experience."

Over the years, Gervase has garnered a wealth of experience as a nurse practitioner in cardiology, surgery, and critical care. She has also held positions as assistant professor of Nursing at Seton Hall and Union County College, and as a clinical nurse specialist/advanced practice nurse at Somerset Medical Center in the Emergency and Cardiology departments.

She served as a clinical nurse specialist at Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY, a nurse practitioner at Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Center of New York, as a clinical instructor and course leader at Rutgers University, and as a senior staff and charge nurse at both Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, and at Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Center in Staten Island. Gervase holds a B.S. in Nursing from The College of Staten Island and an M.S. in Nursing/ Family Nurse Practitioner from Wagner College. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in Instructional Leadership and Curriculum Design from Northcentral University. She is also a member of several professional associations, community boards and health care collaborative organizations.

MCCC's Nursing program combines coursework with clinical experience in health care facilities under faculty supervision. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. Mercer's concept-based nursing curriculum combines theoretical coursework with experiential learning in a clinical setting.



'Jersey Shore's' Vinny Guadagnino: Keeping it fresh to death

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Fans of the runaway MTV reality hit "[Jersey Shore](#)" may be surprised to learn that there's more to [Vinny Guadagnino](#) than Gtl and Mvp. In fact, the New York native is a graduate of the Cuny [College of Staten Island](#) and was headed to law school when MTV came calling. He's also not coasting on his new-found fame. Instead, Vinny's got his eye on the future and is busy taking acting and improv classes. We talked to Vinny on Wednesday (Sept. 6) about "[Jersey Shore](#)," his personal style, what he finds attractive in a woman (hint: it isn't under 5 feet and covered in leopard print) and, of course, his back-to-school tips. Are you the only cast member of "[Jersey Shore](#)" cast that went to college? "Umm, I think no -- I think Jenni went to school. I think Mike might have an associate's degree and I think that's it. I think »

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In his autobiography, Malcolm X fleshed out the modern Negro who thinks like the massa. He is black, brown, red or yellow in skin color, but is pure white in mind color.

‘Today’s Uncle Tom doesn’t wear a handkerchief on his head. This modern, twentieth-century Uncle Thomas now often wears a top hat. He’s usually well-dressed and well-educated. He’s often the personification of culture and refinement. The twentieth-century Uncle Thomas sometimes speaks with a Yale or Harvard accent. Sometimes he is known as Professor, Doctor, Judge, and Reverend, even Right Reverend Doctor. This twentieth-century Uncle Thomas is a professional Negro ... by that I mean his profession is being a Negro for the white man.’ — (Malcolm X, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, 1964, 1999 hardcover edition, Chapter *Black Muslims*, page 265)

Well, that description of the colonized mind turns out to be not all that modern, even though it accurately captures the modern Uncle Tom among all peoples. Witness the following statement in his speech before the English Parliament in 1835, by Lord Babington Macaulay who devised the new education policy for the Indian sub-continent – the Jewel in the Crown of the British Empire:

‘We must at present do our best to form a class who may be interpreters between us and the millions whom we govern, –a class of persons Indian in blood and colour, but English in tastes, in opinions, in morals and in intellect.’ –(Lord Thomas Babington Macaulay, *Minute on Education*, 2nd February 1835, page 8)

Martin Luther King Jr. also offered a timeless description for the Negro which today transcends skin color and complexion in its empiricism:

‘The white establishment is skilled in flattering and cultivating emerging leaders. It presses its own image on them and finally, from imitation of manners, dress, and style of living, a deeper strain of corruption develops. This kind of Negro leader acquires the white man’s contempt for the ordinary Negro. He is often more at home with the middle-class white than he is among his own people. His language changes, his location changes, his income changes, and ultimately he changes from the representative of the Negro to the white man into the white man’s representative to the Negro. The tragedy is that too often he does not recognize what has happened to him.’ — (Martin Luther King Jr., *A Testament of Hope*, page 307, read online)

The “Intellectual Negro”

Many more complex shades of the ‘Negro’ have been cultivated in modernity than the ones Malcolm X and MLK had been exposed to. One new shade that I have been grappling with for some time is the **“Intellectual Negro”**. This new shade of the servile Negro which escaped the experiences of the civil and human rights struggles of the American black leaders, has become ubiquitous among Muslims today, especially among Pakistanis, Afghanis, and Arabs. Indeed, among all nations along the *‘arc of crisis’* in the *‘global zone of percolating violence’*.

