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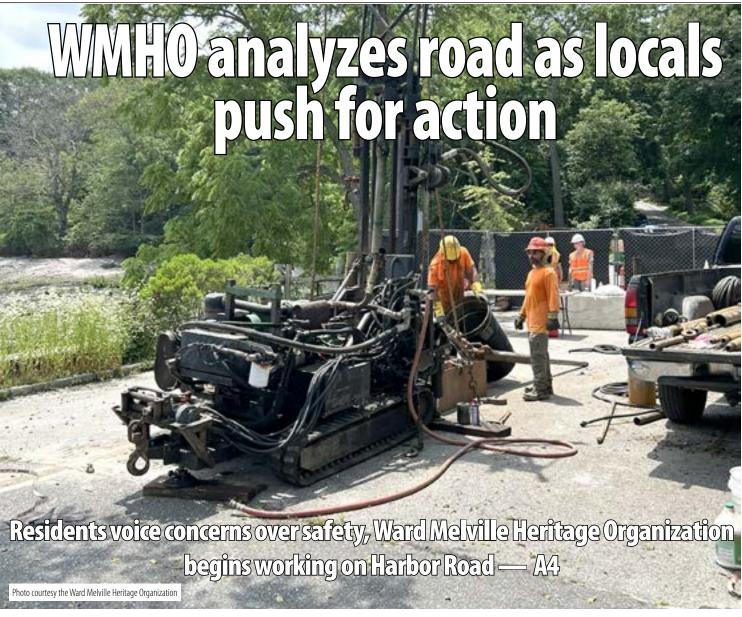
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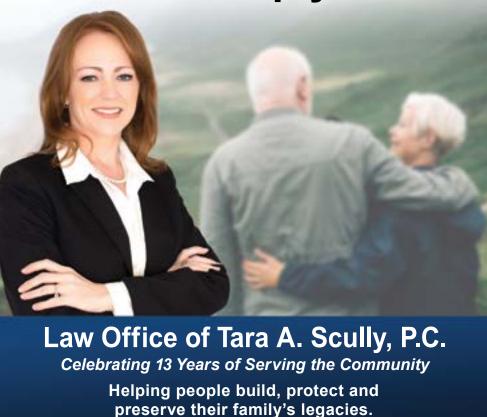






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### The educational strength and character of Rocky Point High School's finest

BY RICHARD V. ACRITELLI DESK@TBRNEWSMEDIA.COM

The valedictorian of Rocky Point High School is Matteo Gravinese.He will be attending Carnegie Mellon as an engineering and mathematics

#### **GRADUATION**

special young man holds

major next fall.

an astounding 107.19 grade point average, and he is one of the most well-rounded student-athletes to have graduated from Rocky Point.

Gravinese, through a BOCES grant, has successfully completed college Calculus III and linear algebra and he enjoys studying physics and math is applied to real life situations. Gravinese has a "fire" to understand the world around him and to put his best forth efforts to succeed at all endeavors. Achieving a perfect score on the American College Test (ACT) Exam was a proud moment for Gravinese. This National Merit finalist has constantly been placed on the Principal's List, and is a member of the Science, Mathematics, English and National Honor Societies. Gravinese is also a drum leader in the marching band and taught himself how to play the piano.

Over the last four years, Gravinese ran varsity cross country and winter and spring track. He was the captain of the crosscountry team for the last three years, a twotime all-league athlete and an academic allcounty runner. Through Matteo's disciplined training regiment, he established a sound example to the younger runners on how to best prepare for all types of practices and races. On May 30th, Gravinese took first out of 160 runners through the VFW Post 6249 Joseph Dwyer PTSD 5K Race. This year, Gravinese helped the spring track team win a league title and ran a 4:40 mile. In his limited amount of spare time, Gravinese provides a nurturing environment as a valued employee at the North Shore Youth Council.

A kind soul who is always pleasant and positive, Gravinese lost his father, Giulio Mario Gravinese, at thirteen years old. As a middle school student, Gravinese assisted his mother to care for his ailing father who suffered from cancer. During his earliest years, Gravinese handled family tragedy; he supported his mom and has been a strong role model to his sister Chloe.

