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**Shank of the Evening** Norma Martinez, Nelly Falcon, Bobby Woods (left picture) and Marilyn and Larry Itskowitch were among the dancers at last Saturday's "Swingin' Soiree."

## RIRA Fun'Raiser Nets \$4,460

A capacity crowd of Islanders and guests reveled last weekend at RIRA's "Swingin' Soiree" event at Manhattan Park Theater Club. The event, billed as a "Fun'Raiser," made \$4,460 for the Residents Association's treasury.

Some 300 tickets were sold, but additional income resulted from sale of tables, drinks, a "money tree," and 50-50 raffles held during the evening.

Vicki Feinmel, the RIRA Common Councilor who headed up preparations for the event (see her letter, page 2), told *The WIRE*, "This event was an unexpectedly huge success. It was great watching everyone have such a great time."

She added, "I hope this will be the beginning of many more community events to come."

While the money raised with last weekend's party will go for general purposes, RIRA faces a need to raise funds for other reasons. It is intervening in an Article 78 legal action aimed at rolling back the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation's approval of the plan for Southtown. In addition, members of the Common Council

have been anticipating other possible legal action in response to development actions by the RIOC Board.

## Eastwood Outage Shows Preparedness

by Robert Laux-Bachand

The scary potential of an Eastwood power failure was quickly recognized on the night of Sunday, February 25. In one late-night newscast, for example, TV viewers were told that two buildings on Roosevelt Island were without power, and that the residents were being evacuated.

That sketchy report was no more accurate than the recent blizzard forecast, but it did underscore the seriousness of the situation. Residents who depend on life support systems are scattered throughout Eastwood's 1,003 apartments, and it was the vulnerability of these tenants, in particular, that triggered the massive gathering of emergency workers and their equipment – some two dozen vehicles for the first several hours – that dominated much of Main Street well into the next day.

The problem originated at about 8:35 p.m. in a large electrical control panel in the basement of Eastwood at 540 Main Street, which has 153 duplex apartments. Sixty of the apartments in 540 lost power, all at the front of the building. In addition, all of Eastwood lost water pressure because the apartment complex's water pumps are

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## Miller: MetroCard for Tram in Reach but RIOC Drags Feet

### Ryan Wants "Shrink-Wrap" Ads on Tram Cabins

by Dick Lutz

City Councilmember Gifford Miller had harsh words for RIOC Wednesday night. Specifically, he said funding MetroCard for the Tramway could easily be done if only he could get RIOC President Robert Ryan to have a serious conversation about advertising in Tramway Plaza.

Ryan says RIOC wants to "shrink-wrap" the Tram cars the way some City buses carry wraparound advertising, but he doesn't want the income tied to the MetroCard.

"It has been so difficult to get RIOC to move forward with any plans," Miller said. "I'm offering them a deal on which they'll make lots of money... and they haven't been able, for nine months, to get together a meaningful meeting to accept lots of money in order to have MetroCard placed on the Tram."

Miller spoke Wednesday night on a panel discussion of urban planner Ed Logue's accomplishments at the Municipal Art Society (MAS). (The session, which focused on the successes and failures of Roosevelt Island, will be reported in depth in *The WIRE*'s March 24 issue.)

In the MAS meeting, Miller called the impasse a "total lack of leadership" at RIOC.

Ryan said last summer (*The WIRE*, August 26) that the MetroCard would be too costly. "At this point, it doesn't make financial sense to have the MetroCard," Ryan said then. On Thursday, Ryan said RIOC had taken the initiative in setting up an August meeting with Miller and his fellow Councilmember, Walter McCaffrey, who chairs the City Council's Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises. The Tramway is a City franchise granted to RIOC.

In a follow-up conversation Thursday morning, Miller provided more detail on what he has in mind: "I've been trying to push RIOC for years. They recently have been seeking, from the City, the opportunity to do advertising on the Tram, which could reap them enormous financial benefits. I said that I was willing to consider that if they were willing to make the Tram part of the MetroCard system... but I haven't been able to get them together with the TA to make it happen, and it's been very frustrating."

On Thursday, Ryan said he wants adver-

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On February 25, two dozen emergency vehicles filled Main Street the length of Eastwood until well after midnight.

## Across the East Channel, a Polluting Neighbor Plans Expansion

by Anusha Shrivastava

Roosevelt Island's closest neighbor across the East River is the Ravenswood Keyspan Generating Station.

