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Patrons at a modern art exhibit puzzle over the meaning of a sculpture in the Main Street Teen Theatre's production of *Museum*, playing this weekend. (Tickets and information: 371-4449.) Among the cast of 19 are (left to right): David Kimball-Stanley, Valentina Lugo, Gilbert Valdes, Nadine Anglesey, James Barniker, Mariama Diallo, Emily Leavitt.

## New York National Bank Plans to Take Over Chase's Island Branch Olga Mendez's Initiative Finds Banker for Island

A minority-owned federally-chartered bank is nearly set to step into place in July when Chase Bank abandons its Island branch. New York National Bank (NYNB) expects to open at the Island location the day after Chase leaves, scheduled for July. The bank would be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. The Saturday hours would be intended to encourage residents who normally do their banking during working hours at Chase branches in the City to keep their accounts at the Island branch.

The institution's president, Serafin Mariel, appeared Wednesday night at a meeting of Community Board 8 (CB8) held in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, and received the Board's endorsement of the concept of a "banking development district" on Roosevelt Island. That status, which is expected to be granted by the New York State Banking Department, required the endorsement of the Manhattan Borough Board, which was expected to be given on Thursday. The status will allow the State Comptroller to deposit State funds in the branch at a lower rate of interest than the funds might otherwise earn. That arrangement would provide a two-year jumpstart for the branch.

that in half makes it more marginal." The figures refer to total deposits. Mariel said that because many of Chase's Island customers probably do their banking at Chase branches in the City, he expects only about half the business to remain at the Island branch when NYNB takes over.



Serafin Mariel  
President, NYNB

In a telephone interview Thursday, Mariel said NYNB will probably have a representative at the Island's Chase branch starting next month to talk with customers and familiarize them with NYNB in an effort to make the transition as smooth as possible. He said Chase has been very cooperative in planning for the change.

"In each of the areas we serve, we consider those 'our' communities," Mariel said. "Roosevelt Island is a unique community, and for our philosophy, it really fits. Since we're a community bank, we want to participate in its development."

NYNB's history is rooted in the South Bronx where, in 1982, it bought a branch about to close. It has since sought to serve areas that constitute "underbanked or unbanked communities," according to Mariel. He said the bank will offer all commercial bank services at competitive rates, "in some cases better than Chase." Kids' accounts can be opened for as little as \$5, "if they can sign their name," with immediate interest; the minimum for adults is \$25. The bank offers commercial loans, mortgages, and holiday savings clubs. Mariel described the last as "not very profitable," but said that because they were in demand at NYNB's other branches, they were made available.

## City Plans a Change for RI Bridge – The Lift Bridge Will No Longer Lift

The Roosevelt Island Bridge will become a fixed bridge sometime in 2004, according to plans described Wednesday night by the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT). Its towers, which provide the lifting capability that makes it a movable bridge, may also be removed.



One candidate design for the bridge's rehab. Alternative end-treatments are available on Website NYC10044 [www.nyc10044.com](http://www.nyc10044.com)

The City received Coast Guard permission for the change in 1998.

At Wednesday night's meeting of Community Board 8 (CB8) in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, consultants for NYCDOT's movable bridges division described several alternatives for rehabilitation of the bridge; all those being considered would result in the bridge's being fixed in place, no longer able to be raised to permit passage of ships.

One of the alternatives would leave the bridge looking as it looks now. Two others under active consideration would remove the lifting towers. One of those would leave a portion of the tower support structure, leaving a boxy look at each end of the bridge. The other would remove the tower supports and replace them with a slanted beam, producing a "trestle" look.

The trestle look was criticized by

Roosevelt Island Historical Society President Judy Berdy, who said the illustration shown by the consultants reminded her of a "Long Island Railroad trestle bridge," which she called "an insult to the Island."

The NYCDOT representatives described a series of problems with the bridge, which makes it a candidate for near-term rehabilitation. There is spalling, a condition in which steel reinforcement bars rust, expanding and forcing concrete to fall away, leaving the steel to rust further and weaken the bridge. There is also "hollow-sounding concrete" and a serious pigeon-waste problem, along with cracking and roadway finger-joints out of alignment.

The consultants said that under all plans being given active consideration, at least one lane would re-

main open to traffic throughout the project, with two lanes open during the Island's schedule of rush-hour traffic involving hospital personnel. Traffic would be controlled during one-lane periods using two-way radios and flags.

