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Patrick Stewart

What do these kids find so fascinating? The answer's on page 2.

Stewart Offers a Plan to Jumpstart Southpoint Park

RIRA President Patrick Stewart has asked members of its elected Common Council to consider, for future discussion, use of about \$700,000 in remaining Public Purpose Funds to create a park at Southpoint. The proposal would conflict with a developer's plan, currently in the review process, to erect a twin-tower luxury conference hotel and condominium complex on the site.

RIOC Replaces Attorney And Financial Officer

RIOC has a new lawyer and a new financial officer. Kenneth A. Leitner has come aboard to replace Frank Rubino as General Counsel. He had been an Assistant District Attorney in Kings County, handling criminal prosecutions, and before that in private practice handling both criminal and civil litigation. He holds an undergraduate degree from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, a J.D. from Yeshiva University/ Cardozo School of Law and an L.L.M. from the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, where he studied international trade law. Leitner is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, and in federal courts. RIOC's new Chief Financial Officer, replacing Anthony Bonair, is Patrick Siconolfi. He's a former Director of Finance for the State's Division of Housing and Community Renewal. There, he operated the two largest components of the rent stabilization and rent control systems for the State. He has also served as a budget specialist with the New York State Division of the Budget, where he reported on proposed financial plans for the New York State Public Authorities Control Board. He holds a B.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy. In announcing the appointments, RIOC President Robert Ryan said, "The addition of Ken and Pat to the RIOC team demonstrates our commitment in bringing together the best and the brightest to serve the residents of Roosevelt Island."



Patrick Siconolfi



Kenneth A. Leitner

Ryan, Stewart, Angelino Defend RIOC Process for Southtown Input

The process for resident influence on Southtown plans is working. That's the view of three men closely involved with the process, Residents Association (RIRA) President Patrick Stewart, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) President Robert H. Ryan, and RIOC Board member Frank Angelino, who chairs the Board's Capital Planning and Development Committee (CPDC). The three spoke in two separate meetings last week – Ryan and Angelino at a meeting of the RIOC Board, and Stewart at that session and at the regular monthly gathering of RIRA's Common Council.

Stewart also defends Angelino's management of the process in his RIRA President's Column in this issue of *The WIRE* (page 3). While calling RIOC's request that the CPDC Board recommend final designation of the Southtown developers "precipitous," Stewart calls Angelino, who chairs the Committee, "the greatest asset this community has on the RIOC Board of Directors."

"Everybody is in favor of Southtown," Stewart said in the RIRA meeting when asked by Rivercross resident Nurit Marcus to explain his position on various proposed developments. He said he feels Southtown will generate "money that this Island needs badly." He added, "There are many facets of Southtown that are yet to be discussed: What the buildings look like, what kind of apartments are going to be in them, to some extent the placement of the buildings, and so on. Those aspects of the development of Southtown will be addressed by several groups of people – the Planning Committee of the Residents Association, the Planning and Development Committee of the [RIOC] Board of Directors, RIOC's owner's representative on Southtown construction [Morse Diesel], and the RIOC Board itself."

"Before anything is set in stone," Stewart said, "those steps must be taken."

At the RIOC Board of Directors meeting the next day, Stewart responded to a public-session comment from Marcus, saying, "As a member of the Capital Planning and Development Committee [of the RIOC Board], I can tell you that it has met nine times. It has met in the open nine times. It has been publicized. And it's open to anyone who wants to attend those meetings. ... I think, in fairness to the developers, they have gone out of their way to adjust and listen very carefully to the input of the community. ... As the President of RIRA and a member of Community Board 8, a member of this [RIOC Board], and a member of [CPDC], I personally feel that every attention has been given to this development, and every attention will be given to this development, as it goes along."

When asked by Marcus about *WIRE* reports that the Capital Planning and Development Committee appeared to have approved the developer, but not the developer's plan, Stewart responded, "When I was a kid, my Mom used to say to me, 'Don't believe everything you read in the newspaper.'"

In the RIOC Board meeting, Angelino corrected an error in a *WIRE* news analysis piece published December 4, pointing out that the Capital Planning and Development Committee held its most recent meeting in September, not August. Angelino also defended the process that has led to the current status of the Southtown proposal (the RIOC Board passed a resolution in September approving Hudson/Related as the developers as well as their "project and plan"). Angelino said:

"I think it's not unusual [that], as a development is about to become a reality, the questions become more frequent, because people realize it's going to become

a reality. I think it's important, though, to emphasize, and try to take a perspective, that there seems to be on the Island a strong general consensus that not only is Southtown important for the Island, but essential for the Island, in terms of bringing a critical mass of people to help achieve the objectives set for the Island before it was built in the 1970's, [and] that getting the beneficial effect of increased population for the Island in an attractively designed setting consistent with the Island is important for the continued viability of the Island. It happens that at this time in this year there seems to be a golden opportunity to achieve that because of the fact that the economy is good and that we've had a response from a development team

School Space Shortage

In last Wednesday's RIRA meeting, Susan Cohen, a member of the PS/IS 217 staff, told the Common Council that the school's principal, Sherry Gregory, wants to start a dialog with RIRA and RIOC about space for additional classrooms. Cohen said that Gregory sees the situation as serious, with Southtown coming.