One among the five power plants in the area, this plant places Islanders very close to what environmentalists are calling "Asthma Alley" in northwestern Queens. The Gen-

erating Station looms up right outside Islanders' windows. Brown fumes rise above the plant. Chemical odors waft across the river when the wind blows in this direction. The facility's three red-and-white smokestacks spill out nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter that help make this area among the worst-pol-

luted in New York State. Instead of being closed down, the 54-year old plant has just received approval to expand. It will add a 250-megawatt plant to its existing facility already generates nearly 2,000 megawatts of electricity. Each megawatt produced is enough power to light 1,000 homes.

The City needs about 3,000 megawatts of additional power by 2005, according to business and labor groups. More businesses, new homes and increased consumption in existing buildings has been driving up demand. This, coupled with the fact that, by law, 80 percent of the electricity has to be generated within the City to maintain reliability, is the reason why KeySpan got the approval. "We will keep the grid running on peak demand days. After all, we produce 28 percent of the electricity required by the City," said Jeffrey Smith, Plant Manager of the Ravenswood facility.

Expanding this site is economical for the company because transmission lines, the workforce and the gas lines are already in place. KeySpan claims it can pass on its savings to customers.

Environmentalists and community groups are not impressed. Everyone agrees that more power is needed, but no one wants more plants in an area overloaded with more than its fair share. Matthew Katz, President of the Roosevelt Island Residents Association, told *The WIRE*, "I am extremely concerned that this strip is being burdened with so many power plants. Simply because you already have trans-

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## Happy Saint Patrick's Day Next Saturday, March 17

The Editorial Page

# A Tram Too Far

From time to time residents have talked about ways to capitalize on the uniqueness of the Tramway to bring needed funds to Roosevelt Island. There was the notion of a kind of discreet sponsorship under which our special means of river-hopping might be known – for example – as *The Sony Tramway*. There might even be a small sign somewhere acknowledging the corporate contribution to the nation’s only commuter cable-car system.

New York is advertising central, of course, and we’re accustomed to corporate names being attached to our institutions. *The JVC Jazz Festival* comes to mind.

But RIOC President Robert Ryan now says he’s thinking about shrink-wrapping the Tram cabins (“the buckets,” he calls them) and turning them into billboards-in-motion visible from the FDR Drive, the Queensboro Bridge, and much of the Upper East Side. Picture a Coca-Cola logo wrapped around you as the Tramway brings you home at day’s end.

Now picture it at night, with lights added.  
Now picture it advertising Preparation H.  
Now picture it the way it is now. *That’s the way it should stay.*

Thoughts of creative funding deserve credit. But this idea is one that shouldn’t get off the ground.

While just about every mass transit system in the country is subsidized with tax dollars, Roosevelt Island’s Tramway limps along losing money, sans MetroCard, subsidized only by the funds RIOC doesn’t spend on the general maintenance the Island so badly needs. That thought should make Islanders furious – but our guessing is that anger is nothing compared to the uproar from residents if their beloved Tram becomes a billboard.

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## Farewell to a Friend

I ran into an old friend  
On the way home the other night.  
I spent some time because I knew  
He was passing.

The ground was hard-frozen,  
The lights from Manhattan bright,  
Competing with the clear stars above.  
Already the bulldozer tracks noted  
The beginning of destruction.

We reminisced, as friends do.  
The time we played with my son  
As he kicked his first goal.  
Kite-flying in the spring – watching  
My child grow up together.

I bade farewell to my friend  
And trudged home. The next day  
The chain-link fence was locked  
And my friend, the old field,  
Was no more. Farewell.

James Tendean-Luce



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# Letters

To the Community:

I now have had two days to reminisce on the sweet success of last Saturday’s RIRA Fun’Raiser. One of my goals, as a member of RIRA, is to reach out to the community by getting more involved with the people who live here as well as the different groups and organizations.

The Fundraising Committee, which I chaired, wanted to have a fun event that welcomed the entire adult community (sorry kids), so we decided to throw a party. Besides a financially-successful evening, the people who attended as well as the music played was extremely diverse, as Roosevelt Island is, and as far as I could tell everyone had a great time.

