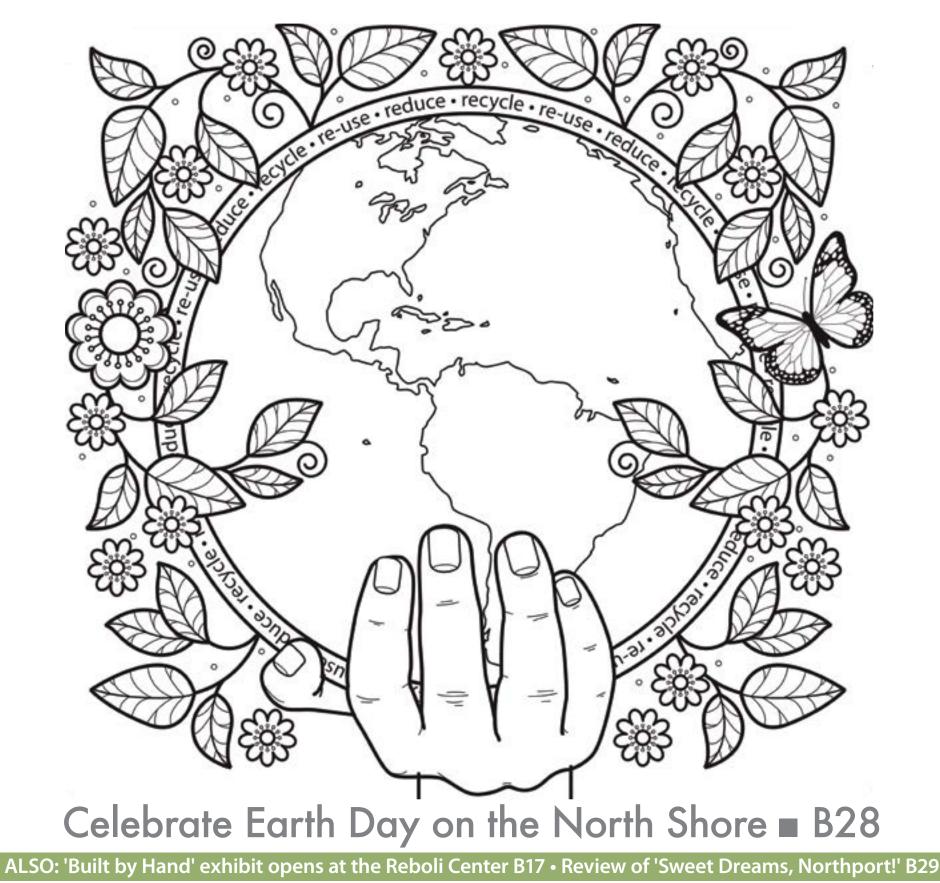
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Reservations are required to ensure a spot

New this year, guests can savor an

share fascinating tidbits of local history.

Stony Brook Village has announced the return of its popular luncheon fashion show series, "The Lookbook Luncheons," set to take place this May. This three-part series will showcase the latest spring styles from renowned local boutiques, offering a delightful blend of fashion and local cuisine.

Each event will run from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at a different local restaurant, including: Mirabelle Restaurant at the Three Village Inn (two-course meal for \$30) on May 1; Country House Restaurant (three-course meal for \$46) on May 8; and Luca Restaurant (two-course meal for \$39) on May 14.

Guests can look forward to enjoying a curated dining experience featuring a variety of spring fashion and accessories from Mint, Ecolin Jewelers, Madison's Niche, D.K. Brothers, Kate's Vintage Rose, and Chico's. Each luncheon will unveil new styles, making it possible to attend all three and discover the latest trends.

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Annual event benefits the Fortunato Breast Health Center

Join Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson on Sunday, May 18 for the annual Northwell Walk to Raise Health to support the Fortunato Breast Health Center.

Presented by Four Leaf Federal Credit Union, the Walk brings together family, friends and team members for a five-mile walk through the scenic villages of Port Jefferson and Belle Terre. The day includes music, raffles, photo props, a walker warm up session, and the return of the popular Pink Your Pooch contest for the best "pinked" pup! Check-in opens at 8:30 a.m. and the Walk steps off at 10 a.m.

Sponsored by New York Cancer & Blood Specialists, King Quality Roofing and Siding, Riverhead Toyota, and CSDNET the Northwell Walk to Raise Health at Port Jefferson raises awareness of the need for regular breast cancer screenings starting at age 40. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, except for skin cancers according to the American Cancer Society It accounts for about 30% (or 1 in 3) of all new female cancers each year. The average risk of a



woman in the United States developing breast cancer sometime in her life is about 13%, or a 1 in 8 chance.

The event will be held simultaneously with other walks in Riverhead, Jones

Beach, Staten Island and Westchester County. Last year's Northwell Health Walk was attended by more than 6,000 people who came together across five Northwell Health Walk locations to raise more than \$1.14 million for local hospital programs and services.

According to Northwell's website, the Walk began 15 years ago as the "Every Woman Matters Walk," inspired by the vision of philanthropists Iris and Saul Katz. Since its inception, the Northwell Health Walk has raised more than \$8 million and supports Northwell's Outpacing the Impossible campaign, a comprehensive \$1.4 billion fundraising effort that supports Northwell's promise to the people it serves.

The campaign's objectives include improving hospitals and clinical programs, accelerating research and funding endowment.

On May 18, walk for a family member or friend fighting breast cancer, a breast cancer survivor, or in memory of someone whose life was cut short by this disease. Form a team with family, friends, or co-workers, join a team or walk as an individual, or sponsor a team or walker. Help raise funds for the Walk and collect Walk Fundraising Rewards. Participants can begin earning rewards by raising just \$100! All rewards will be waiting for you at the Walk. To register, visit www. northwellhealthwalk.com.



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What really works to maintain cognitive health as we age?

MEDICAL COMPASS

It's hard to avoid the flood of advertisements for products from supplements to "brain games" that promise to help us avoid cognitive decline as we age. Fear of



BY DAVID M. DUNAIEF, MD

slowing down cognitively as we age is a big driver of sales, I'm sure.

What do we really know about the brain, though?

We know that head injuries and certain drugs can have negative effects. Many neurological, infectious, and rheumatologic disorders can also have long-term effects. Examples include autoimmune and psychiatric mood disorders, diabetes and heart disease. In these cases, addressing the underlying medical issue is critical.

Lifestyle choices also make a difference. Several studies suggest that we may be able to help our brains function more effectively by making simple lifestyle changes around our sleep and exercise habits. It's also possible that taking omega-3s can help.

What is brain clutter?

Are 20-somethings more quick-witted than people over 60? It's a common societal assumption.

German researchers put this to the test. They found that educated older people tend to have a larger mental database of words and phrases to draw upon when responding to a question (1). When this was factored into their simulation analysis, the difference in terms of age-related cognitive decline was negligible.

However, the more you know, the harder it can be to provide a simple answer to a question, leading to slower processing and response times.

Interestingly, a recent study that analyzed trends from three separate studies of brain health and aging found that older adults' cognition has been increasing over time (2). The author notes that much of this can be attributed to environmental factors, such as education, healthcare and nutrition. Interestingly, younger adults' cognition has not changed over the same study periods.

Let's take a closer look at things we can control in our daily lives.

Regulating sleep

Researchers have identified two specific benefits we receive from sleep: clearing the mind and increased productivity.

Sleeping well can have positive long-term effects

For the former, a study done in mice shows that sleep may help the brain remove waste, such as beta-amyloid plaques (3). Excessive plaque buildup in the brain may be a sign of Alzheimer's. When mice were sleeping, the interstitial space (the space between brain structures) increased by as much as 60 percent.

This allowed the lymphatic system, with its cerebrospinal fluid, to clear out plaques, toxins and other waste that had developed during waking hours. With the enlargement of the interstitial space during sleep, waste removal was quicker and more thorough, because cerebrospinal fluid could reach much farther. A similar effect was seen when the mice were anesthetized.

An Australian study showed that sleep deprivation may have contributed to an almost one percent decline in gross domestic product (4). Why? When people don't get enough sleep, they are not as productive. They tend to be more irritable, and their concentration may be affected. While we may be able to turn on and off sleepiness in the short term, we can't do this continually.

One study found that sleep deprivation results were comparable to alcohol impairment (5). Subjects' response time and accuracy with assigned tasks after 17-19 hours without sleep were the same or worse than their performance when they had a bloodalcohol concentration (BAC) of .05 percent. With more than 19 hours of sleeplessness, performance equaled .1 percent BAC.

Exercise's impact

One study with rats suggests that a lack of exercise can cause unwanted new brain connections. Rats that were not allowed to exercise were found to have rewired neurons around their medulla, the part of the brain involved in breathing and other involuntary activities. This included more sympathetic (excitatory) stimulus that could lead to increased risk of heart disease (6).

Among the rats allowed to exercise regularly, there was no unusual wiring, and sympathetic stimuli remained constant.

An analysis of 98 randomized controlled trials assessing exercise's cognitive results in older adults, both with and without cognitive impairment, found that a minimum of 52 hours of physical exercise distributed over 25 weeks led to improvements in cognitive function. Physical exercise included aerobic, resistance (strength) training, mind-body exercises, or combinations of these. The authors suggest that, based on the data trends, benefits accumulate over time (7).

Omega-3 fatty acids

The hippocampus is involved in memory and cognitive function. In the Women's Health Initiative Memory Study of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study, results showed that postmenopausal women who were in the highest quartile of measured omega-3 fatty acids had significantly greater brain volume and hippocampal volume than those in the lowest quartile (8).

Specifically, the researchers looked at the levels of eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) in red blood cell membranes. The source of the omega-3 fatty acids was from either fish or supplementation.

While we have a lot to learn about maintaining brain function as we age, it's comforting to know that we can positively influence it with lifestyle adjustments, including improving our sleep quality, exercising, and ensuring we consume enough omega-3 fatty acids.

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NEWS AROUND TOWN



'Mel's Truck' by Joseph Reboli

Spring Paint Party

The Reboli Center for Art & History, 64 Main St., Stony Brook hosts a Spring Paint Party on Friday, April 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Join returning instructor, Linda Davison Mathues, in completing a painting in the style of Joseph Reboli's "Mel's Truck." No experience is necessary. Fee is \$45 includes all materials, wine and snacks. For more information or to register, call 631-751-7707.

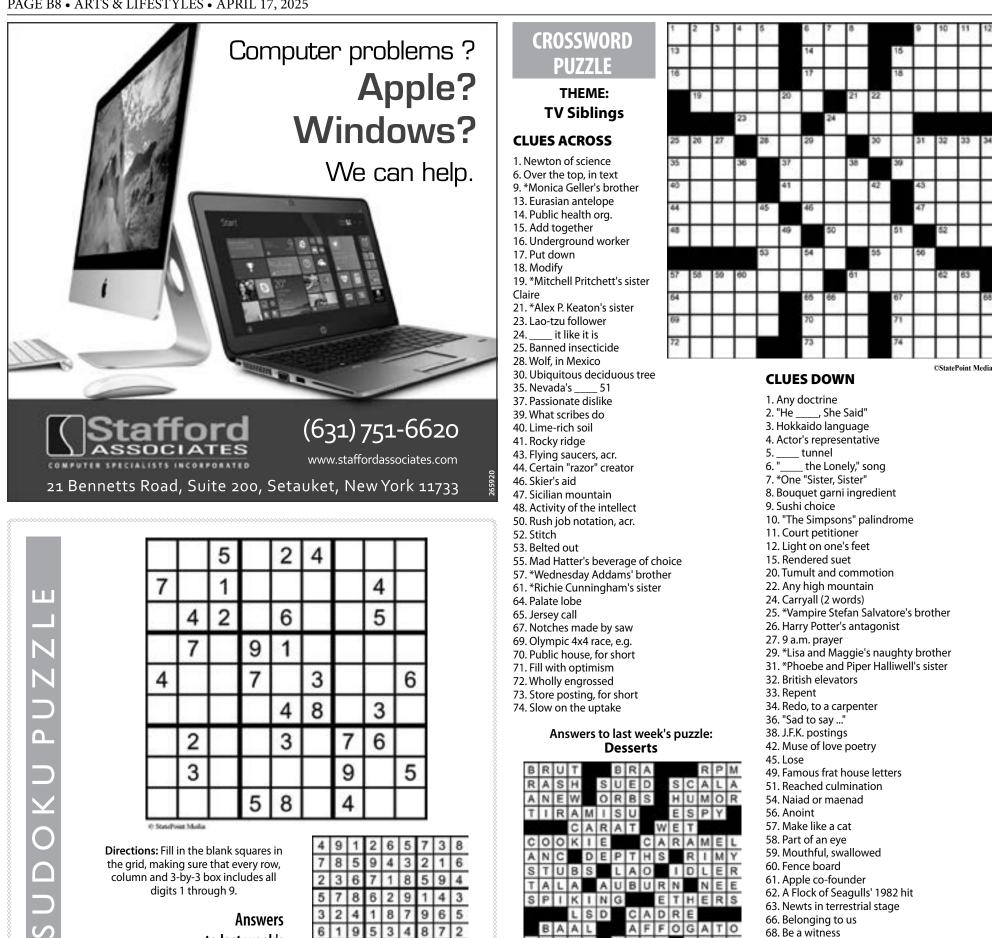
Northport Volunteer Fair

Northport Public Library, 151 Lauel Ave., Northport will hold a Volunteer Fair on Wednesday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Speak with representatives from over 20 local organizations that are actively seeking volunteers including AARP Tax-Aide; American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery Program; East Northport Chamber of Commerce; Guide Dog Foundation & America's VetDogs; Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition; Huntington Historical Society; Literacy Suffolk, Inc.; Little Shelter Animal Rescue & Adoption Center; Northport Arts Coalition; Northport-East Northport Drug & Alcohol Task Force; Northport Historical Society and Museum; Northport VAMC Volunteer Services; Northport Pridefest Committee Parker Jewish Institute: Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands Caregiver Services; Rotary Club of East Northport; RSVP Suffolk; SeniorNet at Family Service League; Town of Huntington Senior Citizens Division; U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice of Suffolk; and Walt Whitman Birthplace. No registration required. Questions Call 631-261-6930.

