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Roosevelt Island’s Community Newspaper

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Cabrini’s 25th Anniversary Website NYC10044 St. Frances X. Cabrini Catholic Parish celebrated 25 years on Roosevelt Island last Sunday with a standing-room-only Mass. All three of the priests who have served here officiated. From left, the recently-retired Fr. Joseph Gorman, founding pastor Msgr. John M. McCarthy, and current pastor Fr. Luke W. McCann. (Related photo below and more on page 6; these pictures and more, in color, on Website NYC10044 www.nyc10044.com, next week.)

RIOC Board Meets Monday

The Board of Directors of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation will meet Monday (November 20) at 10:30 in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Items on the agenda include a report of the Public Purpose Funds Advisory Committee, which is working out a mechanism for passing on Island organizations’ requests for some \$640,000 in Public Purpose Funds, and a “Discussion by the Board of Directors to Develop a Policy and Forum for Public Speakers to Address the RIOC Board of Directors.” At recent Board meetings, residents have complained about management of the public comment portion of the meetings, unhappy that questions they raised in their comments were not addressed by the Board or management.

And Briefly...

- Some non-citizen residents of Roosevelt Island reported difficulty voting in the Residents Association election November 7, primarily related to providing acceptable proof of residency. (Letter, page 2.) The problem arose for those who were not on lists provided by the housing companies. Those lists often carry only the name of the primary tenant or leaseholder. Audrey Berman, who was present at the polls throughout the day, told WIRE reporter Anusha Shrivastava that in those cases poll workers were asking for some proof of residency – for example, a bill sent to the person at the Island address, or a license.
- A recent New York Post story quotes RIOC President Robert H. Ryan as saying that the SSJ plan for a twin-tower hotel and luxury residences at **Southpoint** will be dealt with in January. According to Ryan, there’s nothing new in the story. Developer Steven Jamal will be making a presentation to the RIOC Board, which will then consider the matter.
- Ryan has suggested that residents put some pressure on **Con Ed** for repair of Island lighting (related letter, page 2). He provides this phone number: **800-752-6633**.
- Ryan also reports that RIOC awaits word on grants for rehabilitation of **Blackwell House** and the **Octagon** tower. The amounts involved, which require RIOC to come up with matching funds, are \$327,000 for Blackwell House and \$251,000 for the Octagon. RIOC is still in discussions with Becker and Becker, a Connecticut architectural firm, about putting a development at the Octagon on the approximate footprint of the old City Hospital – which means two wings that would radiate west and south from the tower.
- And the **Chapel of the Good Shepherd** may get some attention soon. Ryan says RIOC is within a couple of days of signing off on a rehab project for that structure. Ryan hopes to see money for this “before the end of the year.”



Five of the nuns who’ve served the Island’s Cabrini parish lined up for a photo at last Sunday’s celebration: Sr. Diane McKenna, Sr. Glorinda Pighini, Sr. Barbara Leonardo, Sr. Mary Lou Andes, and – currently serving – Sr. Regina Palomara.

Katz and Gaspard Win Top RIRA Jobs; Referendum Scores 80%

President and First VP

Roosevelt Island’s Residents Association campaign and election had many of the elements of the national general election – a debate, negative campaigning, charges of soft money, even a post-vote question of when new officers take charge. But one element of the national scene was missing – it wasn’t close, and there was no uncertainty.

Matthew Katz and Byron Gaspard won RIRA’s President and First Vice President posts with 59% of the vote (see chart), scoring a 9-5 margin over the incumbents, Patrick Stewart and Joan Christianson. Nneka Pope, who filed a last-minute bid for a return to the RIRA Presidency, scored under 10% of the vote, as did a third Vice Presidential candidate, Walter Hill.

Katz and Gaspard won solidly in every building-district.

Katz comments on the election in *The RIRA Column* on page 3.