The Island's west-shore mini-schools have been abandoned and deteriorating for several years, and are the object of a pending plan for conversion to luxury condominium apartments. Several in the community who oppose the condo plan have called for a return to use of the mini-school spaces for classrooms.

of people that that's an important development team to bring these dreams to fruition. So, while there are going to be many questions and many details that are going to have to be worked at as you go through the process on such a project as this, it's important not to lose sight of all of the valuable things that this project will bring to the Island.

"And I must note that in hearing some of the concerns about sight-lines and other things, in New York City it is very unusual where you can have any sort of development taking place which has a park-like buffer of 200 feet between existing housing and proposed housing. I don't think you could find any other place in New York City where that can occur. All of these things – concern about soccer, about infrastructure money, all these are legitimate questions and should be answered, but we can't lose sight of the important thing about what this is going to bring to the Island and how it achieves all of the goals that have been expressed since the beginning of the Island."

Ryan, in his President's report, pointed out that a "brand new, professionally designed and constructed soccer field" will replace the present field when Southtown construction starts, then defended the opportunities for public input on the project: "There have been public meetings, repeated public meetings on this, people have had the opportunity to make suggestions, I know the developers have been very conscientious about working with the community and listening to everybody and listening to their concerns."

"So there is a process here and I think the process works, as long as people are part of the process and a part of the process at the right time."

See **Development**, page 11

Census Seeks Workers

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for Island residents to help on *Census 2000*. Full- and part-time positions are available at wages from \$16 to \$18 an hour.

For information, residents are asked to call Earle Whigham at (212) 593-3047.

Season's Greetings from *The WIRE*

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Pages of Thought and Opinion

Closing Credits

So many Islanders help with *The WIRE* each issue that we must cram their names – often forgetting someone, alas – into a small box at the bottom of the editorial page.

That does not do proper justice to their crucial role. This newspaper is viable as an advertising medium, and as the community’s primary source of information about what’s going on, because of the small (and often large) sweat-equity contributions of so many who contribute photos, tips, or – most importantly – their time and effort in stuffing and delivering each issue.

It’s appropriate, as the year and decade close, to give more prominent credit to those who bring you *The WIRE*.

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Frosty!
(Or Frosty’s Mom?)



Patrick Stewart
Karen Stewart stepped into her Frosty costume to entertain kids at the Day Nursery’s seasonal party last weekend at Manhattan Park Theater Club. (This, among other entertainments, is what captured the attention of the kids on page 1.)

island observer

This is one of those *WIREs* that’s more of a commercial success than it is a journalistic or artistic achievement. We always feel just a bit guilty when our advertising-to-editorial ratio tips much higher than 50-50. But, like all newspapers, *The WIRE* has that balance to consider if it wishes to remain financially viable. So the occasional issue with more ads than copy is a welcome relief to the publication’s checkbook – a relief from all those issues where the ads didn’t quite fill the required 50%. So – if you don’t mind – take a moment in this holiday season to applaud our regular advertisers. They make this community newspaper possible.

And, from the staff of *The WIRE*, a holiday thanks to those advertisers, and **Best Wishes for 2000** to them – and to all our readers.

To Residents and the Island’s appointed Administrators:

We strongly protest the destruction of Roosevelt Island’s open spaces, and we urge RIOC to respect the needs of those already living on Roosevelt Island for an attractive, livable and family-friendly environment.

- We have two major objections:
- The loss of Blackwell Fields – the “lungs” of the Island
 - The loss of quality play areas for younger children

And we have a recommendation – preserve our Blackwell Fields and concentrate construction on the ample area including and south of the abandoned Nurses residence.

The loss of Blackwell Fields: Our lovely open space south of Blackwell House serves as a soccer field, Little League field, a lovely vista to the Queens parks on morning commutes and even a feeding ground for migrating geese. Its fenced-in area allows our kids to run freely and provides the only window of sunlight to the crowded, overbearing canyon of buildings that is Main Street. This is an irreplaceable feature of Roosevelt Island both functionally and aesthetically. The proposed plan places a barrier of buildings directly on the sight line from Main Street. Just as it is unthinkable to destroy Central Park or Prospect Park in favor of a real-estate venture, it should be equally unthinkable to destroy these cherished and overused open spaces of ours, and more importantly our children. This is precisely the feature that makes Roosevelt Island such a special and magical place to live and grow.

The loss of quality play areas for younger children: We currently have three designated play areas

- Blackwell park
- Manhattan Park riverwalk
- The Island House courtyard

The Island House courtyard is overshadowed and almost entirely unused. In fact, a similar facility in the Westview courtyard was dismantled.