Although putting on an event like this takes a great deal of planning and hard work, it was well worth it. This was truly a community event. I could not have done it without the amazing fundraising committee made up of RIRA and non-RIRA members. It included: Gwen Almo-Duvar, Judy Arond, Marguerite Camaiore, Dolores Green, Sherie Helstien, Cookie Lugo, Ruth Kolins, Nurit Marcus, Joan Matula, Maritza Salgado, Margie Smith and Fay Vass. My special thanks to d.j. Mike, who kept the room jumping, Charlie DeFino for his constant suggestions and advice, Worth Howe for the lighting, the Common Council members who sold tickets, Trellis for its support, and to those who purchased tables. Thanks also to David and Mickey Bauer, Judy Berdy, Harry DeVine, Charlene Dumé, Frank Farance, Linda Heimer, David, Ellie and Steve Marcus, Rebecca Ocampo, Marta Poleszczuk, Harry Small, Ron Vass, Aniela White and Willie Morales, for your hard work. Lastly, thanks again to Fay Vass and Margie Smith for all their support and advice.

I’m happy to say that our goals were met. Hope to see you at the next event.

Vicki Feinmel

In addition to making your signage absolutely clear, you also need to make sure there are NYCTA people on all the affected train platforms who are knowledgeable about the schedules that impact all of your paying customers. We are utterly confused by re-routing and the poor signage. And we want people who are well and thoroughly instructed and *able* to give accurate and timely information. You owe us platform oversight, period.

Furthermore, Mr. Reuter, you and the MTA need to make sure that you have English-speaking conductors who, especially when announcing the various re-routings on the PA systems, speak the changes clearly.

Mr. Reuter, we on Roosevelt Island look forward to getting your advice on how to get home each weekend, an apology, some much better signage, and knowledgeable, proactive MTA employees on all the platforms involved in all the “detours.”

Sherie L. Helstien  
with Yarmila Maranova  
Todd Jagerson  
Tanya Gussak

**Letters deadline for Mar. 24 issue: Mar. 18**  
Letters received after deadline will be considered on a space-available basis

To the Editor:

With the change in the West Service Drive has come dangers which did not formerly exist. With the exception of the two pedestrian crosswalk stops in front of the subway, traffic is unimpeded for a five-block stretch. There is no guard rail to protect pedestrians from the bottom of the ramp to the old bus stop. And it doesn’t take imagination to envision the damage a car out of control can wreak. Why did they eliminate the bar rail from the subway crosswalk to the old bus stop? Cars are speeding to work at the hospital. And reverse, going home, even though the main street-traffic is strictly controlled by numerous crosswalks. Furthermore, during inclement weather, the speeding cars are splashing dirty water on pedestrians irresponsibly. This is outrageous. A strict 10 m.p.h. should be posted and enforced in this five-block area. A guard rail must be installed to protect walkers where they are vulnerable. Nothing less is acceptable.

Edward Hussey

To the Editor:

I read with interest about the struggles our merchants have to keep their businesses profitable (*The WIRE*, February 10).

However, it is time for our merchants to look at their stores.

These are a few examples of why there is no temptation to shop on the Island:

- The Stationery shop has filthy windows with no displays, and dusty items tossed in the front display windows. The store is in fair condition inside.
- The fish store, now vegetable market, has a stale odor and sorry appearance. From the appearance and the odor, I don’t feel the merchandise inside would be fresh.
- M&D Deli has not been renovated, thoroughly cleaned, painted or improved in the 23 years I have lived here. For the last decade I have been amazed by the twine handle on the freezer-cabinet door, instead of a handle.
- The Grog Shop has not been painted or refurbished in those years either.
- The video store has had the same posters and videos in their unwashed windows for years. The inside is more like a flea market than a Main Street store.

It is time for our merchants to look at their own stores and see why we do not shop in them.

None of these shops has to spend a fortune to clean up and make their businesses attractive. But until they clean up, there is no temptation to shop in them and we will go to other stores, either in Queens or Manhattan.

I am probably the biggest booster of Roosevelt Island and its community. It is sad that I cannot be proud of our shops and their appearance. I have hoped for years that the merchants would fix up their stores and that a letter like this would not be necessary.

Judith Berdy

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# COMING UP

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**Sat., Mar. 10**, cancellation notice: **Kaffee-Klatsch Series** has been cancelled due to the death of James Tendean-Luce’s mother and other pressing family responsibilities.

**Continuing through April 14**, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (except Thursdays and Sundays), **Exhibition – Housing New York: Ed Logue and His Architects**, presented by the Architectural League and the Municipal Arts Society, at MAS, 457 Madison Avenue (between 50th/51st). Residential projects of the Urban Development Corporation, including Roosevelt Island. Information: **935-3960**.