All the plans involve at least \$18 million cost, to be paid by the City. Most plans would result in a "service life" of about 30 years.

During the meeting, NYCDOT personnel said that the bridge is painted about every ten years at a cost of about \$4 million. One advantage of removing the lift towers is that they would not have to be maintained or painted.

## RI Artists Join in ArtFrenzy

The Roosevelt Island Artists Association (RIAA) is calling for Island artists of all mediums and styles to become involved in the first annual Queens ArtFrenzy next month. The three-day event will start with an opening reception Thursday, May 17, and run through Sunday, May 20.

Sponsored by the Queens Council on the Arts and the Long Island City Business Development Corporation, the festival will encompass events in Long Island City, Astoria, and Sunnyside, as well as Roosevelt Island.

Island artists interested in participating should call 613-0006, leaving a name and phone number if a machine answers.

Visitors to the event will be able to take free shuttle buses from a main tent at Court Square Park to a planned range of museum and gallery openings, theater pieces, a film festival at two locations including Kaufman Astoria Studios, literary events, musical events featuring a variety of styles, a boxing tournament, a "cyberCity Street Fair," and a food court. Fireworks are planned for Gantry State Park (across from Southpoint), along with a concert by the Queens Symphony Orchestra. Children's mural projects will be conducted by well-known muralists, according to ArtFrenzy's press kit. Three bus loops will be offered: an "open-studio loop," a "cultural institution/studio loop," and an "open studio/Kaufman loop."

Participating institutions, in addition to RIAA, include the Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum, PS1 Contemporary Art Center, the Center for the Holographic Arts, the MTA, and the Museum of Modern Art. Additional information is available on the event website at [www.artfrenzy.net](http://www.artfrenzy.net).



Cherry Tree Walk is in full bloom on the west channel at Goldwater Hospital, with magnificent City views and benches.

Gov. George Pataki



You may have noticed my recent show of concern for the island.



It's treated terribly, and it's a mess!



It's an awful thing, what government has done.



We must *listen* to citizens when they complain!



Government must care for the land.



As Governor of New York... You can rest assured I'll really stand up for the island...



...of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

The Dinger

Governor George Pataki's "fact-finding" trip to Puerto Rico makes him an early front-runner for this year's Jerry Award. (The Jerry, you'll remember, goes to the public servant least distracted by the actual needs of his or her constituency.)



## Letters

Hon. Pete Grannis  
Member of Assembly  
1672 First Avenue  
New York, NY 10128

Dear Mr. Grannis:

We would like to acknowledge and express our gratitude for your ongoing support of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

We commend your letter dated Thursday, 15 March 2001, addressed to Mr. Robert H. Ryan, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, which appeared in *The Main Street WIRE*.

The deteriorating conditions of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd have escalated since the 1995 engineering report. The current cost of repair of the Chapel has now increased well beyond the \$1.5 million projected six years ago. Serving as it does the religious and community needs of the residents, while bearing the cumulative effect of time and usage upon its structure and infrastructure, the Chapel cannot be sustained interminably without public help and assistance.

Your dedicated support and voice, seeking to improve the lives of Roosevelt Island's residents, its landmark institutions and its sea-wall, have not gone unnoticed. We thank you for your efforts to protect this historic structure.

Rev. Curtis W. Hart  
Rev. Luke W. McCann

Mr. Robert H. Ryan, President  
RIOC  
591 Main Street  
Roosevelt Island, NY 10044

Dear Mr. Ryan:

I am writing to follow up on my March 15 letter to you regarding RIOC's plans for securing funding for the Island's growing list of capital needs. To date, the letter remains unanswered.

Highlighting the depth of the concerns I conveyed to you last month, and which I hope will spur a prompt response, is the enclosed copy of a letter I received this week from Reverend Curtis W. Hart, Interim Vicar, Church of the Good Shepherd, and Reverend Luke W. McCann, Administrator, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, detailing the worsening structural conditions of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd and the escalating cost estimates for addressing those problems. While I have been able to secure \$250,000 in the past few State budgets for this project, I have done so without any indication of need from RIOC, which by all accounts should have been leading the fight to provide for this and the rest of the Island's infrastructure needs in the Governor's annual budget proposals.

As I have communicated to you and your predecessor under the Pataki administration, I view the deteriorating condition of the Chapel, as well as other parts of

the Island's infrastructure, as resulting directly from RIOC's failure to maintain the Island in accordance with the terms of the State's lease agreement with the City. I know, as I suspect you do as well, that this view is shared by Island residents who have repeatedly voiced their concerns about the unattended capital projects on the Island.