In the days just before the election, questions were raised by Stewart-Christianson supporters, in e-mail exchanges, about the Katz-Gaspard campaign expenditures. The RIRA constitution limits candidates’ campaign spending to “\$250 per candidate or per slate,” but doesn’t address the question of residents or organizations that advertise on behalf of candidates they favor, which is the “soft-money” question that arose in this year’s election when an ad hoc organization calling itself “Roosevelt Islanders for Democracy” ran a full-page ad in *The WIRE* supporting the Katz-Gaspard team. In addition, large color posters were put up for Katz and Gaspard, bringing the suggestion that only “traditional RIRA signage” of black-on-white letter-size paper should be used. (The signage issue is not addressed in the RIRA constitution.)

In the post-election period, e-mail exchanges between Katz and Stewart have dealt with the question of when the new officers and Common Council take over, with Stewart maintaining that a December 6 Common Council meeting is to be conducted under his presidency, and Katz pointing out established precedents under which Councils and new officers took over at the first Common Council meeting in December, including 1996 and 1998 under Stewart.

Total votes cast in the 2000 election – 1,595 – were only slightly above the 1,566 cast two years ago, despite the fact that the U.S. Presidential contest drew over 2,400 voters to the general election on Roosevelt Island.

In the election of Common Councilors, individual vote tallies (results tabulated on page 3), were down compared to 1998. Byron Gaspard, who was this year’s top Common Council vote-getter in Eastwood, drew 180 votes this year. In 1998 he received 17 more – 197 – but was the lowest-scoring Eastwood contender in that election. The tallies were similar in other buildings: In 1998, Mary Lou Risley was elected as a delegate from 546 Main Street with 234 votes; this year, Dolores Green scored best with only 68 votes. Only in Westview was voting up; Deirdre Breslin polled 108 in 1998, 132 this year.

Why individual vote scores were down while total votes cast remained even with 1998 is a minor mystery. But there were generally more candidates this year, spreading votes more thinly.

The Common Council results brought ten new or non-incumbent returning faces to the Council; two incumbents were reduced from voting seats to alternate status, able to vote only if voting members from their buildings are absent. (See tally and story, page 3.)

Referendum Question

Of the 1,595 voters who cast ballots in the RIRA election November 7, only 1,040 expressed themselves on the question of a locally-elected RIOC Board and professional community management. But of those who voted, 80% voted Yes.

The question read: *I urge immediate passage of legislation that grants residents of Roosevelt Island the right to elect a majority of the RIOC Board of Directors, replacing the current system in which the*

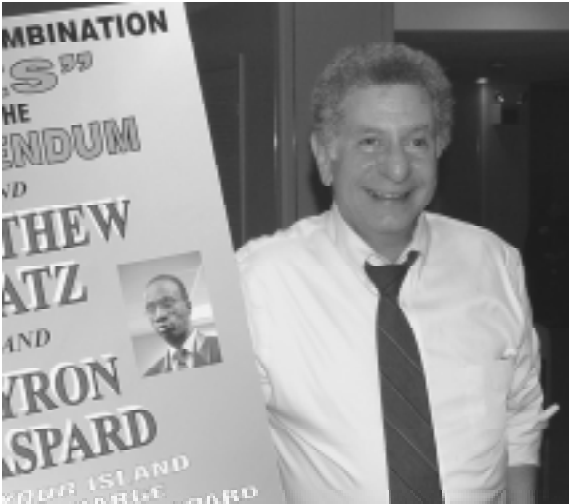
entire Board is composed of non-elected members appointed by the Governor. I understand that the new Board will select, hire, and direct professional management to run Roosevelt Island.

Voting on a similar question in 1998, 92% of those making a choice voted Yes.

But in both elections, many

residents said they realized after leaving the voting booth that they had not noticed the referendum question (a problem with a transportation referendum in the general election, as well), though they had entered the booth intending to vote on it. The question was apparently not in the immediate field of view for many voters, so they didn’t find it unless they consciously searched for it.

Unlike 1998, this year there was a campaign against the referendum question, conducted by Patrick Stewart and Joan Christianson, who expressed concerns about the possible financial impact of the so-called “self-governance” legislation. Both had voted against put-



At a post-election celebration, Matthew Katz held up a poster showing his running mate, Byron Gaspard, as supporters celebrated their win.