This kind of Negro is familiar to us under the nom de guerre **“fabricated dissent”**, a pernicious variant of ‘native informant’.

This Negro, the “Intellectual Negro”, is very sophisticated, and often very intelligent with advanced academic and/or public credentials. This Negro will appear to hector the white man and the white man’s establishment, while still managing to echo the white man’s core-axioms.

In other words, the intellectual Negro will appear to be an outspoken voice of dissent in favor of the downtrodden and the oppressed, typically from the ‘left-liberal’ nexus, but will still devilishly manage to echo the massa’s core message.

For instance, while vehemently critiquing the empire’s war on terror and its devastating impact upon the innocent victims across many civilizations, the intellectual Negro will craftily manage to echo the empire’s core message that Al Qaeda is the global terrorist menace which carried out the 9/11 attacks on America. That retention of the core-axiom of empire from which all the evil that followed after 9/11, and which enabled all its subsequent aggressive wars and crimes against humanity that he critiques, reduces the intellectual Negro to an absurdity. But he is treated as the most avantgarde in intellectual thought and praised by both, the hegelian instruments of the white man instrumenting its dissent-space, as well as the brain-washed field Negroes themselves to whom he laboriously carries the white man’s burden displaying much personal anguish.

Thus, the hectoring, i.e., challenging the visible narratives of power, serves the function of appearing to be on the side of the ‘field Negro’, but in reality he is still a ‘house Negro’ without speaking in that ‘we’ vernacular noted by Malcolm X.

Here is an example: the first article hectors the white man, the second one echoes its core axioms:

<http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2009/10/cacheof-pervez-hoodbhoy-between-imperialism-and-islamism.pdf>

<http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2009/11/cacheof-pervez-hoodbhoy-pakistan-the-threat-from-within-psru-brief13-may232007.pdf>

And here is another one which does the same all in one article:

<http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2009/10/cacheof-ayesha-siddiq-a-between-military-and-militants.pdf>

And here is deconstructing another intellectual Negro who ostensibly hectors power while still managing to echo its key message:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2009/11/hamid-mir-making-of-pakistans-savior.html>

Here is the latest variant who shamelessly sides with power spinning absurdities:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/09/zahir-responds-rafia-zakaria-amnesty.html>

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/04/enduring-power-of-machiavellian-polysci.html>

While the above illustrative examples are typical of the “Left-liberal” nexus carrying the mantra of Secular Humanism and reviling the “Right-religion” nexus, the following is an illustrative example of the “Right-religion” nexus. After villainously condemning each other during the day in “noora kushti” (Urdu word for a WWF style wrestling match where both combatants entertaining the audience by a show of vile antagonist wrestling, work for the same promoter and drink from the same trough after the match), they both congregate at the same white man’s table for supper:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/03/resp-terror-fatwa-in-service-of-empire.html>

The diabolical omissions and selective story-telling, a crime common to all Negro penologists of Pakistan serving the massa’s interests, including its news media, its NGO based glittering literati clamoring Secular Humanism, its virtuous politicians picking whichever side leads the quickest to power and graft, its mercenary military slaughtering its own peoples with American payments, and its religious zealots either burning American flags in protests or echoing the massa’s own condemnations, is in my 692-page book “The Pakistan Decapitation Papers” 4th Edition, June 2011. A quick examination of these omissions which never see ink in the erudite penmanship of the intellectual Negro picking the “good” side in the Hegelian Dialectic of “militant Islam” vs. “moderate Islam” is here:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2009/04/between-imperialism-islamofascism.html>

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2007/12/saving-pakistan-from-synthetic-terror.html>

Since Pakistan and Afghanistan share more than just an ill-fated arbitrary boundary of imperial fiat, the same niggers gallantly extend across its long borders of common history. The following is an example drawn from Afghanistan but just as ubiquitous in Pakistan. An Afghani-born, American-naturalized, Stanford and Columbia university educated professor of education playing loud dissent with empire: *“I think it was absolutely wrong for the United States to attack and invade Afghanistan, because Afghanistan as such had nothing to do with 9/11”*, still managed to echo the core-axioms of empire that 9/11 was an invasion from abroad and the work of vile terrorist Muslims: *“In fact people now think that the Taleban had no idea that Al Qaeda had a plan to attack the United States”*. The good Samaritan educator has continued to labor since the invasion of Afghanistan in October 2001, to bring the same sort of Education system of the colonizing white man to Afghanistan as was crafted by Lord Macaulay to cultivate house negroes and Uncle Thomases in the Indian sub-continent:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/07/letter-afghanistan-zaher-wahab.html>

