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# Highlights from recent pilgrimage and a few words for our graduates

### **PLAIN TALK**

In the first week of June, I was honored to lead a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. There were 65 of us, including the HIMS and Her, a very talented music group from Hope House Ministries.



The purpose of BY FR. FRANCIS PIZZARELLI this pilgrimage was to celebrate the jubilee year of hope. It is also Hope House Ministries' 45th anniversary. I wanted to give thanks for the countless blessings and amazing support we have received over the past four decades, especially since we've never taken government grants to help sustain us.

On our third day in Rome, we went to Saint Peter's Basilica for an audience with Pope Leo the 14th. We were among more than 150,000 other people from around the world. It was quite powerful; due to a connection that I have in Rome, we were able to sit in the front section, front row, just right of the Pope. It was amazing experience; his message was amazing; being among people from around the world was amazing.

As we were leaving, the HIMS and Her sang their anthem "Go Light Your World," which is a song about hope.

Before we left Rome, we visited the tomb of Pope Francis. It was overwhelmingly powerful. His prophetic voice continues to inspire me to just stay the course.

On Day 6, we traveled to Assisi, which is very holy ground. We visited the tomb of Saint Francis of Assisi. We saw the home where he was born and we walked in his footsteps.

Every night after a lot of walking, a lot of visiting and dinner, we had an optional meeting for people to share what touched them on that particular day. After the



sharing, we'd have a traditional American sing along; singing America's best — "Sweet Caroline-" — the Italians didn't know what hit them.

At our last get together, I asked my copilgrims what was most striking about our time together. Almost everyone spoke of the powerful masses and music. However, the other striking comment was about us as a group, how strangers from all over the country came together and built community and new friendships, friendships that they believe will last forever.

As the leader, I too was profoundly touched by how a group of strangers became vulnerable brothers and sisters, friends and a community despite the polarizing times we live in.

By the time you read this column, our seniors in high school will have graduated.

A few words for the class of 2025: Don't be blinded by those who tend to use shame, blame, guilt and religion to shackle people down and divide them. Set people free with your commitment to respect and being nonjudgmental of all.

May your moral compass guide you on a path that is committed to working for peace and social justice. As Gandhi once said. "BE THE CHANGE YOU HOPE FOR."

Congratulations class of 2025. Thank you for making the world a little bit better, a little brighter and a little more hopeful!

Father Francis Pizzarelli, SMM, LCSW-R, ACSW, DCSW, is the director of Hope House Ministries in Port Jefferson.

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# Local celebrations match those around the world for opening of historic telescope



#### BY DANIEL DUNAIEF

Monday, June 23, marked the beginning of a new and exciting frontier. Using the largest digital camera ever built for astronomy, the Vera C. Rubin Observatory

#### shared its first **KNOWLEDGE** images after a journey from conception to

reality that lasted over two decades.

Located in the Cerro Pachón mountaintop in Chile because the area is dry, high and dark, the telescope and camera started its 10-year mission to share images of the sky.

Viewers at over 350 watch parties in the United States and around the world awaited these pictures, including with gatherings at Stony Brook University and Brookhaven National Laboratory.

The state-of-the-art camera did not disappoint.

The Rubin Observatory, which can take images with a field of view of the sky that are the equivalent of 40 moons, discovered 2,400 asteroids that no one has ever seen before. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. By the time the Observatory has collected all the data the public can view, the camera is expected to find over five million asteroids.

"Most of the asteroids are too faint to have been found" with previous technology, said Paul O'Connor, senior physicist at Brookhaven National Laboratory who has been working on the camera since 2002.

Simon Birrer, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Stony Brook University, attended a watch event at the university with some 50 to 60 other excited members of the college community.

"Knowing that the instrument is capable and what it was promised

to do and seeing it all coming together, sharing the excitement with so many other people is very exciting," said Birrer.

By looking at the night sky over the course of just a few days, the observatory was able to offer a time lapse view of the movement of these asteroids.

"You can look and see the trail of thousands of things that are completely new," said Birrer.

Indeed, in addition to seeing asteroids and other objects both near and far, the Rubin Observatory can study dark matter and dark energy, map the Milky Way, and observe transient events.

"We're entering a golden age of American science," Harriet Kung, acting director of the DOE's Office of Science, said in a statement. "NSF-DOE Rubin Observatory reflects what's possible when the federal government backs worldclass engineers and scientists with the tools to lead."

The first images generated considerable excitement in the scientific community and on campuses around the world.

"Ît's a new frontier for sure," said O'Connor. "We've been working on this project for all these years. It was easy to get students interested."

Anja von der Linden, Associate Professor in Physics and Astronomy at Stony Brook and a member of the LSST Dark Energy Science Collaboration since its inception in 2012, viewed the images from Germany, where she is visiting her parents on vacation with her young

She works on clusters of galaxies and was delighted to see the Virgo cluster online.

"The image is so large and [viewers] can also see much more distant galaxies," said von der Linden. Viewers are able to scroll around and zoom in and out to see



The Vera C. Rubin Observatory in Chile Photo credit: RubinObs/NOIRLab/SLAC/NSF/DOE/AURA/A. Pizarro D

details in these "beautiful images."

Von der Linden echoed the sentiment from one of the officials who shared the first images, suggesting that the data and information from the observatory are available for astronomers and scientists, but also for the public, helping them explore the night sky.

"It's quite remarkable," she said. "I look forward to seeing how the public engages."

The Rubin Observatory will see "everything that changes, explodes, and moves," said von der Linden.

#### A little bit of pride

In addition to scientists like O'Connor and Anže Slosar, group leader of the Cosmology & Astrophysics Group, BNL recruited close to two dozen interns to help with the work.

"There's a lot of inherent curiosity about the cosmos," O'Connor said. "When people hear that they could participate in doing research that could lead to lead to a better understanding of it, we had to turn interns away."

O'Connor worked with the charge-coupled device modules, which are the digital film of the camera. The Rubin Observatory, with its 3.2 gigapixel focal plane, relies on 189 custom-designed CCD sensors to achieve its resolution.

"I feel a little bit of pride," said O'Connor, who didn't expect to be working on astronomical instruments when he came to BNL. "I was a tiny, little part of a giant team that's worked so long. When you see the final project, it's a good feeling."

#### Seeing the invisible

At the same time that the Rubin Observatory can find asteroids that had previously gone undetected, it can also help detect dark energy and dark matter.

Only five percent of the universe comes from visible matter, with about 70 percent coming from dark energy and 25 percent coming from dark matter.

Dark energy describes why the universe continues to expand after the Big Bang, rather than slowing down, the way a ball thrown into the air does before it falls, von der Linden explained. Researchers study dark matter, meanwhile, by observing the way light from distant galaxies bends when it travels towards Earth, as the gravitational force of the matter affects it on its path.

Von der Linden said she has already started using some of the commissioning data to test Rubin's capabilities to do weak gravitational lensing. Weak rubinobservatory.org.

gravitational lensing involves slight shifts in images caused by the gravitational influence of other matter that require many galaxies to detect.

'The work we're doing now is very much a test case, which we will then take and apply to a much larger data set," she said.

#### Inspiring future scientists

The images and the data, which the US, the UK and France will process, has the potential not only to answer scientific questions, but also to encourage and inspire future researchers.

The Rubin Observatory has a "very comprehensive education and public outreach component," von der Linden said. "From the beginning, it has been built with the intention that the public is suppose to interact with the data and be part of the scientific story."

If teachers use this in the classroom to show students the beautiful and intriguing night sky, "I would think this will lead some students to consider pursuing" careers in these sciences. "I hope that we're going to get more junior scientists who will be part of Rubin."

To see images from the observatory, visit https://

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Female, age 69

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# Are proton pump inhibitors the best solution for your reflux?

# MEDICAL COMPASS

After a meal, do you sometimes have "reflux" or "heartburn?" Many of us experience these symptoms occasionally. When it happens more frequently, it could be a sign



BY DAVID M. DUNAIEF, MD

of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).

Between 18.1 and 27.8 percent of U.S. adults have GERD, according to estimates; however, since many people self-treat with over-the-counter (OTC) medications, the real numbers could be higher (1).

If you take OTC proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), you could be among the uncounted. Familiar brands include Prilosec (omeprazole), Nexium (esomeprazole), and Prevacid (lansoprazole), among others. They are also available by prescription.

PPIs are not intended for long-term use, because of their robust potential side effects. Currently, the FDA suggests that OTC PPIs should be taken for no more than a 14-day treatment once every four months. Prescription PPIs should be taken for 4 to 8 weeks (2).