	Totals	%	Voting by buildings-districts					
			MPk	Ewd	546	IHs	Riv	Wv
PRESIDENT								
Matthew Katz *	904	58.9	159	179	72	147	234	113
Patrick Stewart I	485	31.6	63	98	19	105	115	85
Nneka Pope	145	9.5	31	70	7	11	16	10
Votes for President	1534							
FIRST VP								
Byron Gaspard *	856	59.4	157	183	45	138	222	111
Joan Christianson I	477	33.1	55	109	23	100	114	76
Walter Hill	108	7.5	27	37	7	11	16	10
Votes for First VP	1441							
REFERENDUM								
Yes *	831	79.9	151	179	63	142	190	106
No	209	20.1	26	47	7	43	48	38
Votes on referendum	1040							
	Total		MPk	Ewd	546	IHs	Riv	Wv
Total votes cast	1595		265	364	108	267	375	216
Percent of all votes			16.6	22.8	6.8	16.7	23.5	13.5

ting the question on the RIRA ballot, then asked residents to vote No.

The referendum outcome is only advisory, but it is sure to be presented to legislators, by those who favor local election of a majority of the members of the RIOC Board, as an indication of constituent desires, particularly when viewed in combination with the heavy vote for Katz and Gaspard, who campaigned for a Yes vote.

Supporters of the idea will now face the task of getting Assemblymember Pete Grannis and Senator Olga Mendez to work together – and to produce a bill acceptable to Governor Pataki.

Letters

Robert Ryan, President
RIOC
591 Main Street
Roosevelt Island

Dear Mr. Ryan:

In recent months RIOC has neglected to maintain the street lights in our community to the degree that it is very dark and dangerous in many areas, but most specifically the road behind Eastwood.

In the 24 years this complex has been in existence, the conditions resulting from RIOC's neglect of maintenance are now reaching the danger point.

We hold RIOC responsible for any accidents, crimes or abnormal occurrences that will occur in unlit areas because of your neglect.

We wholeheartedly recommend your immediate attention to restoring all the lights that are now dead.

We, the Eastwood Building Committee representing 1003 apartments, are notifying RIOC that it will be held responsible and accountable for any and all incidents resulting from RIOC's lack of maintenance.

Harry A. DeVine
Fay Vass
Ronald T. Vass

To the Editor:

I was saddened and frustrated by my wife and in-laws' experience as they attempted to vote in the recent RIRA elections. Because they were not listed as the primary tenant on the lists maintained at the polls, and because they do not have photo ID's listing Roosevelt Island as their home, they were initially turned away. Only by digging through my lease files at home and returning to the polls with them were they able to vote. And even then, with enormous difficulty; my family members felt, in their own words, "degraded," and my own wife simply gave up in frustration.

It should be noted that many Roosevelt Islanders have recently arrived here and either have no driver's license, or have one with a different address. Driver's licenses in New York State are good for four years. I just received my own, updated with a Main Street address, in October. I sincerely hope that the poll workers will have access to better information, and be more sensitive to the feelings of their fellow Islanders in the future. No one on Roosevelt Island should feel "degraded" trying to participate in our democratic process.

Jim Tendean-Luce

To the Editor:

I had a nightmare last night. I dreamed they closed the Tram. While I'm not a person who yells "fire" in a crowded theater, I feel it my duty to draw your readers' attention to the state of the Tram.

Over the last several months I have noticed a marked deterioration in its upkeep and I realize it has been going on for a very long time. The Tram has not been painted for two years. The cable has not been changed this year. The rubber on the doors has been worn away and the turnstiles are barely in working order. When you descend the "new" exit staircase there is a steel beam that looks as if it is about to separate from the supporting beam.

So what is my conclusion? "Elementary, dear Watson. The Tram is about to be closed."

