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The Quarterly S.B.P.O.A. Newsletter

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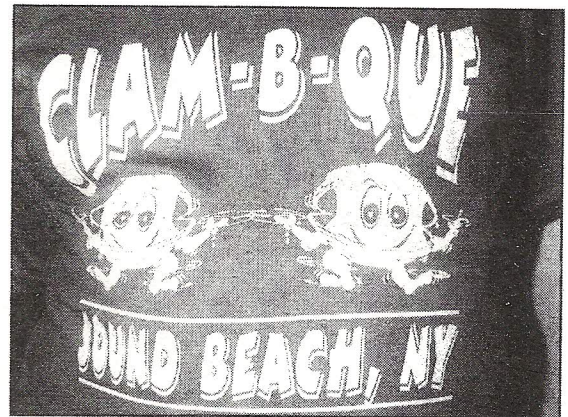
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ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER!

Okay, so we really had bad weather for a good part of the summer, but has that ever stopped us from enjoying Sound Beach? We still had a great time at all our events. Look inside for more details.

We are excited about the upcoming 75th Anniversary, and want your input. Don't forget to look through the centerfold for friends and familiar faces. Our good friend **Dave Eccles** took all the pictures this year and we just love his work! Remember, we want to hear from you. We want your suggestions, as well as information about you. Keep us informed!

NEWS ABOUT YOU

We have everything this month from births to deaths and everything in between.

Let's start with the births: Born March 13, 2003 **Vanessa Rose Troiano**. Her parents are **Melissa and Tony Troiano**. She is the first Great-grandchild of **Gloria and Rudy Yorio**.

Also, another Great- grandchild for **Rose and Joe Taranto**. **Gianna Marie**, born in July is welcomed by her parents and big sister **Mia**.

Then we have those very young-looking Grandparents, **Pat and John O'Neill**. Daughter **Jennifer** presented them with **Michael Patrick Tetteris**. Daddy **Chris** and big sister **Allyssa** welcomed the new member of the family.

The daughter of **Paul and Kim Picciotti**, **Samantha** had her poem 'I Love You the Pinkest' published in the Beacon Record. It was dedicated to her mother and father.

Moving on up, we have 12 year old **Halley Kretschmer** who qualified for the National Gymnastic Competition in Sacramento, California. She competed in trampoline, tumbling and 'sync' (routines performed with a partner). She did well and moved on to another competition in Colorado Springs.

Meanwhile cousin **Jennifer McCabe** appeared in Theatre Three's Summer Theatre Production of the 'Frog Prince'. She

will continue her dramatic studies at the Neighborhood Playhouse in N.Y.C.

Tara Gordon, niece of **Bruce and Monica Walsh** (courtesy of sister **Joanne**) graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She is now serving with the Peace Corps in Armenia.

Bob Bedrossian was featured in the North Shore Sun for his plans to do a video history of Sound Beach. More names in the news – we are getting famous! **Joe Villaran** was congratulated for his 29 years as a rural mail carrier for the Sound Beach Post Office. The new monthly newspaper, LI Journal published an article about him.

One of our new members, **Glenn Gebhard**, is a renowned documentary filmmaker. He recently spoke at the L. I. Museum in Stony Brook about his new film, A Farm Picture. The film depicts what has happened to Long Island Farming. It gives the viewer a vision of how development is encroaching on Long Island Farmland. The film examines the agricultural heritage of farming families who have been here for multiple generations. (Note: We know first hand how this happens. Look what now stands on the site of the former Davis Peach Farm.)

Another Sound Beach Name in the news is **Peter Ells**. He was featured in Newsday's Who's Cooking section. Peter is a

gastroenterologist at Stony Brook University Hospital. He relaxes by cooking continental type meals, mostly French and Northern Italian Style. His recipes, featured in the paper sound wonderful. There is Rabbit with Tarragon and Cream sauce and thin lamb chops in a Parmesan batter. Maybe he will come to one our "Thank You" parties, where everyone brings a dish to share.