The Manhattan Park facility is used almost exclusively by the day care program until 1:00 p.m., and in the afternoon it is always over-

crowded by older children who live in the buildings nearby.

This leaves Blackwell Park as virtually the single haven for the Island’s children. This park has a toddler-swing park, a jungle gym, sprinklers and a grassy area. It is a play facility for children under the age of seven, but is severely overcrowded by camps and off-Island families, some of whom are actually bused in from Brooklyn neighborhoods, which literally pushes out the Island children from their play area.

The new development plan exacerbates this problem by proposing construction of a 21-story building directly on top of what is now the swing area and grassy picnic lawn. This monstrosity will force the children into a small, dark, wind tunnel.

When we confronted the architects with this concern at their presentation on November 10th, the response was that they hadn’t considered this problem, but the facility could probably be “relocated someplace farther North.” Any resident could have told them that there is no suitable place “farther North.”

Our proposal: The offer to construct a small soccer field near the Tram is not a palliative. We demand that construction of buildings extend no farther north than the current Nurse’s Residence. Much of this abandoned building is located outside the “subway corridor” and its land could provide a large number of units. This proposal would not require relocation of roads, would minimize the exposure of current residences to noise and dust, and of course would keep our sight lines of the fields. This building would also afford wonderful exposure to open fields North and West and to Manhattan to the South and East.

Planning a community requires more vision than merely constructing large residences on every open area. This lovely community deserves and demands respect for its natural resources. Anything less is a disgrace and abomination. With some loving care and thought we can make the next 25 years as special and as overwhelmingly successful for the upcoming generation as the last 25 years have been.

We have over 1,300 signers to a petition to save our fields. These names were collected over a very short time, by only three volunteers. We have no doubt that we could collect several thousand more signatures of Island residents, but this number alone should convince our administrators that we are appalled by these plans. If RIOC administrators believe that their vision is really best for the community at large, we encourage them to explain the merits of their proposal to the community, to entertain counter-proposals and then permit the residents to democratically vote on which of the offerings makes the most sense.

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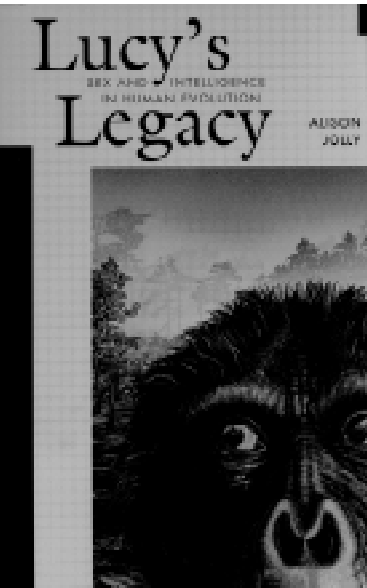
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Bye Bye Birdie

Cast and crew of The Main Street Theatre's production of *Bye Bye Birdie* pose for the camera after one of their ten performances of the past two weeks. More photos on the web at www.nyc10044.com

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In a New Book, Islander Focuses on Cooperation in Evolution of Humans



Alison Jolly, an Island resident since 1982 and one of the world’s leading primatologists, has just published *Lucy’s Legacy: Sex and Intelligence in Human Evolution*. The book is a popular, but comprehensive, overview of human evolution from the origins of the first cell almost 4 billion years ago to the latest phase of accelerated evolution – the world of the Internet and globalization. Jolly argues that UNICEF and UNIFEM are the first signs of further evolutionary reorganization of the human species, which she says are likely to make the industrial revolution look like a mere blip in the long sweep of historical trend.

The New York Times Book Review commented, “Alison Jolly’s genius in this informative, satisfying book is to strip away dogma and politics that have shrouded evolution, to reveal a theory Darwin would recognize as his own.” The reviewer said, “With humor and erudition she leads the reader to an understanding of the biology and behavior of primates, through the evolution of intelligence and into ‘the age of humanity,’ where evolution is charted chiefly by the human mind.”

Jolly received her doctorate from Yale and did field work in southern Madagascar, undertaking the first studies of the social behavior of lemurs, the early primates found only in Madagascar. She has continued to return to the same forest for a month or two every year since. Six years ago, she was elected president of the International Primatological Society.

Jolly commutes several days a week to Princeton, where she is a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.



RIRA President’s Column

This time of year, we hear a lot about finding the true holiday spirit. and luckily it has been defined in so many different ways that most of us can find a fit one way or another. If nothing else, for a week or ten days, we’re all pleasanter to one another, and the closer we get to the 25th the more palpable the feeling becomes.

As a child, Christmas meant magic to me. As an adult it has come more and more to focus on community, both in the broad sense that we all understand, and in the sense of deeper communion with those individuals with whom my life is luckily bound up.