**Wed., Mar. 14**, 8:00 p.m., **RIRA Common Council meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd (rescheduled from March 7).

**Tue., Mar. 20**, 6:30 p.m., **Book Discussion – Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen, Library. Pre-registration required; limit of 20 participants. Copies of book available in advance, due back the evening of the discussion.

**Fri., Mar. 23**, 7:00 p.m., **Bernard Dove & Friends** in a **Dance Extravaganza**, PS 217 auditorium, an event in the Adult Friday Concert Series produced by the Roosevelt Island Youth Program. Exhibitions in Modern Jazz, Hip-Hop, Waltz, Mambo, Tango, Cha-cha, Fox Trot, Meringue.

**Sat., Mar. 24**, next issue of *The Main Street WIRE*. **Deadlines:** Advertising in the paper, Fri., Mar. 16; decision on stuffers for *The Bag*, Mon., Mar. 19; materials due Thur., Mar. 22. **Future issues:** Apr. 7, 21; May 5, 19; June 2, 30; Aug. 4, then every two weeks starting early in September. **Phone/fax** for news, **826-9055/755-2540**; phone/fax for advertising inquiries, **751-8214/755-2540**; to list your organization’s Island events here (no charge), fax information to **755-2540**, or e-mail MainStreetWIRE@rcn.com.

**Sat., Mar. 24**, 3:00 p.m., **Memorial Service for C. Mark Bethel** (rescheduled), Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

**Sun., Mar. 25**, 1:00 p.m., **Walking Tour of Roosevelt Island – Revisiting the Master Plan**, conducted by Judith Berdy, President of the Roosevelt Island Historical Society, for the Municipal Art Society. \$15. Reservations required; call **935-3960**. (Meet at the Manhattan-side Tramway station at 12:45 p.m.)

**Sun., Mar. 25**, 7:30 p.m., **No Place Like Home**, historical script by the late Rev. Oliver Chapin, Chapel of the Good Shepherd. An oral and slide history of the Island, presented as a benefit for the Organ Fund of Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Donation \$5.00.

**Tue., Mar. 27**, 6:00 p.m., **Roosevelt Island History on the Web**, at the Library (a program of the Roosevelt Island Historical Society).

**Wed., Mar. 28**, 9:30-12:30, **Career Day** at PS/IS 217. Volunteers sought to tell students about their work lives. Call **980-0294**, ext. 2422.

**Thur., Mar. 29**, 9:30 a.m., **RIOC Board of Directors meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd, **rescheduled from March 8**. (Executive session normally starts at 9:30, followed by public session, starting 10:30 or 11:00.)

**Fri., Mar. 30**, 7:00 p.m., **Adult Friday Concert Series**, PS 217 auditorium, program to be announced.

**Wed., Apr. 4**, 8:00 p.m., **RIRA Common Council meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

**Thur., Apr. 12**, 6:00 p.m., **RIOC Board of Directors meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

**Wed., Apr. 18**, 8:00 p.m., **Community Board 8 Roosevelt Island Meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

**Wed., May 2**, 8:00 p.m., **RIRA Common Council meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

**Thur., May 10**, 9:30 a.m., **RIOC Board of Directors meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd. (Executive session normally starts at 9:30, followed by open meeting, starting 10:30 or 11:00.)

**Wed., June 6**, 8:00 p.m., **RIRA Common Council meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

**Thur., June 14**, 6:00 p.m., **RIOC Board of Directors meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

There is no charge to list Island events here. E-mail information to [mainstreetwire@rcn.com](mailto:mainstreetwire@rcn.com), fax to 755-2540, or leave copy at desk at 531 Main Street, addressed to *The WIRE*.

## Evening of Dance in RIYP’s Friday Night Series



Margery Rubin

Bernard Dove and Friends will be featured in a “Dance Extravaganza” Friday night, March 23, in the Roosevelt Island Youth Program’s Friday Night Adult Concert Series. The programs, at the PS 217 auditorium, begin at 7:00 p.m.

The dance program will include Modern Jazz, Hip-Hop, Swing Dancing, Tango, Mambo, Cha-Cha, Fox Trot, Merengue, the waltz, and creative movements. Bernard Dove (left) is an Island resident best known here for his performances in RISA Fashion Shows. He is a professional dancer, model, choreographer and producer of “Fashion Concerts” at the Fashion Institute of Technology and the Brooklyn Academy of Music, among other places.