Comedy Night Fundraiser

Farmingville Residents Association hosts a Comedy Night & Chinese Auction fundraiser at Gambino Catering Hall, 2005 Route 112, Medford on Sunday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. with doors opening at 5 p.m. Auction drawing winners will be selected at the show's conclusion - must be present to win. Tickets are \$25 per person. Contains adult content. To order, visit www.farmingvilleresidents.org. For more information, call 631-260-7411.

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CSHL's Jeremy Borniger helps coordinate first cancer neuroscience course



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BY DANIEL DUNAIEF

People battling cancer can sometimes live long after they and their doctors first start treating the disease. Even if and when their types of cancer don't continue to threaten

their lives in the **KNOWLEDGE** same way, they can SEEKERS with symptoms

such as chronic fatigue, pain, and difficulty sleeping.

These ongoing symptoms, however, could be a remnant of the way the nervous system and cancer interact, as well as a byproduct of the treatment.

Cancer neuroscience uses "tools from both neuroscience and cancer to fundamentally understand how cancer influences the functioning on the nervous system" and how the nervous system can be used to affect cancer, explained Jeremy Borniger, Assistant Professor at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

Indeed, the field of cancer neuroscience, which extends beyond the study and treatment of brain cancer, has been growing over the last six years, after researchers made important discoveries that suggest the possible role and target for treatment of neurons.

To encourage cancer scientists to learn more about the principles and techniques of neuroscience and to bring neuroscientists up to speed with cancer research, Borniger and three other scientists coordinated the first two-week Methods in Cancer Neuroscience course at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory last month.

Attended by 14 researchers from domestic and international institutions, the days often started early in the morning and lasted past 10 p.m. The course included lectures about the basic science as well as considerable lab work.

Course attendees, most of whom had a background in cancer biology but little background in neuroscience, appreciated the opportunity to learn from the lecturers and to build their networks.

"We were introduced to a wide variety of techniques from the leading experts in the field and got to listen to insightful lectures from the invited speakers," said Irem Uppman, a graduate student at Uppsala University in Sweden.

Uppman was grateful for the opportunity to meet her fellow students and hopes to stay in touch throughout their careers.

"It was also very exciting to meet all the instructors and lecturers," Uppman said. "The small size of the course allowed us to interact more intimately which is something we often can't do in the setting of big conferences."

Uppman, who has been a PhD candidate for three years and hopes to graduate in the next two years, is a tumor biologist by background and hopes to incorporate more cancer neuroscience in her future work.

Course origins

During another conference, Borniger recalled how a group of cancer neuroscientists were discussing the field. One of the speakers suggested the need for a workshop where students could learn techniques from both of these disciplines.

"I raised my hand and said, "Cold Spring Harbor does this all the time," Borniger said.

The leadership at the lab, including CEO Bruce Stillman, were excited about the possibility and encouraged Borniger to help coordinate the course. After the lab publicized the conference, 67 prospective students submitted applications. The organizers had several marathon zoom sessions to



Jeremy Borniger with Cecilia Pazzi, a student from the cancer neuroscience course. Photo courtesy of CSHL

review the applicants.

"We wanted a good spread of earlier career and later career students," said Borniger.

It would have been possible to fill the course with students conducting research on brain cancer exclusively, but the organizers wanted a broader scientific representation.

Neurons and cancer

As electrically active tissue, neurons play important roles in healthy biology as well as with cancer.

"It's not just another cell type in the tumor environment," Borniger explained, adding that nerve cells connect tumors with the central nervous system, which governs all conscious and unconscious systems.

Historically, cancer neuroscience has had two major moments that helped push the field into the mainstream of scientific research.

In a couple of papers between 2010 to 2013, before anyone started using the term "cancer neuroscience," scientists showed that getting rid of localized sympathetic nerves, which include the kinds of nerves that control the heart rate and blood pressure, can cause breast cancer and prostate cancers to stop growing.

"Everyone assumed the nerves don't really do anything,"

Borniger said. They are "little tiny projections in the tumor. A lot of cancer biologists ignored it" in part because of a paper in the 1960's that suggested tumor cells were not electrically coupled together. Scientists believed, prematurely and inaccurately, that electrochemical signaling didn't play a role in cancer.

Then, in 2019, three papers came out around the same time that demonstrated that tumors in the brain can form connections with neurons like normal neurons do. These cancerous cells can integrate with circuits and communicate with each other.

"The level of integration that these cancer cells have with vour brain dictates how bad the cancer is," Borniger said. "If you disconnect the cancer cells from the neurons in your brain, you can make cancer much easier to treat."

Researchers and pharmaceutical companies are looking for ways to use drugs to slow or stop the cancers.

Some research efforts are trying to block the gap junctions which dramatically reduces the number of cancer cells that receive input.

In breast to brain cancer, scientists are looking to target NMDA receptors, while in brain cancer, they're targeting AMPA receptors.

Researchers are hoping to repurpose drugs approved for other conditions, such as bipolar disorder or epilepsy.

Origin story

When Borniger was in graduate school at Ohio State University, he was interested in sleep and how sleep works. He had the opportunity to attend several lectures and talks to gather information and pursue research that interested him.

In one meeting, which he said he might have attended to get free food, oncology nurses were talking about the subjective experience of cancer patients. At the end of the talk, they shared a summary slide of the top complaints, which included fatigue, pain, sleep disruption, cognitive impairment and changes in appetite.

Borniger thought these were all neuroscience problems.

He immediately looked online to see if anyone had seen how a tumor influences these neurological processes.

When he tested to see if breast cancer could influence brain activity and lead to sleep disruption, what he found convinced him it was a research field worth pursuing.

"The signal that comes from the tumor can reprogram your brain," he said. "How does that work? That got me into the field."

When he got the job at CSHL in 2019, Borniger attended a Banbury conference where the top people in the developing field gathered. He's also interested in the opportunity to contribute to a new field.

"There's not 30 years of dogma that we're going to have to break down," Borniger said. "We're inventing the foundation as we go."

Borniger is hoping to continue to expand the field to newer people, including those who work in neurodevelopment, bioinformatics and behavioral science.

The tide is turning towards cancer neuroscience, Borniger believes. Years ago, cancer biologists would say, "Who cares about sleep? We're driving to cure the cancer!" Now, with help from patient advocates, Borniger explained, clinicians are starting to realize the subjective health of the patient can have "immense impact" on their prognosis.

Vendors Wanted

Send your Vendors Wanted listings to leisure@tbrnewspapers.com.

• Three Village Historical Society, 93 North Country Road, Setauket seeks full-season, seasonal, pop-up and food truck vendors for its 11th annual Three Village Farmers & Artisans Market on Fridays from May 2 to Oct. 24. Hours are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. from May to September, and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in October. For an application and more information, visit www.tvhs.org or call 631-751-3730.

• Port Jefferson Historical Society seeks Antique Dealers for their annual Antiques and Garden Weekend at the Port Jefferson Village Center, 101A East Broadway, Port Jefferson on May 3 and May 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit portjeffhistorical.org or email antiques-garden@portjeffhistorical.org.

• Polish American Independent Ladies of Port Jefferson Auxiliary will hold their annual Spring Vendor & Craft Fair at the Polish Hall, 35 Jayne Blvd., Port Jefferson Station on May 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor fee is \$50 for inside tables, \$35 for outside tables. To reserve your space, visit https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-spring-craftand-vendor-fair or call Jennifer at 516-383-3456.

• Yaphank Historical Society seeks vendors for their annual Spring Yard Sale on May 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Robert & Isabella Hawkins House, 4 Yaphank Ave., Yaphank. (Rain date is May 18). \$10 per spot, first come, first served, no reservations necessary. Please don't arrive before 8 a.m. 631-924-4803, www. Yaphankhistorical.org

• Town of Brookhaven seeks health and business vendors for its 5th annual Health & Wellness Fair at Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill, Farmingville on May 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an application, visit www. BrookhavenNY.Gov/Health or call 631-451-6331.

• Town of Huntington Councilwoman Mari and The Children with Special Needs Committee invites vendors including businesses, service providers, and organizations dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities and special needs to participate in the 1st annual All Abilities Expo at Heckscher Park in Huntington on May 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendor admission is free. To reserve a booth, call Michelle at 631-351-3173.

• Sound Beach Civic Association seeks vendors for its "Out of This World" Kids Day on June 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on New York Avenue in Sound Beach-a free event celebrating children and their uniqueness. Craft/ retail vendors, vendors providing only information or kids activities, food trucks, and non-profits should call 631-744-6952 or email Rubertob11789@aol.com.

• Port Jeff Bowl, 31 Chereb Lane, Port Jefferson Station is looking for vendors (limited to 5) and sponsors for their Kids Bowl Free Kick-Off event on June 1 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Deadline to apply is May 1. For more information, visit portjeffbowl.com, email mail@portjeffbowl.com or call 631-473-3300.

• Three Village Historical Society, 93 North Country Road, Setauket seeks vendors for its Community Wide Yard Sale on June 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an application and more information, visit www.tvhs.org or call 631-751-3730.

Democracy during detention A critical step for voting rights

BY CLYANNA LIGHTBOURN

In New York State, thousands of eligible citizens are routinely denied access to the ballot-not because of a law, but because of logistical failure and oversight. These are New Yorkers held in local jails—people who have

not lost their right to MAKING vote under state law WORK

DEMOCRACY but are effectively unable to exercise it. Voter suppression isn't always loud or explicit; sometimes it happens quietly, buried in bureaucracy, process, and inaction.

Most people in jail are detained pretrial or serving time for a misdemeanor-circumstances that do not result in the loss of voting rights. As of January 2025, over 12,700 people held in New York's jails were legally unsentenced and likely eligible to vote, yet very few are able to cast a ballot.

Barriers to voting include a lack of internet access, no access to stamps, minimal information about how to register or request an absentee ballot, and limited or no coordination between jails and Boards of Elections. A 2023 League of Women Voters report found that one-third of counties in New York State either have no jail voter access program or couldn't describe how it worked. These gaps result in ballots not being cast-not because of disinterest, but because of institutional neglect.

In other institutional settingslike nursing homes and veterans' hospitals-Boards of Elections conduct in-person visits to help residents register and vote. But even those programs vary widely. When it comes to jails, the disparity is sharper.

Despite similar absentee voting eligibility, New York State has no consistent jail-based voter access program, unlike what is required in nursing homes under Election Law § 8-407. There are no regular ombudsmen, no uniform voter education, and no state-enforced protocols for voter registration or ballot return. Examples of jail staff coordinating with election officials to deliver and return absentee ballots are rare and highlight the need for uniformity, not ad-hoc goodwill. That's not how democracy should work.



The Democracy During Detention Act (S440/A2121) provides a bipartisan, commonsense solution. Sponsored by New York State Senator Zellnor Myrie and New York State Assemblymember Latrice Walker, and backed by dozens of legislative co-sponsors, the bill would ensure that every eligible voter held in a local jail has a fair and equal path to the ballot.

The legislation requires county Boards of Elections to provide at least one method of jail-based voting access—either through in-person absentee ballot collection visits, or by establishing on-site polling places for early voting. These programs would be governed by formal coordination between local election and corrections officials, much like those already in place for nursing homes and hospitals. The bill also guarantees privacy, ensures language access, and affirms voting rights under the New York Voting Rights Act.

This isn't about changing who can vote. It's about making sure everyone who is already eligible can actually cast a ballot-because voting rights mean nothing without real-world access.

Civic participation also has broader benefits. Research shows that individuals who vote after incarceration are less likely to be rearrested, and more likely to successfully reintegrate. Engagement builds public safety. Exclusion undermines it.

New York has made progressrestoring voting rights to people on

parole, expanding early voting-but we've left a glaring gap in our jail system. And that gap has a racial and economic edge: in 2021, 78% of New York's pretrial jail population was Black or Latinx.

The Democracy During Detention Act is more than a policy update—it's a test of our values. It draws a clear line in the sand: Do we believe in equal access to democracy, or do we allow systemic neglect to continue disenfranchising thousands of our fellow New Yorkers? This is a moment for lawmakers-and for all of us-to decide what kind of democracy we're building.

If we believe in a democracy that includes everyone-not just the well-connected or the free-then we must ensure that the right to vote is more than a promise on paper. The Democracy During Detention Act draws a clear line: either we uphold access to the ballot for every eligible New Yorker, or we allow silence and neglect to continue disenfranchising thousands.

