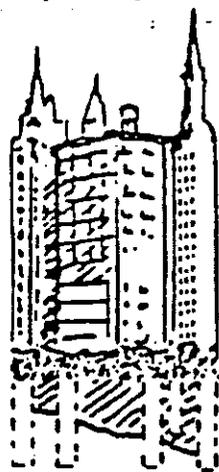


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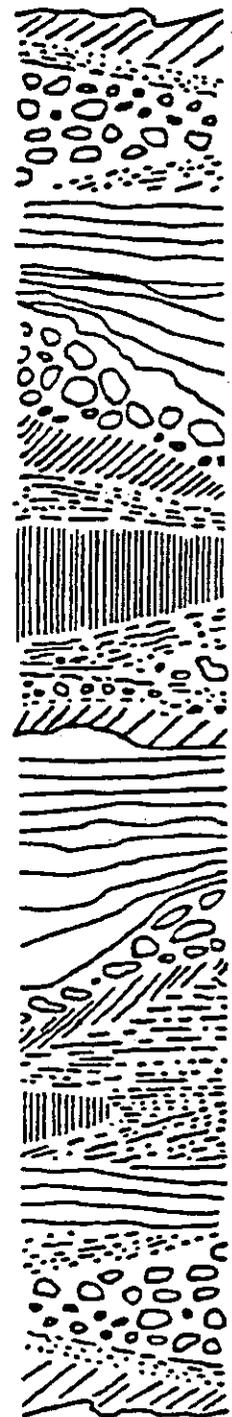
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NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: 24 JANUARY 2001

Hunter College North, the intersection of East 68th and Lexington, Manhattan; Room 710
Turn right out of elevator, go through doors, turn left and go to end of hall, the room is on the right
Executive Board: 6:00 P.M.

General Membership: 6:30 P.M.

Minutes of the PANYC General Membership meeting: 27 September 2000.

President Geismar called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the previous General Membership meeting were accepted with the following corrections. Under **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** second paragraph, instead of "They were happy..", "After a last minute effort, Geismar was happy...". Under **EVENTS COMMITTEE:** add "seminar" after New Netherands.

Stone reported Lillian Naar's minutes were returned "addressee unknown". Killeen will ask Crabtree if she knows of Naar's address. Fitts asked if other membership lists were consulted. It was felt in this case that would not be helpful. Geismar contacted Silver about her membership status and reported Silver will call Freeman regarding how much dues she owes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Freeman reported a balance of \$1776.17 in the PANYC treasury.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Geismar reported the City Hall Park issues continue. She will write a letter to the Parks Department asking about the report status and asking for a reply. Artifacts are reportedly molding and shells liquifying. However there is no MOA on this project since there is not federal money involved.

Geismar said both she and Dallal have continued to hear from Ed Platt who is still concerned about Staten Island archaeological resources. Unfortunately none of the sites he has been talking about are properties under environmental review and therefore we cannot write additional letters at this time.

ACTION: A rumor was entertained regarding the finding of human remains at the Tweed Courthouse steps and that no archaeologist was involved in the project. Geismar will make inquiries as to the validity of this rumor.

AWARDS: The announcement for the awards are in the current newsletter.

ELECTION: The annual election committee was formed. The committee is chaired by Stone and members include Fitts, Freeman and Rothschild.

EVENTS: Stone announced that November is Native American month at the Museum of the American Indian and a number of events may be of interest to members. Fitts announced the first meeting of HARM (historical archaeology reading meetings) will be at 6 P.M. on November 9 at CUNY, room 6402. Yamin announced the open house at Raritan Landing on December 2 from 10:00 - 2:00.

MEMBERSHIP: Stone presented the membership application of Chris Matthews. Members present voted in favor of accepting his application. Stone will write a letter to Matthews informing him of his

membership.

MET. CHAPTER NYSAA: Lattanzi said Scharfenberger spoke on the Whitehall Ferry site at the last meeting. The next meeting will be December 12 where Sofia Perdikaris will present a talk on Vikings.

NYAC: Stone reported on the October meeting where the NYAC Standards Handbook was presented. Copies are available from NYAC and SHPO. NYAC is also considering the revision of its 1994 standards and deep testing standards. They would like comments by January 15.