Unfortunately, many take them too long or too often, and some experience reflux rebound effects when they try to discontinue PPIs without physician oversight.

Among potential associations with long-term use are chronic kidney disease, dementia, bone fractures, increased cardiac and vascular risks, vitamin malabsorption issues and Clostridium difficile (C. diff), a bacterial infection of the gastrointestinal tract.

PPIs can also interfere with other drugs you are taking, such as Plavix (clopidogrel).

#### PPIs and chronic kidney disease

Two separate studies showed that there was an increase in chronic kidney disease with prolonged PPI use (3). All patients started the study with normal kidney function, assessed by measuring glomerular filtration rate (GFR). The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) study showed a 50 percent increased risk of chronic kidney disease, while the Geisinger Health System cohort study found there was a 17 percent increased risk.

The medications were used on a chronic basis for years: the first study had a 13-year duration, and the second had about a six-year duration. Both demonstrated modest, but statistically significant, increased risk of

PPIs may increase your fracture risk



chronic kidney disease. In an accompanying editorial to these published studies, the author suggests that there is overuse of the medications or that they are used beyond the resolution of symptoms and suggests starting with diet and lifestyle modifications and a milder drug class, H2 blockers (4).

#### **PPIs and dementia risk**

A German study looked at health records from a large public insurer and found a 44 percent increased risk of dementia in those aged 75 or older who were using PPIs, compared to those who were not (5). The authors surmise that PPIs may cross the blood-brain barrier and potentially increase beta-amyloid levels, markers for dementia. With occasional use, meaning once every 18 months for a few weeks to a few months, there was a much lower, 16 percent, increased risk.

The researchers also suggested that PPIs may be significantly overprescribed in the elderly. The research was not perfect, however. Researchers did not consider high blood pressure, excessive alcohol use or family history of dementia, all of which can influence dementia occurrence.

#### PPIs and fracture risk

In a meta-analysis of 18 observational studies, results showed that PPIs can increase the risk of hip fractures, spine fractures and any-site fractures (6). With bone fractures, it did not make a difference whether patients were taking PPIs for more or less than a year.

They found increased fracture risks of 58, 26 and 33 percent for spine, hip, and anysite, respectively. It is not clear what may potentially increase the risk; however, it has been proposed that it may have to do with calcium absorption. PPIs reduce acid, which may be needed to absorb insoluble calcium salts. In another study, seven days of PPIs were shown to lower the absorption of calcium carbonate supplements when taken without food (7).

#### PPIs and vitamin absorption

In addition to calcium absorption issues, PPIs may lower absorption of magnesium and B12. In one observational study, PPIs combined with diuretics caused a 73 percent increased risk of hospitalization due to low magnesium (8). Diuretics are commonly prescribed for high blood pressure, heart failure and swelling.

Another study's results showed use of over two years increased vitamin B12 deficiency risk by 65 percent (9).

#### Takeaways

Before taking OTC PPIs, consult with your physician. A milder medication, such as an H2 blocker (Zantac, Pepcid), might be a better option.

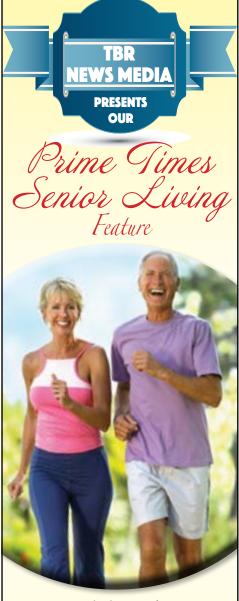
Even better, start with lifestyle changes. Try to avoid eating later at night, raising the head of the bed, losing weight and stopping smoking, if needed, before you try medications (10).

If you do need medication, recognize that PPIs don't provide immediate relief and should only be taken for a short duration to minimize their side effects.

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## **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

#### THEME: **Fourth of July CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Croat, e.g.
- 5. Reverential respect mixed with wonder
- 8. Island near Java
- 12. From where to eternity?
- 13. \*"Land of the \_\_\_\_
- 14. Rowed
- 15. Diabolical
- 16. Mideast bigwig
- 17. Unleashes
- 18. \*Star-spangled banner (2 words)
- 20. Type of ski lift
- 21. \*Day before
- Independence Day
- 22. Quilting party
- 23. Sherlock Holmes'
- confidant 26. Formal dinner
- 30. U.N. working-conditions agency
- 31. Sextet plus one
- 34. Cancel
- 35. Holey confection
- 37. Electric swimmer
- 38. Frame job
- 39. Comparison word
- 40. Type of deodorant
- 42. Skater's field
- 43. \*Like "America the Beautiful" skies
- 45. Covered with a ceiling
- 47. Tennis do-over
- 48. Surfer's stops
- 50. Not guilty, e.g.
- 52. \*Yankee Doodle's feather
- 55. \*"To Freedom!", e.g.
- \_\_, Israel 56. Tel
- 57. Bèbè's mother
- 59. Pseudonym
- 60. \*Cup at a picnic
- 61. Do like exhaust pipe
- 62. Late George Wendt on "Cheers"
- 63. Give it a go
- 64. \*Betsy of #18 Across-related fame

#### Answers to last week's puzzle: Fill-In-The-Blank



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#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. "He said, \_\_\_\_ said"
- 2. Russian left
- 3. Pomegranate seed
- 4. South African grasslands
- 5. Knight's protection
- 6. Odd and unusual
- 7. Like ghostly howls
- 8. \*July 4th culinary tradition
- 51 in Nevada
- 10. Lecherous look
- 11. Dog tags
- 13. Felidae family member
- 14. As a rule 19. Casper, e.g.
- 22. Cricket club
- 23. Measurement
- 24. Hello, to Mr. Hand
- 25. Opposite of atonal
- 26. \*Philadelphia's Liberty
- \_\_\_ death do us part"
- 28. Draw out a conclusion
- 29. Drank too much
- 32. Lowly laborer
- 33. What lintel and mantel have in common
- 36. \*Personification of the U.S. (2 words)
- 38. Show contempt
- 40. Decompose
- 41. In eighth, book format
- 44. "The Second Coming" poet
- 46. Chemical cousin
- 48. Relish
- 49. In an unfriendly manner 50. Horseback sport
- 51. Bear's hang-out
- 52. Sail holder
- 53. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" captain
- 54. Part of an eye
- 55. Sun kiss
- 58. "The Extra-Terrestrial"-inspired toys



# The Black Pearl shines as Port Jefferson's hottest new restaurant

## Located inside Danfords Hotel & Marina

BY JULIANNE MOSHER

Port Jeff's new waterfront destination, the Black Pearl Seafood Chophouse and Bar is a real gem.

Nestled inside Danfords Hotel and Marina on East Broadway, the completely renovated space was previously the Ferryman's Grille & Bar and Wave Seafood & Steak before that. Now, under new management from Long Island-based Top Flight Foods Group, the restaurant and bar boast a completely new, sleek look that is already bringing in guests every night.

Joe Vitrano, president at Top Flight, said that he was interested in the space more than a year ago. After speaking with TPG Hotel & Resorts, which purchased Danfords from The Crest Group in 2021, both parties decided to turn the former Ferryman's into the Black Pearl under Vitrano, and his group's, leadership. Top Flight owns and operates several places including Tiki Joe's restaurants and bars across Long Island.

"You can see the difference right away," he said.

Once the papers were signed, Vitrano and team, including partners Bill Monaco, Bill Murphy and Gabrielle Vitrano, went to work. They did a complete renovation of the outside seating area and indoors. The catering spaces upstairs and on the Danfords campus were fixed up, as well, officially opening in early June.

For the 70-seat outdoor dining area, Vitrano said they installed sleek new umbrellas for each table and put in tables with expensive ipe wood. They re-sanded, repainted and refurnished the dockside tables to make it "feel more like a vacation spot, a destination." Even the planters were repainted to look fresh.

The inspiration was a black pearl, named after famed pirate Jack Sparrow's ship. "It gives that luxury, but since it's waterfront, it has rich, nautical feel," said Vitrano.

Outside, guests can grab a drink or their whole meal with views of the Long Island Sound and the Port Jefferson Ferry. Every week, live music plays on the back deck from an array of local bands on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Inside, the former Grille has a new identity. Sleek, inviting and alluring with dark furnishings contracting the light from its open windows on the water. Custom peacock-inspired wallpaper lines the walls, and the ceiling, of the dining room while

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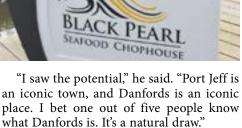
solid brass outlines the space. Brand new chandeliers hang in every room.