This is the time of year when community is most in evidence in our personal lives, and that gives us the opportunity to take a moment, just a moment, to look within ourselves and recognize how dearly we value it. To enhance that value in whatever way one can is to literally restore a genuine font of the good will we hear so much about each December. A smile or wave will do it, keeping our patience for five more seconds will sometimes do it, doing something for someone else, especially if we don’t have to, will inevitably do it. Trying to understand an opposing point of view will do it in spades.

And it is with this point held firmly in my mind, that I am *not* going to cast out 800 or so pithy words taking apart Dick Lutz’s *The Pacification of Roosevelt Island* article in the last issue of *The WIRE*. My conscience and my job do each demand that I do give it at least a paragraph or two.

To suggest that Frank Angelino might put his relationship to the RIOC Board of Directors or his relationship to RIOC itself before his commitment to the community is quite simply ludicrous. There is no other word for it. I have no hesitation whatever in naming Frank Angelino as the greatest asset this community has on the RIOC Board of Directors. His long history of community service in New York City is both remarkable and impeccable, and I challenge Dick Lutz directly to produce any shred whatever of any evidence to the contrary.

I don’t question that RIOC’s request to the Capital Planning and Development Committee was precipitous. They said so, and we all know that it derived from the developers finding the sudden opportunity of a customer for the first building. The outcome of the ‘sense of the committee’ was not entirely clear, but that is exactly why it was put forward in that form rather than as a vote or recommendation. The article makes no mention of the fact that the Minutes of the Board Meeting at which the final resolution was voted upon state clearly (through Angelino) that there was time only for a sense of the committee, and that there was no vote or final recommendation from the committee.

Nor do I question the potential value of many of the suggestions made regarding Southtown in the past few weeks. The fact remains that there was ample public access to the formal opportunity to raise these issues at those points when they were due to be considered over the past three years. It does no good to the community to pretend we are wholly in the right here, or that there are underhanded motives on anyone’s part for taking the course that has been taken so far. The committee is thoroughly qualified to probe and resolve these late-arising issues to whatever extent they can be resolved. And it remains that this development, the development of Southtown, is absolutely mandatory if we are ever to reach full self-sufficiency and thereby, some form of self governance.

I firmly believe that the outcome that is in the best interest of the community will come through rational, and civil, negotiation, and that the negotiation should continue that way right up until that point that we can be thoroughly sure that rational negotiation has failed.

Without doubt, it is incumbent upon those of us who voice our views on community in public, whether professionally or otherwise, to try our best to uphold the spirit of community, real community, each time we speak. Surely I need to remember that as well as anyone else. It’s way past time for some genuine pacification of Roosevelt Island, let alone a great deal more civility.

Surely we can and will continue to sometimes disagree amongst ourselves, but disagreement needn’t mean war. War solves nothing, and I’m confident that Roosevelt Island isn’t going to become the first community that a war enhances rather than destroys.

As my old friend Pogo once memorably said, “We have seen the enemy, and it is us.”

First and last, it will be the community that saves or destroys Roosevelt Island, not RIOC, and not the developers of Southtown, who, so far, have given every evidence that it is in their own best interest as future operators of these buildings do everything that they can to enhance this community.

I really believe that simple good will can, in fact, generate magic, which is the other inherent part of this holiday season. And the simplest way I can say so is to repeat what I wrote here two years ago:

I believe in magic. I always have. Of course, for eleven months of the year, I keep it pretty much under wraps, and rely on a belief in all those other more mundane virtues to inspire me to get things done. Each December, though, out it pops, as if it were brand new.

I owe it to my mother, of course, as we all do. I say, “We all do”, because I firmly believe that somewhere, each of us still has that core belief in magic, and that we all got it the same way, on the morning of some other December 25th.

Oh, admittedly it gets dented and tarnished, sometimes almost eradicated, and some of us undoubtedly believe we’ve routed it out for good, but it’s still there. It’s almost indestructible, thank goodness. It’s what saves us each time we think we’ve finally come to the ‘last straw’, and we’ve all seen a few last straws in our lives.



Patrick Stewart



Lynn Schapiro

Long-time Island resident Lynn Schapiro, wife of Eugene Schapiro, died recently.

Born in 1921 in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, she was the youngest of five children of Sam and Rebecca Freedman, who were first-generation immigrants from Romania.

She is survived by her husband, Gene (in picture) and two sons.

(No further information was available at press time.)

COMING UP

Compiled by Claire Friedland – phone/fax 317-8523

Sun., Dec. 19, 11:00 a.m., Memorial Service for Lois Schwab, Main Street Theatre.

Tue., Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m., Book Discussion Group, *The Stranger* by Albert Camus, Library. Meets third Tuesday of each month; admission free but pre-registration suggested.

Fax or phone event information to 317-8523. Please provide a phone number for follow-up. There is no charge for listing Island events here.

Mon., Dec. 27, 8:00 p.m., Toastmasters. For information,

call **687-4010**.

Wed., Jan. 5, 2000, 8:00 p.m., RIRA Common Council Meeting, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Fri., Jan. 7 (and every Friday night), evening **Sketch Session** conducted by the Roosevelt Island Art Association, 549 Main Street. For information: **421-5939**.