Next, Channel 12 local news featured **Mary Ellen and Marty Fullam**. They were shown dancing and dining at the Longwood High School Prom for seniors. In their interview, they spoke of the young High Schoolers' preparations to make sure everyone had a good time. Incidentally, the band was the seventeen piece **Memories of Swing Band** featuring our own **Jerry Costanzo**. The Fullam's have other good news too. Granddaughter **Angelina Neibel** made her First Communion and Granddaughter **Bridget Foley** graduated from Comsewogue High School. She will attend Suffolk County Community college in the fall.

Marge and Vinny Battillo were honored by St. Louis de Montfort Parish for their many years of service. Even before the parish was official, Marge helped form religious education classes, and continued for 35 years. She has served as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Coordinator of Meals on Wheels and countless other committees. In addition, Marge has been on the S.B.P.O.A. Board for over 30 years.

Vinny's church work dates back to the beginning of the Parish, putting up the tent that was used before the new church was built, serving as usher, delivering Meals on Wheels and running countless Fund Raisers. He has been an active member of the **Sound Beach Fire Department** for 48 years!

Congratulations to **Steve Redman** on his 50th birthday. **Steve and Robin** are also celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

A great party was held at the Sound Beach Clubhouse complete with old friends, music, dancing and both a wedding cake and a birthday cake.

Colleen and **Joe Termini** celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary in grand style. First, there was a beautiful renewal of vows at St. Louis. **Monsignor John McGuire** officiated. Their sons, **Silvio, Danny and Joseph** participated as well as many family members. Then, a large group of friends and family drove to *Georgio's* in Baiting Hollow for a magnificent party. There was wonderful food, great dancing, and many toasts to this much-loved couple.

We have some sad news to report too. **Jack Lavin** who first came to Sound Beach in his father's arms some 70 years ago, died in Marco Island Florida after a long illness. Jack lived in the 'glory days' of our town - rowboats in racks at the beach, crowds of friends who remained close for their entire lives, Boyle's as he grew older, meeting his lovely wife, **Bernadette** who was visiting friends here - wonderful, wonderful memories. Jack grew up to be a writer, winning many journalism awards, and publishing his own book on Stroke, which many physicians recommend. All who knew and loved him mourn **Jack**.

We also regret the loss of **Edith Kelly**, a long term Sound Beach resident and member of S.B.P.O.A. Edith and her husband Tom raised a large family of children (many of them foster children). They were active in Scouts and Sports and School Activities. They were loyal members of the K of C. Edith had a large collection of Sound Beach memorabilia, which she lent to us when S.B.P.O.A. celebrated our 70th anniversary four years ago. She was a loving and giving person who will be missed by her family and friends.

As always, we would love to hear your 'News about You'. Just send it to S.B.P.O.A. P.O. Box 213, Sound Beach, NY 11789. Attention: Newsletter.

Were you there??? If not, you missed five great events!

Trash and Treasure:

What a fun time! People donated all kinds of things, from old records to new shoes and all kinds of whatch-a ma- call-its. Chairpersons **Audrey Moerlins, Eileen Cantwell** and their helpers - **Linda Cuomo, Linda Morea, Robin Redman, Rose Taranto, Jo Schneider, Dorothy Villaran, Eileen and Ted Glinka, Gloria Yorio, Edward Cantwell** and almost all the **Maraviglias** and **Strittmatters** had as much fun as the customers. The laughs rang out when someone said, "You bought that Pocketbook? (Or shoes or bedspread or skillet), I donated it!" The tired workers topped the weekend off with a potluck supper and a substantial donation to the Association.

Thank You Party:

Jan and Tom Whiten chair this lovely yearly event, a tribute to all the men and women who volunteer their time to help in S.B.P.O.A. projects. Without volunteers, we would not have stairs or a new roof on the Clubhouse, or protection of our environment, or activities for young and old, or this Newsletter you are reading. The list goes on and on. This year's party had delicious food provided by our members. There are some wonderful cooks out there! A musical quartet with our own **Jerry Costanzo** as vocalist provided music for dancing. And they all volunteered their services!!!