The Adult Concert Series opened in January with a big-band concert by the T.J. Tomlin Big Band, and continued March 2 with Roberta Fabiano (right, with Island resident Claudia Cole) and Friends in an eclectic program of music through the decades after World War II.

Another concert in the series is tentatively planned for Friday night, March 30, but details were unavailable at press time.



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## Susie Mae Williams

Susie Mae Williams died February 14 at age 56.

A graduate of Charles Evans Hughes High School, she was a past Secretary of the Roosevelt Island Seniors Association (RISA),



who had worked for the U.S. Postal Service, then the New York City Department of Corrections. Island seniors know her as the volunteer who regularly tested their blood pressure.

After retirement, she served as a volunteer for the Joffrey Ballet, for the Concept Afterschool Program, the Harlem Business Alliance, and the Hillary Clinton Campaign.

She is survived by a son, Anthony Williams, and a sister, Havana Jefferson, both of New York City; by a brother and sister-in-law, James and Theresa Harrison of Browns Mill, New Jersey; and by other family living in New York and in Florence, South Carolina.

She served on the Usher Board of the White Rock Baptist Church on West 127th Street, where she was a member. A memorial service was held at the church February 21.

## Penny Harvesters Donating Books

Students from PS 217’s class 301 will travel to New York Children’s Hospital in Queens on Thursday to donate books purchased with Penny Harvest funds.

PS 217 students meet to make decisions on how the proceeds of their fund-raising will be used.

## Public Safety Blotter appears this issue on Website NYC10044

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## The RIRA Column

If you were unable to attend last Saturday night’s Swingin’ Soiree, the RIRA Fun’Raiser, well, you missed an outstanding evening. Perhaps 250 of your neighbors took advantage of raffles and prizes, terrific food and drink and hot dance music. Your humble servant worked his left arm into a major Charley horse in his capacity as bartender. But fear not, gentle reader, the Residents Association will be comin’ atcha with many more opportunities to support our efforts and to have a good time.

Vicki Feinmel and her committee did an extraordinary job of organization and execution. Many thanks to Gwen Almo-Duvar, Judy Arond, Marguerite Camaiore, Dolores Green, Ruth Kolins, Cookie Lugo, Nurit Marcus, Joan Matula, Maritza Salgado, Margie Smith, Fay Vass and my own Sherie Helstien. Additional thanks to the many Island residents who stepped up to the plate and volunteered their time and effort, with a special tip of the hat to d.j. Mike, who kept the tunes rolling and the dance floor cookin’.

We must acknowledge those vendors whose donations made it possible for your Residents Association to keep even more of the proceeds. Thank you Ray and the Gristede’s Megastore, thanks to Costco and to Miller Brewing and to PepsiCo, and special thanks to Charlene Dumé for her contributions with the Blueridge Farms food vendors. Once again, the Trellis has given this community its support by including a facsimile of our ticket of admission in their *Main Street WIRE* advertising and offering a “buck back” upon submission of your ticket stub. Did you remember to keep yours?

We are indebted to those who bought entire tables for our party. Our friends in housing management came through, and we thank Roosevelt Island Housing Management Corporation, Manhattan Park and the Rivercross Board for pitching in. Councilmember Gifford Miller supported us as he always does. And we reserve enormous gratitude for U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, who came out to share the evening with us before leaving to visit her hospitalized father. We’re glad some of her staffers stayed to bugaloo, and I hope Carolyn will save a dance for me at our next social gathering. She reminded the crowd of our intention to stage a Town Meeting, with Rep. Maloney and other Island representatives in attendance, to address the issues that currently plague Roosevelt Island.

By the time you read this, a panel discussion entitled, *Roosevelt Island: Revisiting the Master Plan* will have been hosted by the Municipal Art Society and the Architectural League. Panelists include New York City Planning Commissioner, Alexander Garvin; architects Paul Byard and Thomas Mellins; David Wine, representing the Southtown developers; and our Councilmember, Gifford Miller. At this writing, there is no panelist from the Roosevelt Island community. This is part of a month-long exhibition on *Housing New York: Ed Logue and His Architects* offered by the MAS at their headquarters at 457 Madison Avenue, between 50th and 51st Streets. The exhibit is free and open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are closed Thursdays and Sundays. The Common Council has postponed its March meeting until the fourteenth to accommodate Council Members, including myself, who wanted to attend the panel discussion. If this event is as interesting as I suspect it will be, I’ll have some comments in my next column. Stay tuned.