PUBLIC PROGRAM: Fitts reminded us the public program will be April 1, 2001 at 1:00 P.M. The program is Ordinary People's Trash. Cantwell will talk about a Native American site. Janowitz will discuss the 17th century Broad Financial site, Dallal: an 1835 site, Yamin: Widow Hoffman of Five Points, and Fitts: Widow Griswald of Wycoff St. Geismar will work on two versions of markup of the flier; one with speaker's names and one without, to be discussed at the next meeting.

REPOSITORY: A discussion of the topic of discarding artifacts took place. People related personal experiences. The committee was revived; Geismar (chair), Dallal, Fitts, and McGowan.

URBAN STANDARDS: Stone reported the committee received some comments on the revised draft of Monitoring Guidelines which was in the last newsletter. She also reported the guidelines will be in the next NYAC newsletter.

WEB SITE: Rothschild will see if Columbia can host the PANYC web site. Pickman asked if it would come with an email address.

NEW BUSINESS: Cantwell gave Geismar an August 27, 2000 letter from David Anderson of the U.S. Department of Interior. He wants a copy of the membership list to compare it with SAA, SHA and other national professional organizations. The purpose was to both for research and to provide SAA with local membership lists. Rothschild will respond saying PANYC does not wish to participate. She will also paraphrase his letter for our newsletter, giving our members the option to participate on their own. Stone will tell Rothschild the numbers of members and newsletter subscribers.

Stone reported that a new booklet on the Iroquois Pipeline Project has been published entitled "Pipeline Through the Past". It may be available from the SHPO office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.
Respectfully submitted by L. Stone, PANYC Secretary.

Killeen, John J NAN02

From: Killeen, John J NAN02
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2001 11:43 AM
To: 'David_Anderson@nps.gov'
Cc: 'roth@columbia.edu'
Subject: My affiliations

I have received a note (see message and attachment below) indicating that I should send a list of my affiliations to you. This I have done (also attached). I will insert your request for information in the PANYC Newsletter. If I can be of further help please let me know.

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—Original Message—

From: Nan A Rothschild [mailto:roth@columbia.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2001 10:08 AM
To: Killeen, John J
Subject:

Hi John,

This is for the next newsletter. Let me know if you have any trouble reading it, it's in WP.

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Nan A. Rothschild
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30 December 2000

To Members of PANYC:

PANYC received a letter from David Anderson of the National Park Service who is conducting a research study on behalf of the Society for American Archaeology. He requested our membership list, as he hopes to compile a complete inventory of archaeologists who belong to

“state professional councils, federal and state government agencies, and other public or private organizations. Such a listing would give us all a better appreciation of the degree of professional involvement of our colleagues across the country, and in each state.”

He will keep a copy of the entire data base, which will be available on request, and will publish an article in the SAA Bulletin on the results of his research. Thus far, on the basis of 16-21 states, he has found that fewer than 30% of the members of state professional councils are members of national archaeological organizations such as SAA, RPA and SHA. There will also be

“a one-time mailing of application materials and a copy of the new four-color SAA Bulletin [sent] to any non-members that I locate through this project. I have confirmation from both Keith Kintigh, SAA President and Tobi Brimsek, SAA Executive Director, however, that ‘under no circumstances would these lists be sold or otherwise made available to commercial interests.’”

At the last PANYC meeting, it was decided that we would publish Anderson’s letter in our newsletter and let individual members contact him on their own, rather than making the membership list available. If you are interested, you can get in touch with him and provide him with information on your own memberships, at:

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Nan Rothschild

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December 7, 2000

Honorable Henry Stern
Commissioner
New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
The Arsenal
Central Park
New York, NY 10021

Dear Commissioner Stern:

I am writing on behalf of Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC) regarding the status of archaeological artifacts recovered during the reconstruction of City Hall Park. An earlier inquiry to the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (Dallal, March 13, 2000) was copied to Mr. George Zellonakis of Parks. In that letter, we expressed our concern about the processing and cataloguing of this archaeological material (see attached letter). This concern, which we understand does not apply to the human remains that are currently being appropriately processed, remains a compelling matter.

As you are undoubtedly aware, and as stated in the March 13 letter, the condition and handling of these artifacts are important archeological and procedural issues. If we can offer any advice or suggestions to help expedite this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. In the meantime, we look forward to your timely reply.

Sincerely,

Joan H. Geismar, Ph.D.