This is our moment to choose. Call your lawmakers. Speak out in your community. Join the growing coalition demanding action. Because in a true democracy, no one should lose their voice just because they lost their freedom.

Clyanna Lightbourn is Campaign Director, Democracy During Detention Act for LWVNY. For more information or sources contact Clyanna@lwvny.org

Moe's Southwest Grill reopens in Rocky Point

On March 27, Brookhaven Town Councilwoman Jane Bonner joined the owners, employees and guests to celebrate the grand reopening of Moe's Southwest

NEWS Moe's Southwest Grill located at 346 Route 25A in Rocky Point. With more than 600 restaurants in the country, Moe's serves delicious southwestern food including burritos, nachos, quesadillas, tacos and burrito bowl with a twist. Pico de gallo, seasonal salsas and good times are made in house every day.

Pictured from left are Marketing Director Tricia Catalani; Councilwoman Jane Bonner; Regional Manager Pablo Cuevas; General Manager Johanna Cruz; Catering Manager Karen Diaz and Quentin Palifka, Legislative Aide for Legislator Chad Lennon.

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Mather Hospital achieves milestone of 10,000 robotic surgeries

Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson has announced that it has achieved a significant milestone — completing 10,000 robotic surgery procedures using the da Vinci[®] surgical system.

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"Achieving 10,000 robotic surgeries is a testament to our surgical team's commitment to continually elevating patient care," said Mather Hospital President Kevin McGeachy. "This milestone reflects our ongoing investment in innovative technology and our dedication to providing the best possible outcomes for our patients."

Movers & Shakers



Suffolk County Community College student **Nina Kezys**, a psychology major from East Northport, has been selected as one of 20 college students nationwide named to the prestigious 2025 All-USA Academic Team and has also been chosen as New York's 2025 New Century Transfer Scholar.

Chosen from among more than 2,000 nominees, Kezys will earn a \$5,000 scholarship for the All-USA Academic Team honor, and an additional \$2,250 scholarship as a New Century Transfer Scholar.



Gábor Balázsi, PhD, the Henry Laufer Professor of Physical and Quantitative Biology in the Laufer Center at Stony Brook University, has been named a Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE).

Balázsi took part in a formal induction ceremony in Arlington, Virginia, on March 31, for AIMBE's 2025 Class of College Fellows, which includes 171 leading international scientists.



Katie Stockhammer has been appointed Assistant Director at Stony Brook University's Staller Center for the Arts and will take on significant responsibilities overseeing the day-to-day functionality of the Center, including production operations, and will play a key role in managing staff and resources.

Stockhammer, who joined the Staller team in 2011, brings a wealth of experience to this new role as the venue continues to evolve.



Stony Brook University Professor **John Pardon** is a co-recipient of the New Horizon in Mathematics prize which is part of the Mathematics Breakthrough prizes that are awarded annually. The prize will amount to \$100,000.

Professor Pardon was recognized for his research that has produced a number of important results in geometry and topology. This is the fifth Breakthrough Prize for Stony Brook University's faculty.



Kristen Hildebrant was recently promoted to Chief Human Resources Officer at Arrow Security in Smithtown, where she will oversee all aspects of Arrow's Human Resources strategy.

Hildebrant, who joined the company in 2023, supports an employee population of more than 6,000 by leading efforts to design the formal infrastructure for all core human capital functions, including talent acquisition and development, compensation design, compliance, culture enhancement, employee engagement, organizational growth and organizational transformation.

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With courts under attack, remember the good that judges can do

ATTORNEY AT LAW

An annual report - especially from a government entity — tends to be a dry, statisticdriven tome that only a bureaucrat could love. And that's what makes



BY GAIL PRUDENTI, ESQ.

the 2024 annual report of the Unified Court System so different and distinctive.

The report, submitted by March 15 as required by statute, is less a story of numbers and more a story of people. In the report by Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas, we meet several people whose lives were transformed, and even saved, through their interaction with the courts.

Ashley, a first-generation American, utilized the Scales of Justice initiative as the initial step toward earning a law degree. She is now an associate at a prominent Manhattan law firm.

Keisha was addicted to drugs and alcohol and looking at seven years in prison when she was diverted to a treatment court. Today, she's clean, sober and prosperous.

Christopher is a Marine who was twice deployed to Iraq and seriously wounded. He became addicted to opioids and alcohol and found himself in jail. His predicament and clear PTSD caught the attentive eye of the local Veterans Court representative, who interceded. That encounter, he says, changed and likely saved his life.

Ronette suffered abuse and homelessness as a child, and enduring physical and mental issues haunted her well into adulthood. She drifted from homeless shelter to homeless shelter, racking up a string of misdemeanors and then a felony that could have landed her in state prison. Instead, she was rescued by an Alternative to Incarceration Court, which steered her to extensive therapy. Now, she's a successful artist.

Court Officer Steven Byrd interceded when he encountered traumatized children in Family Court, guiding the family through a trying experience.

Yenifer, an immigrant from the Dominican Republic, was exiled by her family for getting pregnant at 16, and spent the rest of her youth in foster care. The judge monitoring her placement became her mentor. Yenifer, who had been on a fast track to nowhere, graduated from the City College of New York, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology.

And Anthony, a young man with no criminal record but living in a dangerous neighborhood, procured a gun for his own safety. He was looking at a felony conviction and several years in state prison when he was diverted to U-CAN, a courtbased mentoring program. Today, Anthony is proudly and honorably serving his country as a recently promoted United States Marine.

We also hear from the people in the trenches who, Chief Administrative Judge Zayas humbly acknowledges, know more about the day-to-day/ hour-by-hour functioning of the courts than he does. Among them are Warren Clark, the District Executive in Suffolk County, who writes of the human trafficking crisis and the way the Family Court is helping exploited children.

Lisa Courtney, director of the Division of Alternative Dispute Resolution, discusses mediation, arbitration and other ways of resolving disagreements quickly and effectively without protracted litigation. James Tardy, the Statewide ADA Coordinator, explains the court system's commitment to accommodating people with disabilities.

These stories and essays illustrate, in a way that statistics never can, how the courts help people. They don't merely "process cases" or kick the can down the road. Our criminal courts protect victims. Our civil courts provide a forum for the peaceful resolution of disputes. Our family and surrogate's courts guide families through what may be the most traumatic experience of their lives. Today, courts



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relentless, and dangerous, attack and I wish that the public and press would remember all the good that comes out of the courthouse and do what judges do: tune out the noise and base their opinion on facts and evidence rather than who yells the loudest.

Hon. Gail Prudenti is the former Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of the State of New York, former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Department, 2nd Division, former Dean of The Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and present Partner at Burner Prudenti Law, P.C.

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WMHO hosts three ribbon cuttings at Stony **Brook Village Center**

It is said that all good things come in threes and the The Ward Melville Heritage Organization (WMHO)'s event on April 11 was no exception as it hosted ribbon cuttings for Stony Brook Village

NEWS

Center establishments Georgio's **BUSINESS** Coffee Roasters; North Shore Injury Lawyer Mark Freeley, Esq.; and The Little Cheese Shop.

For over 20 years, Georgio's Coffee Roasters has been perfecting the art of roasting coffee in Farmingdale. Now they are thrilled to expand their legacy with a new location at 131 Main Street in Stony Brook. Founded by Lydia and Georgio Testani, the coffee shop offers Georgio's signature roasted coffee beans and freshly ground coffee, available in 21 varieties. Their extensive drink menu features specialty lattes, cappuccinos, and rich hot chocolate, featuring house-made syrups. For those on the go, Georgio's also serves delicious to-go items, such as bacon, egg, and cheese tacos and challah peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. They are open every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 631-841-1700 or visit georgioscoffee.com.

North Shore Injury Lawyer, Mark Freeley, Esq., brings over 30 years of personal injury litigation experience to his new office at 111 Main Street in Stony Brook. A longtime local resident and Senior Partner at a respected law firm in Woodbury, Freeley offers clients in the Three Village area personalized legal services backed by the strength of a full legal team. He is available by appointment in Stony Brook with a flexible schedule. In addition to handling injury cases, Freeley provides free reviews of auto insurance policies to help ensure proper coverage. Known for his daily walks with his rescue dogs and his volunteer work with Last Chance Animal Rescue, he is a familiar face in the community he proudly serves. By appointment only, call 631-495-9435 or visit northshoreinjurylawyer.com.

Little Cheese Shop at 127 Main Street in Stony Brook is run by Chris and Krystal Abateindustry professionals with over 20 years of experience in the food world. The charming boutique cheese shop offers an impressive selection of over 30 international and artisanal cheeses, many of which are rare finds on Long Island. In addition to cheese, the shop is stocked with gourmet pantry staples including jams, spreads, crackers, and mustards, as well as a curated selection of charcuterie. Perfect for entertaining or gifting, they also offer custom cheese platters, grazing tables, and beautifully packaged gift baskets. Cheese lovers can enjoy their full sandwich and grilled cheese menu, featuring over 20 delicious options made fresh to order. To learn more or place an order, call 631-223-0245 or visit littlecheese.shop.



From left, Charles Napoli, The Ward Melville Heritage Organization; Chuck Lohmann, WMHO Trustee; Gloria Rocchio, WMHO President; Steve Englebright, Suffolk County Legislator; Dr. Richard Rugen, WMHO Chairman; Eric Harris, Vice President, Georgio's Coffee Roasters; Rich Cummins, Operations Manager, Georgio's Coffee Roasters; Georgio and Lydia Testani, Founders, Georgio's Coffee Roasters; Kayla Amendola, Store Manager, Georgio's Coffee Roasters; Councilmember Jonathan Kornreich, Town of Brookhaven; Charlie Reich, President, Georgio's Coffee Roasters; Supervisor Dan Panico, Town of Brookhaven; Susie Kaiserman, Three Village Chamber of Commerce (TVCC) Board Member; Carmine Inserra, TVCC President; Jane Taylor, TVCC Executive Director; and Laura Huang-Ernst, WMHO Trustee.



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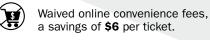
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New exhibit at the Reboli Center celebrates Setauket's shipbuilding legacy

This spring, the Three Village Historical Society and Museum (TVHS) and The Reboli Center for Art and History are inviting the community to step into the world of nineteenth-century shipbuilding with a new exhibition titled *Built by Hand: The Shipbuilding Legacy* of Nehemiah Hand.

The exhibit, which opened on April 16 in the Englebright Gallery at the Reboli Center, 64 Main St., Stony Brook, sheds light on the craftsmanship, culture, and community that once thrived along the shores of Setauket Harbor.

Curated by Scott Ferrara, Curator at TVHS, and Chris Ryon, Historian for the Village of Port Jefferson, *Built by Hand* tells the story of Nehemiah Hand, a prolific shipbuilder whose work helped define a maritime era in East Setauket. Through original tools, artifacts, photographs, and personal items, the exhibit offers visitors a rare look at the daily life and lasting impact of the shipbuilders who shaped the region's history.

Among the highlights are a ship caulking mallet and caulking irons



Shipbuilder Nehemiah Hand (1814-1894) that once belonged to Benjamin Risley, a ship caulker who worked along Shore Road in the late 1800s, along with Hand's own personal branding iron. Additionally, original artwork, maps, and photographs trace the outlines of

lined Setauket's shores. This exhibition also marks a milestone in local collaboration: although TVHS has partnered with the Reboli Center on lectures in the past, *Built by Hand* is their first

the now-vanished shipyards that once

full-scale joint exhibit—one that highlights not just history but the spirit of cooperation between cultural institutions in the community.

Running alongside *Built by Hand* is *Getting There*, a transportationthemed art exhibition that delves into the artistic exploration of various modes of transportation, such as cars, trains, boats, and beyond and featuring work by Joseph Reboli, Mike McLaughlin, Nelson Medina, Peter Nettesheim, Doug Reina, Marshall Buck, Chris Kelsch and more.

As a lively addition to the experience, visitors can also enjoy a rotation of classic motorcycle and car shows in the Center's parking lot throughout the spring and early summer months.

An opening reception for both exhibits will be held on Friday, April 18, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., welcoming guests to explore the exhibit and connect with the curators behind it.

Built by Hand and *Getting There* will remain on view through July 6. For more information, call 631-751-7707 or visit www.rebolicenter.org.



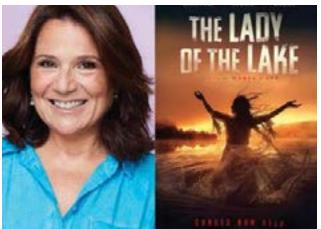
Monthly local filmmakers series kicks off in Stony Brook April 19

The Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame (LIMEHOF), 97 Main Street, Stony Brook recently announced the launch of a monthly LIMEHOF Local Filmmakers Series, which turns the spotlight on Long Island directors and their films. Sponsored by Rick Rberle of Magnetic Vine and G&R Events, the series will feature a variety of dramas, horror films, comedies, and documentaries, among other genres. Attendance is free for LIMEHOF members and general admission ticket price for non-members.

"The LIMEHOF Monthly Local Filmmaker Series is a celebration of the incredible filmmaking talent emerging from our region," saidLIMEHOF Vice Chairman Tom Needham. "Each month, we showcase the creativity, passion, and dedication of local filmmakers, providing them with a platform to share their work and connect with audiences who appreciate the power of storytelling. This series is an important part of our mission to support the arts and highlight Long Island's impact on the entertainment industry."