Have you had trouble banking on Roosevelt Island? I tried to make a deposit last Monday and, with a quarter of an inch of snow on the ground, found both our banks closed at 2:00 p.m. due to “inclement weather.” What’s going on here? Chase is open two days a week, and our friend Millie is running Montauk alone. When she goes to lunch, the bank closes. Montauk has promised us a second teller by Monday. I hope this comes to pass, but if it doesn’t, call (212) **643-3900** and remind them that New York is full of banks. And Mr. Ryan, how is the search for Chase Bank’s replacement going? Haven’t heard much lately.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all, and remember as you stare out on another frostbitten day; my next column appears post-vernal equinox, and so, will welcome the Writes of Spring!



Matthew Katz  
Residents Association President

## Senior Center

**Monday**  
10:00, **Blood Pressure Screening**  
cancelled until further notice  
12:45, **Arts & Crafts** (RIDA)

**Tuesday**

10:00, **Jazzercise**  
1:00, **Games** (RISA)

**Wednesday**  
9:15, **Stay Well** (stretch)

10:00, **English as 2nd Lang.**  
7:00, **Glee Club** Choral Group

**Thursday**

10:00, **Tai Chi**  
10:30, **Creative Arts**  
6:30, **Dance Class**

**Friday**

9:00, **Citizenship**  
10:00, **English as 2nd Lang.**  
7:30, **Bingo** (RISA)

## Special Events

**Mon., Mar. 12, 10:30-11:30**,  
**Wordprocessing** (three  
sessions every Monday; call  
for information: **980-1888**)

**Mon., Mar. 12, 11:00-12:30**,  
**Metrocard Bus**

**Tue., Mar. 13, 11:00**,  
**Tussaud’s Wax Museum** trip

**Tue., Mar. 13, 7:00 p.m.**,  
**RISA General Meeting**

**Sat., Mar. 17, 6:30 p.m.**,  
**St. Patrick’s Day Party**

**Mon., Mar. 19, 7:00 p.m.**,  
**Birthday Party** with  
singer Sandi Rossi

**Tue., Apr. 16, 12:30, Lecture:**  
**Reduced-Fare MetroCard**  
**by Mail** (postponed from  
March 9)

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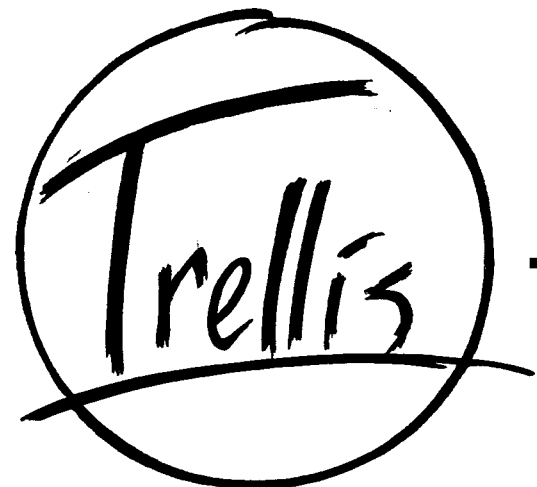
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**BASKETBALL** “March Madness” came to Roosevelt Island early this year as the Roosevelt Island Youth Program’s Winter Basketball League began its annual “Final Four” championship. With little fanfare and no television coverage, the Youth Program nominating committee selected the four teams that completed the regular season in both the Junior Division (12-14) and the Senior Division (15-17) for the tournament.

The **Senior Division** tournament opened on Friday evening, March 2, with the second-seeded Da Kingz playing the third-seeded Holla. Da Kingz ran away from the Holla by a 78-56 score, paced by an outstanding 32-point performance from Alex Sheppard. Da Kingz also got a big game from Jay Colon, who scored 20 points, while Wayne Neal added 11 points and Herman Kouadio added 8 points for the winners. Da Kingz opened a 39-19 lead as they shot over 60% from the floor in the first half. The Holla cut the lead to 17 at the half and got as close as 12 early in the second half; however, Da Kingz broke open the game with a string of fast-break baskets as the Holla pressed to try and get back in the game. Marcus Moore led the scoring for the Holla with 26 points, while Devin Epps had 12 points and John Mason had 7 points.