Memories of Swing Dinner Dance:

Again **Jerry Costanzo** came through with the seventeen-piece band, **Memories of Swing**, that played the oldies and the goodies. What great music!!! Glenn Miller could not have done better. Lots of fancy footwork on the dance floor. And the food was delicious! There was everything from a broccoli casserole to pork with mango sauce. We did not think we would have room for dessert, but when we say the pie a-la-mode, we managed to find space for it. The party was a family affair with food prepared by

Jerry's wife **Anna**, sisters-in-law **Angela, Jan** and others. Son **Chris** and his cousin **Bryan** pitched in, as did **Tom** and brother **Ray**.

The Thirteenth Annual Clam-B-Que:

This party just gets better and better. (See the Pictures later in the paper!) The food was fantastic - burgers, chicken, pasta, fish, clams, mussels and More, More, More! The D.J. played for all ages. It was a real family festival (from babes in arms to octogenarians) on a beautiful night with over 200 part goers. Everyone was smiling chatting, dancing and of course, eating!. Our community certainly comes together for a good time, and to support S.B.P.O.A. projects. The Committee headed by **Bruce and Ellen Kretschmer** worked from morning until late at night to make this another memorable event. Many of these helpers have been doing this since the first Clam- B- Que. We'll name just a few - **the DeDominics, Grossos, Criscios, Foleys, Terminis, Perazzos, Moreas, Walshes, Linda Cuomo, Dorothy McCabe, Dorothy Burstyn, Cathy Vartanian, Michele and Walter Demmerly, Erika Iten, Nancy Paul, Sarah and Megan Fris, Gloria Yorio.** and of course **Bruce Kretschmer Jr.**, who has been helping since he was 3 years old. **Matt's One Stop, Hartlins and Shenanigans** all donated needed services. When the evening was over, so many people folded chairs, and tables, picked up trash, helped pack up. That is the Sound Beach Spirit!

Field Day at the West Beach:

This annual event has been going on forever! Beach Chairman **Lauren DeDominic** had a host of games and races for children and adults. **Nancy Paul** assisted with her expertise. Our Beach Security Guards and Life Guards worked hard to keep the events

running smoothly. **James Winiarski** again manned the bullhorn. **Lauren Ducca** won the 9-12 year old swimming race for the third year in a row! The Watermelon Race was particularly exciting. **Andy Petrilak** carried it out after quite a struggle. He almost hit the beach when Bam! Someone made a grab at it and the watermelon smashed to pieces

against the bulkhead. **Tom Mialakowski** again donated the hot dogs, and **the Winiarski family** contributed the beer and soda. **Ted Glinka** canvassed all the local businesses for donations. He collected more than 40 prizes, which were raffled off, to the happy crowd.

HELP WANTED

You don't have to have a degree in Art History to help us out with this one. And you can do it on your own time as long as it's done by 2004.

We have many collages of past events in need of restoration, and reframing in preparation for places of honor on the clubhouse walls. We want these done for our 75th Anniversary next year. Call Tom at 744-2930 if you can help.

S.B.P.O.A. NEWS

The **SOUND BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION** was presented with a beautiful plaque for our help and support in preserving the land known as the Rolling Oaks Golf Course for the Town of Brookhaven. The land had been in jeopardy of becoming a development of 75 luxury homes. Through the joint efforts of local civic and property owners associations, Supervisor **John J. LaValle** was able to announce that the Town had taken the deed and 'environmentally sensitive land was preserved at no cost to the taxpayers'. Our former Chairman, **Vic Scalone** was instrumental in linking our organization with other groups who worked together and succeeded in their efforts.

Jim Solitario and **Dorothy Cantwell McCabe** have stepped down from the Board and **Bob Bedrossian** has joined the Board as Director of Public Relations. The editor would publicly like to thank Dorothy for her 7 years as editor of the SBPOA Newsletter and for her 9 years of service as a board member.

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL BEACH CLEAN-UP DAY is planned this year at the East and West Beach on Sept. 20 starting at 11 A.M. We have been participating in this worthy cause for several years. Our volunteers (which always include the **Be a Nicer Neighbor Club of Rocky Point High School** and their Faculty Coordinator **Brooke Bonomi**) collect and record the litter found on the beaches. The information is sent to the **American Littoral Society** who studies environmental problems and ways to solve them. Come on out and join us. Bring Gloves and rakes or shovels.