PANYC President
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enc.

cc: Honorable Jennifer Raab, NYLPC
Honorable Rudy Washington, Deputy Mayor, NYC
Dr. Peter Glumacs, Principal Investigator, Parsons Engineering
Dr. Arthur Bankoff, Archaeologist, NYLPC
Dr. Robert Kuhn, NYSHPO



Professional Archaeologists of New York City, Inc.



PANyc

November 29, 2000

Dear Joan:

The members of Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANyc) were so terribly saddened to learn of Herb's passing. Herb's contribution to archaeology is an invaluable legacy, one that touches every archaeologist working or researching in our area. He was someone we all looked up to as a person as well as a professional. He will be missed by all of us fortunate enough to know him and by all those future students, scholars, and practitioners who will know his work and wish they could have known the man.

Please accept the heartfelt sympathy we send to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Joan H. Geismar, Ph.D.
PANyc President

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Professional Archaeologists of New York City, Inc.

September 27, 2000

Mr. Edward J. Platt
New York Institute of Archaeology
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Dear Ed:

As we discussed, I have brought your request for PANYC participation in, and sponsorship of, a public program before the PANYC membership. While we are in sympathy and agreement with your stated goals—to protect Staten Island's fast disappearing archaeological sites from destruction through development and to raise public and governmental awareness of the threat to those resources—we unfortunately cannot participate in your proposed program as an organization, nor can we sponsor such an undertaking. According to our mandate, PANYC is committed to participating in its own annual public program, one that is guided by goals similar to those you profess, but does not sponsor outside symposia. However, as you are undoubtedly aware, Staten Island has many institutions and societies that could potentially provide the forum you seek. We suggest that you contact these organizations to further your cause.

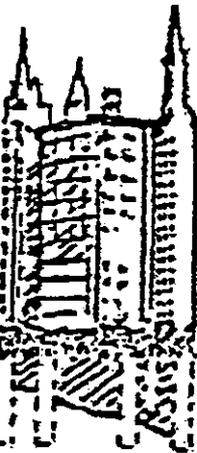
We wish you success in your endeavor. We certainly would provide supportive letters regarding archaeology should established environmental laws fail to be honored.

Sincerely,



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PANYC President

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Light of Day for an Old Stop on the Underground Railroad

An 1890 house, pockmarked and covered by vines, slumps on the side of an ample lot at 113-115 Davis Avenue. Even its ghosts seem to have fled. But if they were still around, they could tell stories about the Gay and Wilcox families, significant contributors to the American abolitionist movement, who owned the now-abandoned piece of property from about the 1830's to the 1940's.

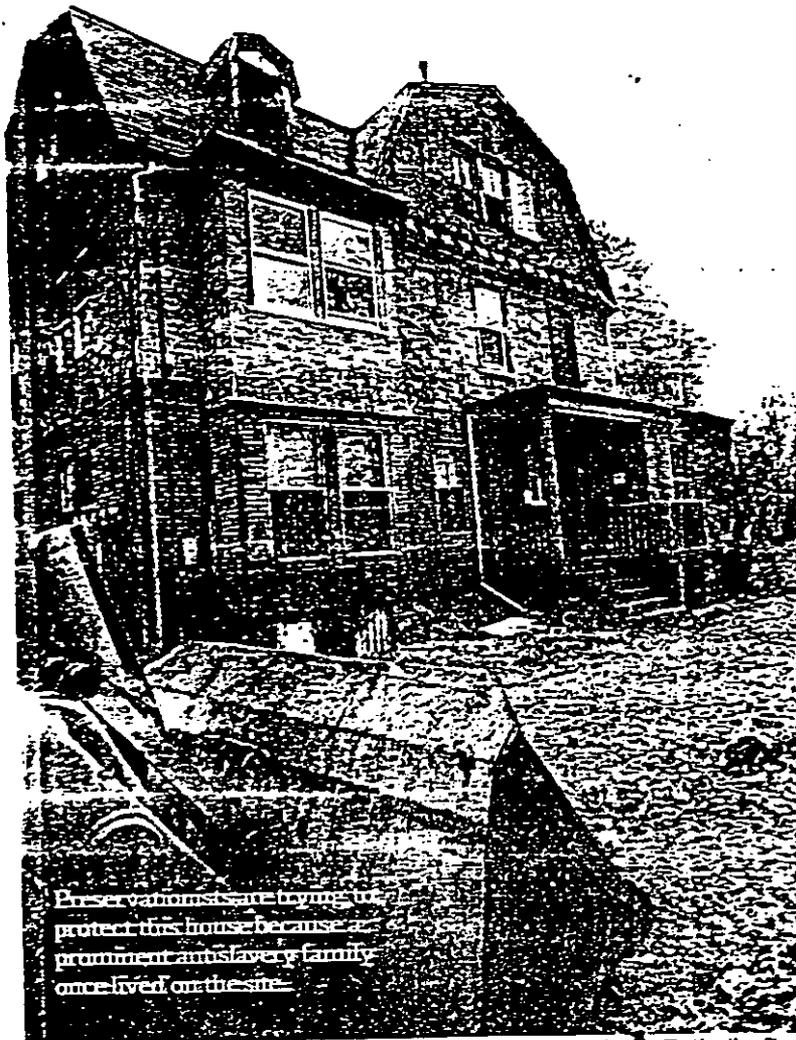
That history has prompted local civic groups and preservationists to appeal to a developer, Randy Lee, who owns the lot, to spare the old house before building new houses there, as he apparently plans to do.