The aforementioned example is illustrative of the quintessential modern intellectual Negro – highly intelligent, un-afraid to speak up against the massa, yet fully subservient where necessary, laboring with missionary zeal in carrying the white man’s burden, its *‘la mission civilisatrice’*, in full sympathy to the victims. The resume of the intellectual Negro is notably representative of the most successful native informants today:

‘He was born and schooled in Afghanistan, received a B.A. in sociology from The American University of Beirut, an M.A. in comparative education from Teachers College, Columbia University, and an M.A. in anthropology and a Ph.D. in international development education from Stanford University. Dr. Wahab was the first person in his family’s history to attend the village school, a boarding school in Kabul, and receive scholarships to attend college in Lebanon and the US. Thus far, Dr. Wahab is the only Afghan with a Ph.D. from Stanford University.’

My aforementioned letter to the Afghani scholar was greeted not with stone silence as I had feared, but with the following short encouraging statement: *“Dear Mr. Ebrahim, Greetings from Portland, and many thanks for your insightful, passionate, informative, thoughtful, and thought-provoking e-mail. I will respond in detail, or call you, as soon as I have some time and peace of mind. Regards, Zw”*. I look forward to such exchange.

The good Afghani professor may well be the rare case of genuinely being mistaken in carrying the white man’s burden – as inconceivable as that may be to imagine that someone with a masters degree in anthropology and a doctorate in education would be unaware of the modalities of the greatest colonial conquest of all time, that of the Indian sub-continent, partly with the already mentioned Education policy of Lord Macaulay for fabricating “professional Negroes”. In which case, the good professor will cease and desist from carrying water for the white man’s *“la mission civilisatrice”*. When that transpires, this illustrative example will be appropriately amended.

Here is a similar illustrative example of a stellar high-tech professional resume, one which has proven itself time and again to be unarguably that of an intellectual Negro. This one is a most distinguished resume from Pakistan. It was carried by the Middle East Forum, a Zionist neo-con Quarterly, presumably of the Jewish Islamophobe Daniel Pipes. They love to promote any intellectual Negro who will profoundly echo, in any convolution, the white man’s burden encapsulated in the doctrinal craftsmanship of Jewish scholars like Bernard Lewis, in books such as: *“Crisis of Islam – Holy War and Unholy Terror”* and *“What Went Wrong? The Clash Between Islam and Modernity in the Middle East”*:

‘Pervez Amirali Hoodbhoy (b. 1950) is one of South Asia’s leading nuclear physicists and perhaps Pakistan’s preeminent intellectual. Bearer of a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he is chairman of the department of physics at Quaid-e-Azam University in Islamabad where, as a high-energy physicist, he carries out research into quantum field theory and particle phenomenology. He has also been a visiting professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, and was visiting professor at MIT and Stanford. For some time, he has been a frequent contributor to Britain’s leading intellectual journal, Prospect. His extracurricular activities include a vocal opposition to the political philosophy of Islamism. He also writes about the self-enforced backwardness of the Muslim world in science, technology, trade, and education. His many articles and television documentaries have made a lasting impact on debate about education, Islam, and secularism in Pakistan. Denis MacEoin interviewed him by e-mail in October 2009.’

Here is that interview with Pervez Hoodbhoy, titled *"Islam and Science Have Parted Ways"* promoted by MEF. And here is Hoodbhoy's column in the UK Guardian *"Islam's arrested development"*, echoing the same theme. The deconstruction of the crafty linguistics for the seemingly careless usage of the word "Islam" which enables crafting the public discourse on "Islamism" and its variants such as "militant Islam", "moderate Islam", etc., is in my response to the CAIR Report:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/07/cair-report-islamophobia-rising-usa.html>

The Hijacking of the word 'Islam' for Mantra Creation which unites Pakistani Niggers with the Jewish neo-con massas like Bernard Lewis, Samuel Huntington, Daniel Pipes et. al., is fully fleshed out in:

<http://faith-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/08/hijacking-word-islam-mantra-creation.html>

Once I wrote to Pervez Hoodbhoy suggesting something to the effect that: *"if your essays didn't have your name on them, I might have thought the author is Daniel Pipes."* Dr. Pervez Hoodbhoy, my co-alum from MIT, fellow Pakistani, and many years my senior, has not talked to me since then. I continually wonder why:

- Is it because of my possessing the few skills, the commonsensical knowledge, and the foolish boldness to call a spade a spade continually confronting the "preeminent intellectual" rather than being co-opted into silence?
- Or, is it that I am so egregiously mistaken in my conclusions that I am not worth interlocuting with for the lofty "preeminent intellectual" – ubiquitous in the massa's dominion – who only contends with finding major faults with "Islam", argues willy-nilly with other Uncle Toms of various shades, presents himself prominently in massa's various gatherings ostensibly representing the field Negroes, and just eschews the field Negroes themselves as being just too ignorant to teach?

