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A Gathering of Blackwells Some three dozen Blackwell family descendants gathered on the Island last Sunday. Historical Society President Judith Berdy gave them a tour that included the deterioration (inset) of their ancestral home, which several of the visitors were seeing for the first time. Later, they plotted strategy for returning the house to fully-restored condition. On Thursday, the RIOC Board will approve another attempt to get State historic preservation funds for the house; RIOC's first application was turned down.

Rivercross Surcharge Gets an OK on Appeal

“These rulings are correct.”

With that one-sentence paragraph, the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court backed a lower-level decision holding that the Rivercross Board and DHCR acted properly last year when it increased the surcharge for over-income residents.

The Rivercross Board reevaluated a two-decades-old policy that scaled surcharges from 1% to 10%, then increased the surcharges to a scale of 2% to 20% with DHCR’s approval.

There were two legal actions challenging the decision – one maintaining that the legal maximum surcharge of 50% should be imposed, the other claiming the increase from 10% to 20% was improper. The Appellate Decision upheld an earlier Supreme Court ruling that both DHCR and Rivercross acted properly.

In agreeing with the Court’s decision finding no fault with DHCR’s handling of the matter, the Appellate Court wrote that it “is well established that an agency is to be accorded wide deference in its interpretation of its own regulations... DHCR rationally construes the PHFL [Public Housing Finance Law] to allow Mitchell-Lama cooperatives to be responsible for creating their own individual surcharge schedules, in recognition of the business and practical factors unique to each...”

“The statute does not state,” the ruling holds, “that all Mitchell-Lama cooperatives must follow a schedule with a maximum 50% surcharge,” adding, “such a static interpretation would render meaningless the provisions of the statute requiring the housing company to promulgate a schedule of surcharges...”

Summer’s Over Next Week, RIOC, RIRA Plunge Back Into Politics

News Analysis by Dick Lutz

September is here.

Next Thursday morning, the RIOC Board of Directors will meet. The night before, the Residents Association Common Council ends its summer hiatus with its first meeting of the season.

This month is normally the start of Roosevelt Island’s political season. But the Island has had its share of political action through the summer, growing out of the RIOC Board’s question to Islanders: *How would residents react to a 10:00 p.m. Tram cut-off?* The question triggered a flurry of petitioning and letter-writing.

The RIOC Board meeting set for Thursday morning has no further consideration of the Tram cutback on its published agenda, an omission some resident observers consider odd given the massive “don’t you dare!” response to the Board’s question. Those drawing up the

Board’s agenda apparently feel residents will be satisfied if the idea is just dropped – for now.

The RIOC meeting is scheduled for Thursday morning at 9:30 in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, with the portion open to the public starting at about 11:00.

As for the Residents Association Common Council, it faces not only the Tram issue but a possible challenge to the RIRA Presidency of Matthew Katz. One Council alternate, Joe Cristiano of Rivercross, has claimed to be “working on impeachment.” Cristiano had asked for an “investigation” of spending in the Fall, 2000, election campaign of Katz and Byron Gaspard (who was elected First Vice President), upset with what he labeled excessive spending. Cristiano’s suggestion was supported by a former WIRE editor, Debra Mount Cornet, and Katz offered his campaign’s

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Census Reveals Our Diversity – And a Good Deal of Growth

by Robert Laux-Bachand

Roosevelt Island, a tiny sliver of the City, played an outsized part in helping push New York’s population past 8 million for the first time last year.

While the City’s population gained 6 percent, Roosevelt Island grew from 8,345 people in 1990 to 9,520 in 2000, an increase of 14 percent. Figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau show that the gain occurred mostly in the Island’s apartment buildings, because there was little apparent change in the patient count at the Coler-Goldwater Memorial Hospital, which provides long-term care and rehabilitation for nursing-home residents and the disabled.

In 2000, 2,121 Islanders were living in so-called “group quarters.” They included the Coler-Goldwater residents, plus 247 students whose college-dorm rooms were actually Manhattan Park apartments. Eleven Islanders also lived in homes for the mentally retarded, in apartments outside the hospital. Ten years earlier, the “group-quarters” population was tallied at 1,910, with no occupants listed in college dormitories.

The group-quarters residents, wherever they happen to live, are not classified in the census as being in households. Thus, the baseline population of Roosevelt Island’s five housing complexes grew to 7,399 from 6,435, an increase of 964 people, or 15 percent. At first glance, the explanation is simple: Of the five Manhattan Park buildings, two were opened in

1989, three in 1990, so many new residents probably missed the count eleven years ago, according to the apartment managers.

But what a many-hued, polyglot mixture we are!

4.6 percent, as the response in the City as a whole.