We want to congratulate the **SOUND BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT!** The Village Beacon Record reported (Dan Axelrod, reporter) they received a grant to upgrade their entire communications system as part of a government grant from the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security. The award was made through Congressman Tim Bishop's office. The Department has needed improved communication systems for quite a while and this is a wonderful step forward.

Keep your eyes open for signs and posters in the Square, and around town for the date and time of **THE HALLOWEEN PARTY**. If previous years are any indication, this party will be GREAT!

BUSINESS NEWS

New in town are the Tailor and Cleaner, 'Angel Touch', in the Square, **Impressive Cuts Barber Shop** and **It's a Wrap (Deli)** on Echo Avenue, and renovations up the hill on Echo in the small shopping center that's been an eyesore for years. We're not sure what's going in there but a video store, an ice cream parlor or a bakery would sure make life easier for our residents. S.B.P.O.A. wants to extend special thanks to **Denise and Ruth of Sound Beach Barber Shop** who have helped us for several years by selling memberships. We like what **Bob Bedrossian** has done to his Real Estate building on Northport Road. The new decks add country charm and a welcome invitation. Remember what we always say – support our local businesses!

You can enjoy Italian food, Chinese food, Deli specialties, restaurant dining, and fundraiser picnics right here in town. You can buy gas, get your car repaired or your plumbing fixed, wash your clothes, and pick up meat for supper and a bottle of wine to go with it without leaving Sound Beach.

S.B.P.O.A. Celebrates 75 Years of Sound Beach!

Join us as we prepare for the big anniversary bash next year. We are planning special parties, activities and events. When Sound Beach was first developed, names or signs identified homes. As part of the 75th Sound Beach Anniversary celebration, the SBPOA is sponsoring **The Design-A-Sign** contest. It is reminiscent of the original Sound Beach community. You can use any material and it can be any size. The prize categories will include: Children's entry (under 12 yrs of age), Most Creative, Best Name (family, house or combination), Best Overall and Honorable Mention. Look to our January issue for registration forms (in order to enter the contest, you must first register). So join in the fun by designing a sign, which expresses your family's name, your house name or your love of Sound Beach. Noted members of the community will judge the signs and the winners will receive monetary and special prizes. All winners will have pictures of their signs published. These photos will also appear on the SBPOA web page. We plan for a big party at which the winners will be announced and the awards presented on June 26, 2004, at the clubhouse. Look for updates!

Another option is Design-A-Brick. You can purchase a brick (which you will design!) that will pave a walkway at the Clubhouse. Fill out the form on the next page and send it to us along with your payment. (One of my bricks will be in memory of my parents.– ed)

We are entering into a dialogue with the US Post Office to offer first day covers in honor of the 75th anniversary. Look for more details in future issues.

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In celebration of our 75th year, we are offering you the opportunity to design bricks for placement at the Clubhouse on Malba Drive. You have 14 spaces per line and three lines. No punctuation, please. Numbers and dates are okay. You can create a brick as a remembrance of a loved one. "In Memory of..." or just donate one on behalf of a family member or a friend.

Let us leave something for the next seventy-five years. Many of us have memories of the great people and times we have had in Sound Beach and with the SBPOA. Now we have a chance to leave something for the future. Design a Brick and donate to the SBPOA.