"You won't find these anywhere else," he said. "I wanted it to standout."

The bar was redone with marble, brasslined seating and top-shelf liquor to continue with the shiny black pearl aura Top Flight was looking to achieve. Vitrano said they even added insulation to the ceiling to keep music from the catering space upstairs at bay. Cozy dining booths outlining the bar space were custom made with alligator on the front and back.

"It's expensive," Vitrano said, noting that the total renovation costed over \$1.3 million.

In the main dining room, a special space was also created overlooking the other diners. A curtain can be drawn to hide a cozy, large dining table in a room called "The V Room" that is available for larger parties looking for a little privacy, especially for a group of six to eight people.



Open year-round, Vitrano added that when they took over the Grille, they "threw out" the menu and started fresh with a lunch and dinner menu, plus a daily breakfast.

The Black Pearl offers more than 60 different liquors and a menu that has something for every palette.

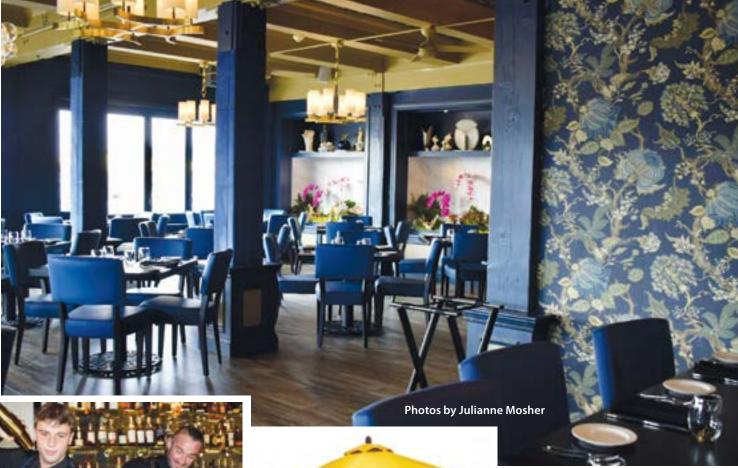
"Everyone can find something they like," said Keith Wedderburn, general manager. "It's like two restaurants in one."

To start, the restaurant offers both East and West Coast oysters, colossal shrimp cocktail, and a Caesar salad that is anything but classic. It has crisp romaine, Parmigiano-Reggiano and Locatelli enhanced creamy dressing, house-made garlic croutons and Parmigiano-Reggiano snow to finish. The Pearl Feta Chunk salad features yellow watermelon, heirloom tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, jalapeno, Kalamata olives, red onions and chunks of feta cheese. All of their soups are homemade.

Also, on the menu is everything from handheld sandwiches, burgers, pastas, chicken, fish and steak. Vitrano said their branzino is a fan favorite, but really, everything is so good. They also have a whole menu of handcrafted cocktails and daily desserts.

"Our food is just impeccable, it's absolutely amazing," Vitrano said. "Port Jeff has been waiting for something like this for a very long time."

Located inside Danfords Hotel & Marina at 25 East Broadway in Port Jefferson, the Black Pearl Seafood Chophouse is open Sunday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to midnight. For more information, call 631-676-7025 or visit blackpearlportjeff.com.



## **Vendors Wanted**

- St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 270 Main Street, Northport seeks vendors for its Summer Craft Fair on July 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 631-261-0804 to obtain a registration form.
- The Shoppes at East Wind, 5768 Route 25A, Wading River is acceptiong local hand crafted vendors for its Craft Fair Weekends on July 12 & 13, August 2 & 3, September 6 & 7, October 4 & 5 and November 1 & 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 10' by 10' spaces for one day is \$75 and \$100 for both days. Call 631-846-2372 or visit eastwindlongisland.com.
- Sachem Public Library, 150 Holbrook Road, Holbrook is looking for vendors to participate in an outdoor Summer Craft Fair on July 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Online application can be found at www. sachemlibrary.org. 631-588-5024.
- The Spirit of Huntington, 2 Melville Road, Huntington Station seeks vendors for its annual Spirit of Summer Art Festival on July 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date is July 27. Visit www.spiritofhuntington.com for an application or call 631-470-9620.
- Northport Arts Coalition is accepting applications for craft artists for its annual Art in the Park event at Northport Village Park on Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 10' by 10' space for \$100, \$80 NAC members. Rain date is Aug. 17. Deadline to apply is July 15. www.northportarts.org.
- Village of Lake Grove seeks arts & crafts, food and community vendors for its annual Summer Fest on Aug. 17 at the Gazebo and Memorial Park, 980 Hawkins Ave., Lake Grove from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For an application, visit www. lakegroveny.gov or call 631-585-2000.
- The Port Jefferson Lions Club will hold their 4th annual Car Show at Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill, Farmingville on Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interested vendors can call 631-258-6156.
- Messiah Lutheran Church, 465 Pond Path, East Setauket is seeking craft vendors and food trucks for their Spooktacular Trunk or Treat & Vendor Fair fair which will be held Oct. 25 from noon to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Spots are \$35. Vendor and food truck forms can be found at www.messiahny.org

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

Mills Pond Gallery kicks off summer with 'The Language of Flowers'







From left, 'Flowering Echinachea and Other Herbs' by Ellen Ferrigno, 'Morning Glory' by Kusuma Bheemineni, and Number 51' by James Kelson will be on view through July 25.

Images courtesy of Mills Pond Gallery

hether gifted, grown in a garden, or admired in nature, flowers delight us with their natural beauty. In a floral tribute, the Smithtown Township Arts Council will present *The Language of Flowers*, a juried exhibit at Mills Pond Gallery in St. James from June 28 to July 25. The prospectus called for artists to

**EXHIBIT**"unleash their creativity and share their artistic interpretations of flowers ... art that captures the spirit of blossoms or conveys personal emotions or narratives, or simply captures the captivating beauty of flowers." The response was overwhelming.

"Using oil, acrylic, alcohol ink, colored pencil, dye-sublimation photographic print, fused glass, gouache, graphite, ink, mixed media, oil, pastel, pen & ink, photography, pyrography and watercolor, 84 artists have found astonishing ways to portray the delicacy of flowers whether represented in realism, impressionism or abstraction," said Allison Cruz, Executive Director of the Smithtown Township Arts Council and Mills Pond Gallery.

"No matter the style, we are sure gallery visitors will enjoy this bouquet of original works," she added.

Exhibiting artists include Ross Barbera, Shain Bard, Ron Becker, Mireille Belajonas, Kusuma Bheemineni, Matt Bodkin, Hayley Brennan, Joyce Bressler, Kevin Casey, Carol Ceraso, Tobi Cohen, Bernice Corbin, Jane Corrarino, Denise Cousins, JoAnn Dumas, Paul Edelson, Ellen Ferrigno, Elizabeth Fusco, Arlene Gernon, Maureen Ginipro, Theresa Graff, Alexandra Guma, Linda Hartman, Scott Hartman, Karen Jakubowski, Sally Anne Keller, James Kelson, Kathee Shaff Kelson, Angelica Kempa, Samantha Kenny, Megan Kenny, Lynn Kinsella, Julianna Kirk, Elizabeth Kisseleff, Lynn Larrison, Peter Leeds, Syndee Levy, Patricia Lind-Gonzalez, Patricia Luppino, Jackie Mallon, Diane Maniscalco, Adriena Masi, Liz Jorg Masi, Kathleen McArdle, Bonnie McLoughlin Stiegler, Frederic Mendelsohn, Avrel Menkes, Felecia Montfort, Gail Neuman, Loretta Oberheim, Josephine Parlagreco, Sharon Pearsall, Eva Pere, Sean Pollock, Lauren Prochera, Bernice Rausch, Catherine Rezin, Sandra Riddle, Khrystyne Robillard-Smith, Robert Roehrig, Jessica Rybak, Lori Scarlatos, Lisa Scrima-Castelli, Hillary Serota Needle, Stephen Shannon, Mike Stanko, Maddy Stare, Judy Stone, Betty Ann Tedeschi, Ashley Thorbjornsen, Susan Toplitz, Robert Tuska, Diane Van Velsor,

Joseph Weinreb, Patty Yantz, Steven Zaluski, Theodora Zavala and Tianzhou Zhao.