Dick Dickenson, the Staten Island borough historian, said the house was one of several formerly on the property. One house belonged to Sidney Howard Gay, he said, who turned it into a headquarters for the abolitionist movement on Staten Island. He said it was an important stop on the underground railroad.

Mr. Dickenson said the Gay house was demolished in 1947. He added that the one that still stands belonged to Gay's daughter, Mary, and her husband, William Wilcox. In the early 20th century, he said, Wilcox was president of the city's Board of Education and on the board of Tuskegee Institute, the black college in Alabama. His wife succeeded him on the board after his death in 1923 and held the post into the mid-1930's.

Mr. Dickenson said the Gay and Wilcox families were part of a tight community of white antislavery families that lived in the area. Evelyn King, a noted local authority on black history in the borough, concurred: "Many of those people who lived in that neighborhood were nationally prominent abolitionists."

Edward Josey, president of the Staten Island branch of the N.A.A.C.P., said there was good reason to preserve the Wilcox House.



Preservationists are trying to protect this house because it was a prominent antislavery family once lived on the site.

Mary DiBiase Blanch for The New York Times

"It's on a very inspirational piece of land," he said.

Mr. Lee would not comment last week. But Richard Brown, the president of the Livingston Community Association, said Mr. Lee had told him that he planned to knock down the house and erect seven two-family

homes on the site.

The property's significance might yet be marked. Terri Rosen Deutsch, a spokeswoman for the Landmarks Preservation Commission, said staff members had recently inspected the house.

"We continue to research the po-

LEGACY

A Heroes' Home

From the 1830's to the 1870's, several prominent antislavery families lived in Livingston.

The Elliotts Samuel McKenzie Elliott, a renowned eye doctor, moved here with his family around 1838. Their home, still standing on Detafield Place, was a station on the underground railroad.

The Shaws Francis George Shaw and Sarah Blake Sturgis Shaw lived in a house between Davis and Bard Avenues. The child, Robert Gould Shaw, became the first white commander of an all-black regiment from the North during the Civil War. His story is told in the 1989 movie "Glory."

The Curtises George William Curtis and Anna Shaw, the Shaws' daughter, lived in a house that still stands at Henderson and Bard Avenues. During the draft riots of 1863, when Irish immigrants attacked blacks and their supporters, the family harbored white abolitionists.

Source: Dick Dickenson, Staten Island Borough Historian

tential history on that site," she said. "We have reached out to the developer, who has assured us that he will take steps to commemorate that history respectfully and thoughtfully; indeed there is a connection to the underground railroad."

JIM O'GRADY

Reprinted From The New York Times

Where Bricks Are What They Used To Be

By Patricia Leigh Brown, The New York Times, Thursday August 5, 1999
Photos by Chris Ramirez for the New York Times

There was no Home Depot in the 17th century, when the French Huguenots settled along the fertile banks of the Wallkill River in what is now New Paltz, N.Y. Only willpower, combined with clay, sand and stone.