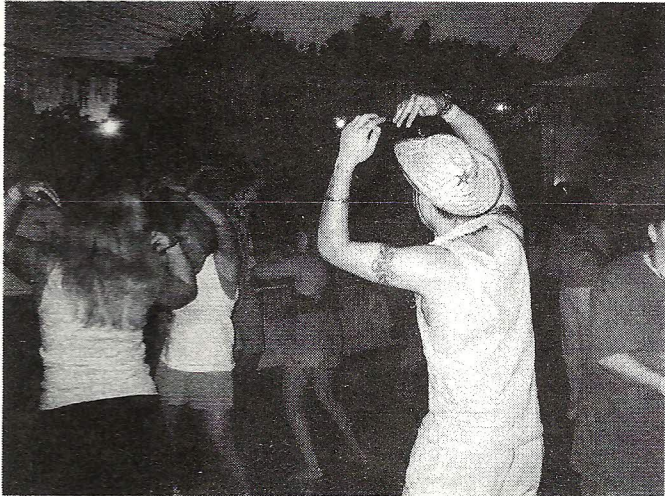
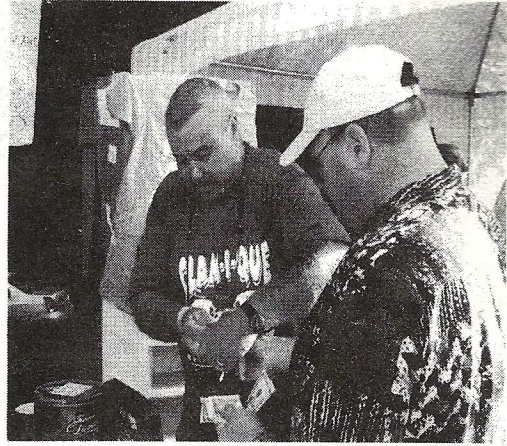
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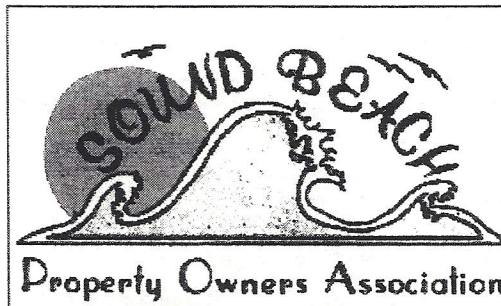
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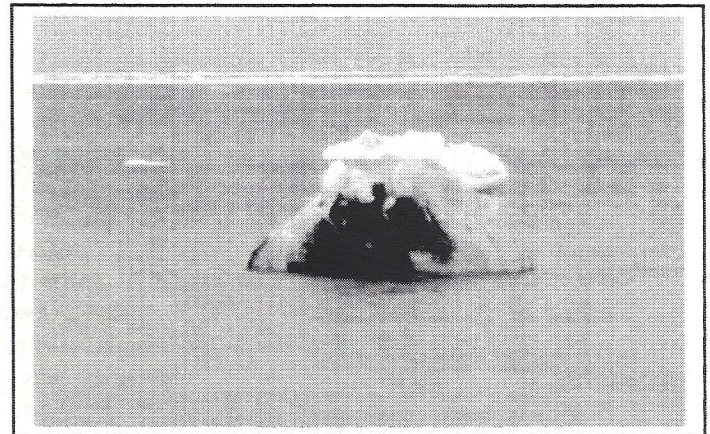
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Whales after the Blizzard of 2003

Winter is upon us!

Even 'tho the photo above was taken by our chairman, Tom Whiten, last February, it is a hint of the early storm we saw this past December. In this issue, we have more photos by Tom, and a few by me.

I apologize up front for giving in to a little nepotism. I have included an article from my brother, Jim Hodges. Jim is a mechanical engineer and he teaches, so he does love to talk! I think you will find the article interesting as it explains what has happened to the beach over the past 40 years. Also in this issue, we include an update on our 75th anniversary celebration, with details as to time, place and various events. I hope you enjoy reading about what's happening in Sound Beach, and around the world to Sound Beach friends and family.

News About You

As the old song goes, "Baby It's Cold Outside" but it didn't stop Sound Beach. Christmas lights and displays were up all over town. The tree lighting at the firehouse went off a few days after schedule because of some of the storms, but the lights were just as bright and beautiful as other years. The first **S.B.P.O.A/Pickwick Children's Christmas Party** also had to be postponed, but was great fun the following week (see some pictures from the event taken by **Tom Whiten** on our Picture Page). Santa was happy that he had a better day to fly to the clubhouse with gifts for all. Sound Beach even showed up on the weather map on Channel 12. Someone must have called in about our record number of inches of snow.