The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, June 28 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to meet the exhibiting artists and enjoy the beautiful art.

The Mills Pond Gallery is located at 660 Route 25A in St. James. Regular gallery hours are Wednesdays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Admission to the gallery is always free. For more information or directions, call 631-862-6575, or visit www.millspondgallery.org.

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The following articles can be found at www.tbrnewsmedia.com

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   Martin as baseball head coach
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- » 100 Years Ago This Month: Historical events from July 1925

# SB Heart Institute launches new Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Replacement Program

For the estimated 1.6 million Americans diagnosed with symptomatic tricuspid valve regurgitation each year, a significant advancement in treatment is now available on Long Island. With the launch of the new Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Replacement (TTVR) Program at the Stony Brook Heart Institute (SBHI), patients at Stony Brook Medicine have access to groundbreaking, minimally invasive therapies.

The heart has four valves — aortic, mitral, pulmonary and tricuspid — that control the direction of blood flow. In tricuspid regurgitation (TR), the tricuspid valve's flaps do not close tightly, allowing blood to leak backward in the heart. Mild cases may cause no symptoms, but others suffer from fatigue, pulsing neck veins, fluid buildup in the abdomen and legs, and irregular, sometimes dangerous, heartbeats. If left untreated, individuals with severe TR can experience heart failure, blood clots, stroke and other organ damage.

In the hands of Stony Brook's tricuspid valve specialists, the FDA-approved TriClip<sup>™</sup> device offers a revolutionary treatment option. Performed under general anesthesia and guided by advanced imaging, the procedure involves placing a catheter through a vein to the heart, where the TriClip™ is precisely placed to bring valve

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flaps together, reducing backward blood flow. Because the procedure is minimally invasive and avoids open-heart surgery, most patients are up and walking within hours, discharged in one to two days, and back to their regular lives in about a week. Clinical trials published in The New England Journal of Medicine demonstrated that TriClip ™ placement resulted in 87% of patients experiencing a significant reduction in tricuspid regurgitation, compared to less than 5% with medication use alone.

Ahmad Alkhalil, MD, MSc, Director of the Mitral and Tricuspid Interventions at Stony Brook Heart Institute, who performed SBHI's first TTVR procedure noted, "The tricuspid valve was formerly known as 'the forgotten valve' because surgical approaches were too risky and no other treatments were effective for the majority of patients. With our full range of minimally invasive therapies, including tricuspid transcatheter edge-to-edge repair (TEER) and tricuspid transcatheter valve replacement (TTVR), we are proud to be a leader in providing new options for patients on Long Island."

'We are proud to be at the forefront of bringing new treatment options for symptomatic tricuspid regurgitation," says Allison McLarty, MD, Interim Chief, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Stony Brook Heart Institute and Professor of Surgery, Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University. "Our skilled and dedicated physicians are continuously exploring new and innovative approaches to improve outcomes and the patient experience of people with valve disease."

"Effective treatment begins with a precise diagnosis. Patients at Stony Brook Heart Institute benefit from a full suite of advanced imaging technologies, including 3D transthoracic and transesophageal echocardiography (TTE and TEE), cardiac MRI, CT angiography, nuclear stress testing and carotid ultrasound. These tools allow SBHI's specialists to map each patient's unique valve anatomy and tailor treatment to their needs," added Smadar Kort, MD, Co-Director of the Valve Program and the Director of Non-Invasive Imaging at Stony Brook Heart Institute.

To contact the Stony Brook Heart Institute, call 631-44HEART or visit heart. stonybrookmedicine.edu.

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## **Meet Goldie and Kate**

This week's featured shelter pets are 5-year-old Goldie Hawn (on left) and one-year-old Kate Hudson who have been at the Smithtown Animal Shelter since last November.

Sweet Goldie and Kate are a bonded mother/daughter duo.

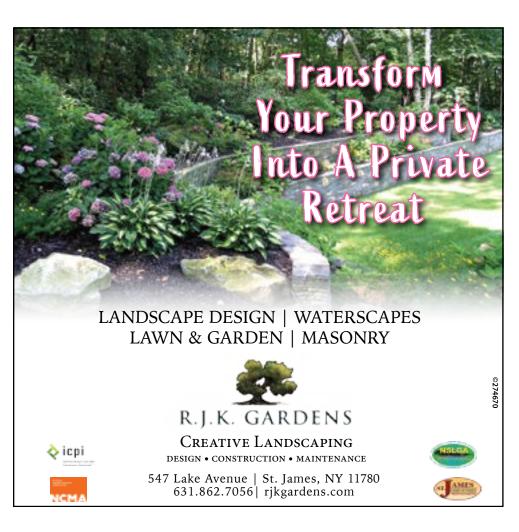
SHETTER PERS OF THE mother/daughter duo. These ladies adore each other. Goldie is outgoing with everyone. Kate takes a little time, but loves to get pets. They both have FIV, which is

a minor issue so long as they remain indoors and safe.

If you are interested in meeting Goldie and Kate, please call ahead to schedule an hour to properly interact with them in the shelter's Meet and Greet room.

The Town of Smithtown Animal & Adoption Shelter is located at 410 Middle Country Road, Smithtown. Visitor hours are Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Sundays and Wednesday evenings by appointment only). For more information, call 631-360-7575 or visit www. townofsmithtownanimalshelter.com.





# 'H.M.S. Pinafore' sails over to Star Playhouse

The classic comic opera *H.M.S. Pinafore* that made Gilbert & Sullivan world famous almost 150 years ago, returns to Long Island in the

OPERA Gilbert & Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island's allnew 2025 production, coming to the Star Playhouse at Suffolk Y/JCC on Sunday, June 29 at 3 p.m., in a full production with orchestra and chorus.

H.M.S. Pinafore—which debuted in 1878, with book and lyrics by W.S. Gilbert and music by Arthur Sullivan—is among the most beloved of all the Gilbert & Sullivan operas, with its combination of sparkling lyrics, beautiful music and satirical dialogue. The current production is the Light Opera Company's first since 2015.

The comical plot centers on the love story of Josephine, the Captain's heart-driven

daughter, who is torn between devotion and duty. She is betrothed to the wealthy, high-ranking politician Sir Joseph Porter, First Lord of the Navy (a post equivalent to the American Secretary of the Navy), but her heart yearns for the lowly, earnest and strangely eloquent sailor, Ralph Rackstraw. As the sinister Dick Deadeye warns them, love across the boundaries of rank is unheard of, but will he take measures to thwart the lovers? The love story is mirrored by the cheerful shipboard saleswoman Little Buttercup, who hints at a dark secret and a furtive love of her own. Can the Captain steer this ship safely through this maelstrom of emotion?

Anne Elise Teeling of Brooklyn sings Josephine and Aaron Mor of Forest Hills sings Ralph. Chris Jurak of Hempstead is Captain Corcoran, with Chris Diamond of Glen Cove as the supercilious Sir Joseph. Ian Joyal of New Hyde Park plays the scheming Dick Deadeye, with Henry Horstmann of Lindenhurst as the good-natured Bos'n's mate, and David Aubrey of Great Neck as the phlegmatic Carpenter's Mate. Delaney R. Page of Lynbrook plays the secretive Little Buttercup, with Mary DeMarco Lee of Huntington as Sir Joseph's bumptious Cousin Hebe. The director is David Macaluso and the music director is Northport's Isabella Eredita Johnson, with Michael C. Haigler conducting.

"H.M.S. Pinafore is buoyant," says Macaluso, a Gilbert & Sullivan expert who has been seen frequently with the New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players and other companies. "It has an effervescent story with



A scene from the Gilbert & Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island's Gilbert & Sullivan's 'H.M.S. Pinafore.' Photo by Delaney R. Page. Copyright 2025 The Gilbert & Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island

heart, and our talented cast brings these colorful characters to life through a trove of quintessential G&S songs. [The opera] was a global phenomenon when it premiered, and its combination of exciting music and comic wit have charmed audiences for 147 years, it's as bright as ever. We're having a great time polishing this gem."

The score is full of classics, ranging from Sir Joseph's self-congratulatory "When I Was a Lad" to the Captain's strutting "I Am the Captain of the Pinafore," with its famous "What, never? Well, hardly ever!" refrain. There's Ralph's captivating "A Maiden Fair to See," Josephine's thrilling scena "The Hours Creep on Apace" and sailors' close-harmony trio, "A British Tar Is a Soaring Soul" — not to mention Buttercup's signature "I'm Called Little Buttercup" and the Bos'n's patriotic "He Is an Englishman."