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Mon., Jan. 10, 8:00 p.m., Toastmasters. For information, call **687-4010**.

Wed., Jan. 12, 6:00 p.m., PTA of PS/IS 217 general membership meeting, school library.

Tue., Feb 1, 6:00 p.m., PTA Executive Board meeting; all parents of 217 students are welcome.

Thur., Feb. 10, Annual International Dinner of **PTA** in school cafeteria. Details: **980-0294**.

At the Senior Center

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9:15-10:15, **Stay Well** (Exercise)
10:00-11:00, **English as 2nd Language** (beg)
10:00-12:00, **English as 2nd** (intermediate)
10:00-11:00, **Baby Bibs Project**
6:30, **Line Dancing**
7:00-9:00, **Korean/English Class**
Tuesday
9:45-10:45, **Jazzercise with Barbara Parker**
1:30, **Games** (RISA)
Wednesday
9:00-10:00, **Stay Well** (Stretch)
10:00, **Friendship Doll-Making Workshop**
10:00-11:00, **English as 2nd Language** (beg)
11:00-12:00, **English as 2nd** (intermediate)
1:30, **Games** (RISA)
Thursday
10:00-11:00, **Tai Chi**
12:30, **Movie**
Friday (closed December 24)
10:00-11:00, **Citizenship Class**
10:00-11:00, **English as a Second Language**
10:00-12:00, **Creative Arts Workshop**
10:30-11:30, **Blood Pressure Screening**
Saturday
7:00 p.m., **Bingo**

Special Events

Call in advance for details: 980-1888

Sat., Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m., **Holiday/Birthday Party**
Tue., Dec. 21, 6:00 p.m., **Councilmember Gifford Miller** on *Transportation for Disabled*
Mon, Dec. 27, 11:00-12:30, **Metrocard Bus**
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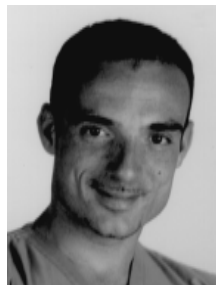
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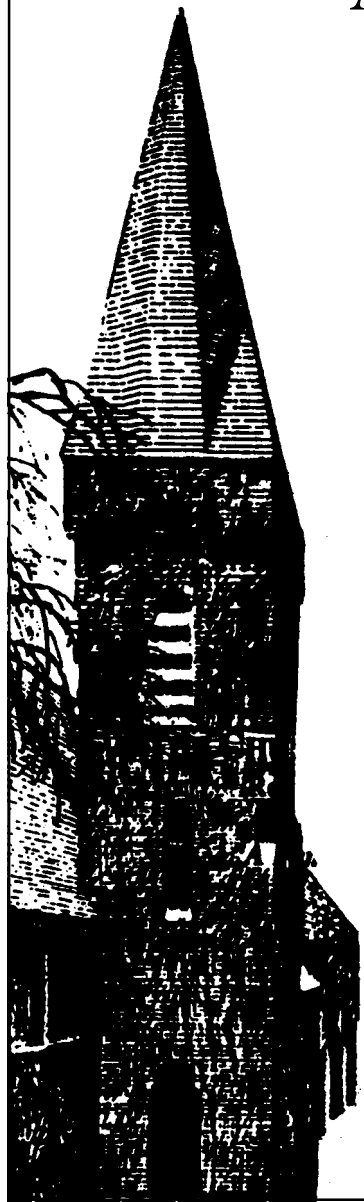
Main Chapel (543 Main Street)

*Join your friends and neighbors for this wonderful service that celebrates
our Lord Jesus Christ's birth and our redemption in Him.*

Our expanded Choir will present special musical selections;
all will join in singing joyous Christmas hymns.

And don't forget...