Sound Beach has been mentioned in the local papers lately. *The North Shore Sun* featured our own **Bob Bedrossian** who is working on a videographed history of Sound Beach. He is collecting old photos, home movies and taped interviews to record our growth from the early days in 1929 to the present -

75 years later. (Contact him if you would like to participate in this great project; his contact info is on the last page).

Just recently, another article appeared in *Newsday* in their "Living In" section. It traces the first property purchases at \$89.50 for a 20 x 100 ft lot, to new houses today costing over \$800,000. The paper said Sound Beach is noted for its sand bluffs and spectacular sunsets over its own private beach. How true!

On a people note, five year old **Clara Tucker** of Sound Beach won an art contest sponsored by the "Comfy Couch" TV show. Clara drew a picture of herself seated on the couch with two of the characters. Her prize was a limousine ride to the city on Thanksgiving Day, VIP seats at the parade, tickets to Beauty and the Beast, and a private tour of the Museum of Natural History. Congratulations Clara for being one of only 6 winners in 1000 entrants.

Other names in the News: *the Beacon-Record* caught **Nancy Paul and Anna Fris** on camera. They

were participating in our annual International Beach Clean-Up Day. There was also a nice article about **Joe Villaran** in the premier issue of the LI Journal. Joe has been a mail carrier in Sound Beach for 29 years.

Excitement too for **Cathryn and William Themann** when twins **Isabel Cathryn and Zachary William** arrived on July 2, 2003. We heard shouts of joy on Riverhead Road in early November when **Jamie Fugit** (one of our former lifeguards) returned for a short leave from her army service in Iraq. She was honored at the Rocky Point Veteran's Day Memorial Ceremony.

We wish **Mickey and Joe Loiacono** a speedy return to health after their recent automobile accident. We offer our condolences to the family of **Virginia DeBari-Tastrom** who passed away after a brief illness. Her roots trace back to the **Calace** family who owned the first grocery store in the square. Condolences also to the family of **Bill Daly**, another long time lover of Sound Beach.

Business News

We hope you took advantage of our stores and businesses in town during our recent bout with stormy weather. You really don't have to go out of town for groceries, hot meals, (Italian, Chinese or American style). We warmed up one day with the Meatloaf and Potatoes Blue Plate Special at **Hartlin's**. When you were able to get out of your driveway, you could fill-up your tank at **Matt's One Stop**, or **Naskar**, wash you clothes at the **Laundromat**, or have them cleaned at **Angel**

Touch. By the way, have you been into our new cleaners yet? The artistic owner beautifully decorated it. There is so much to admire! And we can vouch for their tailoring and dry cleaning skills.

Looking a little shaggy? Get your hair trimmed at **Sound Beach Barbers** or have a hot towel shave at **Impressive Cuts**. Buy some high fashion glasses at **Echo Optical** and for the ultimate effect, try the new tanning treatment at **Shear Style**.

We extend a warm welcome to the new owners of the butcher shop on Echo Avenue. It's called **Antonio's**. The sign next door says a gourmet bakery will open there. We are still watching the renovations on the shopping center nearby. A video store, please???? That's what we wished we could get to during the storm.

Keep Sound Beach green, even in the winter. Spend your money in our town.

The Sound Beach Community

The niece of our friends Bruce and Monica Walsh, Tara Gordon, is a U.S. Peace Corp Volunteer in the Village of Aghavnadzor, Armenia. She sent them this email, and we hope you will all join in her effort. A little support goes a long way.

To the residents of Sound Beach:

I am writing this letter to you from Aghavnadzor, a small rural village in the former Soviet Republic of Armenia, where I am currently living and working as a Peace Corps Volunteer. I have been living here since the middle of June 2003 and have recently started teaching English at the local school. My students range in age from six years old to sixteen years old, and I have found a strong desire in all of them to learn English. Many of my students have even asked me to give extra lessons outside of school. It is not the lack of motivation that has made it difficult for the people of my village to learn English, but a lack of materials. Many of my students do not even have English textbooks because they cannot afford them. Since the English textbooks are the only English books in my village, there are no other resources for the children to use. Teachers cannot even be used as a resource, because they themselves either do not know English or else speak it poorly.