I have a real sense that the powers that be are going to announce to the residents of Roosevelt Island that, due to the obvious deterioration and possible hazards that the deterioration can produce, they have no choice but to close the Tram – that there is nothing to be done about it because it will be too difficult (to fix), too difficult (to obtain the proper parts), and, as usual, too costly (to maintain). This is a cynical example of planned obsolescence.

Please, let someone tell me I'm delusional and paranoid – that the Tram will continue as usual and that it was, after all, only a bad dream.

Karen Puritz



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The Island's Family Album

The Seniors' Fashion Show

November 4, 2000



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Letters Policy

The WIRE welcomes letters to the Editor, to the community, and to/from officials, and will consider publication on a *Name Withheld* basis, but the writer's name, address, and phone number must be provided. All letters subject to acceptance, and may be edited for length and clarity. **Preferred methods of submission:** PC-standard 3.5-inch floppy disk left at 531 Main St. for The WIRE, or by e-mail to nyc10044@rcn.com (ASCII text preferred or use any word-processing software). Alternatives: Typed, double-spaced copy left at 531 Main St. or faxed to (212) 755-2540. Clearly handwritten letters will be considered. We cannot take telephone dictation of letters.

**Letters deadline for
Dec. 2 issue: Nov. 26**

Letters received after deadline will be considered on a space-available basis

With relief, we can note that the election – the one for the Roosevelt Island Residents Association (RISA), that is – is over. It remains only for the new administration and Common Councilors to assume their duties formally.

It should be so easy on the national level.

Apart from congratulating the winners and wishing them well in representing residents over the next two years, The WIRE has little to say of an editorial nature this issue.

So, blessed with some last-minute ads our finances wouldn't let us turn away, we're pleased to use this page to share scenes from the Island's family album of our Seniors and escorts in their recent

fashion show – put together, incidentally, by a newly-elected member of the Common Council, Dolores Green, RISA President.

We're pleased to note, as well, the 25th year of the Island parish of Saint Frances X. Cabrini, and the marvelous celebration that marked it last Sunday – including the welcome return visits of Msgr. John McCarthy,

Cabrini's founding pastor, and Fr. Joseph Gorman, who served here so lovingly for so many years. They, and the spirit of the Cabrini celebration, symbolize so much of what Roosevelt Island is about. We can unhesitatingly commend their spirit and attitude to the new and returning members of the RISA Common Council.

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Common Council Races Produce Ten New Voting Members

The November 7 Residents Association election drew more than a dozen first-time or returning one-time-member candidates, with ten being elected to voting positions. Two building-districts didn't field enough candidates to fill their Council seats – Manhattan Park (four openings) and 4 River Road (one). These open seats can be filled with volunteers by vote of the Common Council.

The next RIRA Common Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, at 8:00 p.m. in Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Under the RIRA constitution, building candidates not elected to voting positions serve as alternates and are entitled to participate in Council discussions and debate. When voting councilors from their building-districts are absent from a Common Council meeting, the alternates step into the voting positions in the order of votes received in the election. (In the list at right, *first alternates* are shown in *italic type*; **elected councilors** appear in **bold type**.)

Both councilors and alternates are subject to a rule under which absence from three consecutive meetings brings removal from their position. Under the present constitution, members who move from one building-district to another also lose their seats.

Frank Farance, who manages the Common Council e-mail reflector, has asked that new members provide him with their e-mail addresses, home and work phone numbers, home and work fax numbers, and home address, by e-mail to frank@farance.com or by telephone (486-4700).

Notes: Numbers in parentheses are the number of Council seats to which each building is entitled. Incumbents are indicated by the symbol **i**. Vote totals include ten absentee ballots. Byron Gaspard was elected First Vice President and surrenders the Council seat to which he was elected.