Many years ago, the City neglected to care for its vital municipal infrastructure, and we are still paying the staggering costs for these shortsighted decisions. As was the case with the City, the longer that you and RIOC put off aggressive efforts to address the Island's current capital needs, the greater are the chances that conditions will worsen, bringing with them greater risks for the health, safety and well-being of the Island's residents and visitors along with the need for more money to put things right. I urge you to heed the warning in the old saying about the value of "an ounce of prevention."

I renew my call to you to undertake immediately a full-scale review of the Island's capital needs and a realistic assessment of how you intend to pay for them. As I have offered in the past, should you so request, I stand ready to assist you in this endeavor. What I view with alarm, however, is the hint that is gaining currency that you are hoping to serve out your tenure at RIOC without having to engage the administration in living up to its responsibilities under the city lease to address these vexing issues. I sincerely hope that is not the case.

Pete Grannis  
Member of Assembly

Robert Ryan, President  
RIOC  
591 Main Street  
Roosevelt Island, NY 10044

Dear Mr. Ryan:

I am writing regarding the crosswalk where the off-ramp from the Roosevelt Island Bridge intersects with Main Street. Or shall I say, lack of crosswalk? In spite of the fact that there is an extra large stop sign, many cars continue to run it, sometimes with a slight pause, but often no pause at all. It is an often-walked area, to and from the post office, Gristede's and Motorgate.

Recently, I was crossing to go to the market when a car cut me off, hitting my shopping cart and dam-

## Resident's Play Opens Tonight in An Off-Broadway Premiere

Milt Marcus, a longtime Island resident, has a play in off-Broadway production, opening tonight (Saturday, April 21).

*The Gardens of Frau Hess*, based on a true episode, takes place in Germany in 1944. It's about the relationship between a beautiful and powerful German woman and her Jewish gardener.

The play, produced and directed by Rhoda Herrick, is on stage at the Duke Theatre, 229 West 42nd Street., from tonight through May 13, with performances nightly except Monday and Friday, and matinees Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. (Box office: 239-6200.)

The play was premiered in Florida two years ago to positive reviews, called "as thought-provoking as any play you will see this season," and another reviewer wrote, "...[it's] unlikely you will see a more emotionally and sexually-charged performance by a man and woman than you will see in this danse macabre..."



Milt Marcus's two characters interact in this scene from the 1998 Florida premiere.



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**Island Tour Guides** The first class of Tour Guides trained by the Roosevelt Island Historical Society (RIHS) posed with their certificates last weekend after completing their test tour. RIHS President Judith Berdy (at left) handled the training. The graduates are, left to right, Susan Bellrose, Marlene Flom, Mosud Mannan, Ethel Romm, Veronica Shea, Irene Clark and Mary Schoen. (Not present for the photo were Jane Foge and Susan Waide.) More RIHS members are taking the course; for information call 688-4836. For information on booking an Island tour, e-mail RooseveltIslandHistory@usa.com.

aging the left front wheel and axle. The driver didn't even stop to see if I was okay. Luckily, it was my cart which was hit and not me. This is a very dangerous intersection. My request is a simple one to RIOC. Please, please repaint the worn-off white lines of the crosswalk! Perhaps that will get drivers to notice the extra large Stop sign posted there. Pedestrians are supposed to have the right-of-way.

Melanie Castine

### Letters deadline for May 5 issue: April 29

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

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**Fri.-Sun., Apr. 20-22, Main Street Teen Theatre, *Museum***, a play by Tina Howe. Fri. and Sat., 8:00 p.m., Sun. 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. All seats \$10. Reservations, 371-4449.

**Sun., Apr. 22, *postponed*, No Place Like Home. See May 6.**

**Tue., Apr. 24, 6:30 p.m., Book Discussion Group, *Ship Fever*** by Andrea Barrett, Library. Advance registration required (limit, 20 participants).

**Wednesdays, through June, 11:00 a.m., Children's Picture Book Hour** for ages 2 and up, Library.

**Fri., Apr. 27, 10:30 a.m., Internet Workshop** on setting up a free e-mail account, Library. Limited participation; advance sign-up recommended.

**Fri.-Mon., April 27-30, Main Street Teen Theatre, *Pippin***. Fri.-Sat., 8:00 p.m.; Sun. 2:00 p.m., Mon. 7:30 p.m. Adults \$10; children 5-12, \$8. Reservations, 371-4449.

