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At a Glance...Commentary

This is the section where I typically have blown off a little steam and expressed my political views. I feel it is every individual's duty to keep up with current issues, participate in the government that we have given permission to speak and act on our behalf, examine and keep close watch over those individuals for they are no less prone to make mistakes as any humans are, and formulate opinions as to their successes and failings.

Now having gone through all that, of course I feel it is meaningless if you keep all these opinions to yourself. And here is where I get in trouble... 😊 Well as Laurel Thatcher Ulrich once wrote "Well-behaved women rarely make history."

So Nov 7th Election Day, was a good day for everyone to voice their opinion. And I hope all of you got out and cast your vote. On a national level, change can't come fast enough for me, but I guess we'll only learn that with time.

On a local level we have had some more successes, but already we are facing some nasty campaigning from a councilwoman I have challenged for including her campaign refrigerator magnet in a mailing paid for with taxpayer funds!

I have been both praised and told off for including my political views in a holiday newsletter. If this offends you, I apologize, and warn you to skip this first column next year as it will most likely happen again.

I feel optimistic about our future, and I urge you all to learn about the issues, and get involved on both the local and national level...(Even if you disagree with my politics!)

It's hard to narrow our focus, but I'll say that in our little world, we again enjoyed vacations, business was good, we celebrated milestones and special occasions more passionately with family and friends, and we closely watched current events, and got more outspoken 😊 & involved with local issues and our community.

So here's the wrap up...

Pack Update

In January, what we hoped would just be a tooth problem with Charlie, turned out to be a tumor located just behind his right

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eye. A specialist removed it and Charlie is back to his old self again. Sammy and Rudy are both doing well, but we are sad to say that Eddy passed on in the spring. Eddy's last day was a happy one. Eddy's favorite times of the day were meal times! That day Eddy galloped over to a slightly larger than usual dinner, finished it off with his usual smile, went over to his bed, laid down, and passed on. We will miss him dearly.

Katrina Update

It was both a happy and sad day. Jack, a Shar Pei mix, rescued from the Katrina disaster and brought back to NY by AABR volunteers, had been in his new home for almost two months. His new mom and dad had waited ten years since their last Shar Pei had died, to get another dog. But his former family had been searching for him for six long months, combing the internet sites for their little "Reeses peanut butter puppy." Yes, his real name was Reese, and as soon as we were able to verify ownership, his adoptive family sadly agreed that Reese should be reunited with his original family. On Jan 27th, after a 3 day drive from New Orleans, Wendy, Will and Ronnie were met with kisses and tail wags from little Reese, at Mae and Mike's home here on Long Island. They shared some pictures of Reese they had salvaged from the hurricane, and shared stories of the days they spent trying to save theirs and their neighbor's animals, while local law enforcement were shooting dogs on sight. One of their dogs was shot in the head by a deputy trying to make them evacuate their home.

But now Reese is with his family again, and that is helping to heal their lives. And Mae and Mike have sent me a picture of their Shar Pei puppy. So healing has begun all around!

Sports 2006

Jim did not paddle much with friend Larry Liquori who was suffering from shoulder problems. Larry had surgery in November. Here is hoping he will be paddling in 2007. Jim raced C-1 & C-2 won 2 1^{sts} plus some 2^{nds} & 3^{rds} in his age group. He joined local outrigger teams for the Liberty cup in NY harbor, Kent Island and Ct. Lighthouse races.

Jim had two weekends in Florida for outrigger races plus the Wild Hog canoe race with Florida's Larry Fredricks, or as Larry calls it in his strong southern accent wild Hauwg race. This is a nutty race

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down a winding river, over logs, portages around the bigger log jams, finishing with teams going over a log two feet over waist deep water. Everything must go over, canoe, paddlers and all. Finally, you must finish back inside the canoe 50 feet away. Watching the finishes is a hoot, the best part of the race. Follow link for photos <http://www.wildhograce.org/photo.htm> Larry Fredricks and Jim teamed up to do the General Clinton 70 mile race warming up with a 2nd in a shorter 35 mile race. They also took first in the senior age group and 12th overall amateur boat out of about 90 boats. They were as high as 6th but, after 5 hours, arm cramps kept Jim pulling full force. Thanks Larry F. for my best Clinton finish.

So Jim's fast friend Bill Fleming (see last year's sports, you kept it didn't you?) has a faster younger friend Tom Taylor. Between Bill and Tom they are doing their best to get Jim faster or kill the old guy. Rudy (our youngest boxer) is having a blast running with them and Bill's dog Blaze. Rudy's the best runner in the group. Jim did win his first running medal, 3rd of 24 in the double nickels (55) age group at a local race.

As with all senior athletes, everybody suffers minor ailments (many start in the brain), so instead of running every week, the Fleming - Taylor group also mountain bikes to ease strain on older muscles and bones. Jim initially resisted another sport but Debbie's Son Craig told him about a hardly used mountain bike & Sandy suggested Jim take the plunge. So now the Crazy group is relieving leg stress by going up and down hills trying to avoid breaking bodies on a tree.