2RR (1)	
James Whalen i alt	109
4RR (1)	
No candidate	
Eastwood (7)	
Byron Gaspard [VP] i	180
Joan Christianson	146
Nneka Pope	139
Mercedes (Cookie) Lugo	138
Thomas V. Brown	127
Carolyn Christianson	124
Walter Hill i	119
Gwen Almo-Duvar i	113
Ruth Kolins	110
Dorothy Muller	101
James Kaufman i	90
James Tendean-Luce	87
Joyce Mincheff i	86
546 Main Street (2)	
Dolores Green	68
Joan Matula i	26
Island House (3)	
Vicki Feinmel	126
Frank Farance i	124
Judith Berdy i	120
Ethel Romm	111
Patrick Stewart	100
Karen Stewart	95
Rivercross (3)	
Steve Marcus	190
Ron Schuppert i	163
Larry Parnes	143
Margie Smith	135
Jeff Hochman i alt	133
Richard Wade	87
Joseph Cristiano	72
Olya Turcihin Stern	44
Westview (3)	
Deirdre Breslin i	132
Ken Diebner i	124
Rhoda Jacklin i	118
Patricia Ricketts	58
Joseph Palermo	55
Manhattan Park (8)	
Sherie Helstien i	143
Mosud Mannan i	124
Sigrid Martin	117
Suki Murdoch	117

This is the first of what I hope will be many reports from the Roosevelt Island Residents Association Common Council to you, the members of RIRA. A week ago many of us were candidates in a hotly-contested, Island-wide campaign. Today, many of us are again colleagues on the RIRA Common Council. Our only purpose is expressed in Article I of the RIRA Constitution, “to represent the interests and ensure the health, safety and welfare of the members and to ensure that the quality of life in our community is maintained and improved.” One of my campaign promises was to resurrect the President’s Column in *The Main Street WIRE*, but for now let’s just call it the President-Elect’s Column until I am inducted officially, and until I get the hang of this column-writing thing.

Byron Gaspard and I haven’t been inducted as First Vice President and President yet, but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted for us as well as everyone who came out to vote on November 7. If we as Americans have learned anything from this round of national elections, it is that every vote counts. As I write, it seems likely that the vote differential by which both Byron and I won (some 400 votes each) is greater than the current vote difference between Vice President Gore and Governor Bush for the entire state of Florida that will determine the next U.S. President. You gave each of us about 59% of the votes cast (with other candidates sharing the remaining 41%), with a clear majority in every residential building on Roosevelt Island, and we take that as a mandate for change.

It is our hope that Patrick Stewart, outgoing RIRA president, will allow us to convene the new Common Council, Class of 2000, at the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 6. That’s how Patrick started off his last two-year term and it will allow the new Council to choose its officers and committee chairs before the holidays. Patrick is calling for a Town Meeting in December instead and, in fact, our constitution calls for one. However, there are years of precedent to bypass the December Town Meeting, and after all, we have convened twice as a community in the last three weeks to hold our RIRA Debate and Candidates’ Night. It’s not that we don’t want to be inducted in front of our friends and neighbors and hear the report of the outgoing president. It’s just that there’s too much work to be done to justify the support you gave us on Election Day, and we want to get to it. As always, the community is encouraged to attend this first Common Council meeting and all subsequent meetings, with time allocated at the top of each agenda for

the residents to be heard. If you believe that the new Class of 2000 should be seated at our December 6 meeting, please let Mr. Stewart and the current Council Members know how you feel.

In future columns, when this is truly a President’s Column, I will use this “bully pulpit” to report on meetings of the Common Council as well as my interactions with the Island, City and State officials and organizations that affect our lives. Will my writing be biased, opinionated and subjective? Y’betcha! I’ll leave the objective news reporting to the front page of *The WIRE*. Why? Because mine is only one vote out of 30. My function as president is to use the rules available (the RIRA Constitution, Robert’s Rules of Order, precedent, courtesy, common sense) plus my powers of persuasion to guide the Common Council toward resolution of the issues you have raised. Everything we’ve said and written during six weeks of campaigning has concerned what Byron and I want to accomplish over the next two years. Our efforts will be rewarded only if we can persuade the C o u n c i l Members to work with us and to vote with us, and the columns and editorials of *The WIRE* are forums for persuasion. We hope to expedite the things we agree on right away, and debate the issues where there is differing opinion. That’s the way deliberative bodies should conduct themselves, and that is how I intend to lead this Common Council.