Here are the racial figures for the 9,078 Islanders who checked off one race: white, 4,684; black or African-American, 2,594; Asian,

- ### By the Numbers
- **We’re Not Getting Older:** An unscientific look shows the median age here virtually unchanged since 1990: about 39.7 then, 40.2 in 2,000.
 - **Total Households:** 3,203 occupied housing units, of which 2,297 had no one over 60. Household figures don’t include Coler-Goldwater, which had 1,348 nursing-home residents as of early this week.
 - **Just Me:** 473 Island householders over age 60 lived alone in 2000, 52% of that age group. Under 60, 712 (31%) were alone.
 - **Is This Splitsville?** In 2000 in the 12-17 group, nearly as many Island children lived in single-parent households (276), as in married-couple families (310). In the younger age ranges, marrieds dominate.
 - **Who’s In Charge of the Kids?** Female householder, no husband present – 496; male with no wife – 91. Married couple with children under 18 – 589. Married, no kids under 18 – 563.
 - **Top Four Race Combinations:** White and “some other race” – 120; white and black or African-American – 87; black or African-American and some other race – 72; white and Asian – 70.
 - **Many Tongues:** In 1990, Yiddish was the language at home for 42 Islanders. Back then, there were only 49 Korean speakers, but 1,069 spoke Spanish or Spanish Creole. Given a choice of 24 major language groupings, 92 said they spoke something other than English at home. (Language figures for 2000 are yet to come.)
 - **Boom and Bust:** For 1989, 332 households reported income over \$100,000; 544 were under \$10,000. Watch for an update for 2000.

Some of the first data released by the Census Bureau this year dealt with race and ethnicity and the figures from Roosevelt Island reveal a diverse society. The census in 2000 allowed people to identify themselves as members of more than one race and 442 Islanders did so, in roughly the same proportion,

1,023; American Indian or Alaska native, 20; native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, 15, and some other race alone, 742.

In an unadjusted comparison with 1990, which did not have a multiracial option, the biggest percentage gains on Roosevelt Island

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Islanders Out of Tragedy, a Mission to Save Lives: The Icla da Silva Foundation

by Anusha Shrivastava

Noble causes do not make it easy to ask for blood.

Ask Alci and Fatima da Silva, who spent three twelve-hour days early in June at a table in front of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, waiting for potential donors.

More than 100 people signed up. Some were turned away due to health factors and some never showed up. But 65 eventually donated a pint of blood each on Roosevelt Island Day, June 9. “The blood drive was a great success. We collected more than double the average of 30 pints at similar events,” said Alci da Silva, the Executive Director of the Icla da Silva Foundation, based on Roosevelt Island. The foundation was set up in memory of da Silva’s daughter, Icla, who died of leukemia a decade ago.

A chemical engineer by profession, da Silva, a soft-spoken, dark-haired, middle-aged man, used to work as a manager at a sugar plant in his native Brazil in the ’80s. His work and family, comprising wife Fatima Maria and three children, Amitaf, Airam and Icla – named after their parents using their names spelled backward – formed the core of his existence.

A severe jolt came in 1989 when doctors announced that Icla, 11, had developed leukemia and would need a bone-marrow transplant. Alci flew to New York with his sons, hoping one of them would have matching bone-marrow cells.

When no match was found either within the family or the registry of the National Marrow Donor Program, Icla’s doctor at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Norman Wollner, asked Alci to find a donor on his own. “I did not know where to begin,” said

da Silva. “I was new to New York, had been asked to sustain my family here for a year and was unable to work legally. I sold everything I had in Brazil, moved into a two-bedroom apartment in Manhattan Park and began contacting anyone who I thought might be of help – the Brazilian Consulate, churches, banks and volunteer organizations.”



Margery Rubin

The Editorial Page

The Summer of Our Discontent

The RIOC Board of Directors made this an uneasy summer by raising the Tramway deficit question again. Acting as though the question had never been asked and answered, they resurrected the specter of a 10:00 p.m. service cutoff.

We need not review here all the reasons why a service cut-back is a colossally stupid idea.

But the question to be asked at this point is, **Why did they ask at all?** You have to conclude that they asked for one of a few pretty bad reasons.

Did the Board expect residents to rise up in opposition to Gifford Miller, the City Council member who has said no to ads on the Tram, and demand the sacrifice of the Tram's dignity to the cause of a more balanced budget? Not likely, since bedecking this venerable icon with advertising is a bad idea, whatever the excuse.

Did they naively expect residents to abandon their elderly or disabled neighbors, whose only workable Island access after 10:00 p.m. is by Tramway? Not likely, since minimal knowledge of the history of this place would tell them Islanders stick together.

Or did they ask just because they wanted to get any possible requirement for "public input" behind them, so that, Jerry Blue-like, they could say they had public input on the matter, then go ahead and act against resident interests anyway?