From these materials, the French Protestants built a street of stone houses with deeply furrowed roof lines and heavily timbered ceilings. This quiet treasure, called Huguenot Street, is tucked away from college-town burger joints and other modern tumult: "a whole village of virtually undisturbed pre-revolutionary 18th-century dwellings," in the words of Morrison Heckscher, the curator of decorative arts at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The historic stone houses, seven in all, hark back to 1677, when the land they sit on was purchased from the Esopus Indians and paid for in kettles, axes, adzes, stockings, knives, needles, blankets and bars of lead. The charm of these age-old places, where waffles and applesauce were cooked on open hearths, endures. But their chimneys don't.

It was somewhat in desperation that the Huguenot Historical Society, the street's longtime steward, decided to repair the crumbling chimneys of Huguenot Street, a National Historic Landmark and the oldest street in America with original houses, by resurrecting 17th-century brick-making techniques.

"We contacted many brick makers all over the U.S. who specialize in historic brick," said the society's assistant director, Stewart Crowell, who comes from a Hudson Valley family of brick-mold makers.

Even Colonial Williamsburg could not come close to duplicating the size, color and texture of the original Wallkill River bricks, Mr. Crowell said.

Now the society has enlisted volunteers to replicate the Hudson Valley thins, as the inch-and-a-half-thick bricks were known, using Wallkill River clay dug out with a non-pre-Colonial dump truck and backhoe and then mixed with local sand and water.



Feet of clay volunteers make bricks the 17th-century way.



On 100-degree weekends last month, a motley array of three dozen volunteer brick enthusiasts shunned the beach in favor of tromping around barefoot in squishy clay.

"When I heard they were going to play with a lot of clay, I just had to come over and help," said Betsy Gilson, 40, a teacher. "Occasionally the clay would hit someone. It reminded me of 'I Love Lucy,' she added, alluding to the landmark episode in which Lucy tramples grapes and throws punches in a wine vat.

The Hudson Valley has a long brick-making tradition. Between 1815 and the 1940's, nearly 150 brickyards lined the banks of the river, ferrying bricks made from its clay deposits to New York, where they became buildings. Today, only one brick plant is left—Coeymans, just south of Albany.

"Clay is magnetic," said George W. Pixley, 74, a retired brick maker from Newburgh, who was on hand one weekend to cheer on the troops. "Once you touch it, you have to touch it again."

The volunteers have so far made about 1,300 hand-wedged thins, and counting. The bricks will spend the next couple of months lolling about in the sun, drying. Each brick is perfectly imperfect. They are slightly crooked and eccentric, befitting the days when bricks were made by hand and varied from region to region.

Sometime this fall, the bricks will be fired and then take their place atop the ancient roofs, laid with high lime mortar, a more forgiving material than modern portland cement.