Congratulations and thanks to the Common Council, Class of 2000, for volunteering to run for office and work for Roosevelt Island. You all have my respect. My quotation *du jour* is, “Decisions are made by those who show up.”

Come on down and watch us work. The Council meets the first Wednesday of each month, at 8:00 p.m., in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd (lower level). And, oh yeah, wish us luck!

The RIRA Column



Matthew Katz

COMING UP

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Sat., Nov. 18, 6:00 p.m., **Annual Dinner**, Roosevelt Island Seniors Association, Senior Center.

Mon., Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m., **RIOC Board of Directors** meeting, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Mon., Nov. 20 (date changed), 8:00 p.m., **Dirty Donations**, final class in RIJC adult education series, Cultural Center, 548 Main Street. Free.

Tue., Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m., **Estate Planning** lecture by Steven Ratner, attorney, Library.

Fri., Nov. 24 (and every Friday), 7:00 p.m., **Roosevelt Island Artists Association** drawing session with live model, for beginners to professionals, 12th floor studio, 546 Main Street. Information – **421-5939**.

Mon., Nov. 27, 8:00 p.m., **Roosevelt Island Toastmasters**. Call **583-0842** for meeting location and other information. Guests welcome.

Wed., Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m., **PTA Executive Board Meeting**.

Sat., Dec. 2, 8:00 p.m., **Juanita Fleming in Concert**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd, underwritten by *The Main Street WIRE* and presented by River Music in cooperation with Cabrini Parish.

Sat., Dec. 2, next scheduled issue of *The Main Street WIRE*. **Deadlines:** Advertising in the paper, Fri., November 24; decision on stuffers for *The Bag*, Mon., November 27; bag materials due Thur., November 30. **Future issues:** December 16 (holiday issue); January 13, 27, 2001; February 10, 24; March 10, 24; April 7, 21; May 5, 19; June 2, 30 (July 4 business cards issue); August 4, then every two weeks starting early in September. Advertisers wishing to be included in unscheduled **EXTRA** editions, *without notice at the time*, are invited to call **826-9055** to make their interest known. **Phone/fax** for news, **826-9055/755-2540**; urgent/breaking news, 917-353-1647; phone/fax for advertising inquiries, **751-8214/755-2540**; phone/fax to list your organization’s Island events here (no charge), **208-2907**, or e-mail alpinset@cs.com.

Wed., Dec. 6, 8:00 p.m., **Residents Association Common Council Meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Fri.-Mon., Dec. 8-11 and Dec. 15-18, times vary, **Main Street Theatre** benefit production of *A Christmas Carol* musical. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00, Sundays at 2:00 and 7:30, Mondays at 7:30. \$15; seniors and disabled \$10 on Monday, December 11.

There is no charge for listing Island events here. E-mail information to alpinset@cs.com or fax/call 208-2907.

Senior Center

Monday
10:00, **Internet Class**
10:30, **Blood Pressure Screening**
12:45, **Arts & Crafts** (RIDA)

Tuesday
10:00, **Jazzercise**
10:30, **Beaded Jewelry Wkshp**
1:00 p.m., **Games** (RISA)

Wednesday
9:15, **Stay Well** (stretch)
10:00, **English as 2nd Language** (Beginners’ session at 10:00, Intermediate session at 11:00.)
7:00 p.m., **Glee Club**

Thursday
10:00, **Tai Chi**
10:00, **Creative Arts**
12:30, **Movie**
12:30, **VNS Blood Pressure and Medical Information**
6:30, **Dance Class**

Friday
9:00, **English as 2nd Language** (Beginner’s session at 9:00, Intermediate session at 10:00)
11:00, **Citizenship Class**

Saturday
7:30 p.m., **Bingo** (RISA)

Special Events
Sat., Nov. 18, 6:00 p.m., **Annual RISA Dinner**
Wed., Nov. 22 and 29, 12:30, **Oriental Calligraphy Class**
Closed November 23 & 24