Whatever the reason, asking the question showed dramatically poor judgment.

It showed that a governing Board of political appointees – even with some local people on it – is just a bad idea whose time has run out. It showed that a politically-appointed RIOC President who would allow such a question to be raised – is the product of *another* bad idea for which the clock is running down.

As for the Tramway, it needs and deserves a tax subsidy, like all mass transit. It needs the MetroCard, whatever the financial consequences – which just might turn out to be surprisingly good. And it just doesn't work to claim, as the current RIOC President has, that the Tram is "subsidized" with RIOC funds; that's not in line with the State subsidies for other mass transit throughout New York State. Nor does Leo Kayser's claim work – that tax and interest breaks for developers to build here amount to a State subsidy for the Tramway.

No, the Tram is mass transit, and it deserves the same treatment accorded all other public mass transit.

The sooner the RIOC Board realizes that and acts in the interest of residents in demanding the necessary subsidy (and the MetroCard), the sooner they can divert funds now used for the Tram to other purposes. The Board should reassure residents by declaring the matter closed, once and for all.

As for the RIOC Board, it's long past time for an elected Board and professional management. Local democratically-elected governance was not achieved in the disastrous legislative season now dragging through a final, massively embarrassing betrayal of public schools, but Island residents should demand, en masse, that it be done forthwith. **DL**



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Aboard the Aleyeska Tramway, August 18 – Forty miles from Anchorage, this tramway serves an eclectic mix of tourists, skiers, hang glider enthusiasts, and guests of the Aleyeska resort. And today, it serves visitors whose only interest in it is a spiritual connection to a tramway back home.



This one literally rises through clouds, parting the mist in a quarter-mile journey that has it emerging dramatically as though materializing from the moisture that saturates the air. It's hard to imagine a better answer to the problem it addresses. It is reliable and efficient and, for those unaccustomed to such transport, very different – even thrilling.

Our Roosevelt Island Tramway solves the problem of distance and a considerable water hazard. This

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one deals instead with the challenge of altitude, like most of the world's trams. And like the cable cars in Vancouver and Juneau that we have ridden on this trip from Western Canada up the Alaska panhandle, this one shuttles passengers on a pricey jaunt to and from some attraction: a restaurant, a ski trail, or the altitude that gives a hang glider the advantage of a high start and mountain updrafts.

All these trams we have seen have this in common with Roosevelt Island's Tramway: Each



is a near-perfect solution to the task for which it was built. Never mind that out here in the West and North, it is altitude to be conquered, while in New York City it's the somewhat more mundane movement of commuters.

Out here, the tramways surmount heights.

To keep operating, Roosevelt Island's Tramway must surmount a far greater challenge. In New York, the problem is lack of vision in a myopic pack of bureaucrats who don't see clearly the importance of a New York icon and transportation alternative that is critical to the life of a very special community.

In that sense, our Roosevelt Island Tramway faces a challenge far more formidable than any mere mountain.

LH & DL

Ryan to Grannis: Island's Capital Resources "Pro-Actively Managed"

Dear Assemblyman Grannis:

This is in response to your August 16, 2001 letter, and my telephone conversations to Mr. Morenzi of your office in response to your March 15, and April 12, 2001 letters concerning capital facilities on Roosevelt Island.

As I informed Mr. Morenzi, the corporation was awaiting the final version of the Army Corps of Engineers Seawall Report which we needed to complete a capital stabilization assessment and survey, and a comprehensive capital facilities management plan for the Island's facilities. Please note that the Army Corps of Engineers Seawall Report has only been received within the past few weeks. Accordingly, my staff is currently working on assembling the survey and plan for the Island's capital facilities.

This survey and plan addresses both the need for repair and upgrade, and the source and timing of funds to realize the program. In regard to each facility, a source of funds has been targeted, and in most cases affirmatively identified.

Essentially, this means that the capital facilities of Roosevelt Island are being pro-actively managed, and this plan will channel more funds into the Island's facilities and infrastructure than at any time since the original development of Roosevelt Island.

It is crucial to note that all of the funds targeted are from revenue streams generated by the business-like approach which now guides the

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Letters

To the RIOC Board:

Because the music at Gristede's is so horrible I use the Tram to shop at the Bridgemarket, leaving the Island at 9:30 p.m. and returning at 10:30 p.m. I am almost always the only passenger on these trips. I believe that the late shift can be eliminated without causing undue hardship and that the money can be used for the good of the community.

The objectors to the elimination fall into three main groups: UN employees, people who go to Manhattan for dinner and the theater, and the disabled. (The hospital workers either live here or drive their own cars to free parking lots.)

Unlike those of us who are American citizens or permanent residents, the United Nations workers do not pay taxes of any kind: No federal taxes, no State taxes, no City taxes, and not even sales taxes. There is no reason for the Islanders to subsidize their commuting arrangements.