This is a perennial mystery which repeats itself everyday, as my every unmasking of the intellectual Negro is stoically greeted with the thunderous sounds of silence. Ignoring the field Negro skilled enough to unmask both the massa and their house Negro, has been the most effective way of silencing the field Negro.

For indeed, all the freedom of speech in free space (no air) still naturally leads only to asphyxiation! The massa knows it, and has groomed his house niggers rather well. This leaves the ubiquitous Uncle Toms and his owner free to spin their doctrinal craft unfettered, over all the air which they already own outright.

Thus, while denying the field Negro air to expound, the massa and his "professional Negroes" incestuously reinforce each other unhindered and unchallenged, spanning the full gamut of intellectual and psychological warfare upon civilian populations worldwide.

The **"Hegelian Mind Fck"** behind such "cognitive infiltration" to:

- manufacture consent and dissent as part of the social engineering of mass persuasion;
- spin clever red herrings (a smelly fish that a fugitive drags across the path in order to put the pursuing dogs off the trail) through Machiavellian interjections of fabricated "diversity" and fabricated dissent;
- synthesize controlled clashes of fabricated opposites for raising a new phoenix from its ashes;

is examined in much depth in the following tutorials:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2009/05/note-on-mighty-wurlitzer.html>

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/01/faq-what-is-hegelian-mind-fck.html>

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2009/05/anatomy-of-modern-lies-pakistanishills.html>

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2008/06/wmd-master-social-science.html>

I fear one would be very hard pressed to find an exception to the “intellectual Negro” in Pakistan and the Middle East from among our uber-educated literati, from among our well-funded ‘humanist’ NGOs, especially the Human Rights Organizations, the Left as well as the Right, and the new *occidentosis plague* we seemed to have picked up: think-tanks staffed with our finest Negroes of all shades, including brain-washed ‘field Negroes’ employed as cover, useful idiots, dupes and patsies.

Just as there was the government-private partnership between the British Empire and the East India Company to maintain the empire upon which the sun once never set, the empire du jour too similarly thrives on government-private partnership for its “imperial mobilization” and for the maintenance of its extended empire.

The line between government and private sector is merely one of who writes the final paycheck to the employees, for they both share the same common goals of empire, and work hand in glove. The Jewish grandmaster of *The Grand Chessboard*, Zbigniew Brzezinski, self-servingly admitted this modus operandi when he wrote in his 1970 book *Between Two Ages*, “*The trend toward more coordination but less centralization would be in keeping with the American tradition of blurring sharp distinctions between public and private institutions. Institutions such as TVA or the Ford Foundation perform functions difficult for many Europeans to understand, since they are more accustomed either to differentiate sharply between the public sphere and the private (as has been typical of the industrial age) or to subordinate the private to the public (as is favoured by the socialists and some liberals) or to absorb the private by the public (as has been the case in communist states).*” (pg. 99)

And the Jewish columnist Thomas Friedman truthfully confirmed what is already obvious, in the New York Times on March 28, 1999, “*The hidden hand of the market will never work without a hidden fist — McDonald’s cannot flourish without McDonnell Douglas, the builder of the F-15. And the hidden fist that keeps the world safe for Silicon Valley’s technologies is called the United States Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.*”

The professional intellectual Negro typically earns his paycheck from the private sector of the Military-Industrial-Academe-Non-profit-Thinktanks-Foundations half of empire while he critiques the public sector half comprising “*the United States Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps*”, and of course, including the White House which controls that not so “*hidden fist*”. That separation of employer name on the paycheck stub evidently provides the much needed soothing balm to the modern intellectual Negro’s conscience.

It would be a grave mistake to surmise that the House Negro phenomena is only peculiar to the few professional craftsmen of the Mighty Wurlitzer (see link above). Ordinary peoples are just as much participant in it. The following anecdotal case is in fact rather typical of new Uncle Toms in America.