"There's something for everyone," Macaluso concludes. "The real secret isn't what Buttercup reveals at the end, the real secret is the way Gilbert and Sullivan seem to come together so closely that it's as if the show was penned by one person. *H.M.S. Pinafore* has been a favorite with American audiences since the day it premiered on these shores, and I think it always will be."

H.M.S. Pinafore will be presented on Sunday, June 29 at 3 p.m. at the Star Playhouse at Suffolk Y/JCC, at 74 Hauppauge Road in Commack. Admission is \$35 for adults at the door (seniors/students \$30), \$30 for adults in advance (seniors/students \$25). To order, visit https://gaslocoli.org/tickets.

# Decorate your cake with fruits of the forest

BY HEIDI SUTTON

Blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries aka fruits of the forest can all be found near perfect ripeness at grocery stores or farmer's markets and farmstands during the warm summer months. Or pick your own at the many farms on the North Shore and use as a delicious decorative cake topping.

This lemon ricotta cake with berry topping is a delightful and refreshing dessert, perfect for any occasion. The ricotta cheese makes this brightly-flavored cake very moist. Serve small wedges of the rich cake topped with whipped cream and fresh fruit and escape to the summer oasis of your dreams.

#### **Lemon Ricotta Cake**

Recipe by Marcia Stanley

**YIELD:** Makes 12 servings **INGREDIENTS:** 

Cake

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups cheese, Ricotta low-fat or whole
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup butter, unsalted
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3 eggs



- 4 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla Topping
- 4 cups fresh blueberries, raspberries and blackberries
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 cup whole

medium speed of electric mixer about 30 seconds or until butter is softened. Add 1 cup granulated sugar. Continue beating until well combined. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in lemon peel and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.

and lemon juice. Set aside.

Add flour mixture and ricotta mixture alternately, beating until just combined after each addition. Spread in prepared pan. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Let cake cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes.

In medium bowl stir together flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside. In

In large mixer bowl beat butter on

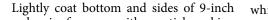
another bowl stir together ricotta cheese

Loosen sides of pan. Cool completely.

For topping, in medium bowl toss together berries and 3 tablespoons sugar. Let stand at least 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, in chilled mixing bowl beat cream, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla on medium speed of electric mixer until firm peaks form.

To serve, cut cake into wedges. Spoon whipped cream and berries on each wedge. Serve immediately. Cover and refrigerate any leftover cake.



round springform pan with nonstick cooking spray. Preheat oven to 350°F.

· 2 tablespoons powdered sugar

• 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

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# Thursday 26

#### **Summer Thursday at the LIM**

The Long Island Museum, 1200 Route 25A, Stony Brook kicks off their Summer Thursdays series with an outdoor performance of Jane Austen's Emma by the EastLine Theater at 5:30 p.m. Bring a picnic, seating and celebrate Jane Austen's 250th year! Free. www.longislandmuseum.org.

#### St. Anthony's Family Festival

Fr. Thomas Judge Knights of Columbus celebrates its 32nd annual St. Anthony's Family Feast and Festival at Trinity Regional School, 1025 Fifth Ave., East Northport tonight, June 27 from 6 to 11 p.m. and June 28 from 3 to 11 p.m. Featuring rides, games, food, craft beer, live entertainment by Cirque Cyber, live music nightly. Fireworks on June 28. Free admission, pay-one-price rides or individual rides. 631-262-1891

#### **Native American Drumming**

All Souls Parish House, 10 Mill Pond Road, Stony Brook will host a Native American Drumming session 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. Call 631-655-7798 for more information.

#### **SPIRITUS Festival**

The SPIRITUS Chamber Festival, titled "Tales of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Stony Brook, 380 Nicolls Road, East Setauket today at 7 p.m.; the Long Island Museum, 1200 Route 25A, Stony Brook on June 28 at 2 p.m.; and Setauket Presbyterian Church, 5 Caroline Ave., Setauket on June 29 at 7:30 p.m. All concerts will be followed by a reception. Tickets range from \$15 to \$35 at www.spiritusfestival.org.

# Friday 27

## St. Anthony's Family Festival

See June 26 listing.

#### **Audubon Lecture**

Four Harbors Audubon Society invites the community to a free lecture titled Birder by Day, Moth-er By Night: Discovering the Nocturnal Ecosystem with David LaMagna at Avalon Barn, 60 Shep Jones Lane, St. James at 8 p.m. A short presentation will be followed by observing moths and other creatures that show up at bait stations. Rain date is June 28. Registration required by emailing fourharborsheron@gmail.com.

#### **Friday Night Face Off**

Long Island's longest running Improv Comedy Show, Friday Night Face Off, returns to Theatre Three's Second Stage, 412 Main St., Port Jefferson tonight at 10:30 p.m. Using audience suggestions, FNFO pits two

# Times ... and dates

June 26 to July 3, 2025



SUMMER THURSDAY AT THE LIM

Eastline Theater presents an outdoor performance of Jane Austen's 'Emma' at the Long Island Museum on June 26. Photo from LIM

teams of improvisers against each other in 4 p.m. Featuring artisan crafts, vendor an all-out championship! Recommended for ages 16 and up, due to adult content. Tickets are \$15 at the door, cash only. 631-928-9100

# Saturday 28

St. Anthony's Family Festival See June 26 listing.

#### **SPIRITUS Festival**

See June 26 listing.

#### **Farmingdale Craft & Gift Fair**

Farmingdale will host a Craft & Gift Fair featuring over 65 vendors selling arts, crafts, gifts, jewelry and food along Main Street and the Village Green today and June 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 516-442-6000

#### **Craft and Vendor Fair**

Stepping Stone Support, a nonprofit dedicated to helping local families affected by cancer, will hold a Craft and Vendor Fair fundraiser at A1 Roofing, 16 Platinum Ct., Medford from 10 a.m. to

tables, food trucks, face painting and large Chinese auction. Rain date is June 29. www.steppingstonesupport.org.

#### **Lavender Festival**

Hoshyla Farms, 132 Ryerson Ave., Manorville presents its annual Lavender Festival today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and June 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with artisan vendors, pick your own lavender, food trucks, wine and beer, live music, children's activities and more. \$5 admission, free for ages 12 and under. 631-975-2434

#### **Farmers Artisan Marketplace**

Farmingville Residents Association will present a Farmers Artisan and Friends Marketplace at Triangle Park, corner of Horseblock Road and Woodycrest Drive, Farmingville from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring local produce, handmade and homemade items, flea market finds, live music and food from over 40 vendors. 631-260-7411

#### **Sherwood-Jayne House Tours**

Sherwood-Jayne Farm House (c. 1730), 55 Old Post Road, Setauket will be open for tours at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., courtesy of Preservation Long Island. This guided tour explores the first and second floors of the house. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 ages 10 to 18, free for children ages 9 and under. To reserve your spot, visit www. preservationlongisland.org/tours/.

#### **Vintage European Car Show**

Stony Brook Community Church, 216 Christian Ave., Stony Brook hosts the 20th annual Vintage European Sports Car & Motorcycle Display on the front lawn from noon to 4 p.m. with live music by The Barking Men and refreshments. Rain date is June 29. Free for spectators. 631-751-1381

#### **Japanese Car Show**

Reboli Center for Art and History, 64 Main St.. Stony Brook presents a Japanese Car Show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Curated by Nelson Medina, the event will feature a dazzling array of classic and contemporary Japanese cars, showcasing the unique designs, performance, and engineering that define Japanese automotive excellence. Free. Rain date is June 29. 631-751-7707

#### **Heavy Metal/Rock Music Festival**

Port Jefferson Station/Terryville Chamber of Commerce present Off the Rails, a free Heavy Metal and Rock Music Festival featuring 11 local bands at the Chamber Train Car Park, corner of Route 112 and Route 347, Port Jefferson Station starting at noon. Bring seating. www.pjschamber.com

#### **Hassles Induction at LIMEHOF**

The Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame (LIMEHOF), 97 Main St., Stony Brook will be inducting Long Island's own 1960s era seminal rock-soul group, The Hassles — best known as Billy Joel's first major record label band — including acclaimed drummer-turned-video-director Jon Small. A special celebration event will be held at 8 p.m. The event is open to the public with a special event ticket purchase of \$50 (online purchase includes \$3.50 fee) and includes access to the LIMEHOF's current exhibit, Billy Joel My Life: A Piano Man's Journey which features a section about the Hassles. To purchase tickets, visit www. limusichalloffame.org. 631-689-5888.