Most of our neighbors are working families who don't make a habit of dinner, theater, etc. If they do splurge on such activities, they either make use of our excellent (by American standards) public transportation system or spend a few extra dollars on a taxi.

Neither my husband nor I use a motorized wheelchair, but if we did we would not want to find ourselves on Second Avenue and 60th Street in the middle of the night with a device that costs about \$5000.

We are extremely fortunate to be Roosevelt Islanders. It is lovely here and very peaceful. We should be grateful to the maintenance staff for keeping the place so clean and attractive. Yet there is a group of malcontents who whine endlessly about trivial or nonexistent problems. If ignored, they threaten to leave and live elsewhere. This would be the best thing for them and for the rest of us.

Why not use the money saved from the late shift to build a pool and fountain in Good Shepherd Plaza? Everybody loves splashing in the water and in winter it could be a skating rink. The underemployed Tram workers could be in charge.

Diana Keyt

To the Editor:

I have just returned from my second trip to Gristede's this week. The store is filthier than it has ever been.

It seems to have been undergoing renovation for the last 3 months, to build a food court.

This market is beyond hope under the management of Mr. Catsimatidis, The Red Apple Corporation and Gristede's.

The only solution to having a decent supermarket on the Island is to:

- Petition Gristede's to leave.
- We just gathered 3,000 names of people who want night Tram service. I am sure more than 3,000 people want a decent supermarket.
- Find a responsible supermarket that runs a clean, fair-priced operation to replace Gristede's.
- Run a bus service to a market in Queens on the weekends for persons who do not desire to shop in Gristede's. A fair fee can be charged for the service.

It is pretty sad that we have lost all hope in this "Mega-Mess" supermarket.

It is apparent that Mr. Catsimatidis is bleeding the store for any revenue he can get out of it. The latest scheme seems to be installing a food court. Would you sit in that filthy store and eat a meal?

To Gristede's:

On Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m., I was unable to purchase Tylenol, toothpaste or bandages at Gristede's on Roosevelt Island. The manager's answer was, "The pharmacy closes at 6:00 p.m."

Every supermarket has an aisle of basic health and beauty aids. When Bigelow Pharmacy was an independent store, we had the alternative of Sloan's when Bigelow was closed. Now we have no alternative. I cannot walk to the other supermarket. A gate should be installed to block off the pharmacy counter when they are closed.

If the Tram had been operating, I would have put back all my purchases and gone to the Food Emporium. I have always tried to patronize our merchants but it is more difficult every year. I was forced to pay \$5 for 24 Tylenol at the Deli. I am sure I would have saved more than the three-dollar fare if I had made all my purchases in Manhattan.

Susan Sinisi

It is time that Mr. Catsimatidis leave the Island and a responsible supermarket serve this community. Yesterday, Chase – tomorrow, Gristede's.

Judith Berdy

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Sat., Sept. 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Auditions for **Main Street Theatre Musical Revue** benefit. Information: 371-4449.

Tue., Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m., **Discussion and Book Signing**, *Another Time, Another Place*, with authors Gerald Chatanow and Bernard Schwartz, Library. (Book available at the stationery store.)

Wed., Sept. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., **Registration** for dance, drama, and fitness classes at Main Street Theatre & Dance Alliance (also September 15, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.). Information: 371-4449.

Wed., Sept. 12, 8:00 p.m., **Meeting of the Common Council** of the Roosevelt Island Residents Association (RIRA), Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Thur., Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m., **RIOC Board of Directors meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd. **Note**

There is no charge to list Island events here. E-mail information to ComingUp@MainStreetWIRE.com, fax to 755-2540, or leave copy at the desk at 531 Main Street, addressed to *The WIRE*. Provide a telephone number for possible follow-up.

change of announced time. Meetings begin with a private executive session, with session open to public starting an hour or more later (estimated to be about 11:00 for this meeting). There is no public comment period scheduled for this Board meeting.

Thur., Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., **Eastwood Building Committee** meeting for election of officers, Senior Center, 546 Main Street.

Sat., Sept. 15, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., **Registration** for dance, drama, and fitness classes at **Main Street Theatre & Dance Alliance**. Information: 371-4449.

Sat., Sept. 22, next issue of *The Main Street WIRE*. **Deadlines:** Advertising in the paper, Fri., Sept. 14; decision on stuffers for *The Bag*, Mon., Sept. 17, with materials due Thur., Sept. 20. **Future issues:** Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 15, then every two weeks starting early in January, 2002. **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 ComingUp@MainStreetWIRE.com.

Tue., Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m., **Book Discussion**, *The Fisher King* by Paule Marshall, Library. Advance registration required.