The series will kick off with film director Maria Capp, who will screen her latest film, *The Lady of The Lake: The Legend of Lake Ronkonkoma*, on Saturday, April 19 at 1 p.m.

A Native American folklore thriller distributed by Vision Films Inc., the film was shot on location, in around the filmmaker Maria Capp's childhood hometown of Ronkonkoma and stars Seth Gilliam (*The Walking Dead*) and Nia Sioux (*Dance Moms*) as, respectively the father and daughter protagonists. Also featured are Larry Saperstein (*High School Musical: The Musical* [TV Series]), Emery Kelly (Netflix's *Alexa & Katie*), Steven Thomas Capp (*Fat Camp*),



Film director Maria Capp's 'The Lady of the Lake' will be screened this weekend. Photos courtesy of LIMEHOF

and Julie Dove (Days of our Lives).

"I wrote, directed, and produced a psychological thriller about Lake Ronkonkoma's legend, addressing grief and challenging Native American stereotypes," Capp said. A Q&A panel will follow the screening, emceed by Needham.

The series continues on Saturday, May 17 at 1 p.m. with a screening of filmmaker Sean King's *Screamwalkers*, the ultimate 90's style slasher experience.

LIMEHOF welcomes nominations of local film directors and movies for consideration to feature in the series. For more information, call 631-394-8387.

HILLTOP MEADOW SURPRISE

Sue Glenn snapped this unique photo at Avalon Nature Preserve in her hometown of Stony Brook during a hike on April 4.

She writes, "Walking through the newly mowed fields, heading to the Cartas Al Cielo Sculpture on the Hilltop Meadow trail, we spotted deer feeding in the meadow. I grabbed my phone to snap some close-up photos when my husband and I noticed this robin hopping along in the same direction we were walking. I expected it to take flight, but it seemed to have a purposeful journey, landing on the fence directly before the reflective sculpture. We usually view and circle the sculpture, but the surrounding area was closed. The bird could view his reflection even though we couldn't...at least this time around."

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HOROSCOPES **OF THE WEEK**



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Expect some valuable insight regarding your future to emerge in the next few days, Aries. It won't be difficult to set plans in motion when you have the right people on your side.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, take a breather and give some careful thought to your recent experiences and your expectations going forward. You will benefit from this in the long run.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

You are focused on your work, Gemini. However, distractions are beyond your control right now and will pull your attention away from what matters to higher-ups.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Romantic endeavors are a little hard to plan and consider right now, Cancer. Just stick to what your intuition is telling you and you will come out just fine in the end.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you might be called upon to be a mediator for friends or loved ones who need a fresh set of eyes. Keep a cool demeanor and a level head and you can lead them to a resolution.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you are drawn to creative projects, but avoid using them to put off other endeavors. These distractions will only delay the inevitable and then you'll be pressed for time.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, carefully schedule your time this week, as you cannot afford to get behind on your assignments at work or in school. You also have many important appointments on the calendar.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, someone comes to you for advice this week and wants you to keep their situation private. You need to help them without betraying their request for confidentiality.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

It is possible your mind will wander this week, Sagittarius. You might not be able to focus on the tasks at hand, and will need to focus extra hard to limit distractions.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, pay attention to detail in all things that you do. Be mindful of this when tending to professional and personal matters.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, the simplest resolution is often the best one. Keep this mind when tackling a perplexing problem in the days ahead.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you are eager to sail through your to-do list, and certain tasks need to be postponed to address those that are high-priority. Rearrange things accordingly.

Rami Malek stars in spy thriller 'The Amateur'

REVIEWED BY JEFFREY SANZEL

Revenge is a favored plot devices of the thriller genre. Studios release dozens, if not hundreds, of films each year, drawing from this seemingly endless well. Cinema is populated with tales of the average (usually) man retaliating for the abduction or death of a loved one (spouse/parent/child). The hero, discovering new-

MOVIE found or dormant resources, overcomes evil, destroys REVIEW their opponents, and allows the audience a vicarious sense of justice.

Robert Littell worked for many years as a Newsweek journalist during the Cold War, serving as the magazine's foreign correspondent from 1965 to 1970. Beginning with The Defection of A.J. Lewinter (1973), the award-winning Littell wrote over twenty spy novels, many concerning the CIA and the Soviet Union, the most recent A Plague on Both Your Houses: A Novel in the Shadow of the Russian Mafia (2024).

With Diana Maddox, Littell co-adapted The Amateur (1981) for the screen, starring John Savage and Christopher Plummer. Director

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thousands of cameras.

James Hawes helms If anything, the film highlights the current remake, with a screenplay by Ken Nolan and Gary Spinelli. Taking the novel's basic story but eschewing many of the more interesting

details, they have fashioned a by-thenumbers thriller that, for all its drive, never builds momentum.

Low-key (almost somnambulic) Charles Heller (Rami Malek) works as a CIA cryptographer. His wife, professional photographer Sarah Horowitz (Rachel Brosnahan), travels to London on business. She is taken hostage and murdered during an illegal arms deal gone wrong.

Grief-stricken, Heller decides to kill the four terrorists. Leveraging information he uncovered about a drone strike cover-up, he blackmails Special Activities Center Director Alex Moore (Holt McCallany) for information. Furious but cornered, Moore buys time by sending Heller for training with Colonel Robert Henderson (Laurence Fishburne). Once in Europe, Heller methodically hunts down his wife's killers. He teams up briefly with an anonymous source, Inquiline (Caitriona Balfe), but most of his work is done solo, with Heller harnessing his genius rather than his limited physical skills.

The film travels from Paris to Marseilles, Istanbul to Madrid, and finally Constanta (Romania) to the Baltic Sea, where the



Charles Hller (Rami Malek) takes revenge after his wife (Rachel Brosnahan) is murdered. Photo courtesy of 20th Century Studios

climax is a low-grade confrontation between Heller and the mastermind, Horst Schiller (Michael Stuhlbarg).

While The Amateur contains little original, the novel touched on a few insightful pieces, particularly connections to the Holocaust. With the story updated

to the present, these aspects and one of the most interesting characters, a shadowy figure known as the Professor, have been eliminated. Even Heller's fascination with the identity of the author of Shakespeare's plays is absent, leaving Heller a one-note character.

If anything, the film highlights technological change, with a world run by computers and monitored in every corner by thousands of cameras. However, these devices have become central rather than tools for telling the story.

Rami Malek rose to prominence with the USA Network's Mr. Robot, for which he received an Emmy for Lead Actor in a Drama Series. His big-screen work included the Night at the Museum trilogy, Larry Crowne, The Master, and Need for Speed. But his breakout came with his Oscar-winning performance as Queen's singer-songwriter, Freddie Mercury, in the biopic Bohemian Rhapsody.

Malek is unquestionably an unusual and gifted actor, capable of complexity, variety, and style. But his performance as Heller is so subdued as not to register. Except for one beautiful moment when he opens Sarah's suitcase, he seems to play Heller without a heartbeat. For Malek, The Amateur will be remembered as an in-between film, a bland undertaking contrasting with better and more textured work.

Brosnahan is relegated to two short scenes, a handful of flashbacks, and a couple of "visions" that do little to show her range or talent. The always watchable Fishburne barely appears; there is a sense that he was shot for expediency, getting his scenes filmed in as few days as possible.

Balfe is fine as Inquiline but saddled with sharing her history rather than revealing character through action (and the screenplay does her no favors, ignoring the more complicated background introduced in the book). McCallany does the best he can with a stock political villain. It is left to Jon Bernthal, as an operative known as "The Bear," to provide an off-beat glimmer.

Unfortunately, The Amateur offers no growth and certainly no catharsis. The resolution lacks a final of energy or surprising revelations.

The final ten minutes wrap up the big picture, followed by a vaguely uncomfortable exchange meant to be humorous, ending with a simplistic final image unsubtly telegraphed earlier.

For two hours, everything happens, and nothing happens. The constant movement possesses motivation but no sense of internal purpose. The film is both literally and figuratively bloodless. In the end, The Amateur provides a generic espionage drama with perpetual action but little intrigue.

Rated PG-13, the film is now playing in local theaters.

Cheesecake minis that will make your tastebuds hop

BY HEIDI SUTTON

There's only one thing that can pry their attention away from the chocolate in the Easter basket: one of these Cheesecake Minis

- delicious desserts sure to make everyone's tastebuds hop, courtesy of Kraft/Heinz.

Easter Cheesecake Minis

YIELD: Makes 18 servings **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1-1/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 3 packages (8 oz. each) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons desiccated unsweetened coconut, toasted 54 speckled chocolate eggs

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 325° F. Mix graham crumbs, 2 tablespoons sugar and butter; press onto bottoms of 18 paper-lined muffin cups. Beat cream cheese, vanilla and remaining sugar with mixer until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Spoon over crusts. Bake 25 min. or until centers are almost set. Cool and



refrigerate for two hours. Top each cheesecake with 1 tablespoon coconut; shape to resemble bird's nest. Fill with malted milk eggs.

Chocolate-Pomegranate Cheesecake Minis

YIELD: Makes 24 servings **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 and 1/2 cups finely crushed chocolate wafer cookies
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1-1/4 cups plus 2 tablespoons sugar, divided • 4 packages (8 oz. each) Philadelphia Cream
- Cheese, softened • 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup pomegranate juice
- 1/3 cup pomegranate seeds, patted dry



DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 325°F. Combine cookie crumbs, butter and 2 tablespoons sugar; press onto bottoms of 24 paper-lined muffin pan cups. Beat cream cheese, vanilla and 1 cup of the remaining sugar in large bowl with mixer until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Spoon over crust. Bake 20 min. or until centers are almost set. Cool and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Meanwhile, bring pomegranate juice and remaining sugar to boil in saucepan; simmer on medium-low heat 15 min. or until thickened, stirring frequently. Cool and then refrigerate until ready to use.

Spoon pomegranate sauce over cheesecakes just before serving; sprinkle with pomegranate seeds.

Blueberry-topped Cheesecake Minis **YIELD:** Makes 18 servings

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted • 3 packages (8 oz. each) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 2 cups blueberries

1 tablespoon lemon zest

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 325° F. Combine graham cracker crumbs, 2 tablespoons sugar and butter; press onto bottoms of 18 paper-lined muffin cups.

Beat cream cheese, vanilla and remaining sugar with mixer until blended. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Spoon over crusts. Bake 25 min. or until centers are almost set. Cool and refrigerate for two hours. Beat whipping cream with mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form; spread onto cheesecakes.

Top with blueberries and zest.



THIS WEEK

We talk to local religious leaders and learn how they celebrate their respective holidays. Stay tuned!

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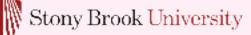
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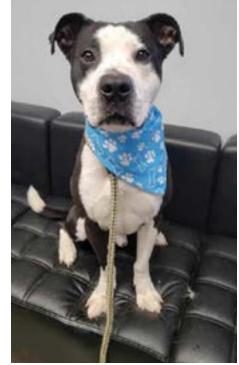
Welcome to the 40th edition of Paw Prints, a monthly column for animal lovers dedicated to helping shelter pets find their furever home.



Meet Simon

"Simon says, only do what Simon says." Full of demands, this bossy little seven -year-old Chihuahua mix at Little Shelter in Huntington is confident he'll soon have you in the palm of his hand, or paw, as the case may be! Looking for someone to do his bidding while taking care of his every need, he promises to be a true blue friend in return, making himself indispensable. Typical of his breed, he is small in stature, big on spicy personality, somewhat judgmental, and loyal to a fault. Reported to love toys, he's first in line for playtime, doubling down on the fun factor. Then, ready for a power nap, he'll burrow into his blankets and disappear, only to awake refreshed and ready for round two. Time for a "pup-grade"? Simon says, stop by to meet me today! 631-368-8770

SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH



Meet Norman Rockwell Handsome Rockwell was found as a stray and never claimed at the Smithtown Animal Shelter. Approximately two years old and weighing 55 pounds, this guy is fun all of the time! He needs a little help focusing on his training, but he wants to please you and he wants to play all day long. Norman would do best in a home without cats and that can provide an active life with lots of walks. 631-360-7575



Meet Spunky

Fitting the definition of energetic, courageous, and determined, meet Spunky, a three -year-old Terrier mix available for adoption at Little Shelter in Huntington. In the prime of his life, this active fellow loves walks, toys, pets, and scratches. Very fond of the pack of pups he arrived with, he would also love to have (though not required) a "sibling" in his new home. Undeniably handsome with his lush, flowing coat, he nevertheless knows that it's what's inside that truly matters. Dogs don't need words to teach us loyalty, love, or forgiveness...they carry it in their wagging tails and warm eyes. Add some Spunk(y) to your day by day...stop by to meet this fellow soon!

"My heart just grew four paws."

Spunky is fully grown and mostly housebroken

Rescue is a lifestyle. Adopt, don't shop.

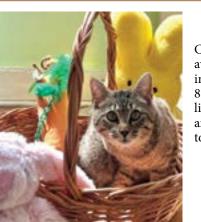


Meet Stark

This handsome boy is Stark, a 13-yearold domestic long-haired Ragdoll mix with a heart as soft as his fur. Stark came to the Brookhaven Animal Shelter from a difficult situation, but his resilience and loving personality have truly shone through.