#### **Summer Kick-Off Party**

Town of Huntington invites the community to a summer events kick-off party with Yellow Brick Joel: The Tribute Concert at Heckscher Park's Chapin Rainbow Stage, 2 Prime Ave., Huntington at 7 p.m. Bring seating. 631-351-

#### **Pink Floyd Tribute**

Us and Floyd return to the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum's Reichert Planetarium, 180 Little Neck Road, Centerport for a dazzling live performances – in sync with a stunning Pink Floyd laser light show, The Wall, at 9 p.m. Advance tickets online are \$35 adults, \$30 ages 15 and under and members at www.vanderbiltmuseum.org. At the door \$40 adults, ages 15 and under and members \$30.

# Sunday 29 SPIRITUS Festival

See June 26 listing.

# Farmingdale Craft & Gift Fair See June 28 listing.

## **Lavender Festival**

See June 28 listing.

#### **Car Show at Bald Hill**

Long Island Community Hospital Amphitheater at Bald Hill, 1 Ski Run Lane, Farmingville, hosts a Car Show and Swap Meet by Long Island Cars from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Street rods, classics, muscle cars, antiques, exotics, imports and collectible cars on display with vendors selling parts and accessories, food and entertainment. Admission is \$10, under 12 years are free. 631-567-5898, www.LongIslandCars.com

#### **CSHL Walking Tour**

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1 Bungtown Road, Cold Spring Harbor will host a guided walking tour of the campus from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Learn about the historic and modern architecture, the Nobel legacy, and the advanced cancer, neuroscience, and plant research taking place at the lab. Fee is \$9.31 per person. To register, visit www.cshl. edu. 516-367-8844.

#### **Tribute to Billy Joel**

Pat Farrell and the Cold Spring Harbor Band present a Billy Joel tribute concert at Fireman's Park, 15 Harbor Road, Cold Spring Harbor from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free. Bring seating.

#### **Benner's Farm Concert**

The Good Earth Sound Stage at Benner's Farm, 56 Gnarled Hollow Road, East Setauket welcomes Linda Sussman and Emily-Sue Sloan for a concert at 4 p.m. Please bring seating for this outdoor event. \$15 donation at the door. 631-689-8172

#### **The Dedications in Concert**

Celebrate St. James kicks off their summer concert series at Celebrate Park, 369 Lake Ave., St. James with The Dedications (Classic 50s, 60s and 70s Rock & Roll) at 7 p.m. Bring seating. 631-984-0201

# Monday 30

## Country Line Dancing

Celebrate St. James presents Country Line Dance lessons with Natalie at the St. James Community Cultural Arts Center, 176 2nd St., St. James from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Come learn the hottest dances! \$15 per person at the door. Please RSVP at www. celebratestjames.org. 631-601-5109

## Tuesday I Summer SWAP Concert

The Jazz Loft, 275 Christian Ave., Stony Brook will host a series of "Summer Stage With a Purpose" (Summer SWAP) concerts on its front lawn from 6 to 8 p.m. with the Kevin Blanca Big Band. Guests may purchase refreshments in the Basie Garden beside the venue. Sponsored by Stony Brook University, Stony Brook Medicine and community businesses. Free. Bring seating. 631-751-1895, www.thejazzloft.org

#### **Smithtown Community Band**

The Smithtown Historical Society hosts the 39th annual Smithtown Community Band concert series, *Music from Around the World*, on the grounds of the Frank Brush Barn, 211 E. Main St., Smithtown at 7:30 p.m. Bring seating. 631-265-6768

# Wednesday 2

#### **Cruise Night at The Shoppes**

The Shoppes at East Wind, 5720 Route 25A, Wading River hosts a Cruise Night Car Show tonight and every Wednesday through October from 5 p.m. 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

#### **Sunset Concerts**

Port Jefferson Arts Council kicks off their Sunset Concert series on the Jill Russell Stage at Harborfront Park, 101-A East Broadway, Port Jefferson from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with Teddy Kumpel and Nome Sane? Bring seating. In the case of rain, the event will be moved inside the Port Jefferson Village Center. 631-473-5220, www.gpjac.org

#### **One Step Ahead in Concert**

PJS/Terrvyille Chamber of Commerce kicks off their Summer Concert Wednesdays at the Chamber Train Car Park, 1 Rose Ave., Port Jefferson Station with One Step Ahead from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. along with food, ice cream, local businesses and more. Bring seating. www.pjstchamber.com

#### **Huntington Summer Arts Festival**

The 60th annual Huntington Summer Arts Festival kicks off tonight at Heckscher Park, 2 Prime Ave., Huntington at 8 p.m. with a performance by The Huntington Community Band and July 3 at 8 p.m. with a production of *HMS Pinafore*. The 8-week festival will feature over 40 live performances including dance, theater and music from Wednesdays to Sundays through Aug. 24. Bring seating. Free. Visit www.huntingtonarts.org for full schedule.

# Thursday 3

# **Huntington Summer Arts Festival** See July 2 listing.

#### **Northport Community Band Concert**

The Northport Community Band will host concerts at the Robert W. Krueger Bandshell in Northport Village Park on July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24 and July 31 at 8 p.m. Rain location is Northport High School, 154 Laurel Hill Road, Northport. www.ncb59.org

# Film

#### 'September 5'

Comsewogue Public Library, 170 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station invites the community to a screening of *September 5* starring Peter Sarsgaard, John Magaro, and Leonie Benesch on June 30 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open to all. Call 631-928-1212 or visit www.cplib.org to reserve your seat.

# Theater

#### '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.

#### 'Midsummer Night's Dream'

The Carriage House Players at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport continues their 36th annual Shakespeare in the Courtyard Festival with *Midsummer Night's Dream* from June 1 to June 29. Performances are held on the Vanderbilt mansion courtyard stage on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and children under age 12. To order, visit www. vanderbiltmuseum.org. 516-557-1207

#### 'H.M.S. Pinafore'

The classic comic opera *H.M.S. Pinafore* heads to Star Playhouse at Suffolk Y/ JCCC, 74 Hauppauge Road, Commack on June 29 at 3 p.m., courtesy of the Gilbert & Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island. The comical plot centers on the love story of Josephine, the Captain's heart-driven daughter, who is torn between devotion and duty. Admission is \$35 for adults at the door (seniors/students

\$30), \$30 for adults in advance (seniors/students \$25). For further information, call 516-619-7415 or visit https://gaslocoli.org/tickets. *See more on page B14*.

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Up next at the John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport is *Footloose The Musical* from July 10 to Aug. 24. When Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, he is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. But he's not prepared for the rigorous local edicts, including a ban on dancing instituted by the local preacher. Based on the hit 1984 movie, the musical contains all of the hit songs including "Let's Hear It For The Boy," "Almost Paradise," "Holding Out For A Hero," and of course "Footloose!" For tickets, call 631-261-2900 or visit www.engemantheater.com.

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## **NEWS AROUND TOWN**



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#### 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, June 28, 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.

#### Library food drive

An annual summer tradition, Emma Clark Library, 120 Main St., Setauket will be collecting nonperishable food items from July 7 to August 17.

Food pantries often see bare shelves during the summer and need help with restocking items for those who are food insecure. Library teen & tween volunteers will be distributing the items to various local food pantries and nonprofit organizations throughout the community.

A donation table will be located in the Library lobby to the left of the Circulation Desk, and all are welcome to donate during Library hours. Some suggestions for food items include cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, beans, tuna fish, juice, gum, snacks (pretzels, granola bars, trail mix, cookies), pasta, and pasta sauce.

If you have any questions about the Food Drive or would like to become a teen/tween volunteer, you may contact teens@emmaclark.org.



Cast and crew of 'Maybe Happy Ending' at the Tony Awards after party, from left, Peter Hylenski, Hue Park, Ben Stanton, Dane Laffrey, Helen J. Shen, Darren Criss, Michael Arden, Pamela Hurst-Della Pietra and Hunter Arnold. Photo by Connor Macchi (KateMadeMedia)

# Co-lead producer Pamela Hurst-Della Pietra discusses Tony Award winning musical 'Maybe Happy Ending'

The back story for *Maybe Happy Ending*, the Tony Award winner for best musical, could in and of itself become its own drama.

The show chronicles an unusual love story between two "Helperbots," which are humanoid robots that had been personal assistants. The musical wasn't exactly a smash hit out of the gates, despite a compelling script and, as it turns out, well received performances from its leads Darren Criss of *Glee* fame and Helen J. Shen.