Wed., Oct. 3, 8:00 p.m., **Meeting of the Common Council** of the Roosevelt Island Residents Association (RIRA), Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Oct. 7-14, week-long celebration of **New York History Festival** and **Roosevelt Island Historical Association's 25th Anniversary**. Events to be announced.

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.)

Sun., Oct. 14, 4:00 p.m., **Broadway Magic, Pipe Organ Fund-Raiser**, jointly presented by the Church of the Good Shepherd and St. Frances Cabrini Parish to support installation of the new organ in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, at Manhattan Park Theater Club, with the voices of Daniel Rodriguez, Jorge Novoa, Maryann Mootos, accompanied by Victoria Ulanovskaya and Richard Paratley. Admission \$20; seniors & disabled, \$15. Cash bar & refreshments. Information: 751-1347 or 355-2574, or www.broadwaymagic.net.

Tue., Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m., **Book Discussion**, *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver, Library. Advance registration required.

Thur., Nov. 8, 6:00 p.m., **RIOC Board of Directors meeting**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Tue., Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m., **Book Discussion**, *Kindred* by Octavia Butler, Library. Advance registration required.

Tue., Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m., **Book Discussion**, *Bodega Dreams* by Ernesto Quinonez, Library. Advance registration required.

Senior Center

Monday
No events scheduled

Tuesday
10:00, **Jazzercise**
1:30, **Games** (RISA)

Wednesday
9:15, **Stay Well Exercise**
10:00, **English as 2nd Language** (beginner)
11:00, **English as 2nd Language** (intermediate)

Thursday
10:00 (starting 9/20), **Tai Chi**
10:30, **Creative Arts**
12:30, **Movie**
7:00, **Dance Class** (except 9/13)

Friday
9:00, **Citizenship**
10:00, **Yoga Stretch**
10:00, **English as 2nd Language** (beginner)

11:00, **English as 2nd Language** (intermediate)
7:30, **Lotto**

Saturday
7:30, **Bingo** (RISA)

Special Events

Mon., Sept. 10, 11:00, MetroCard Bus

Wed., Sept. 12, Atlantic City trip (RISA)

Wed., Sept. 12, 12:30, Calligraphy (also 9/26)

Sun., Sept. 16, 2:00 p.m., Italian Festival

Wed., Sept. 19, 12:30, Health Awareness Lecture (additional sessions Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10)

Wed., Oct. 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Free Flu Shots

History Society Calls for Photos Anniversary Festival Is Planned October 7-14

The Roosevelt Island Historical Society wants your Island pictures.

In preparation for its Roosevelt Island History Festival, RIHS wants photographers – amateurs and professionals alike, and all ages – to submit pictures to be displayed on the Island during the Festival week of October 7-14.

The theme of the exhibit is *Island Life, 24 Hours – Day and Night*. The coordinators for the event, Nancy Cruickshank and Tess Langeveld, are “looking for pictures that reflect the Island at all times.” They suggest some pos-



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sible themes: the hospitals, always open; river traffic; late night tranquility on Main Street; the waking of the Island at dawn; the school day.

Photographers are invited to submit up to three 8x10 prints, color or black and white. Langeveld and Cruickshank have asked that all photos be clearly labeled with name, address, and the age of the photographer. Deadline for submission is October 6. Photos are being received at the Library.

For further information, the number to call is (212) 355-3552.

The Festival is part of the Roosevelt Island Historical Society's 25th Anniversary celebration, which will also feature tours, lectures, exhibitions, and school projects.

Youth Program Taking Over Soccer League

The Roosevelt Island Youth Program agreed last week to take over operation of the Roosevelt Island Youth Soccer Association (RIYSA), which runs the fall soccer program in which over 200 children participate. Charles De Fino, the Executive Director of the Youth Program, said that “the change would strengthen the soccer program by adding the administrative resources of the Youth Program, enabling the volunteers to focus their energies on teaching and coaching soccer.”

James Herlihy, who coordinated the soccer program for RIYSA the last two years, has agreed to continue in that capacity with the Youth Program.

In 1993, the Youth Program successfully took over operation of the Little League.

Registration for the fall soccer program will close on September 11. Applications are available at the Youth Center at 506 Main Street.

For information, call 935-3645.



Vicki Feinmel

Summer is over, the schools are open and there is a decided chill in the air. RIRA has been at work all summer responding to the potential Tram crisis. We presented just under 3,000 signatures, with hundreds of letters from all walks of Island life, to RIOC on August 17, and people are still lining up to sign the petitions. The RIOC Board is now back at work, and I understand that Board Chair, Deputy Commissioner Mary Beth Labate, has made available copies of our summer's labors to the nine members of the Board of Directors.