Stark is a diabetic, but don't let that scare you—his condition is well-managed with a simple once-daily oral glucoseregulating medication and a prescription diet. Despite his medical needs, Stark is a happy, affectionate, and easygoing guy who just wants a family to call his own. He is also good with other cats!

If you're ready to give Stark the forever home he deserves, come meet him today. Let's show this sweet boy what love and stability truly feels like! 631-451-6955



Meet Finn

Kent Animal Shelter in Calverton has many cats available for adoption including Finn, a sweet 8-month-old tabby cat who likes baskets and stuffed animals! Come meet him today! 631-727-5731

Check out the next Paw Prints in the issue of May 15.

Free rabies vaccination clinic

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services in conjunction with the Town of Brookhaven will offer free rabies vaccinations for dogs, cats and ferrets on Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter located at 300 Horseblock Road in Brookhaven. Although the clinic is available to all county residents, the quantity of vaccine is limited and available only while supplies last. All dogs must be on leashes and all cats and ferrets must be in carriers.

New York State and Suffolk County laws require that all dogs, cats, and ferrets be vaccinated against rabies. Vaccinating pets not only provides protection for the animals but also acts as a barrier to keep the rabies virus from spreading between wild animals and people.

"Take the time to protect your beloved pets against rabies. They give us so much joy and love and deserve to be kept safe," said County Executive Ed Romaine. For more information, call 631-451-6950.





Moloney's Port Jefferson Funeral Home and Cremation Center is proud to announce that Funeral Director, Doug Casimir has joined our team. Doug is a longtime local funeral director, was the owner of Casimir Funeral Homes and has a long history of caring for the local families of Port Jefferson, Port Jeff Station and the surrounding communities.

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"It's a real honor to have a funeral director of Doug's caliber join with us. Moloney's Port Jefferson Funeral Home is committed to providing the best level of care to our local community and joining with Doug is a testament to that commitment" said owner Dan Moloney Jr.

Thursday 17

Huntington Walking Tour Huntington Historical Society presents a Masonic temple tour with Ron Seifried, Chairman, Jephtha Masonic Lodge and Town Historian Robert Hughes at 6:30 p.m. Participants will learn about their history,

practices, mission, and historic significance, and will be able to enjoy a drink from the lodge bar. This tour will begin at the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Building, located at 228 Main Street in Huntington Village. \$25 per person, \$20 members. Register at www. huntingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

Friday 18 Third Friday at the Reboli Center

The Reboli Center for Art & History, 64 Main St., Stony Brook invites the community to an opening reception of *Getting There*, an exhibition that delves into the artistic exploration of various modes of transportation and featuring the work of Joseph Reboli, Nelson Medina, Peter Nettesheim, Doug Reina, Marshall Buck, Chris Kelsch and more; and *Built by Hand: The Shipbuilding Legacy of Nehemiah Hand* curated by the Three Village Historical Society and Museum from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. 631-751-7707

An Evening of Jazz

The Jazz Loft, 275 Christian Ave., Stony Brook presents the Harry Allen Quartet in concert at 7 p.m. Harry Allen, 2024 inductee into the Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame, joins with the great pianist Rossano Sportiello to lead a quartet with Mike Karn on bass and Aaron Kimmel on drums. This swinging quartet will perform selections from the Great American Songbook, the great jazz composers and original compositions. Tickets are \$30 adults, \$25 seniors, \$20 students, \$15 children ages 6 and up. To order, visit www.thejazzloft.org.

Open Mic Night

Drop by the Walt Whitman Birthplace, 246 Old Walt Whitman Road, Huntington Station for an Open Mic Night at 7 p.m. Whether you're a poet, musician, singer or comedian, this is your time to shine. All acts welcome. Refreshments will be served. \$10 admission. Register at www.waltwhitman.org.

Saturday 19

Port Jefferson Easter Parade

The Greater Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual Easter Parade along Main Street in the Village of Port Jefferson at 12:45 p.m. Enjoy an oldfashioned "Easter Bonnet" walking parade from Theatre Three to the Port Jefferson Village Center (all are welcome to wear their Easter best and march) followed by



April 17 to April 24, 2025



'AS SWEET AS PIE'

Catch a performance of 'Waitress' at the Engeman Theater this weekend. Photo courtesy of The John W. Engeman Theater

an Easter Egg Hunt on Harborfront Park's Great Lawn at 1 p.m. for children ages 2 to 8. 631-473-1414

Yard Sale fundraiser

Farmingville Fire Department, 780 Horseblock Road Farmingville hosts a multifamily Yard Sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shop for toys, games, housewares, books, videos, clothing, outdoor items, costumes, small furniture and more. Proceeds benefit the Sachem Flaming Arrows Marching Band.

Walking History Tour

Hallockville Museum Farm, 6038 Sound Ave., Riverhead will hold a Walking History Tour from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Richard Wines and Paul Hoffman will lead a tour of the farm about the Polish migration to Long Island during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. \$10 per person, free for members. www.hallockville.org

Outdoor Thrift Garage Sale

Sweetbriar Nature Center, 62 Eckernkamp Drive, Smithtown will hold an Outdoor Thrift Garage Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. around the double garage in its parking lot. Shop for household items and fun treasures! Proceeds benefit the wildlife center. 631-979-6344

Easter Celebration at the Shoppes

Join the Shoppes at East Wind, 5720 Route 25A, Wading River for an Easter Celebration with the Easter Bunny from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shop for last minute Easter gifts while the kids enjoy a bounce house and carousel (fee) and take a free photo with the Easter Bunny. Held rain or shine. 631-929-3500

Easter Celebration in Smithtown

Rescheduled from April 12. Hop over to the Smithtown Historical Society, 239 East Main St., Smithtown for an Easter Celebration from noon to 2 p.m. Enjoy a day of farm fun with spring crafts, an Easter scavenger hunt for a special prize and a special visit from the Easter Bunny. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$7 members, children under the age of 3 in advance at www.eventbrite.com or at the door.

Sunday 20 Intro to Wilderness Survival

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve, 25 Lloyd Harbor Road, Huntington presents an Intro to Wilderness Survival program from 9:45 a.m. to noon. Learn how to find food, start a fire and build a shelter. Adults only. \$4 per person. Call 631-423-1770 to register.

See Easter Egg Hunts on page B29.

Monday 21 TVHS lecture

Three Village Historical Society continues its lecture series via Zoom at 7 p.m. with a presentation by author Mark Torres titled *Long Island and the Legacy of Eugenics.* Join them for a compelling and eye-opening discussion on the dark history of eugenics and its deep ties to Long Island. Advance registration required at www.tvhs.org.

Tuesday 22 NSJC Social Club event

North Shore Jewish Center Social Club, 385 Old Town Road, Port Jefferson Station invites the community to concert by singer and guitarist Johnny Whimple at 11 a.m. Bagels, cream cheese and coffee will be served. \$5 per person, \$4 members. 631-928-3737

North Democratic Club Meeting

New location! The North Brookhaven Democratic Club monthly meeting tonight from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. has been moved to the Small Activity Room at the North Shore Public Library, 250 Route 25A, Shoreham. For more information contact northbrookhavendems@gmail.com.

Wednesday 23 Arbor Day Celebration

Village of Port Jefferson invites the community to its 2nd annual Arbor Day Celebration in front of Village Hall on West Broadway from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a flagraising ceremony designating the Village as a Tree City USA community, speeches from elected officials, the reading of a poem from a local school student, a tree planting in front of Village Hall and give-aways of native tree and shrub "whips." Hosted by the PJV Tree Committee. All are welcome. Held rain or shine. 631-473-4724

Cruise Night at The Shoppes

The Shoppes at East Wind, 5720 Route 25A, Wading River kicks off a Cruise Night Car Show tonight and every Wednesday through October from 5 to 9 p.m. Visit the Shoppes, enjoy a bite to eat and then check out the fine array of classic cars in the parking lot. 631-929-3500

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CALENDAR DEADLINE is Wednesday at noon, one week before publication. Items may be mailed to: Times Beacon Record News Media, P.O. Box 707, Setauket, NY 11733. Email your information about community events to leisure@ tbrnewspapers.com. Calendar listings are for not-for-profit organizations (nonsectarian, nonpartisan events) only, on a space-available basis. Please include a phone number that can be printed.

TIMES ... and dates

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Homemaker's Spring Auction

The Miller Place Homemakers will hold a Spring Auction featuring handmade items and beautiful baskets at Miller Place High School, 15 Memorial Drive, Miller Place at 6:30 p.m. Complimentary coffee, tea and refreshments. \$10 entrance fee plus a nonperishable food item includes a door prize ticket and 25 auction tickets.

Trivia Night at Curry Club

Join the Curry Club @ SaGhar, 111 West Broadway, Port Jefferson for a Night of Trivia at 7 p.m. Enjoy a fun evening of questions, answers, and mouthwatering masala! Prizes for the winning team, fun for everyone. Free to play with purchase. Hosted by Think Inc. Trivia. For reservations, call 631-751-4845.

Thursday 24 Winds & Whales lecture

Join the Whaling Museum in Cold Spring Harbor for an online lecture, Winds & Whales, at 6 p.m. Rhianna Bozzi from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will speak about recent progress in offshore wind and to sort out fact from fiction when it comes to the effects this development has on local whale populations. Free. \$10 donation appreciated. To register, visit www.cshwhalingmuseum.org.

Native American Drumming

All Souls Church Rectory, 5 Mill Pond Road, Stony Brook hosts an evening of Native American Drumming Meditation from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Led by elder drummer, Ric Statler, drumming meditation seeks to integrate the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual parts of the human self, creating a state of well-being. Free. 631-655-7798

Vanderbilt Book Talk

Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Road, Centerport continues its lecture series with Dr. John T. Tanacredi, Ph.D., Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Former Director of CERCOM (Center for Environmental Research and Coastal Oceans Monitoring), at Molloy University, who will give a talk on his latest book, The Redesigned Earth: A Brief Review of Ecology for Engineers, as if the Earth Really Mattered, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. To RSVP, visit www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

Next Chapter book signing

Join The Next Chapter Bookstore, 204 New York Ave., Huntington welcomes former New York Mets and author Art Shamsky from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Shamsky will be speaking and signing copies of his book, Mets Stories I Only Tell My Friends. Free admission. www.thenextchapterli.com

Walt Whitman Birthplace lecture

Walt Whitman Birthplace, 246 Old Walt Whitman Road, Huntington Station presents a lecture titled How Leaves of Grass Influenced Modern Day Self-Healing at 7 p.m. Museum curator Margaret Guardi and Curator Assistant Derry Schafer will discuss how Whitman's fan and close friend Dr. Richard Maurice Bucke and his magnum opus Cosmic Consciousness. Tickets are \$!0. To register, visit www.waltwhitman.org.

An Evening of Comedy

The Comedy Club returns to Theatre Three, 412 Main St., Port Jefferson at 8 p.m. with another outrageous night of live stand-up featuring Paul Anthony, John Larocchia and Joe DeVito. Come early and enjoy a beverage from Griswold's Bar. Tickets are \$40. To order, call 631-928-9100 or visit www.theatrethree.com.

Film 'The Lady of the Lake'

The Long Island Music and Entertainment

Hall of Fame, 97 Main St., Stony Brook kicks off its Local Filmmakers Series with a screening of The Lady of the Lake on April 19 at 1 p.m. Based on the Native American folklore of the Princess of Lake Ronkonkoma, the movie was filmed in the actual childhood home of the Ronkonkomaraised filmmaker, Maria Capp. The event is free with general admission ticket purchase. 631-689-5888, www.limusichalloffame.org

'The Here Now Project'

In honor of Earth Day, The Nature Conservancy will screen The Here Now Project at the Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington on April 23 at 6:30 p.m. Built out of thousands of hours of in-the-moment footage, the film transforms the ordinary act of shooting a cell phone video into the radical act of bearing witness, capturing both the simultaneous, global nature of climate change itself and the deeply human resilience, resourcefulness, and courage needed to confront it. Followed by a panel discussion. Free. To RSVP, visit www.cinemaartscentre.org.

'Front Row'

The Port Jefferson Documentary Series closes its spring season with Front Row at the First United Methodist Church, 603 Main Street, Port Jefferson on April 24 at 7 p.m. The film showcases the Ukrainian National Ballet's poignant company tour as it performs far from the frontlines and invites a soldier who lost his legs to partake in a singular performance. Followed by a discussion about the film and Ukraine with Professor Juliette Passer of Stony Brook University. Tickets are \$10 at the door (cash only) or at www. portjeffdocumentaryseries.com.

'Pink Floyd at Pompeii'

A screening of Pink Floyd at Pompeii -MCMLXXII, the groundbreaking 1972 film directed by Adrian Maben, now digitally re-mastered in 4K from the original 35mm footage with enhanced audio, will be held at the Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington on April 24 at 7:30 p.m. and April 27 at 7 p.m. Set in the haunting ruins of the ancient Roman Amphitheater in Pompeii, it showcases Pink Floyd performing an intimate concert without an audience. The film includes stunning visuals, behindthe-scenes moments, and unforgettable tracks like "Echoes" and "One of These Days" along with additional Abbey Road Studios documentary segments covering the recording of 1973's The Dark Side of the Moon. Tickets are \$18, \$12 members. www. cinemaartscentre.org

Theater

'Waitress The Musical'

John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport presents Waitress The Musical from March 13 to April 27. Based on the 2007 movie, it tells the story of Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker, stuck in a small town and a loveless marriage. Faced with an unexpected pregnancy, Jenna fears she may have to abandon the dream of opening her own pie shop until a baking contest in a nearby county and the town's handsome new doctor offer her a tempting recipe for happiness. To order, call 631-261-2900 or go to www.engemantheater.com.