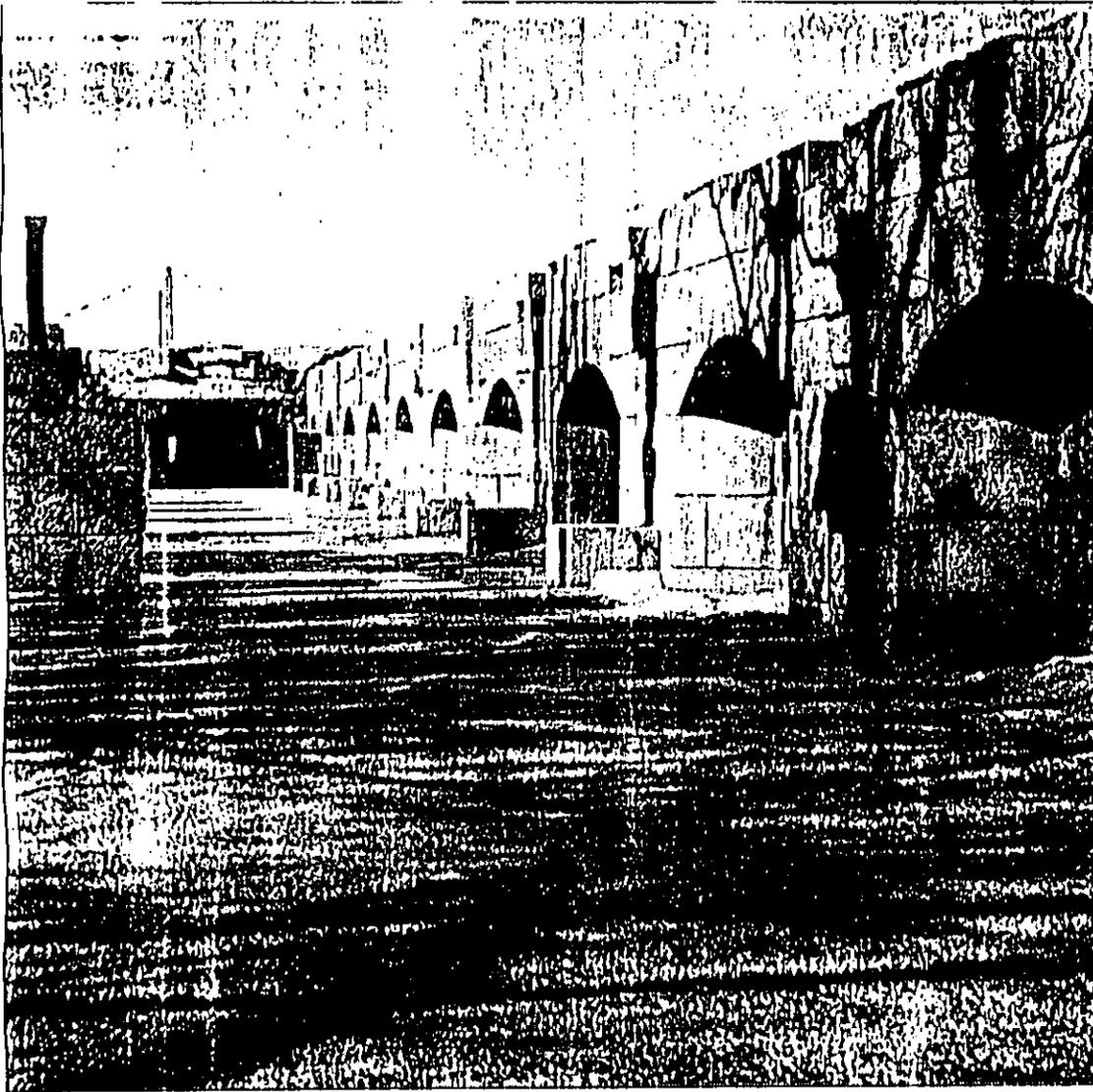
In the meantime, a festive air has enveloped Huguenot Street, where 300 years of history is molded into every brick. The annual Stone House Day, with period cooking, sheep shearing, harpsichord music and other arts and crafts, will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2000.

Those wishing further information on Stone House Day or to volunteer may call the Huguenot Historical Society at (914) 255-1660.

The finished "thins," will help restore the roofs of Huguenot Street's stone houses.



Sent to us by both
Stan Barnes #421
and Sam Rosen #692.



NEIL SCHNEIDER

BUILT TO LAST Fort Totten plans to upgrade the Water Battery — good news for military buffs. Parks Commissioner Henry Stern says work should be completed by summer 2002.

Water Battery to get recharge

By CELESTIE KAIZ
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

Visitors should be able to enjoy an enhanced, safer Water Battery at Fort Totten by the summer of 2002, according to Parks Commissioner Henry Stern.

Through a series of grants, the historic battery at the Civil War-era military installation is on its way to being more appealing to those who take an interest in martial lore.

As of now, "It's not a sand trap, it's not a snake pit. The area is now safe, if you watch your step," Stern said. "But by 2002, [it] will be safer still."

Updating Community Board 11 on the project last week, Lucille Helfat, chairwoman of the state's Northeastern Queens Nature and Historical Preserve Commission, said Phase 1 of the project will include safer trails and better lighting.

Overall, the plan will include a visitors center and visual aids to help people enjoy the battery.

"It's a part of our history. . . There are a lot of military buffs around who are very interested in this," Helfat said.

At the same time, plans inch forward for the eventual acquisi-

tion of the fort property, which was deactivated as a military installation by the federal government five or six years ago.

Dan Andrews, a spokesman for Borough President Claire Shulman, said officials are moving forward with a city land-use proposal for the fort, as well as other paperwork for the city to obtain the property from the federal government.

On a separate matter, a restoration advisory board met again last week to debate the issue of mercury contamination at the site, as well as in the water, sediment and aquatic creatures of Little Bay.

Representatives of the public, the Army Corps of Engineers and the state Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health talked about their varying interpretations of the extent to which the property could or should be cleaned up.