Here's what's happening: The Board will meet on Thursday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m., with the public session commencing around 11:00. We had been promised an evening meeting so as to include Roosevelt Islanders who work during the day. However, this was a burden on the schedules of the Board members, and so the morning/evening rotation of meetings has been maintained. Under the present rules, this means that we will have no opportunity for community input, either during the meeting or after it adjourns. Currently, we can interact with those Board members who choose to remain after the bi-monthly *evening* meetings adjourn.

My guess is that the Board will decide to maintain the full three Tram shifts for the present. This will acknowledge the overwhelming protest made by Islanders' letters, e-mails and signatures, without actually taking the issue off the table. The question of Tram hours will then hang over our heads like the proverbial Sword of Damocles until budgetary imbalances prompt the RIOC Board to resurrect the argument once again. This would be the expedient thing to do, although neither definitive nor honorable. If you have the time on Thursday (September 13) to witness how this plays out, make it your business to attend the RIOC Board meeting at the Chapel. After all, they will be debating the fate of your Island services.

Somewhere, in some sub-basement of the RIOC offices, there exists an empty file cabinet. Into this file cabinet should be placed the hundreds of petition sheets, letters from elected officials and regular citizens, e-mails, articles from *The Main Street WIRE*, *New York Times* and the *New York Daily News*, videotapes of the television coverage by CBS, Fox Five and NY1, and all internal documentation of the great Tram debate of the summer of 2001. And when the eternal question of balancing the Tram budget rears its head yet again, someone should blow the dust off this file cabinet and review its contents. Otherwise, we are doomed to replay this summer's scenario over and over, like Sisyphus rolling that damned boulder up the hill in Hades.

File the following under Island irony. Roosevelt Island is the proud possessor of five (count 'em, five) swimming pools. And yet, when the Manhattan Park outdoor pool closes for the season this weekend, there will be no place on the Island where a swimmer can swim, no where. The Westview pool is closed for repairs for the second time this summer, and Housing Manager Doryne Isley thinks it will be at least a month until it reopens. The Island House pool is cracked and hasn't been in service in recent memory. The Rivercross pool is closed for maintenance and is available, when open, only to Rivercross residents. And the Sportspark pool is made available to school groups with their own lifeguards, and has no open swim times for anyone. What a sorry state of affairs!

I rely on swimming for weight management and exercise, and for the wonderful feeling of well-being it provides. What if the sidelined American Leisure Corporation, which runs the Westview Health Club, were to manage an abbreviated open swim session at the Sportspark pool? I've asked Doryne and Brad Harlan at RIOC if this might be possible, and neither found any immediate impediments to the idea. They both agreed to look into it. This plan is feasible only if enough swimmers (and parents of swimmers) are interested. If you are among that number, why don't you give Doryne and Brad a call? The squeaky wheel, you know.

The RIRA Common Council holds its first fall meeting this Wednesday. First Vice President Byron Gaspard and I met with the Vice Presidents and Committee Chairs two Sundays ago, to evaluate our progress and plan for future programs. Byron holds an important role as general supervisor of committees, and this is where the real work of the Common Council must be done. Grass roots, community action only works with the participation of the community. So, before the new season of *West Wing* starts up, come on down and check us out!

Letters deadline for Sept. 22 issue: Sept. 17

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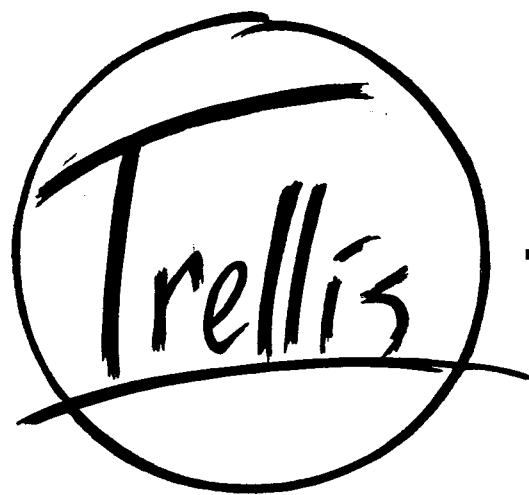
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came among the Asian population, which numbered only 526 a decade ago. The white population then was 5,374; black, 2,144, and American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut, 4. Even back then, almost 300 Islanders checked off “other race.”

The local figures on race alone do not reflect the biggest story in the overall U.S. census this year – the surge in the Hispanic population. Hispanics or Latinos, who have Spanish-speaking ancestry but may belong to any race, have pulled even with blacks as the largest minority in the country. Roosevelt Island’s Hispanic or Latino population in 2000 was 1,367, of whom 474 considered themselves white, 105 as black or African-American, and 92 as being of two or more races. But the largest group by far, 682, essentially chose none of the above, saying they were “some other race alone” when confronted with the standard classifications.