- **Morning Worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.,**
Main Chapel, led by our Interim Vicar The Rev. Curtis W. Hart
- **The Island's only Sunday School;** classes for all ages.
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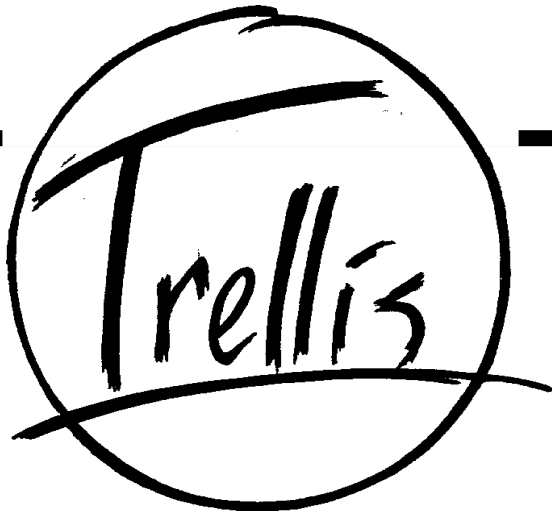
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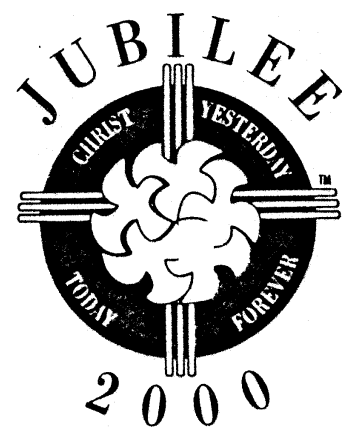
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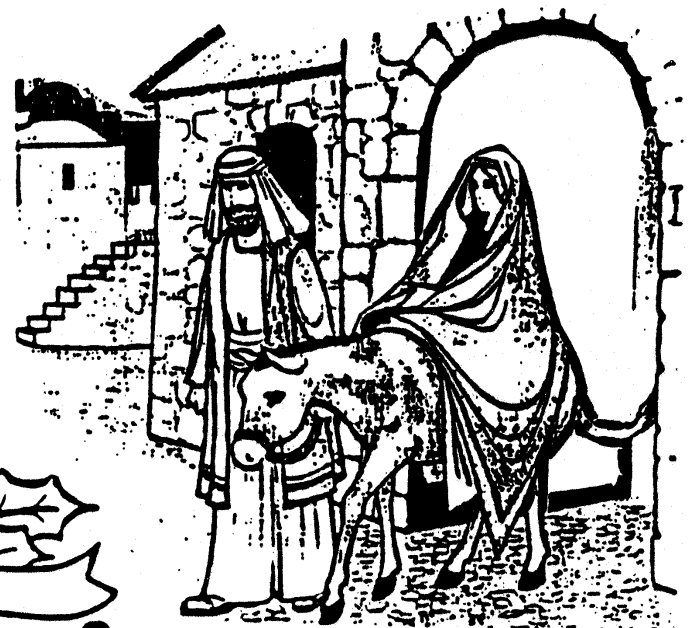
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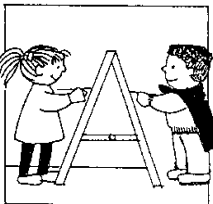
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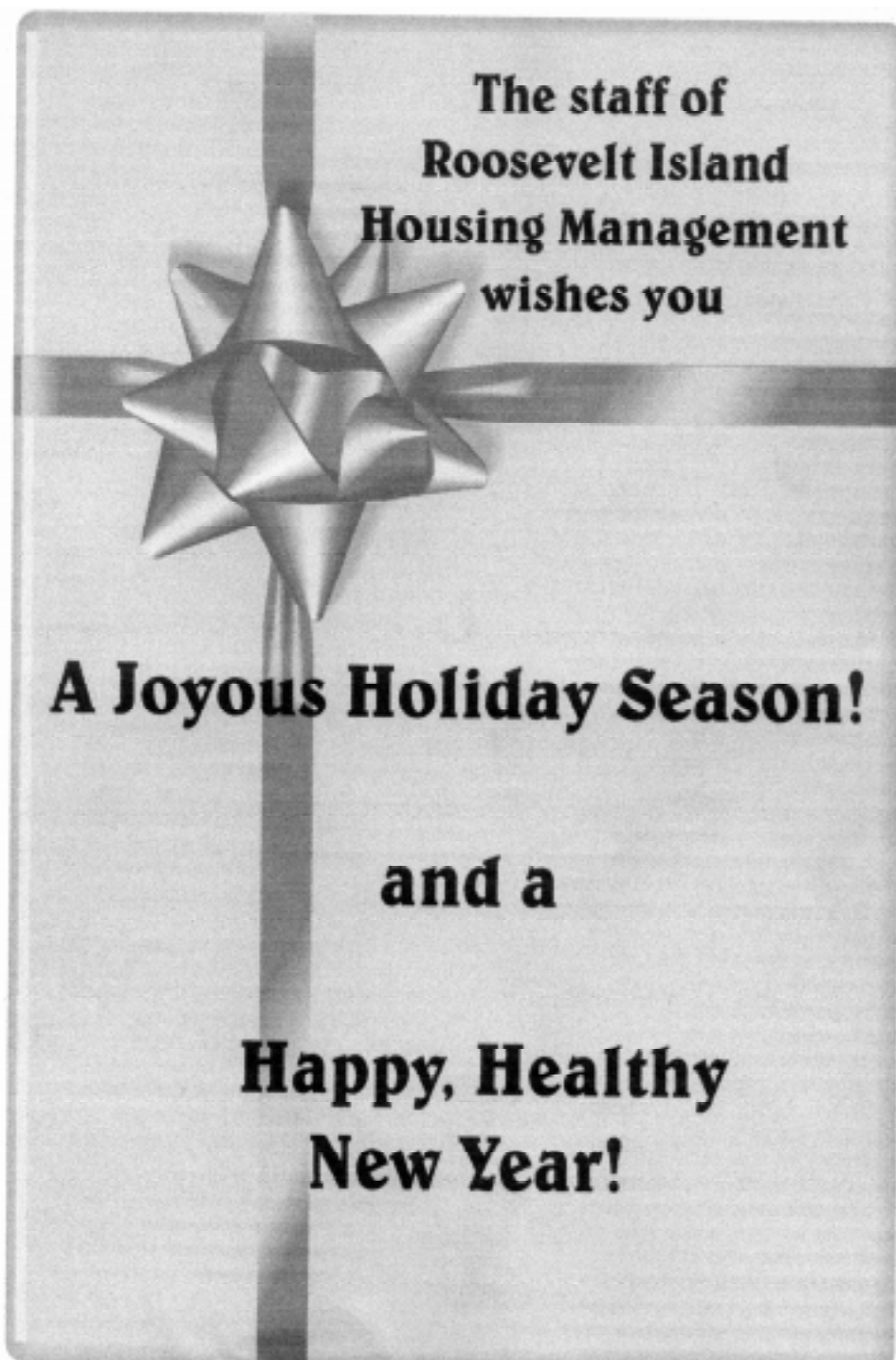


