July 30-Aug. 5



STATEN ISLAND OUTLOUD (Saturday) The great whale of literature will come ashore near the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, with Captain Ahab wielding a microphone (Red Jackman, above), at an annual free outdoor reading of excerpts from Herman Melville's "Moby-Dick," with music by members of the Staten Island Philharmonic. The audience can even ask questions of the Captain and others. Spectators should provide their own seating. If it rains, the event will be moved to a nearby indoor space. From left, at the 2008 event: Msgr. James Dorney, Allan D. Coleman, Mr. Jackman, Gregory Taylor and Malachi McCormick. At 6:30 p.m., Fort Wadsworth, Harbor Overlook, Staten Island, reachable from the guard station at Bay Street and School Road, Rosebank, (718) 907-0709, statenislandoutloud.org. (Anne Mancuso)