**Tue., May 1, 7:30 p.m., first meeting of RIMAC**, the Roosevelt Island Mac'Apple Community, Youth Center.

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

**Fri., May 4, 10:30 a.m., Library Toddler Program** for children 24-36 months, Library (first of four sessions; also May 18, 25, June 1).

**Sat., May 5, next issue of *The Main Street WIRE*. Deadlines:** Advertising in the paper, Fri., Apr. 27; decision on stuffers for *The Bag*, Mon., Apr. 30; materials due Thur., May 3. **Future issues:** May 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., May 5, 1:00 p.m., Cat Show**, Eastwood Amphitheater (behind pizzeria at 536 Main Street). \$5 entry fee and form required; contact Fay Vass at 755-4089.

**Sun., May 6, 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. Admission \$8; seniors and students, \$5.

**Thur., May 10, rescheduled to 5:30 p.m., RIOC Board of Directors meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd. (Meeting normally begins with an executive session. The public session, a Town Hall Meeting, is expected to begin at about 7:30.)

**Fri.-Mon., May 11-14, Charlotte's Web**, Main Street Children's Theatre. Six performances Fri.-Mon. at 7:30 p.m. plus Sat.-Sun. at 2:00 p.m.

**Fri., May 18, 10:30 a.m., Library Toddler Program** for children 24-36 months, Library (second of four sessions; also May 25, June 1).

**Fri.-Sun, May 18-20, Main Street Children's Theatre, *Dancin' at the Movies***, a dance program; four performances: Fri.-Sun., 7:30 p.m., plus Sun., 2:00 p.m.

**Tue., May 22, 6:30 p.m., Book Discussion Group, *Corelli's Mandolin*** by Louise de Bernieres, Library. Advance registration required; limit of 20 participants; copies available at Library.

**Fri., May 25, 10:30 a.m., Library Toddler Program** for children 24-36 months, Library (third of four sessions; also June 1).

**Fri., June 1, 10:30 a.m., Library Toddler Program** for children 24-36 months, Library (last of four sessions).

**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.

**Tue., June 19, 6:30 p.m., Book Discussion Group, *Possession: A Romance*** by A.S. Byatt, Library. Advance registration required (limit of 20 participants); book available at Library.

**Thur., July 12, 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.)

**Thur., Sept. 13, 6:00 p.m., RIOC Board of Directors meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

**Thur., Oct. 11, 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.)

**Thur., Nov. 8, 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, fax to 755-2540, or leave copy at desk at 531 Main Street, addressed to *The WIRE*.



Chapin

## E-mail for the Computer-Less

Need e-mail? No computer?

A Library program scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 27, will include set-up of Hotmail e-mail accounts, according to Branch Manager Laura Sutherland. Participants will then be able to send and receive e-mail using the branch's computers. The session is limited to three participants, but may be repeated. Advance registration is recommended.

## Mac Club Starts

A pair of Roosevelt Islanders are starting a club for Mac computer users. John Miller and Vincent Bombes say their first meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., and that PC users and off-Islanders are welcome, too.

The Roosevelt Island Youth Program is providing space for the meetings of the group, which is called RIMAC, for Roosevelt Island Mac'Apple Community. It is intended to be a non-commercial mutual support operation helping from beginner to advanced, according to Miller. He says two dozen people have expressed interest.

Training will be done through CD-ROM for various software programs, and the group will share tech-support and tutoring services. A volunteer tech support person will answer questions at general meetings, currently planned for about once a month, subject to member preferences. Call 752-6783 or e-mail orchill@earthlink.net for more information.

## SPORTSWIRE

The Roosevelt Island Youth Program's Little League Baseball Season opened on Saturday, April 7th with games in the Minors (ages 8-10), Majors (ages 11-13) and Seniors (ages 14-16). After two weeks of play, the standings are as follows:

### Minors

Green 2 - 0  
Red 1 - 1  
Navy 1 - 1  
Royal 0 - 2

### Majors

Royal 2 - 0  
Green 1 - 1  
Red 1 - 2  
Navy 1 - 2

In the Majors, the Royal team, coached by Patti Stueber, took the early regular-season lead behind the pitching and hitting of Andy Enhsaihan. Andy threw a complete game gem on April 14th, defeating the Green team by a 7-3 score, as he struck out 13 batters and added three hits to pace the attack. Jason Fell and Sebastian Gherardi also had two hits each in the Royal victory.