"It was a situation of, can we get people to come to the musical, because it is an exciting new original musical" that is set in the future, said co-lead Producer and long-time Setauket resident Dr. Pamela Hurst-Della Pietra. "While it doesn't dwell on technology or futurism, it tells a story of two human-like robots that are living in the not too distant future."

It was a challenge to introduce Broadway audiences to this story and these characters, when it was competing against legacy shows and revivals.

Amid early concerns about whether *Maybe Happy Ending* was financially viable, Hurst-Della Pietra said the team "used to call ourselves the little engine that could."

Indeed, amid positive reviews and with enough support, the show survived its early unsteady beginnings.

"You've heard of the expression, 'It takes a village?" Hurst-Della Pietra asked rhetorically. "I'm really delighted that people

believed in the show. I personally adore the show and really had my heart and soul in it. I can't be more pleased with the outcome."

Hurst Della-Pietra, who played Anita in West Side Story at French Woods in the summer when she was growing up, became involved with theater professionally when her daughter Ava started performing. She has been a producer on nine other shows.

Amid the tailwinds of numerous awards, including five other Tonys including one for Best Actor for Darren Criss and for set design, the show is planning to travel around the country and through Europe.

The music in the show deals with themes of loneliness and the search for connection.

The song "How to Not Be Alone," which Hurst-Della Pietra describes as "very warm" and "poignant," frames love as a choice, even as it doesn't guarantee anything.

"I feel like there's a lot of young people in their 20's and 30's that are kind of wanting," said Hurst-Della Pietra. "They're not as connected as prior generations."

The two HelperBots are different from each other, but they are "giving it a go and they're willing to try for love and they're not perfect," she said.

The song is "really about choosing not to be alone as long as you can help it," said Hurst-Della Pietra.

Darren Criss plays Oliver, is obsessed with his jazz albums and taking care of his plant, while Shen plays Claire, who is affected by

the rancor of her previous owner's unhappy relationship.

Oliver plans to travel to Jeju Island to reconnect with his former owner James. Claire decides to join him to see fireflies, although the two HelperBots aren't allowed to travel on their own.

To appear human, they develop their own story, which becomes a song called "The Rainy Day We Met."

Hurst-Della Pietra describes that song as "cute and comical and super well done."

Every time she's seen the show, which, at this point is over 20 times, "I shed a tear."

The title refers to the ambiguity about the ending of the show as well as the ambiguity that occurs throughout the show, the co-lead producer said.

She appreciates that the show addresses how we all deal with the fact that we are going to lose the people we love.

The show explores "the reality we all face," she said. "I really like that human story."

Hurst-Della Pietra is thrilled with the team that made this show possible, including Criss and Shen as well as director Michael Arden, scenic designer Dane Laffrey, video and production designer George Reeve, as well as the contributions of the two main lead producers Hunter Arnold and Jeffrey Richards.

"I couldn't have had better people with whom to do it," said Hurst-Della Pietra. "It was a joyful experience."

# Friends of Caleb Smith Preserve host successful Junior Angler Tournament

PRESS RELEASE SUBMITTED BY THE FRIENDS OF CALEB SMITH PRESERVE

Despite the rain, 45 junior anglers participated in the Friends of Caleb Smith Preserve Junior Angler Tournament on Saturday, June 7.

The Friends group hosted TIMES The Flicture grown two catch-and-release fishing competitions at Caleb Smith State Park Preserve. The first session included 5- to 8-year-olds in the morning, and the second in the afternoon, 9- to 12-year-olds.

Throughout the day, the junior anglers caught a total of 35 fish, according to Tom and Carol Tokosh, who run the Junior Angler Tournament every year. The variety of fish included pumpkinseed sunfish, which is a pan fish, and bass.

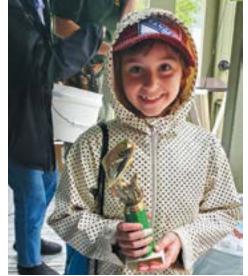
Morning winners included Evie Filandro for most fish caught, Asher Rogienski for largest panfish, and Vincent Suarino for largest other fish. In the afternoon, Oliver Aravena received the trophy for most fish caught; Connor Biddle won largest panfish; and Dillian Dubeau won largest other fish.

Despite the weather, Tom Tokosh said, "Planning ahead made an enjoyable time for the Junior Anglers and their families."

Participants in the tournament borrowed rods from the Friends group or brought their own. Tom Tokosh spent time making sure that the rods and reels were ready for the children to use. Carol Tokosh added fishing is a way to spend quality time together, and many families told her they had a fun day of fishing. At one point in the tournament, she asked a child if they caught a fish, and who said "no."

"I asked if they were having fun, and the response was 'yes' with a smile," Carol Tokosh said. "Many of the children were participants from previous years. There were many children fishing for the first time, and for others, it was the first fish they ever caught. It was wonderful to see the excitement on a child's face when they caught a fish, and their families were also excited."

A fishing rod/reel was raffled after each session, which was donated by Campsite Sports Store. In the morning session, a rod/reel and fishing backpack was donated in memory of Mike D'Agostino, who was one of the co-founders of the Friends of Caleb Smith Preserve as well as one of the founders of the Junior Angler Tournament and photographer for the tournament. In the afternoon session, the Friends group raffled off a fishing backpack, which was donated in memory of Peter Paquette, the past treasurer of the Friends of Caleb Smith Preserve, who was also a judge for the Junior Angler Tournament.



Evie Filandro: Most Fish Caught Award



Oliver Aravena: Most Fish Caught

Catherine Hart, founder of Long Island Junior Anglers, brought a few of the new club's members to the event: Mason (12), Arden (11), Katie (11), Charlie (10) and Henley (5). She described the tournament as "an unforgettable experience for kids and families across Long Island.

"From start to finish, the event was incredibly well-organized and welcoming - thanks to the Friends of Caleb Smith Preserve, who truly go above and beyond to create a fun, educational, and supportive environment for young anglers," she said, adding that such an event was "about more than just catching fish. They're about getting kids outside, helping them connect with nature, and building confidence through hands-on learning. For many of our junior anglers, this was a highlight of their summer."

All participants received goodie bags containing information about fishing and





Dillian Dubeau: Largest Other Fish Award

the preserve as well as word search puzzles, a park activity book and other fishing items.

Carol and Tom Tokosh said they were grateful for the Caleb Smith State Park Preserve staff for getting the park ready for the tournament and providing the worms for fishing. "We would also like to thank the volunteers from the Friends of Caleb Smith Preserve, judges, volunteers, Campsite Sports Shop and Bob from the New York



Asher Rogienski: Largest Panfish Award



Connor Biddle: Largest Panfish Award pictured with judge Ed Koehler

State Department of Environmental Conservation." The couple added they are already planning for next year's event. "Until next year, have fun fishing."

Children under the age of 15 are welcomed to fish at Willow Pond at Caleb Smith Preserve Park from April through October. For more information, call 631-265-1054.

- Photos by Carol Tokosh

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Sweetbriar Nature Center, 62 Eckernkamp Drive, Smithtown presents First Steps Into Nature for children ages 2 to 4 on June 27 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

#### **Aquarium Celebration**

In honor of National Zoo and Aquarium Month, Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery, 1660 Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor will hold an Aquarium Celebration on June 28 with Animal Encounters at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; a Hatchery Tour at 11 a.m.; Turtle Feed & Talk at noon, Longnose Gar Feeding Demo at 2 p.m. and crafts all day. Included with admission of \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children ages 3 to 12. 516-692-6768

#### **Growing Up Wild**

Town of Brookhaven offers a nature program at Cedar Beach Nature Center, 244 Harbor Beach Road, Mt. Sinai on June 28 at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. Children ages 3 to 6 with a parent/caregiver are invited to explore nature with story time, live animals and an activity. Free but registration required by emailing npocchiare@brookhavenny.gov.

#### Mommy, Me & Monet

Celebrate St. James hosts a Mommy, Me & Monet: Garden Tees and Tiny Masterpieces art class at the St. James Cultural Center, 176 2nd St., St. James on June 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. Led by artist Rhoda Angelier, children ages 4 to 6 will paint side by side with a parent/caregiver to make a garden designed one of a kind t-shirt masterpiece. \$40 per child. To register, visit celebratestjames.org.