My only goal before coming here was to teach English to the people of Aghavnadzor. Since coming here and seeing such desire from my students, I have altered my designs. My new goal is not only to teach everyone English, but to enable them to learn on their own and to continue this learning after I am gone. Over the next two years, I would also like to put English books on tape, games, songs, poster, visual aids, workbooks, and teaching resources in the library to give everyone access.

Our school currently has a small computer center in it, which is sponsored by the US State Department. Therefore, I am also trying to collect computer software that the students can use to help develop their English skills. I am hoping that you have some resources that you might be able to donate to our future English library and resource center. Anything and everything will be appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. If you are aware of any other resources please send me the information or pass this letter on. My email address is metsgirl720 @ yahoo.com. You can also contact Peace Corps headquarters in Washington D.C. The phone number there is 800 424 8580. After the completion of the library, I will contact you with positive results. I look forward to hearing from you. I will send you a big thank you from Aghavnadzor.

Sincerely,
Tara Gordon

The Angle of Repose

By Jim Hodges

Sound Beach, the beach, has changed a bit since I was a kid. For example, years ago Black Rock, to the east of the stairs, was high and dry at low tide, as were the pink granite rocks just to the left. Now they are always awash or under water and covered with lichen. In addition, even at high tide the beach was much wider than it is now. Today the water laps up against the bulkheads at high tide and there is virtually no beach left. Is the water level rising? Is this an example of global warming? I don't think so. The rocks off shore (we named them Whales, Turtle, Dogface and Pinpoint) are as they have always been. Pinpoint used to be just awash at low tide and it still is.

I have lived in Connecticut for the past thirty years, just outside of Hartford. A few weekends ago my

sister, who now lives in Sound Beach all year long, had to go out of town on business. I came down to look after her three unruly dogs. One afternoon I took a walk on the beach. It was during this walk that I had an epiphany; *the slope of the beach is much steeper than it used to be.*

Loose granular material, such as sand, has a property called the angle of repose. If you take a handful of sand and put it on a horizontal surface, the face of the pile will make an angle with the horizontal called the angle of repose. The angle of repose will depend on the type and shape of the individual grains, but for a given material such as sand, this angle is pretty much constant.

Long Island is a terminal moraine, composed of the detritus of two glaciers that advanced as far south

as Long Island during the last ice age. Long Island is, essentially, one big sand bar. If you look at the cliff faces off the north shore of Long Island, you will see that the angle the face makes with the horizontal is essentially the same from west to east. This is the angle of repose mentioned earlier. If you scoop sand out from the base of the cliff, sand will trickle down from the top to fill the cavity.

The tides and wave action will carry sand from the base of the dunes and the beach to a location farther offshore. Left to nature, sand at the top of the dunes is carried downward to the beach by wind and rain to fill the void at the bottom of the cliff left by the receding sand. Thus, in a continuous process, sand moves from the top of the dunes, to the base, to the beach and finally offshore.