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11/18/99, Investigation, 532 Main Street, Assistant Principal of PS 217 informed PSD (Public Safety Department) officer of past threat of slashing. Mother and underage girl had told him that boy had told the girl to slash another girl. Mother of threatened girl went to Assistant Principal. Matter will be investigated by Youth Officer at PSD.

11/19/99, Investigation, 576 Main Street, Underage male informed officer he was afraid to enter building, because new resident male was in stairwell with camera. Officer escorted youth to resident, spoke with father where he informed officer that on 11/12 man had photographed his children and had stated "he liked taking pictures of little boys." Father requested a NYPD report. NYPD officers & PSD officer rang male's doorbell with negative results. PSD Youth Officer will investigate further.

11/19/99, Burglary, 540 Main Street, Resident phoned PSD, stated his apartment had been burglarized. Officers responded, observed apartment was burglarized. Victim & nurse left premises in morning, upon returning was not able to open door, when he succeeded, he noticed stereo, VCR, transmitter, etc., were missing (valued at \$3,500). NYPD responded, prepared report. Victim was advised not to touch anything until evidence unit could respond the next day. Area was searched with negative results.

11/19/99, Criminal Mischief, 560 Main Street, Six underage youths were observed by resident cracking a window with a chain. Officers responded, brought them to PSD, where reporter identified them. Youths' parents were advised & youths were released. PSD Youth Officer will contact youths.

11/20/99, Criminal Mischief, 560 Main Street, Officer responded to scene, tenant informed her she had heard glass shatter, but there was no one in area when she opened door. Officer found double window shattered. RIHM (Roosevelt Island Housing Management) service notified.

11/20/99, Gas Leak, 555 Main Street, RIHM Super phoned PSD for escort to scene for report of gas leak. They knocked on door, no response, entered premises, there was

strong smell of gas, checked location with negative results. RIHM personnel disconnected stove, turned off gas. Apartment secured, note left for tenant.

11/20/99, Property Damage, 510 Main Street, Resident phoned PSD, reported man was at neighbor's door attempting to enter. PSD, NYPD officers responded, observed male trying to enter apartment with keys, then went down stairwell. Male appeared intoxicated, Sergeant ordered PSD officer to apprehend him, transport him to PSD. At PSD office, man was identified as resident from RIHM files & released. RIHM super went to victim's apartment to repair door.

11/20/99, Unsecured Vehicle, 688 Main Street, Officer noticed that driver's side window of vehicle was open, investigated & everything was in order. M/G personnel notified. Window could not be closed, it was a power window.

11/21/99, Burglary, 501 Main Street, Officer responded to report of broken window, contacted office employee. Officer noticed door was not locked, which had been locked by employee on Saturday. NYPD responded prepared report. A search was conducted with negative results. Office inspected, four laptops were missing, employee did not know laptops' value.

11/21/99, Investigation, 540 Main Street, Resident phoned PSD, said unknown individuals were smoking marijuana in stairwell. Officer responded, checked area with negative results. Complainant informed officer that every morning she smells marijuana in her apartment. Officer did notice slight smell of marijuana in bathroom. NYPD was refused.

11/22/99, Criminal Mischief, 500 Main Street, Underage youth informed officers another youth had slapped him on face. Of-

ficers searched area with negative results. Victim was brought to PSD. Other youth was seen walking on Main Street, and stated he had struck other boy because he had used a racial slur. Both youths' parents were informed of situation. No injuries incurred. Juvenile Report filled out. Youths released to guardians.

11/23/99, Criminal Mischief, 560 Main Street, Resident complained to officer relating to an on-going harassment since mid-1998, wherein garbage, condoms, etc. are thrown into patio from overhead. She stated that the previous evening unknown person had spit chewed food on patio door's knob; that husband had called PSD but had not received response. She wants the harassment to cease. Officer advised her the informa-

tion would be passed to RIHM.