When I was describing to a very dear friend of mine who only recently became a naturalized US citizen, how Malcolm X taught himself in the prison library, how he read constantly to become the unchallengeable orator and spokesperson for his peoples' cause, my friend's immediate interjection was, *"see, even their prisons have such great libraries!"* My new Uncle Tom, which I of course immediately addressed my long-time friend as, betrayed empathy with no one else except with prominent house niggers and the massa. Well, at least my friend was honest about his feelings of gratitude for the massa, having observed previously that the white man had given him far more than his own nation. The good fellow, who wears the stamp of remarkable piety on his forehead, and is one of the best in morals and friendship among all the people I know, never stopped to reflect what the white man took from our nations by cultivating fools, useful idiots, stooges, patsies, and mercenaries which he implanted in key positions in our nations to ensure that we stayed rudderless. That fact that our nations became more and more corrupt by villainous means in the post colonial era which the massa had cleverly instrumented for us, has amply been discussed elsewhere (see John Perkins).

To make centuries long colonized nations blind and steeped in servility by methods of neo-colonization in the ostensibly post-colonial period, and then to complain we are still blind, is the characteristic of the house nigger who blames the field niggers for all of their desperate state.

This self-deluding co-option is not atypical. Apart from the fact that it is the story of mental slavery in every epoch, today it is most visible – to those who wish to see it – in virtually every mosque and "maikhana" (bar, a figure of speech to indicate secular Muslims) in the West. While the latter caters to the spirit of Secular Humanism of the white man in his ongoing *"la mission civilisatrice"* upon the world, the former, a place of ritual piety, evidently also only succeeds in fabricating the "Good Muslim" and the "Good American" – sort of counterparts to the "Good Christian" and the "Good German" in the Third Reich – for 'United We Stand' in the Fourth Reich!

The massa has always understood this psychology of servility of the colonized man, and all too well. He has always cultivated and harvested from this colonized crop, the most able bodied, the most talented, and turned them into the most credentialled "professional Negroes" as described by Malcolm X in his Autobiography. Due to its immense pertinence to our times, it begs further emphasis: ***"This twentieth-century Uncle Thomas is a professional Negro ... by that I mean his profession is being a Negro for the white man."*** (pg. 265)

The key psychological processes to construct this servility among most immigrant communities in the massa's world of gainful employment, and other material benefits denied them in their native country, is all of that which also went into making the good house negro short of actual physical slavery. Studying Malcolm X therefore, reveals a great deal about many of us today.

Almost 90 percent, that not being an exaggeration, perhaps even an underestimate if anything, first and even second generation immigrants to America, just like the vast majority of elites in all Muslim and formerly colonized lands, are infected with this de facto mental colonization.

Layered atop this foundational layer of de facto mental colonization of the 'Negro' of every flavor, is the layer of fabricated deception purveyors based on shared ideology. And on top of that is another pernicious layer based on apparently our natural trait: our meager price which turns us, not just psychologically, but also physically, into traitors to our own peoples.

These three colonizing mental forces combined in various shades tend to create many more Negro types. The 'price' aspect is particularly pernicious – this price today is far more insidious than the mere 'lifafa' (envelope stuffed with bribe money), the bottle of whiskey, or even the trip to Disneyland of yesteryear as narrated by Brig. Tirmazi in his book **"Profiles of Intelligence"** Ch 3, page 45. His exact words:

'A lot has been said and written by some of our American friends about the price of a Pakistani. Dr. Andrew V. Corry, US Counsel General at Lahore, once said, "Price of a Pakistani oscillates between a free trip to the US and a bottle of whisky." He may not be too far wrong. We did observe some highly placed Pakistanis selling their conscience, prestige, dignity and self-respect for a small price.'

This is why the aforementioned Pakistani intellectual Negro can blithely claim with a straight face: 'Is the Check in the Mail? The Confessions of a Groveling Pakistani Native Orientalist'! While he also publicly admits to the intangible benefits in 'An End to Hypocrisy': *"I belong to the fortunate few who can get a visa,"*. The professional intellectual Negro might do well to stare in the mirror while he echoes the massa's message admitting to its benefits. It would surely assist him in comprehending the full import of that Biblical word which he has evidently mastered so well without understanding its real meaning:

"My green passport requires standing in a separate immigration line once my plane lands at Boston's Logan Airport. The "special attention" from Homeland Security, although polite, adds an extra two to three hours. I belong to the fortunate few who can get a visa, but I am still annoyed. Having traveled to the United States frequently for 40 years, I now find a country that once warmly welcomed Pakistanis to be quite cold. The reason is clear.