Graduating second in the class is Zen Pinkenburg with a 104.81 grade point average. He will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) to study aerospace mechanical engineering. Armed with a big smile, Pinkenburg stated that

he was "a nerd from day one". Pinkenburg has successfully completed every type of

advanced placement course honors and taught himself college calculus. A constant fixture on the Principal's List, Pinkenburg accepted into the National, English, History, Math and Science Honor Societies. Pinkenburg works well with others through ornithology, chess and cricket and is president

of the math team, secretary of the senior class and treasurer of the National Honor Society.

Pinkenburg thrived playing viola in the orchestra for seven years and has taught himself the saxophone. He has successfully entered aerospace mechanical engineering and robotics competitions. Pinkenburg produced research alongside sPHENIX collaboration, and with his good friend Om Patel, they moved to the second round of scientific research on calorimeter data reconstruction and competition that were both held at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Pinkenburg garnered notoriety at the University of Arkansas "First Lego League" international event to place well in the robotics category.

Guidance Counselor Michael Conlon advises both Pinkenburg and Gravinese and said: "Matteo and Zen are two of the brightest students I helped guide through their high school careers and now through

Rocky Point High School continued on A9



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## Concerned residents approach legislative committee over harbor road safety

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Nearly one year after Harbor Road collapsed, the unrepaired road is raising serious public safety concerns for residents and first responders. The delay has led to increased emergency response times and growing fears that the situation could result in avoidable loss of life or property.

At a June 17 Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services & Preparedness Committee (FRES) meeting in Hauppauge, residents and officials voiced frustration over the inaction and jurisdictional confusion surrounding the collapsed roadway. They warned that the current detours and narrow, curving side roads are not appropriate for emergency access and are already contributing to slower response times for fire and EMS services.

Beth Zweig, a resident of Head of the Harbor, said the risk is not theoretical. "This is not speculation. Five and seven minutes could be the difference between a person found DOA or a house burned down," she told attendees, describing the main thoroughfare as "nearly impassible."

In response to public pressure following a community rally earlier this year, WMHO promised to provide a list of provisions that would render them comfortable signing the FEMA application. Instead, according to a June 10 letter from WMHO's attorney, the organization presented a list of stipulations that the town and federal government would need to meet in order to access the site for repairs — without accepting ownership or signing off on the application.

The lack of a signed agreement is preventing FEMA funding, which is tied to a 30-month deadline for project completion. Nearly 10 months have already passed. If the parties fail to act soon, the funding could be rescinded. Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta estimates repairs could cost \$8 to \$10 million.

Dominick Thorne, a Suffolk County legislator and member of the Public Safety Committee, warned at the June 17 meeting that continued delays not only jeopardize FEMA funding, but could expose all involved parties to greater legal risk if emergency response is compromised.

"There will be more lawsuits if someone

calls the fire department and they don't make it," Thorne said.

The Village of Head of the Harbor officials have expressed concern that the current situation has created unsafe conditions for residents and placed emergency responders in a difficult position.

Public safety officials have not confirmed whether any formal emergency response assessments or contingency plans have been issued regarding Harbor Road, and no agency has stepped forward to assume full responsibility for leading the recovery.

Community members have called on Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine to take a leadership role in coordinating a resolution, citing his prior involvement with infrastructure issues and relationships with local stakeholders. As of this writing, no direct action has been announced by the county executive's office.

For residents and first responders alike, the concern is that the longer the road remains closed, the higher the chance of a preventable tragedy.

#### **Update on Harbor Road**

BY THE WARD MELVILLE HERITAGE ORGANIZATION DESK@TBRNEWSMEDIA.COM

The Ward Melville Heritage Organization (WMHO) announced on June 23 that it has retained an engineering firm, Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers (MRCE), and work has begun on taking borings of Harbor Road to determine its composition. This process entails drilling down every five feet until reaching 50 feet, inserting a four-inch wide hollow tube, and pulling out samples of soil from three separate locations.

An engineer will analyze data from the borings. Once that information is gathered, hydraulic data (rainfall, road runoff, the existing water in the pond) will then be analyzed. This process will take approximately two to four months.

The board of trustees feels the frustration of the community regarding the issue of Harbor Road, and we have initiated this work to secure on an accelerated basis the critical information needed to repair or replace Harbor Road. After signing the contract with MRCE on February 12, the first step of this multitiered process was conducting a survey of the grist mill and providing a subsequent report. Once the data collection and analysis are complete, three design concepts will be provided.

The organization hopes to at that point share all the pertinent details with the county, towns, and village. They realize that the matter requires a comprehensive approach that prevents this disaster from recurring in the future.