In the second game of the evening, the fourth-seeded Blazers gave the top-seeded Mavericks all they could handle before succumbing by a 73-68 score. The Blazers had an early 12-point lead before Charles McCoy got it going for the Mavericks, scoring 25 points as the Mavericks took a 31-29 lead at the half. The Blazers regained control at the beginning of the second half and had an 8-point lead, but the Mavericks came right back and the teams traded the lead for the rest of the game with neither team leading by more than five points at any time. For the Mavericks, Charles McCoy had a season-high 47 points, but received critical help from Robert Taveres with 12 points and Alhassan Camara, James Williams and Rakeem Cummings with 4 points each. For the Blazers, Jason Burnette was the leading scorer with 17 points, while Anthony Delgado added 15 points and Omar Moore scored 12 points.

The **Junior Division** tournament opened on Saturday afternoon, March 3, with the top-seeded and undefeated NY Heat taking on the fourth-seeded Knicks. The NY Heat had too much firepower for the Knicks and overpowered them by a 73-41 score. All nine players for the NY Heat scored in the game, led by Sika Franco with 22 points and Paul Brown with 17 points. Alpha Bah had 11 points, Fabian Williams had 5 points, Fode Bah, Remy Armenakis, and Tyrell Anderson had 4 points each, and Dax Armenakis and Eric Miranda had 3 points each. For the Knicks, Steven Morgan was the high scorer with 16 points, while Dan Moraru added 10 points, Anthony Santiago added 7 points, and Byron Gaspard scored 6 points.

In the second game of the afternoon, the second-seeded Terminators took on the third-seeded Giants and prevailed by a 56-43 score. The game was much closer than the final score indicated, with the Terminators leading by only a point at halftime, 29-28, and only a couple of points separating the teams until the last five minutes of the game. Lamar Burrows, the outstanding point guard for the Terminators, led the scoring with 21 points, while Keith Summers and Pedro Valerio cleared the boards and scored 11 points each, and Deshawn Pearson, playing despite an injured ankle, added 8 points. Anthony Simmons led the scoring for the Giants with 20 points and Jose Marte added 16 points.

**BASEBALL** The Youth Program is holding tryouts for the players who have signed up for baseball on Saturday, March 10th, at PS/IS 217, at 10 AM for the Majors (ages 11-13) and at 3 PM for the Minors (ages 8-10). The baseball season will run April 7 through June 16.

## Eastwood from page 1

powered through the 540 panel.

Doryne Isley, General Manager of Roosevelt Island Housing Management, said two apartments with residents who depend on medical equipment were affected by the blackout. All tenants with so-called “special needs” are identified in Eastwood’s emergency action plan, she said, and fire-department personnel were sent to those apartments as soon as they arrived.

Life-support systems, such as breathing machines, are designed to keep operating with backup batteries. But Isley said some of the batteries could be depleted in as little as six hours, so it’s essential to restore electricity quickly. Emergency workers ran lines from outlets in an area to the rear of the elevators to supply power to the apartments with life-support machines.

Public Safety Director Jim Fry, whose officers stayed on duty all night, said the same approach was used to help residents in other apartments. Coler-Goldwater Hospital was notified to be ready to take people in if it became necessary, Fry said, but the blackout “didn’t elevate to that level of a problem.”

Which is not to say that Islanders escaped unscathed. The Westview building superintendent, Woodrow “Woody” Morgan, hurrying over to Eastwood to help out, “fell backward and flipped” on the stairway leading to the basement control panel and suffered a concussion, Isley said. He was taken off to a hospital but has recovered and was back on the job this Monday.

Fry said the loss of Morgan’s local expertise complicated Consolidated Edison’s detective work that night. And Isley said the power company, as of early this week, had yet to say what caused the trouble. “There was never a fire, but some fuses did char,” she said. “We’re still having people come in to check equipment and assess what possibly had gone wrong.”

Power to the pumps was restored at about 2:00 a.m., but it wasn’t until about noon on Monday (February 26) that the apartments had electricity. Officers from the Police Department’s Emergency Service Unit (ESU) stayed on duty all night, until Eastwood was able to restore permanent power.

Nearly two weeks after the event, Isley has a big thank-you list, plus a message to residents on the value of preparedness.

“The Fire Department, the ESU, and the Office of Emergency Management were superb. They gave us every ounce of assistance that we could possibly want,” she said. The Red Cross was on standby, ready to supply water to Eastwood after 3:00 a.m. And, she added, “We could not have gotten through that night without Public Safety.” The Island’s officers were “extremely helpful” in guiding emergency workers through the building, dealing with returning residents and doing other jobs, she said.

As for the residents, “There isn’t enough I can say about them, they took this extremely well, given the circumstances,” Isley said.