As of the last round of testing, the Army Corps maintained that the levels of mercury do not appear to pose a significant risk to human health. However, community representatives questioned the standards by which the agencies determine what levels are dangerous.

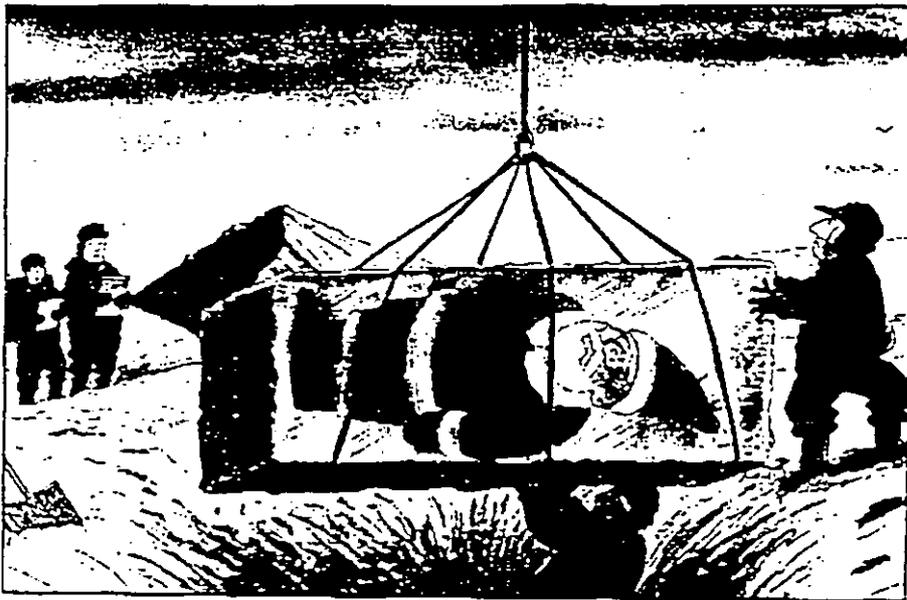


MOLLOY COLLEGE

Enrollment Day

TIME OUT

BY BLISS



"We can't be certain until he shows out—but this excavation is going to upset a lot of kils."

PANYC EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT - January 24 - March 31, 2001

EVENT	SPEAKER	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT	FEE
Anthropology and the New Reductionism		Mon 1/29	7:30 PM	New York Academy of Science, 2 E. 63 St.	212-838-0230	free
The Journal of Historical Archaeology Volume 34, Number 1 "View from the Outhouse"	HARM (historical archaeo. reading meeting)	Wed 1/31	6:00 PM	CUNY Grad Center Rm 6402	212-289-6337 oehiai@mindspring.com	free
Beyond Midas: The Rise and Fall of the City of Gordion	Mary Voight	Tues 1/30	8:00 PM	National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park South	www.archaeology.org/events	
Lost Icons and Interiors in the Mid-Century Metropolis	Matthew Postal	Fri 2/9	6:00 PM	Metropolitan Museum of Art	212-570-3949	
Geology of the Revolutionary War in New York	Sydney Horenstein	Thurs 3/8, 15 & 22	7:00 PM	American Museum of Natural History	212-769-5200	\$25/series 10/members
The Great "Out Back"	symposium	Thur 3/15	6:00 PM	Melville Gallery, 213 Water St., South St. Seaport	212-748-8786	
The Golden Deer of Eurasia: Scythian and Sarmatian Treasures from the Russian Steppes	exhibit	thru 2/4		Metropolitan Museum of Art	212-570-3949	admission
Taino: Ancient Voyages of the Caribbean	exhibit	permanent		El Museo del Barrio, 1230 Fifth Ave.	212-831-7272	
PANYC Public Program		Sun 4/1	1:00 PM	Museum of the City of New York		free

If any members have events which they would like listed, please contact Linda Stone by phone or fax at (212)888-3130 or by mail 249 E 48 St. #2B, New York, NY 10017.

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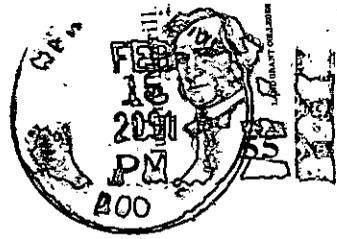
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