In Senior League action, the RI Youth Program team, playing in the East River Baseball Association, opened the season with two double-header weekends, winning three out of their first four games. The Seniors defeated Yorkville 1 by an 11-4 score and the CYO Hurricanes by a 15-7 score, while splitting a pair of games with Yorkville 2 (winning 8-7 and losing 8-5). Scott Davis won his first two starts of the season, and Alex Gherardi picked up his first win of the season in his second start. Brandon Stueber was outstanding in relief, allowing only one hit in 5 1/3 innings. Scott Davis also led the attack, with 2 home runs and 9 RBIs in the first four games. Seth Kaufman and Zach Russem each had four hits to lead the team, while Junior Ruiz added a home run in the final game of the weekend.

*Loveliest of trees, the cherry now  
Is hung with bloom along the bough,  
And stands about the woodland ride  
Wearing white for Eastertide.*

*And since to look at things in bloom  
Fifty springs are little room,  
About the woodlands I will go  
To see the cherry hung with snow.*

*Loveliest of Trees*, A.E. Housman

This is the season when Roosevelt Island dresses up and looks its best. For a few short days, the Island wears a mantle of pink and white blossoms of cherry, apple, and pear, and when I walk by the flowering trees just south of 20 River Road, the perfume is captivating. When friends decry the "isolation" of our Island home and ask why we chose to live here, I ask them to visit in the Spring. And then, I ask them why they would choose to live anywhere else.

I want to mention some correspondence on which I have been copied. Last month, Assemblymember Pete Grannis wrote to RIOC President Rob Ryan to ask about their efforts to secure funding for the seawall and other capital projects. This letter was reported on in the March 10 *WIRE*, although Rob tells me he never got it. As you may know, we have been

waiting for a final draft of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers report on the seawall for well over a year now. Pete also expressed concern over the lack of progress in acquiring funding, much less starting the long-delayed repairs, for the Chapel of the Good Shepherd and for Blackwell House. He asked for a prompt response.

Some weeks later, Rev. Luke McCann, administrator of the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, and Rev. Curtis Hart, interim Vicar of the Church of the Good Shepherd, wrote to our Assemblymember to add their concerns for the deteriorating conditions at the Church. Pete sent this letter along with a follow-up to Rob Ryan, and again asked for a review of the Island's capital needs and an assessment of how they will be paid for. To the best of my knowledge, these letters have received no reply.

In my first interview with Mr. Ryan as RIRA president last November, I posed many of these same questions. I'm concerned that the answers I received then, and again this week, have not been translated into carpenters and stone workers, lathing and riprap. The request for Blackwell House funds from the State Parks Commission languishes in red tape. RIOC has been waiting to review an engineer's report on the status of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd written in 1995. RIOC is still waiting for a report on the seawall, bought and paid for years ago, that was released in draft form in February 2000. I hope that Rob will give Pete Grannis the courtesy of a reply, and that he will share this update on Island infrastructure with us, the residents. These questions never seem to find resolution, and we must continue to plague RIOC with them until acceptable answers are found and implemented.

Another issue: Until recently, our only opportunity to address RIOC's controlling Board of Directors has been during the Public Access portion of their Board meetings. Board Chair, Mary Beth Labate, has experimented with a bi-monthly evening-meeting format followed by a give-and-take with those Board members who choose to stay and participate. Given the lateness of the hour after the Board adjourned for two executive sessions at the March meeting, this plan proved to be less than successful. I wrote to Ms. Labate with my concerns that any interaction between Board and community that takes place *after* the Board of Directors has debated and voted on crucial Island issues has failed in its basic premise. Since I wrote that letter, I've learned that RIOC canceled its April meeting and that the May meeting will be the last evening meeting (and presumably the last meeting to invite community participation) until November. My hope is that we can sit down together and thrash out a solution that will allow *meaningful* interaction with the RIOC Board while permitting them to accomplish their tasks.

In the same letter, I asked Ms. Labate to reconsider the makeup of the recently-formed Public Safety Advisory Committee which was convened to address Island concerns with the utility and the cost of the Public Safety Department. Chaired by Dr. Joan Dawson, presently it includes the resident RIOC Board members plus representatives of the housing management companies. I suggested that this panel was incomplete without some representation from the community, and that the RIRA Common Council was elected expressly for that purpose. Our First Vice President, Byron Gaspard, has made the appropriate policing of the Island and the adequate patrolling of resident housing his area of expertise, and I urged his inclusion on the committee. Commissioner Labate has been traveling, but has promised to meet with me upon her return.