“Truly, I did think our Y2K preparedness for the possibility of a catastrophe paid off,” she said, because the housing company was ready with equipment and an emergency plan. Eastwood used its own backup generators, for example, to light public areas on the lower levels of the building.

The only delay, she said, came in the logistics of placing a generator truck close to the building. “Residents need to know, in the event that a building of this size goes down, ConEd and the Police Department have generators capable of supplying it with electricity and were on standby if needed.”

It was a night where a lot of things could have gone wrong, but didn’t. As Isley said, “You can say a lot of things about Roosevelt Island, but the one thing Roosevelt Island does best is to come together in an emergency.”

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## MetroCard from page 1

tising associated with the Tram, but said, "I don't see one (advertising) being linked to the other (MetroCard)." Ryan said, "It's the City Council and Walter McCaffrey who are standing in the way. We think there could be some great advertising revenue made by shrink-wrapping the buckets. This would be viewed by everybody on 1st Avenue, 2nd Avenue, the FDR. It would be a mobile billboard."

Asked if he had in mind putting advertising messages on the exterior of the Tram cabins, Miller said, "You might be able to make money on the outside of the Tram, but you'd make more money [with signs] on Tramway Plaza. The outside of the Tram isn't what would make money. You don't want to shrink-wrap it into some Mickey Mouse thing." He said advertising would have to be consistent with the Plaza and the Tram itself. McCaffrey told *The WIRE*, "I have problems with shrink-wrapping the Tram cabins. It is one thing to have a few buses [shrink-wrapped], but we're talking about something of a different nature here, [and we aren't] getting a guarantee from the State as to how the revenue would be applied."

McCaffrey went on: "In fact, we have, with regard to RIOC, a long history of attempts to prevent these [Roosevelt Island] issues from being laid at the steps of the Governor."

Miller had similar comments: "I think the larger issue is that the State of New York has walked away financially – and almost every other way – from the Island. That's the main issue." He said it appears to him that State budget subsidies for the Tramway, of the kind received by all other mass transit in the State, are unlikely under Governor George Pataki.

"But, by far," Miller said, advertising revenue from Tramway Plaza "would produce far more money than anything that would be lost on Tram tolls" by joining the MetroCard system.

McCaffrey said that following the August conversation with Ryan and his staff, Ryan was to follow up with a call on the matter. "I never heard from him again, so quite frankly, I don't know what he's talking about. Quite frankly, I don't think he does, either."

## Keyspan from page 1

mission lines here does not mean you keep adding to the pollution by building more plants. There are people living in this community who have to be factored in."

"We want KeySpan to clean up the older plant before putting in a new one," said Anthony Gigantello, President of the Coalition Helping Organize a Kleaner Environment (CHOKE), a watchdog group that is fighting on behalf of the residents of the Queens neighborhoods near the plant.

Keyspan counters these arguments by stating that older plants cannot be shut down unless new ones come into operation, or there would be a shortfall in supply during construction. It claims that the existing facility meets all State and Federal standards and that the new plant that will come into operation in 2003 will have 20 percent lower emission rates than the older one. "Eventually we will be able to retire the older polluting units because they are less efficient," said Chris Corrado, Manager of Air Quality Compliance at KeySpan.

National air-quality standards are set by the Environmental Protection Agency. Primary standards are intended to protect public health, including the health of "sensitive" populations such as asthmatics, children and the elderly. Secondary standards set limits to protect public welfare, including protection against decreased visibility, damage to animals, crops, vegetation and buildings. Northwestern Queens has been proven to have poor air quality by these standards.

KeySpan argues that its power plant is not the only factor contributing to the pollution, saying that increased traffic and older manufacturing units in this historically-industrial area cause pollution, too. "We spent \$9 million in the past one year to reduce the nitrogen oxide emissions. We invested \$40,000 to reduce the odors from the plant. We changed the schedule of the oil-barge deliveries to reduce noise pollution. We are striving hard to work with the community and address its concerns," said Corrado.

Not everyone sees the company as acting with the community's best interests in mind. Deirdre Breslin, an Island resident and Community Board 8 member who attended a recent public hearing, pointed out that the location, PS 112, was not easily accessible by public transportation. "The company spokesperson kept calling this an industrial neighborhood even though we are a residential area. I told them they should cross the Roosevelt Island bridge and feel for themselves the vibrations caused by their plant and they said they would," said Breslin. "I think it is a disgrace that New York State is allowing this to happen."

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