Foreigners carrying strong negative feelings—or perhaps harmful intentions—are unlikely to find enthusiastic hosts. I know that the man who tried to bomb Times Square, Faisal Shahzad, a graduate of the University of Bridgeport, is my compatriot. So is Aafia Siddiqui, our new-found dukhtur-e-millat (daughter of the nation). Another Pakistani, Farooque Ahmed, with a degree from the **College of Staten Island**, made headline news in November 2010 after his abortive attempt to blow up DC Metro trains.

If such violent individuals were rarities, their nationality would matter little. But their actions receive little or no criticism in a country consumed by bitter anti-Americanism, which now exceeds its anti-Indianism."

If I might be permitted a bit of narcissism here to draw a valid comparison, I too possess only the *"green passport [which] requires standing in a separate immigration line once my plane lands"*, despite over three decades of permanent residence in the United States with the permanent resident card (green card) which my first employer in Silicon Valley got for me. They claimed before the US Department of Labor (or something similar) that they couldn't find any white man in America to replace my engineering skills which they wanted badly at the time. Yet, compare my Realityspeak (my neologism) to the Newspeak (a term from George Orwell's novel *1984*) of both the massa and his obliging Niggers! That's because I am a "field Negro" – figuratively speaking – and that's something which I have proudly earned

by dint of my own study and observations, not a misery I was born into like Malcolm X and others birthed on the wrong side of the railroad tracks. Any “house nigger” today, irrespective of their skin color and national origin, would do well to study Malcolm X’s Autobiography in some depth. The fate of those who follow in that footstep, to genuinely challenge unjust power and its villainous narratives, is surely the early graveyard. It is written in the indelible pages of history. A choice one knowingly makes – because despite the overt choice, there is really no choice:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/06/knowledge-vs-socialization.html>

As for Pervez Hoodbhoy’s lofty demonstration of leftwing compassion for “*Aafia Siddiqui, our new-found dukhtur-e-millat (daughter of the nation)*”, see its deconstruction identifying all the omissions in the professional intellectual Negro’s narratives in deep servility to the massa – when he could have been the strongest ally for his victim:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/07/flashback-remembering-dr-aafia-2011.html>

Pervez Hoodbhoy’s show of fearless rebellion against the forces of imperialism is of course predicated on his theory of “leftwing politics” which he most articulately expounded in his already mentioned ode to the Hegelian Dialectic: Between Imperialism and Islamism. Like a learned physicist Hoodbhoy first postulated the problem, thusly:

“Many of us in the left, particularly in Southasia, have chosen to understand the rise of violent Islamic fundamentalism as a response to poverty, unemployment, poor access to justice, lack of educational opportunities, corruption, loss of faith in the political system, or the sufferings of peasants and workers. As partial truths, these are indisputable. Those condemned to living a life with little hope and happiness are indeed vulnerable to calls from religious demagogues who offer a happy hereafter in exchange for unquestioning obedience.

American imperialism is also held responsible. This, too, is a partial truth. Stung by the attacks of 11 September 2001, the United States lashed out against Muslims almost everywhere. America’s neoconservatives thought that cracking the whip would surely bring the world to order. Instead, the opposite happened. Islamists won massively in Iraq after a war waged on fraudulent grounds by a superpower filled with hubris, arrogance and ignorance. ‘Shock and Awe’ is now turning into ‘Cut and Run’. The US is leaving behind a snake pit, from which battle-hardened terrorists are stealthily making their way to countries around the world. Polls show that the US has become one of the most unpopular countries in the world, and that, in many places, George W Bush is more disliked than Osama bin Laden.”