'Wait Until Dark'

Theatre Three, 412 Main St., Port Jefferson continues its Mainstage season with Wait Until Dark from April 18 to May 11. One of the American theatre's greatest suspense plays, Jeffrey Hatcher's gripping new adaptation of Frederick Knott's classic sets the action in 1944 Greenwich Village. Susan, a woman who recently lost her vision, is imperiled by con men searching for a mysterious doll. Trapped in her apartment, Susan draws on new depths of resourcefulness as the story builds to its extraordinary, breath-taking conclusion. Contains adult situations. Tickets are \$40 adults, \$32 seniors and students. To order, call 631-928-9100 or visit www. theatrethree.com.

'Priscilla, Queen of the Desert'

Suffolk County Community College, 533 College Road, Selden presents Priscilla, Queen of the Desert — The Musical in the Shea Theater in the Islip Arts Building April 17 to 19 and April 23 to 26 at 7:30 p.m. and April 27 at 2 p.m. Based on the smash-hit movie, the play is the heartwarming, uplifting adventure of three friends, Tick, Bernadette and Adam, a glamorous Sydney-based performing trio who agree to take their show to the middle of the Australian outback. Featuring hits like "It's Raining Men," "I Will Survive," "Hot Stuff," "Boogie Wonderland," "Go West," "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," and "I Love The Nightlife." General admission is \$15, veterans and students 16 years of age or younger \$10. SCCC students with current ID get one free ticket. To order, call 631-451-4163.

(mostly) TRUE THINGS

The Performing Arts Studio, 224 East Main St., Port Jefferson presents a (mostly) TRUE THINGS Storytelling Show on April 26 at 7 p.m. Join them for a compelling evening of true stories - with a twist on the theme GAME ON! Hosted by Jude Treder-Wolff, the show will feature Marc Abbott, Aaron Foss, Cyndi Zaweski, and Jezrie-Mercano-Courtney. Tickets are \$20 online at www. mostlytruethings.com, \$25 at the door (cash only).

'South Pacific'

The John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport continues its Main Stage season with South Pacific from May 15 to June 29. This beloved musical takes place on a South Pacific island during World War II where two love stories are threatened by the dangers of prejudice and war. With songs such as "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair," "Younger Than Spring-time," and "There Is Nothin' Like A Dame," South Pacific's lush score contains some of the best songs ever written by Rodgers & Hammerstein. For more information and to order, call 631-261-2900 or go to www. engemantheater.com.

Class Reunions

- Ward Melville High School Class of 1975 will hold its 50 year reunion at St George Golf & Country Club in East Setauket on June 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. \$126.00 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, Prime Rib buffet dinner and open bar. Contact Cary Fichtner-Vu at 703-861-8259 or cary@caryfvu.com for tickets by June 2. No walk-ins.

Farmers Markets Huntington Farmers Market

Spirit of Huntington Art Center, 2 Melville Road North, Huntington Station hosts the

Long Island Winter Farmers Market every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Jan. 5 through April 27. 631-470-9620

Port Jefferson Farmers Market

The Port Jefferson Winter Farmers Market returns to the Port Jefferson Village Center, 101 E. Broadway, Port Jefferson on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Jan. 12 through April 27. 631-802-2160



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7:00pm Stations of the Cross HOLY SATURDAY-April 19th 9:00am Morning Prayer 9:30am Blessing of Easter Food 2:00-4:00pm Confessions (No 5:00pm Mass) 8:00pm Solemn Easter Vigil **EASTER SUNDAY-April 20th** Easter Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm Easter Monday-April 21st All Parish Offices and Thrift Shop/Barn are closed. Mass: Saturday 5pm Sunday 8am, 10am & 12pm Weekday Mass: 9am Confessions: Saturday 3:45pm-4:45pm Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm Thrift Shop: Monday-Thursday 10am - 4pm and Friday 10am-2pm. Parish Outreach: Please call Office for information Baptism and Wedding arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

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Open Every Sunday from 2-3pm, **Mission Statement**: We, the Catholic community of the Three Village area, formed as the Body of Christ through the waters of Baptism, are a pilgrim community journeying toward the fullness of the Kingdom of God, guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist and formed by the Gospel. We strive to respond to Jesus invitation: to be faithful and fruitful disciples; to be a Good Samaritan to our neighbor and enemy; to be stewards of and for God's creation and to be living witness of Faith, Hope and Charity...so that in Jesus name, we may be a welcoming community, respectful of life in all its diversities.

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We, the Catholic community of St. Mark, formed in the waters of baptism and journeying to the fullness of the Kingdom of God, as the Body of Christ; are guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist and formed by the Gospel. Thus, we strive to respond to Jesus' invitation to be faithful and fruitful disciples, to be good Samaritans to our neighbors, as well as our enemies, to be stewards of and for God's creation and living witnesses of Faith, Hope and Charity ... so that in Jesus' name, we may be a welcoming community, respectful of life in all its diversity.

Pastoral staff of St Mark

Mrs. Lynn Fein- Director, faith formation ext 109 relform@rcchurchstmark.org Mr. John Mcnamara- Catechist-at-larg ext 101 Mrs. Jane Fagan- Coordinator, parish outreach ext 106 outreach@rcchurchstmark.org Mrs. Carrie Logan Liturgical music ext 101 Mrs. Lindsay Finter Financial Manager/ bookkeeper ext 101 **Support staff of St Mark** Mrs. Marianne Brandt Receptionist ext 101 Mr. Michael Oliva Facilities Manager ext 110 Mr. William Castillo Assisting Facilities Volunteer Mrs. Alice Vozzo- Sacristan ext 101

Catholic Traditional Latin Mass

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X 900 Horseblock Road, Farmingville 631-736-6515 sspxlongisland.com Sunday Masses at 7am and 9am Please consult sspxlongisland.com for updates and current mass times. Palm Sunday, Holy week, Easter Sunday Thursday, April 17: Holy Thursday 6:00 pm: Confessions 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Mass (Washing of the Feet, Stripping of the Altars, and Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight) Friday, April 18: Good Friday 11:30 am: Confessions 12:30 pm: Stations of the Cross Solemn Afternoon Liturgy immediately following (Singing of the Lessons, Singing of the Passion, Adoration of the Cross, Mass of the Pre-Sanctified) Saturday, April 19: Holy Saturday 9:30 pm: Confessions 10:30 pm: Easter Vigil (Blessing of the New Fire, the Blessing and Procession with the Paschal Candle, The singing of the Exsultet & Lessons, The Litany of the Saints, The blessing of the of the Easter Water, the Renewal of the Baptismal Vows) Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday 12:00 am Midnight: Sung Mass 9:00 am: Sung Mass

Christian

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY Northport, NY

55 Laurel Ave, Northport, NY 11768 Phone: 631-261-6405 Website: www.christiansciencenorthport.com Services: in-person & online Sunday Lesson Sermons 10:30 AM Wednesday Testimonial Meetings 7:15 PM Online Service Attendance (ALL services) Zoom Phone: 929-205-6099 Zoom Meeting ID: 962 2495 9131 Passcode: 12345

The science of Christianity as Jesus taught and



Christian

demonstrated reveals that God is Love. Our church seeks to promote a deeper understanding of divine Truth and Love, reinforcing that God created man in his image and likeness. The study of Christian Science reveals an inspired sense of Life, where man truly reflects God, and is capable of overcoming any discordant condition. All are warmly welcomed to attend our services.

FULL GOSPEL CHRISTIAN CENTER 415 Old Town Road Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776 631-928-6100 fgccmail@gmail.com Fgccpj.com **Office hours** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm Services Sunday 10:00am Wednesday-Bible Study 7:00-8:00pm Friday Night Prayer 8:00pm Getting you from where you are to where God wants you to be.

ISLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH 400 Elwood Road, East Northport IslandChristian.com 631-822-3000 PASTOR CHRISTOPHER COATS Services In-Person-Online Sunday Mornings 9 AM + 11 AM Fun religious education for kids during each service. Children and Youth programs during the week, check out our website for more details.

Congregational

MT. SINAI CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 233 North Country Road, Mt. Sinai 631-473-1582-www.msucc.org Pastor William Kovacsik

We are a congregation committed to justice. All are welcome into our full life and ministry regardless of age, race, abilities, economic or marital status, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. We are a church that is open and affirming of all people, as we are each made in the image of God

Holy Week Schedule Holy Thursday 4/17-7pm service Good Friday 4/18-12-3pm, stations of the cross Sunrise Easter Service 4/20 at Cedar Beach (near concession stand) 6 am. If actually raining service at church. Easter 4/20-10am Service Sunday Worship at 10am Livestreaming on YouTube: @MtSinaiCongregationalChurchUCC Sunday School at 10am "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." Through our worship and by our actions we strive to live out Christ's message to love one another

The Island Heart Food Pantry 643 Middle Country Road, Middle Island NY Wednesdays 1:00-4:00pm MSCC Food Cupboard 233 N. Country Rd, Mt Sinai Every other Tuesday 9:15-11:45

Episcopal

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH On the hill across from the Stony Brook Duck Pond 61 Main Street, Stony Brook FATHER IAN WETMORE www.allsoulsstonybrook.org or call 631-584-5560 Stjameschurchrector@gmail.com Easter Services: Maundy Thursday: 6pm Supper & 7:30pm Worship at St. James Church Good Friday: Noon at St. James Church; 7pm at All Souls Church Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at St. James, joined by St Thomas, Smithtown, & St. Mary's, Lake Ronkonkoma Easter day: 8am Virtual Morning Prayer & 11:15am Mass of the Resurrection at All Souls, followed by a visit from the Easter Bunny & sing along & Easter egg hunt. Services

Sunday: 8:00am Virtual Morning Prayer 11:15am Holy Eucharist with Organ music Tuesday: 8:00am Interdenominational Morning Prayer

Wednesday: 12 noon Interdenominational Rosary We are a friendly welcoming community for all people.

CAROLINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SETAUKET

1 Dyke Road on the Village Green, Setauket Web site: www.carolinechurch.net email: office@carolinechurch.net

631-941-4245 Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm

REV NICKOLAS C. GRIFFITH-RECTOR 300 years of community, fellowship & ministry! Services:

5:00pm Saturdays - Holy Eucharist
8:00am Sundays - Holy Eucharist
9:30am Sundays - Holy Eucharist w/ choir & Children's Chapel
12:30pm Weds. - Noonday Prayer
10:00am Thurs. - Healing Service

Please join us for HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Maundy Thursday / April 17 7:00 PM - Foot-washing; stripping of the altar Good Friday / April 18 7:00 PM Veneration of the Cross Holy Saturday / April 19 10:00 AM Family Easter Egg Hunt 7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter Easter Day / April 20 6:00 AM Easter sunrise service at Frank Melville Memorial Park 1 Old Field Rd Setauket 9:00am Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist 11:00am Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA Sunday School & Children's Chapel Safe Church certified teachers, free nursery child-care, a well-supervised, joyous environment, fun workshops, themed events, and more! Food Pantry Open Wednesdays: 11:00am-12:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm. Entrance is located at the back of the Marco C. Smith building. All are welcome!

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

127 Barnum Ave., Port Jefferson 631-473-0273 email: ccoffice@christchurchportjeff.org www.christchurchportjeff.org

Church office hours: Tues. - Fri. 9am - 12pm REV. NICKOLAS C. GRIFFITH -Vicar Services:

7:00am Sundays-Holy Eucharist 11:00am Sundays-Holy Eucharist with Music It is the mission the people of Christ Church to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and to make his love known to all through our lives and ministry. We at Christ church are a joyful, welcoming community. Wherever you are in your journey of life we want to be part of it.

Please join us for our HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Good Friday / April 18 7:00 PM Veneration of the Cross Easter Day / April 20 9:00 AM Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"To know Christ and to make Him known" REV. DUNCAN A. BURNS, RECTOR REV. ZACHARY BAKER, CURATE Alex Pryrodny, Music Director **Sunday Worship** 8am Rite I Holy Eucharist 10am Rite II Holy Choral Eucharist 9:40am-Sunday School Lent Alpha Meal & Conversation- Tuesdays, 6pm

Noonday Prayer 12 noon - Wednesdays Thrift Shop Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays 12-3pm 12 PROSPECT ST, HUNTINGTON (631) 427-1752 On Main St. next to the library info@stjohns1745.org (631) 427-1752 stjohns1745.org Facebook.com/stjohns1745

Jewish

NORTH SHORE JEWISH CENTER

385 Old Town Rd., **Port Jefferson Station** 631-928-3737 www.northshorejewishcenter.org RABBI AARON BENSON CANTOR DANIEL KRAMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARCIE PLATKIN PRINCIPAL HEATHER WELKES YOUTH DIRECTOR JEN SCHWARTZ Services: Friday At 8 Pm; Saturday At 9:15 am Daily Morning And Evening Minyan Call For Times. Tot Shabbat Family Services Sisterhood Men's Club Seniors' Club Youth Group Continuing Ed Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Judaica Shop Food Pantry Lecture Series Jewish Film Series NSJC JEWISH LEARNING CENTER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Innovative Curriculum And Programming For Children Ages 5-13 Imagine A Synagogue That Feels Like Home! Come Connect With Us On Your Jewish Journey. Member United Synagogue Of Conservative Judaism.