In 1990, the Island’s population of “persons of Hispanic origin” was 1,236 and, at that time, 748 listed themselves as white, 173 as black and 289 as “other race,” not including Asian or American Indian.

A rough analysis of these figures suggests that the gain in Hispanic population on Roosevelt Island – little more than 10 percent here, as opposed to 25 percent statewide over the past 10 years – reflects the Island’s relatively high economic barriers, compared with the City’s near suburbs or even with the upstate counties of New York.

In the City as a whole, the white population declined by nearly 12 percent. On Roosevelt Island, the decline of non-Hispanic whites in the last 10 years was 9 percent. Non-Hispanic blacks, however, registered a solid gain, going from 1,971 in 1990 to 2,488 in 2000 – an increase of 26 percent.

There are many other facts in the census tables, of course, and much of the detailed household data has yet to be released. But the figures released so far show that women outnumber men here by 478, which is not unusual, given standard mortality. Other figures mirror the Island’s changing demographics as the baby boomers who settled here in a planned middle-class haven advance into middle age and beyond. The number of children under age 9 declined slightly in the decade, from 913 to 901. But in the 10- to 19-year-old category, the population increased from 731 in 1990 to 1,209 in 2000, a gain of more than 65 percent.

If you’re looking for the age of a person least likely to live on Roosevelt Island, a slacker award might go to those still here at 21. In 2000, there were 125, presumably including some of the students in the Manhattan Park “dorms.” But back in 1990, the number of 21-year-olds was only 35, with the lowest category being five white females. In contrast, by 2000 there were 218 women here over the age of 85, a gain of about 60 percent from the last census. *Go, girl!*

Accessing Census Data

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Click **American FactFinder**

Click **Data Sets**

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Click **Detailed Tables**

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Check **HTML format**, then click **Submit**

Once comfortable with these examples, you’ll find many variations are possible.



Note: At press time, the MTA was unable to supply information about Roosevelt Island service over the full period of the next two weeks. Announced plans for the coming week appear to have a 90-minute gap in weeknight service. According to Steve Strauss of the MTA, riders are advised to check posters in stations, as well as the MTA website at: <http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/nycst/service/subsrvnf.htm>.

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SOCCER The fall soccer program is currently accepting registrations for children ages 5-14. Registration forms, which are due by September 11, are available at the Youth Center. The soccer season is scheduled to begin September 22. The RI Youth Program has taken over the operation of the fall soccer program (see story, page 2).

For information on either program, call 935-3645.

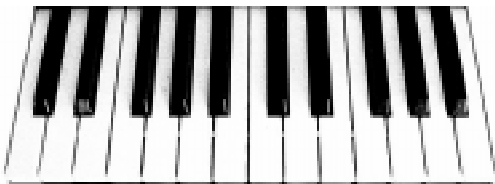


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To support the family, da Silva delivered pizza, drove cars for seniors, and fixed computers picked out of the garbage. “Fixing things became my therapy. My sons and I would go through the garbage every day and bring back electronic goods that we fixed and sold,” said da Silva. Meanwhile, the family began organizing blood drives in churches in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts, hoping to find a match. Icla was actively involved in the entire process, winning people over with her smile and courage. In late 1990, a donor with a bone-marrow match was finally found.

The next hurdle was the \$90,000 fee that Sloan-Kettering would charge for the surgery. “In November 1990, several friends who lived on the Island, including Patricia Schwartzberg, Dr. Lawrence Itskowitch, Lou Carbonetti, and Ron Vass organized a fundraiser under the name *Love Thy Neighbor* and helped collect half that amount,” said da Silva. Next, they spoke with the finance head of Sloan-Kettering and managed to procure a waiver for the rest.

Icla’s operation was scheduled for May of 1991 but, a few days before the operation, she developed pneumonia, then died on June 21. “We went back to Brazil to bury her and I came back alone to pack our things. When I went through Icla’s papers, I found a note addressed to her mother, asking Fatima not to lose heart and to help her friends at the hospital. I thought about that and about this,” said da Silva, pointing to a framed drawing of Jesus hanging on the wall in his office at Coler-Goldwater Memorial

Hospital, which has lent him the space. “Once when Icla was ill, she asked me who God was and I didn’t have an answer that instant. While she took a nap, I sat beside her and began to draw.”

A devout Catholic, da Silva’s background had given him the requisite training to answer the question at length and in his own special way. He had studied at a seminary, and once thought he would become a priest, but gave up the thought when he turned 16 and found priests around him breaking the very rules they expected others to follow. “I wanted to be a good man rather than a bad priest,” said da Silva.

Over the penciled portrait, he wrote in red ink: “We don’t see Him, we don’t hear Him but we feel his presence in the strengths we have had to face the difficulties of life. That does not make us suffer. It improves our feelings toward our neighbor. We see Him, we hear Him and we feel Him in our hearts.”