That Pakistani house nigger’s problem articulation of course exactly parrots the blowback mantra of the massa in the West. See my response to Chris Hedges where the massa’s controlled dissent is carefully dissected and dismantled:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2011/09/response-chris-hedges-decade-after-911.html>

Having firmly played the massa’s own Hegelian Dialectic of Dissent, which incidentally is what makes getting visas and sabbaticals a trivial matter for Pakistan’s most favored leftwing brown-sahib of the American Embassy in Islamabad: “***I belong to the fortunate few who can get a visa,***” Hoodbhoy offered

his specious solution space of “leftwing politics” — the key purpose of the Americans for cultivating this house nigger in Pakistan. The main task of “*cognitive infiltration*” to introduce “*beneficial cognitive diversity*” (sic!) among Pakistan’s Muslim public, right alongside “Moderate Islam” as the Hegelian counterpoints to “Militant Islam”, to orchestrate internal clashes and divisions in the name of being peace-makers (see verse 2:11 of the Holy Qur’an which warns of precisely this age-old villainy: “*And when it is said to them, Do not make mischief in the land, they say: We are but peace-makers.*”), in Pervez Hoodbhoy’s own words:

“The role of the left

Between the xenophobes of the West and the illogical fundamentalism in Muslim societies, the choices keep getting grimmer. A mutually beneficial disentanglement can only be provided by humane, reasoned and principled leftwing politics.

Looking down at planet Earth from above, one would see a bloody battlefield, where imperial might and religious fundamentalism are locked in bitter struggle. Whose victory or defeat should one wish for? There cannot be an unequivocal preference; each dispute must be looked at separately. And the answers seem to lie on the left of the political spectrum, as long as we are able to recognise what the left actually stands for.

The leftwing agenda is a positive one. It rests upon hope for a happier and more humane world that is grounded in reason, education and economic justice. It provides a sound moral compass to a world that is losing direction. One must navigate a course safely away from the xenophobes of the US and Europe – who see Islam as an evil to be suppressed or conquered – and also away from the large number of Muslims across the world who justify acts of terrorism and violence as part of asymmetric warfare.

No ‘higher authority’ defines the leftwing agenda, and no covenant of belief defines a ‘leftist’. There is no card to be carried or oath to be taken. But secularism, universalistic ideas of human rights, and freedom of belief are non-negotiable. Domination by reasons of class, race, national origin, gender or sexual orientation are all equally unacceptable. **In practical terms, this means that the left defends workers from capitalists, peasants from landlords, the colonised from the colonisers, religious minorities from state persecution, the dispossessed from the occupiers, women from male oppression, Muslims from Western Islamophobes, populations of Western countries from terrorists, and so on.**”

Pervez Hoodbhoy used that “**humane, reasoned and principled leftwing politics**” for which: “**No ‘higher authority’ defines the leftwing agenda, ... It provides a sound moral compass to a world that is losing direction**” to admirably defend a frail and defenseless woman he cynically called “*our new-found dukhtur-e-millat*” in sympathy with his massa’s verdict on her without an iota of “**humane, reasoned and principled**” examination of the matter. We see that Pervez Hoodbhoy goes right along parroting his massa, he reproduces their facts, their data, their analysis, and their conclusions, in the guise of being their antagonist – the clever Intellectual Nigger! But not cleverer than even an ordinary field negro who can administer a single knock-out punch with one hand tied behind his back. Which is why the house niggers tend to lurk only in the shadows of the massa, only dare to engage in WWF style wrestling with their confreres beholden to the same massa and its many instruments who all know how the game is played, and not venture out into *free space* where the field negroes dwell. As the lovely Pakistani singer Sanam Marvi boldly remarked without hesitation on mainstream Pakistan television to the bs of her

interlocuter: “chootia bana rahe ho?” (Indelicate Urdu phraseology for “trying to make a fool of me with your fucking bs?”)

Whilst the case of Pervez Hoodbhoy has been examined in depth here as holding the most distinguished and legitimate white man’s credentials of them all, all Intellectual Negro assets and useful idiots of empire employ the same *modus operandi* – each playing their assigned role in minor variations. “*They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his time plays many parts, His acts being seven ages.*” It is easy to spot them in their fabricated dissent – they tend to “***belong to the fortunate few who can get a visa!***”

Moving right along, it is a shame that few people understand the import of crafty omissions. Which is why I have to continually emphasize it. While the reader may have seen similar passages in many of my writings cited here, it is necessary to restate again because the indictment of the Intellectual Negro playing dissent to the massa, is often for his calculated omissions. The art of voluntary persuasion, “***to get people actually to love their servitude***”, is integral to social engineering of consent. It was most eloquently explained by the famous essayist and novelist, Aldous Huxley on the 30th anniversary of the publication of his allegorical novel *Brave New World*, at University of California, Berkeley. Huxley had very shrewdly observed a half century ago:

‘You can do everything with bayonets except sit on them! If you are going to control any population for any length of time you must have some measure of consent. It’s exceedingly difficult to see how pure terrorism can function indefinitely. It can function for a fairly long time, but I think sooner or later you have to bring in an element of persuasion. An element of getting people to consent to what is happening to them. Well, it seems to me that the nature of the Ultimate Revolution with which we are now faced is precisely this: that we are in process of developing a whole series of techniques which will enable the controlling oligarchy who have always existed and presumably always will exist, to get people actually to love their servitude! This is the, it seems to me the ultimate in malevolent revolution shall we say.’ — Aldous Huxley, 1962 speech at UC Berkeley, minute 04:06

Therefore, given that engineering consent of the masses is the objective of social engineering, “***of getting people to consent to what is happening to them***”, Aldous Huxley explained the role of calculated omissions in systems of propaganda which accomplish just that, in his Preface to *Brave New World*:

‘The greatest triumphs of propaganda have been accomplished, not by doing something, but by refraining from doing. Great is truth, but still greater, from a practical point of view, is silence about truth. **By simply not mentioning certain subjects, by lowering what Mr. Churchill calls an “iron curtain” between the masses and such facts or arguments as the local political bosses regard as undesirable, totalitarian propagandists have influenced opinion much more effectively than they could have done by the most eloquent denunciations, the most compelling of logical rebuttals.** But silence is not enough. If persecution, liquidation and the other symptoms of social friction are to be avoided, the positive sides of propaganda must be made as effective as the negative.’ — Aldous Huxley, Preface (circa 1946) to *Brave New World*, 1931, Harper, pg. 11

Let’s just pause here for a moment to deeply reflect, and to keep reminding oneself afterwards when one encounters any material in the New York Times and CNN, and in the so called alternate media which has ostensibly risen to challenge mainstream, that they all work for the same bosses echoing the same core lies by way of both omission and commission. That, these propaganda organs in the twenty-first

century do both, the crucial omissions (the negative side using silence on key matters), and the facile mantra recitations (the positive side), which Adolph Hitler in *Mein Kampf*, Edward Bernays in *Propaganda*, and Aldous Huxley had written much about in the previous century. See the already cited link for the Mighty Wurlitzer report for a detailed study of how such persuasion actually works in practice.

One other thing to also continually reflect upon – perhaps more so for the professional intellectual Negro enjoying lifetime visa to visit the massa and often finding refuge/tenure/sabbaticals in massa's institutions – is that when finally defeated, Dr. Joseph Goebbels, the Reichminister for Propaganda, only cheated that hangman's noose reflecting: *"For us, everything is lost now and the only way left for us is the one which Hitler chose. I shall follow his example"*. Witness the ultimate fate of all propagandists who try to make *"chootias"* of a nation:

“Don't Be Afraid'



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The Goebbels family — evidently, only defeat or victory adjudicates who is a propagandist and who isn't, not evidence. Hitler had asserted at the eve of World War II from his mountain top in Bavaria to his generals that he would 'give a propagandist reason for starting the war' and admonished them not to 'mind whether it was plausible or not'. 'The victor', he had told them, 'will not be asked afterward whether he told the truth or not. In starting and waging a war it is not the right that matters, but

victory.’ That unexpected “victory” of hubris eventually caught up with the propagandists. Source of quote is William Shirer’s Rise and Fall of the Third Reich

May 1, 1945, in the evening. The daughters and the son were already in bed, but were not asleep yet. “Don’t be afraid,” their mother said. “The doctor is going to give you a shot now, one that all children and soldiers are getting.” She left the room, and Kunz injected the morphine, “first into the two older girls, then the boy and then the other girls.” Each child received a dose of 0.5 cc. It “took eight to 10 minutes.”

When the children had fallen asleep, Magda Goebbels went into the room, the cyanide pills in her hand, as Kunz testified. She returned a few seconds later, weeping and distraught. “Doctor, I can’t do it, you have to do it,” she said. The dentist replied: “I can’t do it either.” “Then get Dr. Stumpfegger,” she said. Ludwig Stumpfegger, who was slightly younger than Kunz, had been one of SS chief Heinrich Himmler’s personal doctors.

A week later, Russian coroners performed autopsies on the bodies of the children and concluded that their deaths had “occurred as a result of poisoning with cyanide compounds.” The Goebbels themselves had committed suicide outside the bunker, and Stumpfegger died while attempting to break through the Russian lines in Berlin.” — Source Der Spiegel

‘Don’t Be Afraid’!

Thank you.