Home-delivered meals available
Call **744-5022**, ext. **1203**

The Main Street WIRE CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Sailing Feb.10, 2001 from Ft. Lauderdale

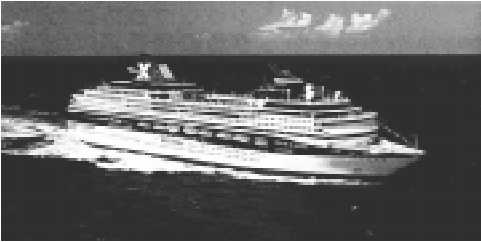
Singles – all ages! Don’t be hesitant to join *The WIRE*’s February cruise if you will be traveling alone. We can pair you with a compatible cabin mate. A Caribbean cruise should not be restricted to someone who has a traveling companion. We all need a midwinter break from ice, snow and cold, not just couples who travel together. Don’t wait... Call now and reserve a place on our February cruise to the Eastern Caribbean and let us find you a compatible cabin mate. You will be with your friends and neighbors from Roosevelt Island as you relax on The Century, one of the most luxurious cruise ships afloat. The Century is part of the Celebrity Cruise Line’s fleet and sails out of Ft. Lauderdale for seven sun-filled days and four different ports in the Caribbean. We will be stopping at San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Maarten, and Nassau in the Bahamas. There will be Calypso music on deck every day and fabulous entertainment every evening. The Main Dining Room serves exceptional cuisine in an elegant setting, with snacks, pizza, and yummys available all day long. And it’s all included for an incredibly low price of \$853 for an inside cabin. Air fare to Florida is extra.

Never been on a cruise before? Not to worry. There will be an experienced Cruise Manager on board just for our group who will deal with any situations that might arise to insure your maximum pleasure on the cruise.

For full details call Jim Baehler at **752-6463**.

Our sailing date is February 10, 2001 and we are not sure how much longer the cruise line will be able to offer this exceptionally low fare. Don’t wait any longer. As the ship approaches full status our special low price will no longer be available.

Holiday gift decisions? What better way to reward your parents or favorite aunt and uncle than to send them on a cruise with the gift they will always remember. There are people you love who have meant so much to you, and here is your opportunity to show your affection and gratitude. Just for once, let yourself go and be extravagant.

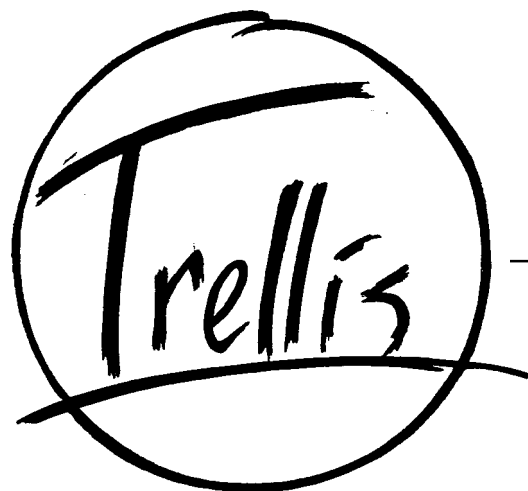


Become a Foster Parent



Sheltering Arms

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Thanksgiving...

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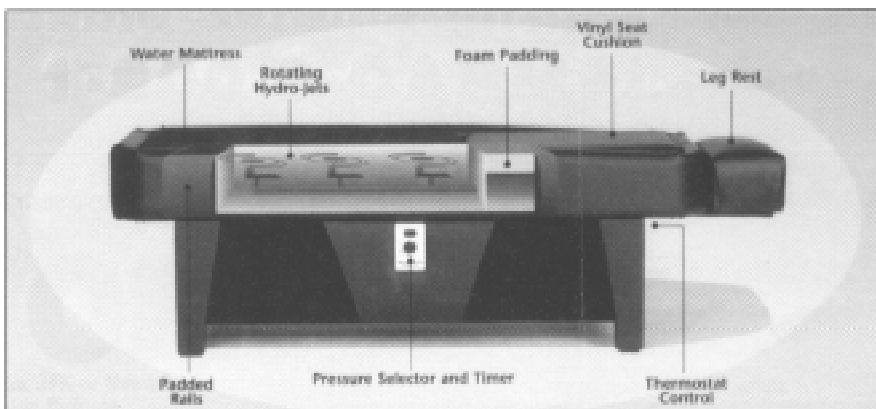
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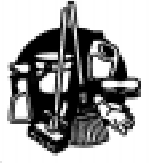
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Raiders 2 - 2	Jets 2 - 2
Titans 2 - 2	Vikings 2 - 2
Rams 1 - 3	Titans 1 - 3