These were not empty words. The family had been helped by everyone in the community and they wanted to give something back. Alci decided to stay on the Island and set up a foundation to help other families who had the same medical problems. His wife and children came back to New York and moved into Eastwood, where they now live. All four members of the family work for the foundation, raising money and organizing blood and bone-marrow drives.

“I helped Alci because I could tell he was a very dedicated person,” said Dr. Itskowitch, a member of the Board of Directors of the foundation. “He is very sincere with regard to helping other people.”

Progress was slow but, with dollops of dedication, the foundation has grown and flourished in the past decade. The foundation was the first organized group inspiring the New York Blood Center to develop recruitment activities in communities not reached before. It also inspired creation of other such groups like the Link to Life Network for African-Americans, and SAMAR, the South Asian Marrow Association of Recruiters, for South Asians.

In its mission statement, the work of the foundation has been grouped under recruitment and assistance – recruitment of donors for the National Marrow Donor Program with special emphasis on recruiting people from ethnic groups that are under-represented in the national registry, and assistance to families with children who have leukemia or other blood-related diseases.

Its aims are to educate people about bone-marrow donation programs, set up blood-donation drives and provide logistical support to patients and their families. Volunteers help patients and their families in simple but essential tasks like translation, chaperoning children for walks, travel and recreation.

“We organize about 100 blood-donation drives each year. We recruit donors for the National Marrow Donor Program. As of September 2000, we have recruited 3,735 donors. We send supplies and equipment to Third-World countries, especially to South and Central America,” said da Silva. “Icla wanted to be the president of the foundation when she grew up.”

For more information, call (212) 593-1807 or visit www.icla.org on the Internet.

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corporation, not from direct State appropriations to RIOC that would increase the tax burden on the State’s residents. Since you and I share a fiduciary responsibility to the people of New York State, I am sure you will agree that it is prudent to use funds which are independently available and thus do not drain the State’s tax coffers.

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Finally, please note that much of the funds targeted are from private sources rather than public and, again, I am sure you see the wisdom of this approach.

The capital facilities management plan will be presented to RIOC’s Board of Directors shortly for review and comment. After the RIOC Board has reviewed it, I will be glad to provide you with a copy of the plan and a briefing. At that time perhaps you would like to come out to Roosevelt Island to take the tour that I offered the last time we met.

Sincerely,
Robert H. Ryan
President/COO

Politics from page 1

spending records for review, but neither the Common Council nor its Election Committee took any action on the requests.

Meanwhile, Katz’s efforts to make good on a campaign promise to try to update the Residents Association constitution were stymied, to some extent, when they were opposed by Patrick Stewart, the former RIRA President who had lost the job to Katz, and some of Stewart’s supporters on the Council. One amendment was approved, but the constitution is full of contradictions and ambiguities that have needed attention for years.

Thus, the Residents Association begins a Fall season with what could be a fresh start, or the continuation of partisan rancor. In the post-election period, several members new to the Common Council resigned, some expressing disgust over the wrangling and the Common Council’s seeming inability to take united action. The RIRA meeting, open to the public, will take place Wednesday night at 8:00, also at the Chapel.

Meanwhile, the lawsuits to get Southtown changed before construction starts remain in the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court; those decisions could be announced any day. Whatever the outcome, they’re likely to spur a further round of activity in the development arena.

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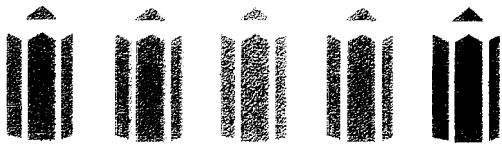
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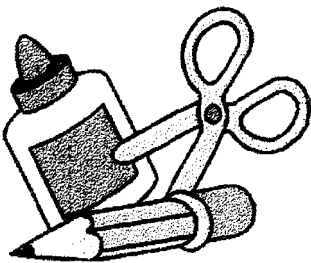
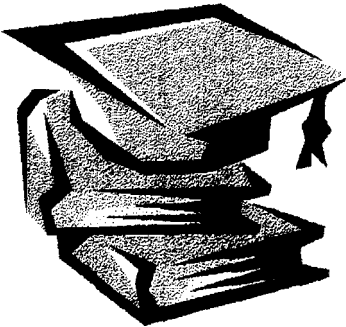


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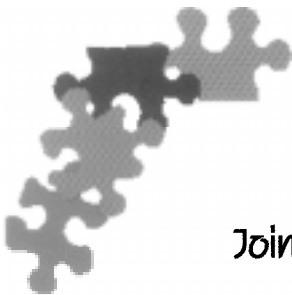
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