### Cuts to science and education impacts everyone: a high schooler's perspective

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America is the land of opportunities they say, we just have to work hard and we can succeed. As a high school student, I have watched the current administration strip students such as myself of the opportunities that will allow us to build a successful future. The current funding cuts do not impact just science research but also

#### **OPINION**

education. According to a report published by Education Week in May 2025, the National Science Foundation, under

the Trump administration, canceled over 400 grants for STEM education. The administration has even cut funding for PBS Kids, which was created to bring STEM education to children of lower class families. I can't imagine any benefits to discouraging our future doctors, engineers, scientists and leaders from science. If high school students are not allowed to start pursuing science early, they will be set back in the future. And since one day we will all depend on this next generation of scientists, doctors and engineers, setting back high school students will set back our whole country, not just in science.

Everyone should be worried about cuts to science and education funding. These affect entire families, students and educators. Parents



are worried that their children will lack future opportunities to become involved in STEM fields. High school students are primarily affected by the loss of programs and reduced chances to gain experiences to form their career ideas. Educators and teachers are not able to do their jobs and support students as they did in the past. Knowledge generated by scientists trickles down to the high school curriculum but if science is limited, there will be less knowledge passed down, meaning that future high schoolers will be

at a lower standing. This domino effect will have a cascading impact on future generations.

A well rounded education is important for everyone, not just students who aspire to attend competitive colleges. As a society, we believe a high school education is crucial for making informed decisions and helping one understand the world better. This is especially relevant because for many people, a high school diploma is the highest level of education they will receive. Federally funded education programs

offer different ways of learning both in and outside classrooms. Experiential learning such as hands-on curricula through internships, public education programs, museums and field trips expand upon the standard public school curricula. This is important because students learn in different ways and non-classroom learning experiences are especially beneficial for students with learning disabilities or different capacities to engage. These diverse types of opportunities are necessary to ensure every student is given a chance to succeed.

Over 50% of NSF funding cuts have been to education programs, according to the Hechinger Report. 1,400 grants have been cut, and 750 of those were to STEM education. That equates to about \$775 million that could have helped students engage with STEM. The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) began the cuts to reduce diversity, equity, and inclusion in scientific research. While it is understandable to want our federal government to run efficiently, cutting scientific research and education will have little effect on the efficiency of our government and the lasting impacts will put our entire nation at a disadvantage. It is imperative that we protect our equal access to education in order to create a better future.

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# Smithtown's Yang wins \$40K Judge Cohalan history scholarship

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For her in-depth research about the Prime Thimble Factory in Huntington, Smithtown

**HONOR** 

High School East senior Avery Yang has won the Honorable Peter Fox Cohalan Scholarship in

American Studies from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.

In its 10th year, the scholarship provides \$10,000 per year for four years to a student who plans to study history in college and who demonstrates a commitment and interest in the subject by focusing on an element of local history on Long Island that reflects New York state and American history.

An accomplished student at Smithtown High School East, Yang focused on the factory that produced the small metal pieces that protected the fingers of those who were sewing from 1836 until the 1880's.

"She did a great job on her research," said Judge Cohalan, for whom the scholarship is named and who is one of the four trustees of the foundation. "Her English was perfect, there were no mistakes. I'm a nitpicker."

Yang, who plans to attend the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in the fall, is especially passionate about the history of fashion and its connection to the cultural history of an era.

In her paper, which included 30 references and 47 endnotes, including a photo from her own collection of thimbles, Yang described not only the history of the factory but also the symbolism associated with the thimble.

To continue to receive the scholarship, whose previous winners have attended schools including William & Mary, Dartmouth, the University of Michigan and Marist, Yang must earn a 3.25 grade point average during each semester and contribute to a local historical society through a host of possible eligible activities, including website design and maintenance general research.

Over the course of its operation, the factory, which was owned and operated by Ezra Prime, "reflected changes and conflicts within American society. It echoed the broader shift across industries from artisans to factories, and shaped social debates surrounding women's rights through its product's symbolic meaning," wrote in her winning essay.

#### **Gibson girls**

Shaun Minton, who taught Yang last year in an Advanced Placement US History class, was delighted that she won this scholarship.

He described Yang as the "top of the top" among students.

During class last year, Minton was discussing the flapper style of the 1920's. He usually compares the flappers to the Gibson Girl.