TEMPLE ISAIAH 1404 Stony Brook Road, Stony Brook 631-751-8518 www.tisbny.org Joyful Judaism in a warm, caring, musical, multigenerational community devoted to learning, prayer and friendship. Member Union for Reform Judaism RABBI/CANTOR/PRINCIPAL JOSHUA GRAY RABBIS EMERITI ADAM D. FISHER, STEPHEN A. KAROL CANTOR EMERITUS MICHAEL F. TRACHTENBERG Services: 1st Friday 6pm Family Service Other Fridays 7:30pm Saturday B'nai Mitzvah services 10am Religious School Confirmation Class-Monthly Tot Shabbat-Torah Study-Adult Education-Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah-

Brotherhood-Sisterhood Book Club-Social Action and much more!



Lutheran-ELCA

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL **LUTHERAN CHURCH 309 Patchogue Road** Port Jefferson Station 631-473-2236 e-mail PastorPaulDowning@yahoo.com pastor's cell phone voice or text 347-423-3623 www.StPaulsLCPJS.org facebook.com/stpaulselca Services 8:30am and 10:30am Wednesday Bible Study over Zoom at 9:30 Friday Prayer Group at 10:30am in church or zoom WELCOME FRIENDS Provides free lunch in parking lot on Tuesdays at 1:00pm

Methodist

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 33 Christian Ave/ PO 2117, E. Setauket 631-751-4140 REV. LISA WILLIAMS PASTOR Sunday Worship: 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Lectionary Reading And Prayer: Wed. 12 Noon Gospel Choir: Tues. 8 Pm Praise Choir And Youth Choir 3rd And 4th Fri. 6:30 PM.

NORTH SHORE UNITED METHODIST

260 Rt.25a Wading River 11792 631-929-6075 nsumc@optonline.net facebook.com/nsumcwadingriver northshoreumc.org REV. THOMAS KIM, PH.D, PASTOR Choir & Praise Band Sunday Worship @ 10am In person & via Zoom Recorded for facebook Child Care & Sunday School Active Youth Group Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays Holy Week Services Maundy Thursday @ 7pm Good Friday @ 7pm Easter Sunday @ 10am Pancake Fellowship to follow We are Christians believing in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We seek to share God's love with all people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender,disability, social location, or sexual orientation.

Food Pantry: April 19th Also by appointment Blessing Box: 24/7 Community Dinner (Free) April 12 @5pm Thrift Shop: Thurs, Fri, Sat. 9:30 1:30 "If you are looking for a church, this IS your church because we are all God's family!"

SETAUKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

160 Main Street, Corner of 25A and Main Street
East Setauket 631-941-4167, or email us at sumcny@aol.com Rev. Steven Kim, PASTOR
Sunday Worship Service and Sunday School at 10am
Services are streamed online
@ www.setauketumc.org
and livestreamed on Facebook
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of Month Mary Martha Circle (Women's Ministry)
meets every 2nd Tuesday each month at 1pm

Presbyterian

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT JEFFERSON 107 South/Main Streets 631-473-0147

We are an accepting and caring people who invite you to share in the journey of faith with us. Email: office@pjpres.org Website: www.pjpres.org REV. EMILY FOWLER, PASTOR The First Presbyterian Church of Port Jefferson is a place that is open hearted and open minded; we welcome diversity. Come and explore how your spirituality can affect your life.

Holiday Service Message

Please join us on April 17th for our annual Maundy Thursday Production of Tenebrae at 7pm. A Tenebrae service commemorates the events of Holy Week and mourns the death of Jesus. It includes the gradual extinguishing of candles to symbolize the darkness that came over the earth at the time of Christ's death. Our Easter Service on April 20th at 10 am celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The service will be followed by an easter egg hunt for the kids.

Worship is every Sunday at 10am. Live streaming available on Facebook page. We also have a Bible study series on Tuesdays at 2pm.
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the Month Hot meals, groceries & clothing provided on a take out basis by Welcome Friends on Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm and Fridays 3:30-5:00 pm
Call the church office or visit our website for current activities and events.

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The purpose of First Presbyterian Church of Port Jefferson is, with God's help, to share the joy & good news of Jesus Christ with the congregation, visitors and the community at large; to provide comfort to those in need and hope to those in despair; and to seek justice for all God's people.

SETAUKET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5 Caroline Avenue, On the Village Green 631-941-4271
THE REV. DR. JOHANNA MCCUNE WAGNER Holy week schedule
Maundy Thursday April 17
Sanctuary 6:30PM, Communion
Good Friday Service April 18 Sanctuary 8:00PM
Easter Sunrise Service April 20 Sundial 6:30AM, outdoors **Traditional Easter Sunday Service April 20** Sanctuary 9:30AM, special music SPC Unplugged Easter Family Service April 20 Sanctuary 11:00AM, praise band egg hunt to follow Worship with us Sundays at 9:30AM Church School Sundays at 9:30am Contemporary Service Sundays at 11am Weekly programs & activities Visit www.setauketpresbyterian.org Like our Facebook Page Setauket Presbyterian Church, est 1660 Follow our Instagram - setauketpres Home to the beloved Setauket Presbyterian Preschool https://www.setauketpreschool.org/ Partner of the Open Door Exchange https://www.opendoorexchange.org/

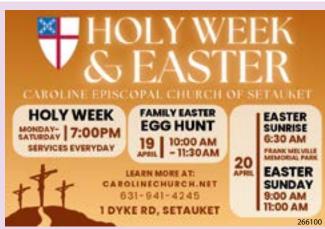
Quaker

CONSCIENCE BAY MEETING Religious Society of Friends 4 Friends Way, St. James 11780 631-928-2768 www.consciencebayquakers.org We gather in silent worship seeking God, the Inner Light/Spirit. We're guided by the Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship. In-person worship blended with virtual worship.

Unitarian Universalist

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP AT STONY BROOK 380 Nicolls Road, East Setauket 631-751-0297-uufsb.org office@uufsb.or A spiritual home for individuals, couples, and families of diverse religious and social backgrounds. A place to nurture your spirit and help heal our world. Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. Or visit uufsb.org to join us via live stream on Sunday mornings.









Earth Day Events Guide 2025

BY HEIDI SUTTON

Whether you choose to participate in a beach or park clean-up, nature walk or a fun festival, there are plenty of ways to show your love for the planet for Earth Day over the next few weeks.

Huntington

Family Fun Earth Day Celebration

Town of Huntington hosts a familyfriendly Earth Day celebration at Manor Farm Park, 210 Manor Road, Huntington on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees can enjoy arts & crafts, Touch a Truck, live music, a marine touch tank, beekeeping demonstrations, storytime, giveaways and much more. 631-351-3175

Melville

Earth Day Celebration

West Hills County Park, Sweet Hollow Road, Melville and Suffolk County Leg. Rebecca Sanin will host an Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a DDR horse show, live poetry readings and music, lawn games, farmers market, food vendors, environmental information booths and free giveaways. No registration necessary. 631-854-5100

Mount Sinai

Community Beach Clean-Up

Town of Brookhaven will hold an Every Day is Earth Day Beach Clean-Up at the Cedar Beach Nature Center in Mount Sinai on Saturday, April 19 at 2 p.m. to remove litter and marine debris from the coastline. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required by emailing npocchiare@ brookhavenny.gov.

Port Jefferson Station

Greenway Trail Cleanup

In celebration of Earth Day, the Three Village Community Trust will host a Friends of the Greenway trail clean-up at the Port Jefferson Station trailhead (parking lot by Rte. 112/Hallock Avenue) on Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Ronkonkoma

Bird Walk and Trash Cleanup

Join the Four Harbors Audubon Society for a Bird Walk and Trash Cleanup at Lily Pond County Park, Smithtown Blvd., Lake Ronkonkoma on Tuesday, April 22 at 8 a.m. in celebration of Earth Day and in memory of Diane Spitz, who spent many years as unofficial caretaker of the Park. Please bring gloves and bags. Email fourharborsheron@ gmail.com to register.

Shoreham

Metal for Tesla

Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe, 5 Randall Rd, Shoreham will host its annual Metal for Tesla scrap metal drop-off event (appliances, car parts, shelving etc.) in honor of Earth Day on Saturday, April 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 631-886-2632

Smithtown

Earth Day at Sweetbriar

Sweetbriar Nature Center, 62 Eckernkamp Drive, Smithtown invites the community to an Earth Day is Every Day celebration on Sunday, April 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. Children will meet resident animals, make a craft and go on a scavenger hunt to find out some of the things they can do to help the natural world. Best for families with children over 4 years old. \$15 per child, \$5 per adults. To register, visit www.sweetbriarnc.org. For more info, call 631-979-6344.

Stony Brook

Earthstock Festival at SBU

The signature Earthstock Festival returns to Stony Brook University's West campus, 100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook on Friday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with vendors, live music, a duck race, lots of activities and performances. Free and open to all. Visit www.stonybrook.edu/earthstock.

Community Beach Clean-Up

Town of Brookhaven will hold an Every Day is Earth Day Beach Clean-Up at West Meadow Beach in Stony Brook on Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m. to remove litter and marine debris from the coastline. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required by emailing npocchiare@brookhavenny.gov.

Train Station Beautification Project

The Three Village Community Trust invites the community to join them for the Stony Brook Train Station Beautification Project on Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for Earth Day. The group will be weeding, clearing fallen branches, removing litter, de-vining trees, and other tasks to beautify the Station. Bring your gloves and garden tools. 631-942-4558

Wading River

SWR 2024 Earth Day Cleanup

The Wading River Shoreham Chamber of Commerce invites the community to participate in an Earth Day Clean-up event on Sunday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at The Shoppes at East Wind, 5768 Route 25A, Wading River for a day of environmental stewardship. Supplies will be provided or feel free to bring you own. Community service credits available. Held rain or shine. Register at www.wadingrivershorehamchamber.com.

New children's book, Sweet Dreams, Northport!, highlight's village's charm

BY MELISSA ARNOLD

We're fortunate on Long Island to have so many beautiful places to explore. Each village has its own personality **REVIEW** and unique perks, from popular mainstays to hidden gems.

Author and entrepreneur Tsvetta Kaleynska has traveled all over the world and takes great joy in uncovering the beauty in each new destination she visits. Originally from Bulgaria, the New York City resident wants to instill a love of travel and exploration not just in her own daughters, but in young readers everywhere.

Kaleynska has written an independently-published series of *Sweet Dreams* children's books and coloring books celebrating some of the world's greatest cities, including Tokyo, London, and Madrid to name a few. And now, our very own Northport is among them.

"I ended up establishing my roots in [New York City]. After becoming a mom, my family and I began exploring what's around NYC, and building an appreciation and love for new places and what our area has to offer," Kaleynska said. "Several years ago, we stumbled upon Northport and instantly fell in love with it. We've had the privilege of meeting some of the local community as well, and I was inspired by the people of Northport who truly make this village feel so special."

The illustrated, rhyming story for early readers says goodnight, one page at a time, to all of Northport's recognizable landmarks. Main Street, the library and even the John W. Engeman Theater get their own shout-out, along with Eaton's Neck Lighthouse, Ashroken Beach and Northport Village Park.

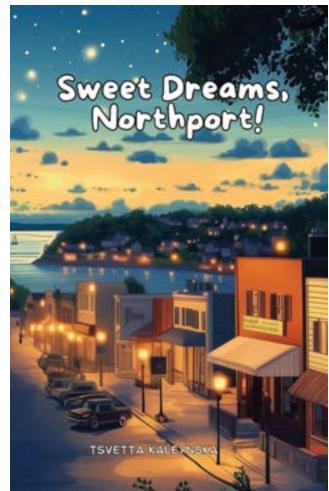
Kaleynska also makes a point to honor first responders and teachers, saying goodnight to them as well.

"I wanted to have a dedicated section for these special people and heroes, from our firefighters, policemen, and doctors to all the regular people whose kindness and warmth make Northport a remarkable place," Kaleynska said. Computer technology was used to turn photographs of Northport into vibrant and detailed illustrations. It's easy to feel transported into the scenes and imagine yourself walking down by the harbor or looking into the windows of a shop on Main Street.

Kaleynska said that each image was carefully crafted to bring Northport to life in a way that feels both familiar and inviting to young readers. And if these places are new to your family, the book offers a great excuse to jump in the car and go exploring.

"As for my favorite memory of Northport, there are so many! But one that stands out is sitting on a bench near the Northport dock with my husband and girls, sharing ice cream and watching the boats go by as the sun sets," Kaleynska recalled. "Beautiful moments with loved ones like that is what inspires me daily."

Perfect for toddlers ages 1 to 4, *Sweet Dreams, Northport!* is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. Keep in touch with the latest from Tsvetta Kaleynska on Instagram @tsvetta.



Egg-citing Easter egg hunts on the North Shore

BY HEIDI SUTTON

What's more fun than an Easter egg hunt? This is the final week for Easter egg hunts on the North Shore so grab your basket and hop on over to your favorite ones!