#### **BNL Family Fun**

Explore Brookhaven National Lab, Upton at a Family Fun Open House Summer Sunday on June 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy interactive exhibits, STEM Live! shows, demonstrations, lectures, tours and meet Spot, the robot dog. Free. Guests 18 and older must bring REAL ID-compliant identification. bnl.gov/sundays/2025/

#### Story & Craft with Nana Carol

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

### FILM

#### **'Happy Feet'**

As part of its Cinema for Kids series, the Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington will screen Happy Feet on June 29 at noon. Rated PG. Tickets are \$13 adults, \$5 kids. www. cinemaartscentre.org.

#### 'Moana'

Heritage Park, 633 Mount Sinai-Coram Road, Mount Sinai kicks off its Movies in the Moonlight series with a screening of *Moana* 2 on June 27 at dusk. Free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Presented by the North Shore Youth Council and Suffolk County Legislator Chad Lennon, 631-403-4846

### **THEATER**

#### 'The Fantasmix'

Theatre Three, 412 Main St., Port Jefferson continues its children's theater with *The Fantasmix: A Superhero Journey Begins!* from July 11 to July 26 with a sensory friendly performance on July 13 at 11 a.m. Come help the world's newest superheroes Lightning and Bolt as they embark on an epic journey to save our planet — and all its water! The electrifying brother-and-sister duo discovers that together, they have what it takes to save the world. Tickets are \$15. To order, call 631-928-9100 or visit www.theatrethree.com.

#### 'The Little Mermaid Jr'

Smithtown Performing Arts Center, 2 East Main St., Smithtown presents Disney's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* from July 12 to Aug. 17. In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home behind and live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking. Tickets are \$26.50. To order, visit www. smithtownpac.org.

#### 'Madagascar: A Musical Adventure'

The John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport presents Madagascar: A Musical Adventure from July 19 to Aug. 24. Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto your stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime. Follow all of your favorite crack-alackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar. Tickets are \$20. To order, call 631-261-2900 or visit www.engemantheater.com.

# Pixar's interstellar 'Elio' remains earthbound

**REVIEWED BY JEFFREY SANZEL** 

In the cinematic landscape, Pixar Studios created many of the most memorable animated features. These include Toy Story, Monsters, Inc., Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, Cars, and Inside Out, along

with their extensive line of sequels. Founded in 1979, **REVIEW** Pixar became a cultural juggernaut of fiscal and

critical success, in many ways redefining expectations in family entertainment.

In Elio, orphaned Elio Solis lives with his Aunt Olga, an Air Force major. Olga gave up her aspirations to be an astronaut to raise the lonely boy. One day, Elio sneaks into a closed exhibit of the Voyager 1 NASA space probe. The possibility of life on other planets fascinates the boy. Each night, he sprawls on the beach, staring up into the stars, hoping to be abducted by aliens.

Meanwhile, conspiracy theorist Gunther Melmac claims there is evidence of extraterrestrials responding to the Voyager 1, transmitting a message to Earth. Elio uses Melmac's invention to send a message into space. Eventually, Elio is transported into a spaceship where aliens of the Communiverse mistake him for the Earth's leader and ambassador. Elio becomes embroiled in their negotiations with a warlord, Lord Grigon, who threatens a takeover of the Communiverse. Through various machinations, including the introduction of cloning, among other science fiction devices, Elio befriends Grigon's son, the gentle Glordon, who does not want to become part of his father's violent coalition.

The story follows a predictable path. The film introduces elements of bullying on Earth and in the far reaches of the galaxy. After an altercation, Elio receives an eye wound, forcing him to wear a patch. Elio has moments of introspection, questioning whether the difficulty is in the world or within himself. "I thought Earth was the problem, but what if it's me?"

The film swings at big concepts and grand scope: The statement "Are we alone?" plays on two levels. But, for all this reflection, the film feels shallow, never fully realizing its ambitions. Children's films have effectively tackled challenging issues. Up, Coco, and both *Inside Out* films, not to mention the majority of the Toy Story universe, manage to address large topics with integrity and resonance. It's not that *Elio* doesn't try. It's just that it never quite reaches the targeted feelings.

Like many animated features, this might be a case of too many cooks. Three directors (Madeline Sharafian, Domee Shi, and Adrian Molina) worked from a script by three screenwriters (Julia Cho, Mark



A scene from 'Elio.' Image courtesy of Disney/Pixar

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Hammer, and Mike Jones). Elio possesses an excess of ideas, but nothing is quite finished. Too many on-the-nose statements—"A father always knows" and "I may not always understand you, but I love you"-are presented but not necessarily earned.

The voice talent does fine with the material. Yonas Kibreab and Zoe Saldaña, as Elio and Olga, respectively, are real and nuanced. Remy Edgerly is sweet as Glordon, with Brad Garrett's gravelly intonations suitable for the villainous Grigon. Jameela Jamil, Shirley Henderson, Matthias Schweighöfer, Brandon Moon, and Naomi Watanabe bring warmth and humor to the assortment of alien ambassadors. Brendan Hunt captures Melmac's manic energy.

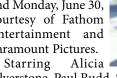
*Elio* is populated with a range of creatures that seem Happy-Meal-precious, but they are truly fun and wholly benign. The film's strength lies in the extraordinary production design (Harley Jessup) in tandem with the visual effects (supervised by Claudia Chung-Sani), which have created the joyous Communiverse, a striking and vibrant rainbow pulsing with life. Sadly, these surrounding elements contain more drive than the story itself, resulting in a case of style over substance.

The film's climax shamelessly borrows shades of E.T. Needless to say, everything works out for everyone. Elio probably seemed good, if not great, on paper. And, in truth, the outlines, structure, and themes of a more satisfying film are there. But, in the end. Elio is an interstellar movie that remains earthbound.

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

## 'Clueless' returns to the big screen

In celebration of its 30th anniversary, the endlessly quotable, always fashionable, hilariously iconic 90s rom-com Clueless returns to select theaters nationwide on Sunday, June 29 and Monday, June 30, courtesy of Fathom Entertainment and Paramount Pictures.



Silverstone, Paul Rudd, Stacey Dash, and Brittany Murphy, the 1995 film is a modern adaptation of Jane Austen's 1815 novel Emma.

Cher (Silverstone) is the most popular and glamorous girl at Beverly Hills High. Although she may be the envy of scheming Betties and persistent Barneys, she has an innate drive to help those less fortunate, especially when it comes to love. Despite her total confidence in knowing what's best for others, Cher is totally clueless when it comes to her own heart.

Each screening features an exclusive introduction by cinema critic and historian Leonard Maltin, discussing the landmark film's timeless appeal and offering special insight into the classic motion picture.

Locally the film will be screened at AMC Loews Stony Brook 17, Island Cinema de Lux in Holtsville and Showcase Cinema de Lux in Farmingdale. To purchase tickets in advance, visit www.fathomentertainment.com.

## **HOROSCOPES OF THE WEEK**



#### CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, this isn't a good time to sign contracts or make any significant purchases. Keep your money safe and try to keep your savings account full at this point.

#### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

People have been asking you to take on too many responsibilities lately, Leo. This could be stressing you out or taking away from your own needs. Learn to turn others away for now.

#### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, this week may present an opportunity to restore your self-confidence. For too long you have been floundering and not finding the traction you need and deserve.

#### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, something could be distorting your perspective right now and making it difficult to concentrate and communicate. Take a few days off from your responsibilities.

#### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, after some gloomy feelings the last few weeks, good news has you feeling like you are on cloud nine. Savor it and celebrate.

#### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

This is a good week to try to enhance your love life, Sagittarius. Take every opportunity to woo your significant other, and plan a special event for the two

#### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You may want some magical force to whisk away all of the little difficulties that have been affecting you, Capricorn, but it will require hard work to do that.

#### **AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**

Lately there have been a lot of thoughts swirling through your head, so much so that you can't get any peace, Aquarius. It may be beneficial to sit down with someone to talk it out.

#### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, try something new this week even if it scares you. It is good practice to challenge yourself once in a while to test your resilience to change.

#### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Career developments may be a bit unclear this week, Aries. Your motivation may need a little extra boost. You might have to consider if a career change is in order.

#### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

A lack of information is proving confusing, Taurus. If you suspect there's more details to uncover, choose a course of action and do your best to get as clear a picture of the situation as possible.

#### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Keep your money in your wallet this week, Gemini. You might want to spend it or give it away impulsively and that could affect your finances in an impactful way.



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For the list of participants or events requiring pre-registration, please visit stonybrook.edu/communiversity