While some students may have heard of, read about or seen films with flappers, few have any working knowledge of the Gibson Girl, whose archetypal fashion preceded the flappers.

That, however, wasn't the case for Yang, who was able to "explain the fashion of the Gibson Girls better than I could."

**Fashion and history** 

Yang became fascinated with understanding history through fashion in middle school, when she started watching videos on the Internet of people who made historical clothing.

"The tactile aspect drew me into it," she said.

To live the connection to history, Yang sews her own clothing that reflects the styles and fashions of the time. She recreated a vintage original dress that took about three weeks to make from the 1930's and early 1940's with rayon crepe that she bought from an online

fabric store.

For another ensemble from around 1818, she worked for about two months to recreate a gown from Théodore Géricault's "Portrait of Laure Bro." She researched primary sources such as historical sewing guides and garments in digital museum collections.

She enjoys the connection to the people, history and culture when she designs and sews these outfits.

It is a "magical experience to feel like you are participating in the same sorts of practices and rituals as someone from the past," she said. "When I finally get to put it on, it's a completely surreal experience."

Yang has her own Youtube channel and her videos, which include descriptions of old antique machines and the dresses she's made with them as well as a description of sock plushies.

Yang's parents Alan and Cherry Yang are happy and proud of the work her daughter, who has also been a Gardiner scholar, did for this scholarship, which is an ongoing part of her passion for history.

Yang surrounds herself with history, as her room has various antiques including a collection of working children's sewing machines, old irons, advertising pieces and spools of thread, said her mother.

Yang loves antique shops, where "each object there has a story. We bring items home" and her daughter delves into its history, her mother said.

Minton appreciates how Yang, who is successful in math and science classes as well, has chosen to study history in college.

"Kids of her caliber nowadays tend to do STEM," he said.

Yang's parents would like their daughter and her older siblings to find their own way. After college, Yang, who also plays alto saxophone in several groups including the pit orchestra

and jazz band, would like to go into museum conservation where she can work with historical pieces and help preserve them, giving her the opportunity to paint a picture of cultural and social trends that are often missing from the written record. She would also consider becoming a history teacher.

Yang, who is hoping to participate in the graduate level program in public history at UMass Amherst, sees fashion as a reflection of cultural and social aspects of life

"I find it really interesting to see changes in fashion and the ways in which things are sewn." she said.

Left: Yang with the black dress she recreated from the 1940s vintage original.
Bottom right: Yang wearing a period dress she designed and created based on Theodore Gericault's "Portrait of Lauren Bro", painted in 1818. That project, which involved using silk and cotton, took two months to create.
Photos courtesy of Avery Yang



In an email, Yang described the Gibson Girl, who was described in illustrations by Charles Gibson, as fashionable women who were modern and active and yet conformed to a patriarchal view of femininity.

Minton, who provided a college recommendation for his former student, recalled how she wrote a targeted and accurate response to a document based question.

"She was able to get right to the point and analyze the material in such a concise manner that I photocopied her paper and showed it to the rest of the class," he said.

#### **Editorial**

#### **Cutting STEM threatens future growth**

Plants need stems to survive. They provide structural support and connect the roots to the leaves and flowers, making it possible to bring water, nutrients and sugars throughout the plant.

Similarly, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) serves a critical function for society.

As with the rest of a plant, STEM is not the only part that nourishes our culture, but it does offer critical support that makes it possible to adapt to future challenges and to push the frontier of human knowledge.

This week, we and scientists around the world celebrated the long-anticipated grand opening of the Vera C. Rubin Observatory in Chile, a telescope and camera so advanced that it has already spotted 2,400 asteroids we hadn't previously seen.

This state-of-the-art camera was funded by the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy's Office of Science, making it possible to see deep into space and to ask questions about changes around us as well as dark matter and dark energy.

"NSF-DOE Rubin Observatory reflects what's possible when the federal government backs world-class engineers and scientists with the tools to lead," Harriet Kung, acting director of the DOE's Office of Science said in a statement.

Indeed

This project echoes some of the cutting edge science efforts that the federal government supported after World War II.

STEM funding supports translational research, which addresses questions like what molecule can scientists target to slow or stop the progression of cancer or what plant genes can enhance resistance to disease or environmental extremes. It can also support basic research that explores what causes a cell to divide, to die, or to differentiate.