Cold Spring Harbor

Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery, 1660 Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor will hold an Egg Hunt for children ages 0 to 6 on April 17, 18 and 19 with 20 minute sessions scheduled throughout the day. Fee is \$12 per participating child, \$5 helper siblings ages 7 to 12, \$7 adults, \$6 seniors. Children must be accompanied by a parent. By reservation only at www.cshfishhatchery.org. 516-692-6768

East Northport

Island Christian Church, 400 Elwood Road, East Northport will host a free Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Activities will include face painting, crafts, games, bounce houses, photo-ops, and of course, hunting for eggs! You may even see the Easter Bunny! Held rain or shine. Free. Visit islandchristian.com/easter to register. 631-822-3000

East Setauket 🤜

— Benner's Farm, 56 Gnarled Hollow Road, East Setauket will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt celebration on April 18, 19 and 20 with craft vendors, barnyard animals to see and hold, an egg hunt in the fields (at your purchased time slot), pictures with the Spring Bunny and more! This is a ticketed event only. Tickets are sold online only for \$13.50 per person. To register, visit www. bennersfarm.com. 631-689-8172

— Three Village Church, 322 Main St., East Setauket invites children up to 5th grade to an Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. with games, story time, crafts, face painting and more. No tickets needed. Free. 631-941-3670

Farmingville

Farmingville Historical Society will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Arboretum Park, 10 Maple Lane, Farmingville on April 19 at various times from noon to 3 p.m. Embark on an Easter Egg Adventure into the historic firehouse for fun activities, meet a real life bunny and take a photo with the Easter Bunny. \$15 per child. Register at FHSLI.org.

Flanders

Children ages 2 to 9 are invited to join an Easter egg hunt for "duck" eggs at The Big Duck Ranch, 1012 Flanders Road, Flanders on April 19 at noon. Prizes will be given out for the winners in each age group. Bring your camera for photo ops with the Easter Bunny. Free. Rain date is April 26. 631-284-3737.

Huntington

Children ages 1 to 8 can enjoy a spring celebration and egg hunt at Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve, 25 Lloyd Harbor Road, Huntington on April 19 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Activities including a petting zoo, arts and crafts, a meet and greet with Mr. Bunny and a special concert by FunikiJam. \$20 per child. Register at www. caumsettfoundation.org/programs.

Port Jefferson

Children ages 2 to 8 are invited to join the Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce for an Easter Egg Hunt following the annual Easter Parade in the Village of Port Jefferson along Main Street on April 19 at 12:45 p.m. Line up in front of the Port Jefferson Village Center, 101 E. Broadway, Port Jefferson at 1 p.m. after the parade. Photo ops with the Easter Bunny will be from 1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. Free. 631-473-1414

St. James

Rescheduled from April 12. St. James Chamber of Commerce will host a Spring Egg Hunt for children ages 1 to 10 at Deepwells Farm, 2 Tayor Lane, St. James on April 19 at 1 p.m. with a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny. Free. 631-584-5810

Setauket

Caroline Episcopal Church, 18 Caroline Ave., Setauket hosts a community Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy games, prizes, snacks, a live magic show, face painting, an Easter hat contest, hat parade and a special long-eared guest. Free. Register online at carolinechurch.net/ egghunt2025. 631-941-4245

Wading River

Rescheduled from April 12. Bakewicz Farms, 291 Route 25A, Wading River will hold an Easter egg hunt on April 19 at 1:30 p.m. Every child will leave with eggs filled with candy, stickers, and toys. Enjoy face painting and take pictures with the Easter bunny. \$15 per child. For tickets, visit www. bakewiczfarmsny.com.



GAME SET MATCH TENNIS ACADEMY CALL: 631-751-6100 LIHRSETAUKET.COM TENNIS SUMMER CAMP

Call for details

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KIDSCOUNTRYDAYCAMP.COM Kids Country Day Camp is a 10 acre recreational children's summer camp filled with indoor and outdoor adventure, sports, activities and special events. Whether you're an athlete or an artist, children 5-12 yrs. of age take part in over 50 fun & exciting activities. Special events include; Foam Parties, Magic, Talent Show, Carnival, Circus Acts, Laser Show, Animal Shows, and more. The Camp Program runs 8 weeks with flexible weekly/daily scheduling. Rates include lunch, snack, refreshments, and 2 camp shirts.

KIDS OF MOUNT SINAI/ MILLER PLACE MOUNT SINAI

37B CRYSTAL BROOK HOLLOW RD., 331-5351 KIDSOFMOUNTSINAI.COM MILLER PLACE: 43 ECHO AVE., 403-4790 KIDSOFMILLERPLACE.COM Locally owned and operated preschool and

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11am-2pm Kids Country Day Camp & Kids of Mount Sinai

LOCATION: 37B Crystal Brook Hollow Rd., Mount Sinai



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631-928-9100



PROGRAMS

First Steps Into Nature

Sweetbriar Nature Center, 62 Eckernkamp Drive, Smithtown presents First Steps Into Nature for children ages 2 to 4 on April 18 and April 25 at 9:30 a.m. Little ones will learn about nature through hands on interaction, music, crafts, stories, play and more. \$20 per child per class. To register, visit www.sweetbriarnc.org. 631-979-6344

Dragon Egg Workshop

Join the Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor for at a Dragon Egg Workshop on April 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From fire-breathing dragons to galloping unicorns, did you know the stories of many mythical animals were originally inspired by sea creatures? Explore the legends surrounding these fantastical beasts then create your own dragon egg with gilded sea shells! No registration required. Admission fee plus \$10 per participant, \$5 members. 631-367-3418

Family Game Night

Families with children through 6th grade are invited to stop by Emma Clark Library, 120 Main St., Setauket on April 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for Chicken vs. Hot Dog, The Keepy Uppy Game, Twist, & more! No registration required. Open to all. Questions? Email kids@emmaclark.org

Little Artists Workshop

Walt Whitman Birthplace, 246 Old Walt Whitman Road, Huntington Station presents a Little Artists Workshop on April 19 at 11:30 a.m. Artist Robert Stenzel will guide students in transforming recycled materials into unique owl designs. For children in Pre-K through 4th grade. Cost is \$20 per child. To register, visit www. waltwhitman.org.

Story & Craft with Nana Carol

The Next Chapter bookstore, 204 New York Ave., Huntington hosts a Story and Craft event with Nana Carol on April 21 at 10:30 a.m. Free. No registration required. Appropriate for ages 0-4. 631-482-5008

Spring Break at the Hatchery

Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery, 1660 Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor celebrates Spring Break on April 21 with a hatchery tour at 11 a.m., fish feeding demonstrations at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and live animal encounters at 2 p.m. Admission is \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children ages 3 to 12. 516-692-6768

Flower Power

Sunken Meadow State Park, Sunken Meadow Parkway, Kings Park presents a Tiny Tots program, Flower Power, on April 24 at 10:30 p.m. Children ages 3 to 5 with a parent/ caregiver will enjoy short walks, stories, dances, animal visitors, and crafts. \$4 per child. Register at ww.eventbrite.com.

FILM

'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles'

Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington continues its Cinema for Kids series with a screening of Sonic the Hedgehog on April 20 at noon. Powered with incredible speed, Sonic The Hedgehog embraces his new home on Earth. That is, until he accidentally knocks out the power grid and sparks the attention of super-uncool evil genius Dr. Robotnik. Now it's super-villain vs. supersonic in an all-out race across the globe to stop Robotnik from using Sonic's unique power for world domination. Tickets are \$13 adults, \$5 kids. www.cinemaartscentre.org.

THEATER 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Musical'

John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport presents Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Musical from March 22 to April 27. Read the books? Watched the movies? Now experience the musical! Middle school, ugh. It's the worst. But Greg is determined not to be at the bottom of the popularity chart. He'll leave that to his weird neighbor, Fregley. Or maybe Greg's best friend, Rowley Jefferson. But it's not going to be Greg...no way. All seats are \$20. To order, call 631-261-2900 or visit www.engemantheater.com.

A Royal Princess Party

Tickets are now on sale for A Royal Princess Party: A Villainous Tale of Magic! at the Smithtown Center for the Performing Arts, 2 East Main St., Smithtown from April 12 to May 4. Just in time for Spring Break, the princesses return to the Royal Kingdom of Smithtown to get together and explore some magical artifacts. Special surprises and magical touches make this show a royal treat! Tickets are \$17.50 per person. To order, visit www.smithtownpac.org.

'The Adventures of Peter Rabbit'

Theatre Three, 412 Main St., Port Jefferson celebrates Spring Break with the return of The Adventures of Peter Rabbit from April 16 to May 10 with a sensory friendly performance on April 27 at 11 a.m. With the help of his sisters-Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cotton-Tail-and his cousin, Benjamin Bunny, Peter Rabbit learns the power of sharing and caring in this adorable musical. All seats are \$10. To order, call 631-928-9100 or visit www.theatrethree.com.

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

SBU SPORTSWEEK

APRIL 17, 2025

TOMORROW IS FRIDAY - WEAR RED ON CAMPUS!

Eight-goal run propels men's lacrosse to beat Monmouth

Fueled by a dominant 8-0 run and strong second-half defense, Stony Brook men's lacrosse defeated CAA foe Monmouth, 13-9, at LaValle Stadium on April 12. Collin Williamson and Justin Bonacci led the Seawolf attack, each recording a game-high six points.

Good goalie play and timely offense allowed the Hawks to take a 3-1 lead with 5:55 remaining in the first. The Seawolves scored two of the final three goals in the first quarter, bringing the score to 4-3 in favor of Monmouth heading into the second quarter.

Stony Brook opened the scoring in the second with a man-up goal from Williamson to even things up at 4-all. Each team traded a goal to make it 5-5 with 7:42 remaining in the first half.

Monmouth tacked on a pair of goals late in the second quarter to take a 7-5 lead into the locker room.

The Hawks carried their momentum into the third quarter, scoring the first two goals



of the second half and giving themselves a 9-5 lead with 6:55 remaining in the third. The Seawolves answered back just nine seconds later after Robbie Smith won a face-off and raced downfield to bury Stony Brook's first goal of the half.

From that point on, the Seawolves took full control of the game, scoring the final two goals of the quarter, including a buzzerbeater from Gary Correa that brought them within one goal heading into the final frame.

Stony Brook evened things up with 11:47 remaining in the fourth as Bonacci buried the game-tying goal. Just over four minutes later, the Seawolves took their first lead of the day on a goal from Williamson.

Now in the driver's seat, Stony Brook tacked on three more fourth-quarter goals to bookend an 8-0 run that spanned more than 21 minutes of game action to secure victory over the Hawks.

The win gives Stony Brook a 2-1 lead in the all-time series.

Up next, the team will travel to Philadelphia for its next matchup against Drexel on April 19. The contest will begin at noon and will stream live on FloCollege.

Photos courtesy of Stony Brook University Athletics

Seawolves

Home Games

Women's lacrosse comes from behind to top Campbell

The Stony Brook women's lacrosse team defeated Campbell, 19-12, in a comeback effort on April 13 at Barker-Lane Stadium in Buies Creek, N.C. A second-half surge saw the Seawolves outscore the Fighting Camels 10-4 over the final 30 minutes to overcome a halftime deficit and emerge victorious.

After an even first quarter (3-3), Campbell would go on to score four straight to take a 7-4 lead with 6:49 remaining in the first half. The Seawolves and Camels then traded goals before Stony Brook found the back of the net twice courtesy of Isabella Caporuscio and Riley McDonald and cut the Camels' lead to 8-7 heading into halftime.

The Seawolves surged out of the gates in the second half, netting nine goals (four woman-up) to start the third quarter and take a comfortable eight goal lead. McDonald, Charlotte Wilmoth, Caporuscio, Alexandra Fusco, and Molly LaForge were responsible for the dominant display of Stony Brook goals.

The fourth quarter would become a backand-forth affair with Campbell outscoring

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- Baseball defeats Campbell in series finale



Stony Brook, 4-3, but the Seawolves were able to close out the come-from-behind victory with a strong second half offensive performance.

Up next, the team returns to Long Island for their home finale at LaValle Stadium

— Men's Track & Field continue outdoor season at Friar International

on Friday, April 18 at 6 p.m. as they face off against undefeated Drexel. Stony Brook won both the regular season (18-11) and postseason (9-6) contests over the Dragons last season. Coverage is set to be available on FloCollege.

--- Women's Track & Field continue outdoor season at Friar International

MEN'S LACROSSE April 26 vs. Hampton11 a.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE April 18 vs. Drexel6 p.m. BASEBALL April 23 vs. Columbia3:30 p.m. April 25 vs. William & Mary2 p.m. April 26 vs. William & Mary 1 p.m. April 27 vs. William & Mary 12 p.m. April 29 vs. Fairfield3:30 p.m. May 15 vs. Monmouth 2 p.m. May 16 vs. Monmouth 1 p.m. May 17 vs. Monmouth 1 p.m. SOFTBALL April 23 vs. Wagner2 p.m. and 4 p.m. April 26 vs. Hofstra2 p.m. April 27 vs. Hofstra2 p.m *Stony Brook University football tickets are on sale now for the 2025 season.* Visit www.stonybrookathletics.com for tickets and any last minute cancellations.

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