11/23/99, Assault, 580 Main Street, Resident phoned PSD, stated her nephew was punched in mouth by another resident youth, who victim refused to fully identify. Reporter requested NYPD, EMS. EMT examined youth, stated stitches were not needed, lip was only swollen, transportation to hospital refused.

11/24/99, Unsecured Vehicle, 688 Main Street, Officer noticed that driver's side window of vehicle was open, was unable to secure it, because it was electronic. M/G personnel notified.

11/24/99, Vehicle Accident, 686 Main Street, While operating RIOC Bus, driver stuck van that was illegally parked at scene and which was obstructing driveway. Officer requested Gristede's personnel to remove refuse & wooden pallets from driveway, they semi-complied. RIOC bus incurred minor damage, as did van. No injuries were incurred.

11/25/99, Fire, 536 Main Street, PSD officers responded to 536 Main for report of fire. Officer observed fire & smoke emanating from window of apartment. Sergeant and officers evacuated all apartments on first floor & above apartment on fire. FDNY, NYPD responded. On 11/25 PSD Sergeant, RIHM super accompanied resident of apartment to remove some clothing, food, etc. On 11/26 Fire Marshall responded, declared fire to have been accidental. Several surrounding apartments suffered water & smoke damage.

11/29/99, Found Property, 531 Main Street, Resident male entered PSD surrendered Chase deposit envelope containing checks totaling \$20,694.75 to be deposited at Chase. Officer notified doorman @ Rivercross, owner produced identification, retrieved envelope at PSD, and signed for property.

11/30/99, Vehicle Accident, 531 Main Street, Anonymous person informed officer of vehicle accident, they responded at scene. Driver of second vehicle stated she was parking same, when vehicle #1 struck her car. Both vehicles incurred minor damage. EMS, NYPD refused by both parties.

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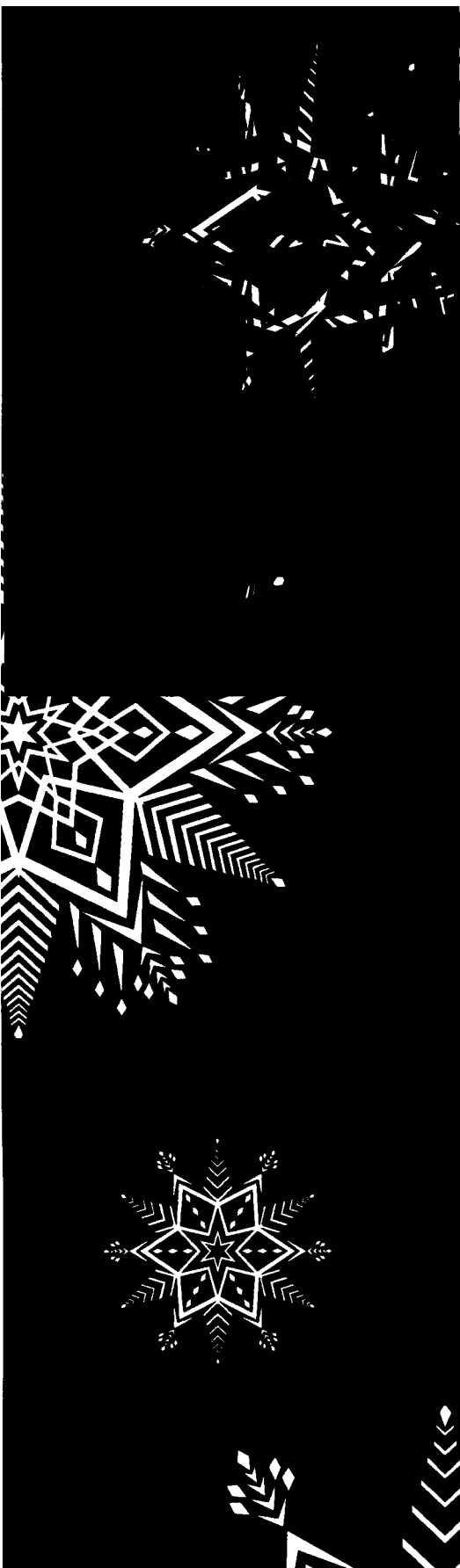
Today's mothers amaze me. Most of them have jobs on top of the 24 hour a day job they have to begin with. Many, far too many, are alone. And yet, they still manage, somehow, to create the miracle of Christmas morning for another child, ensuring that yet another generation will be blessed with the knowledge of magic, true magic.

I don't mean at all to disparage fathers in all this, but mostly, if we admit it, we just follow directions. We know who's in charge of Christmas.

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I sincerely wish each of you the joy of the magic of Christmas, and hope that, for at least one moment, you are touched with the memory of your own most magical personal Christmas. May each of us know love in our own hearts, and may each of us be inspired to give of that love to others.

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