In the **Junior Division** (ages 11-13), the Cowboys moved into first place on the strength of back-to-back victories over the Titans and the Rams. The team has been playing solid defense, with Shabaka White, Richard DeLaCruz, Jimmy Elias, and Stevano Jones all contributing to the team effort. The Raiders in their victory over the Rams were led by their receiving corp of Dax Armenakis, Neal Stueber, Remy Armenakis and tight end Tyrell Anderson. The Titans meanwhile avenged their opening-day loss to the Raiders by defeating the Raiders 38-19 in week 4 action. Lamar Burrows and Matthew Colon shared the quaterbacking honors, while Christian Gautier and Mohamed Camara scored TDs and Jake Russem recorded the first point of his career on a successful extra-point conversion. The Rams, although struggling since their open-

ing day victory, have been receiving strong play from Ricardo Bonano, Chris Dominguez, Sebastian Gherardi, Jonathan Hart, Steven Morabito and Sean Suarez.

In the **Senior Division** (ages 14-16), the Chiefs moved into first place by defeating the Jets 49-41 in week 3 and the Titans 45-40 in week 4. In the victory over the Titans, Zach Russem threw six TD passes, with Deshawn Pearson, Mike Kirkman and Seth Kaufman each scoring two of the TDs, while Rakeem Cummings ran an interception back for a score. For the Titans, Alhassan Camara, Tommy Corbisiero and Scott Davis each returned an interception for a TD, and Steve Morgan threw TD passes to Anthony Simmons and Junior Ruiz. In the other Senior Division game from week 4, the Vikings rallied from a 33-12 deficit in the first half to take the lead 37-35 late in the game, only to have the Jets come back with a last-minute score for the 41-37 victory. For the Jets, Brian Morgan threw TD passes to Brian Reyes, Eddie Cullen and Owen Price and Brendan Burgess recorded the season’s first safety, sacking the quarterback in the end zone. For the Vikings, Mark Comrie ran for 4 scores and Alhussein Camara caught a TD pass from John Mason. In the Vikings’ week 3 win over the Titans, Blas Loor, Terry Moses and Eran Carmelli caught TD passes.

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Listed Finishers from Roosevelt Island

	Place	Time	Place/Sex	Place/Age
Intermite, Francesco	1316	3:12:23	1239 M	563 39
Ohlson, Eric R.	5943	3:45:33	5267 M	473 51
Ishiyama, Hirohide	7139	3:51:07	6276 M	2539 32
Flannigan, James	17932	4:35:36	14386 M	2866 44
Falavigna, Josephine M.	22268	4:56:48	5178 F	862 40
Herman, Briana	22557	4:58:16	5299 F	1274 24
Chenkin, Stuart	26208	5:31:12	19387 M	141 65
Ito, Miwa	26482	5:34:58	6958 F	2936 30
Herman, Jillian E.	26669	5:38:36	7046 F	1617 20
Battles, Martha M.	27505	5:53:47	7428 F	661 47
Bdera, Nicholas	27720	5:59:33	20205 M	2474 52
Bdera, Karen P.	27721	5:59:33	7516 F	3156 39
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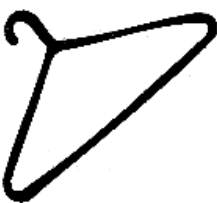
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