Spring is a time of renewed promise. My hope is that the promises of Winter will become action this Spring. We deserve no less.

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## Senior Center

**Monday**  
12:45, **Arts & Crafts** (RIDA);  
last class 4/23

**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**  
10:30, **Creative Arts**  
6:30, **Dance Class**

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

### Special Events

**Mon., Apr. 23, 12:30, Lecture on Wills, Living Wills, and Power of Attorney**

**Tue., Apr. 24, 12:45, Crime Victims Week Lecture**

**Wed., May 2, 12:30, EPIC Lecture** (new guidelines)

**Home-delivered meals available:  
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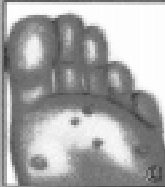
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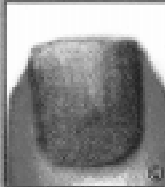
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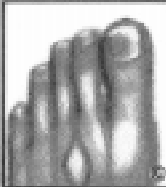
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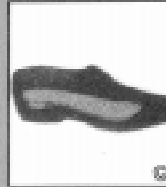
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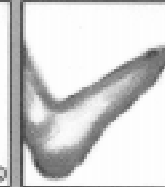
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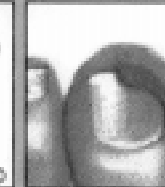
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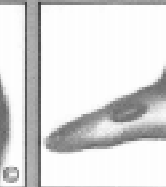
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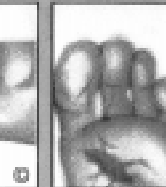
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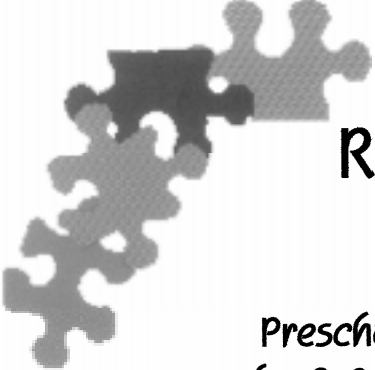
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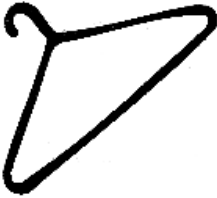
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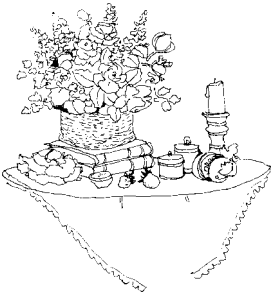
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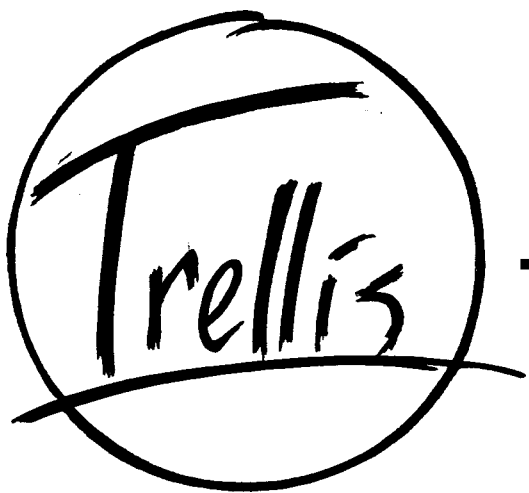
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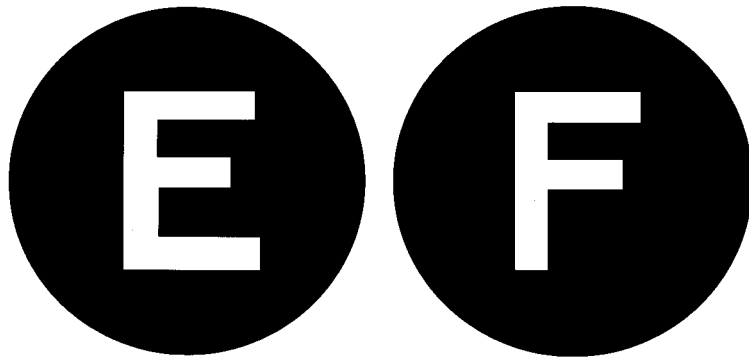
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