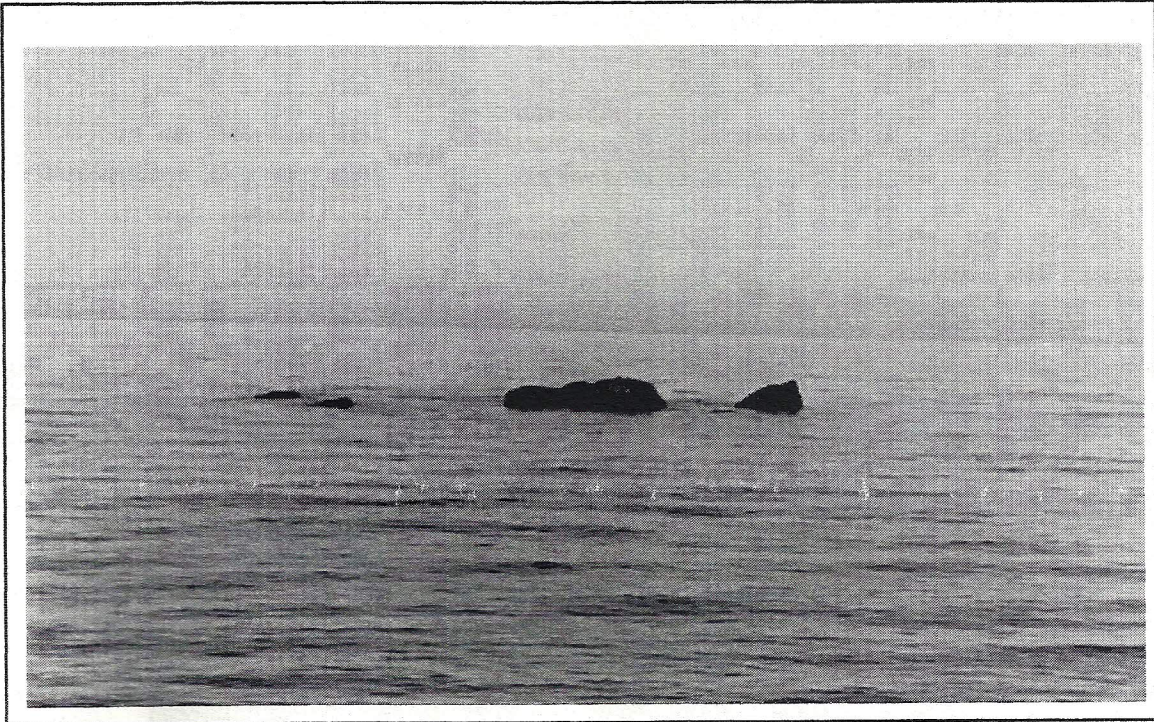
When I was younger, there were no houses on the top of the dunes between Sound Beach and Dawn's Pass. The dunes were all sand, like the sand in Lawrence of Arabia. Nothing grew on them except for a hardy sand grass (*eds. note:* and beach plums!). Then people built houses on the top of the cliffs because of the beautiful view. Eventually the houses started sliding off the top of the cliffs. People tried to stabilize an impossibly unstable situation with bulkheads, vegetation, etc.

They were able to reduce, at least temporarily, the recession at the top of the dunes, but the tides continued to deliver sand from the beach to deeper water. With the supply of sand from the dunes cut off, the slope of the beach got steeper and the tide line crept closer to the cliffs. This, of course, tended to undermine the bulkheads, the results of which we see in the remains of the older bulkheads on the beach.

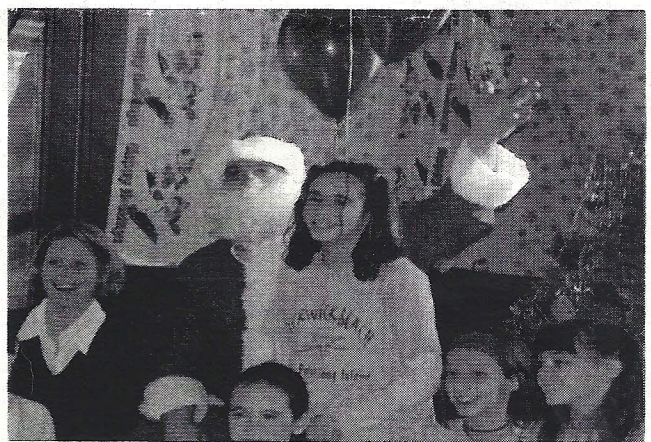
The process is of course inevitable. Recently I

measured the distance between one of the old bulkheads and the base of the cliff. The bulkhead is, conservatively, less than fifty years old. Using this information, I was able to calculate that the dunes are receding at a rate of about one foot a year. Thus, in 5 or 6000 years my sister should have beachfront property. It should be worth quite a bit of money.

(See pictures of the beach from the 1950's and today on our Picture Page.)



Dogface at Sunset: November 2003



Photos of the Pickwick/SBPOA Christmas Party by Tom Whiten



The Editor and her Grandmother (Whales is in the background) circa 1952.



The Beach in November 2003
Photo by Mimi Hodges



The Beach after the December 2003 Snowstorm: photos by Tom Whiten