To prove anything can happen, after a tough 2 hour trail ride, missing trees, brush and rocks, Jim stopped at a supermarket & got a stick in the face behind his sun glasses turning to look for traffic... that **mean nasty** tree jumped out to attack him. Many years ago, Jim's mom broke her foot at a supermarket lot so watch those lots, **they can be dangerous!**

Jim joined Bill to race his Ensign this summer. They took 4 second places, a few 3rds and 4ths in a very competitive fleet. These places were good enough to give Bill a second and third trophy in two short series. Unfortunately we were not able to get out to do Ray's club's commodore cup this year due to illness.

Tracking System Update

The WISN Radar system, short for "Where is she now?" found Mom this year in of all places, the Antarctic, on a train trip through the Canadian Rockies, and on a cruise to Bermuda.

Mom and her friend Bob got some great photos of penguins and all of their expeditions. They are already making plans for their next adventure! 😊

Milestones...



*April 09, 2006 Dad's 80th B-day

*May 12th, 2006 Jim celebrated his double nickels (55th) B-day

*June, 2006 – *Aunt Eileen's celebrated her 80th B-day

*August, 2006 – Ken Lang celebrated his 80th B-day

*October 8, 2006 – Cousin Mike celebrated his 50th B-day .

* October 24, 2006 –Linda celebrated her double nickels (55th) b-day

* November, 15 2006 – Uncle Norman celebrated his 80th B-day

* November, 27, 2006 –Mom celebrated her 80th B-day

2006 Wrap Up

The pond stayed open, so I guess winter was not too bad on Long Island. We had a few good sized snow storms and Jim got to go cross-country skiing a few times. The spring was warm and rainy, and the summer was sunny enough to help the new solar panels heat the pool water. Fall and winter so far have been mild.

In January, Jim flew to Kentucky for the USCA canoe conference, and got to visit with friend John Steiner whom he hadn't seen in almost thirty years. He also went to the Florida Keys to paddle in an outrigger race.

The spring and summer were full of canoe, outrigger, and running events. (see Sports Update Page 1)

In April, we celebrated Dad's 80th birthday, the first of five 80th Birthday party's to be held this year!

In June, Linda and Sandy traveled to cousin Kathleen's home in upstate New York to

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celebrate Aunt Eileen's 80th B-day with family and friends.

We finished the installation of the solar panels on the new pergola by the pool. The water coming out of the solar panels is at times 10 degrees hotter than the water going into them. We got a lot more use of the pool this summer than ever before, and we had more summer parties including the annual family party in August. Good food, cocktails, and good company were the order of the summer. Solar energy's great!

The summer also brought a new addition to the family when Ricky Jr and Lisa became parents for the second time with the birth of Ricky Mancini 3rd.

Life with Jim, Sandy, Charlie, Sammy, & Rudy too!

The pond inhabitation, koi, goldfish, golden orfs and frogs are all thriving. We even had two garter snakes visit the pond.

In late October, Sandy and Jim accompanied Mom, Bob, Ray and Carole on a cruise from New York to Bermuda. We had a great time exploring the island and quite an adventurous return with 25 foot seas!

Mom came to New York a few days early to celebrate Linda's 55th b-day. We all went out to a new Thai Fusion restaurant and had a great time.

November 7th was the culmination of another long political campaign. This election we made another dent in the strong hold on local government with the election of our candidate to district court judge.

Sandy's been active in other areas of the community and government, being part of an organizing committee with her friend Pat, for a women's history event. She has also spoken out at town council meetings about abuses by one town councilwomen who recently enclosed campaign

items in a mailing that tax payers paid for.

In November, we celebrated both Uncle Norman's and Jim's Mom's 80th birthdays with family and friends. Did I say how young and youthful everyone looked? !

And of course Adopt a Boxer Rescue keeps Sandy busy all year long. Along with her friends Joanne, Jamie, and Christel, they check references and do home visits for adoption applicants in the Long Island and New York area, in search of good homes for homeless dogs. This group is committed to hands-on rescue of Boxers, educating the public about the realities of pet ownership, promotes neutering, and encourages responsible care.

Please visit our new website at:

<http://www.adoptaboxerrescue.com>

Please let us know if you have a new email address. Reach out and touch someone today, send e-mail.

We've closed a chapter on another year. It keeps things in perspective to revisit the old year. We appreciate the many good times we've had with friends and family. (Again, too many to fit here.)

We look forward to sharing a great 2007 with all of you; both near and far, those we love and never get to see often enough, no matter how often we see you.

We hope this letter finds all of you in good health, happiness, & celebrating this holiday season with those you love.

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BEST WISHES

FOR 2007!

**Love always,
Sandy, Jim,**

Charlie, Sammy, & Rudy Too!



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