Both of these areas of research have led to important discoveries that have contributed to society. Researchers credit their achievements with the opportunity and knowledge they received from previous generations of scientists who, like runners in a relay race, pass the baton to the next generation of great thinkers and explorers.

Science funding has among the highest returns on investment of any federal funding, Cutting funding to areas like the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and other federal programs can impede the ability of science and society to grow and respond to change.

The current budget proposal for 2026 suggests a 40 percent cut to the NIH, which would reduce the number of institutes from 27 to eight. Yikes!

Further up the chain, societal growth also depends on supporting the education of students who can go from a classroom where they learn about what's known to a field where they can rewrite the textbooks they had studied.

Canceling grants to STEM education not only threatens the students who miss out on chances to learn, but also society, which won't benefit from the spark of inspiration these students receive.

The federal government must continue to invest in STEM. The future growth of our society - with businesses, cures for diseases and an expanding knowledge base that enables us to live healthier and better lives - depends on it.

#### Letters to the Editor

### Local community paper should cover community events

I'm irritated by the coverage of the No Kings protest by the Port Times Record in the June 19 issue. Why this "community" newspaper continues to give attention to left-leaning causes rankles me. Right there on the front page side-bar were two other stories that merited much greater attention because of their community interest: The PJ mayoral results in a hotly contested election and the nationally ranked rowing teams celebrating the accomplishments of our hard-working teens. Instead, the main focus was on a totally ineffectual protest that accomplished nothing.

Why must the Port Times Record give voice to misguided individuals. For example, the article quotes the protest organizer claiming, "We don't do dictator parades." The parade celebrating the founding of the US Army had been planned under the Biden administration for two years.

The irony should not be lost on clear-thinking people that the real dictatorship was the government that required and demanded that we wear masks, stay quarantined, prevented us from worshipping in our churches and synagogues, mandated vaccines, closed businesses, made sure that the elderly died alone, kept us social distant at an arbitrary 6-feet apart and closed schools setting back the education of our children. Who were the real dictators? Where were these antidictatorship protesters then? Yet, the Port Times Record thinks No Kings is front-page news.

Perhaps the Port Times Record should focus on community news and leave its bias to the op-ed page.

Rick Ceo Port Jefferson Village

### Response to Gene Sprouse's June 12th letter

I am responding ONLY as a longstanding resident of the community, not as a Setuaket Neighborhood House Board member.

I purchased a home on Lake Street in 1976 directly across the Setauket Mill Pond from the Setauket Neighborhood House. Before that, I lived in the B Section of Strathmore for 7 years. A total of 56 years in the community, compared to Mr. Sprouse's 55 claimed years, is pretty equal local tenure. However, as a person living so close to the SNHfor 49 years, I do have a pretty good sense of the daily activities there.

While living on Lake Street, I used the SNH many times for my children's birthday parties and for two of my own birthday celebrations.

The Lake Street ladies, led by Eva Glaser, Liz Tyler and Marylu Mills assembled to do the first major redecorating of the house back in 1980. It was the first Three Village Historical Society Candlelight House Tour featuring some homes around the Setauket Mill Pond to raise money to refresh the interior of the Setauket Neighborhood House. I was part of that effort, yet those three ladies deserve all the credit.

I offer the above simply to show my longstanding involvement with the SNH.

I have been a member of the SNH Board for 10+ years now, but this letter is NOT from the board. It is from a local Lake Street resident who happens to be on the board. It is NOT an official SNH Board response, just my thoughts.

The cameras were installed in the SNH as a safety issue, not to monitor or to spy on any groups using the house.

While it IS posted everywhere that NO SMOKING is allowed inside or on the porches, people using the house continue to smoke there. As a member of the Three Village Garden Club, I have planted and maintained the flowering annuals in front of the house for many, many years. I check them twice weekly and pick up the cigarette and cigar butts (along with cups, plates, napkins and other trash) thrown from the porches into the bushes and flowers. Other board members do so as well.

The house is open most days with little or limited supervision. Recently, a group left a kettle on the stove to burn dry, a major fire hazard. People frequently use the house as a bathroom stop. Significant damage has occurred over the years, and it has become worse of late. Items are stolen and damage occurs. We have had groups from other LI communities using the house for fundraisers that are of no benefit to the local community. While the house is available until 11 p.m., some groups illegally stay longer.

For example, two summers ago I heard loud noises from both inside the house and in the parking lot at 11:30 p.m., well beyond closing time. A fight broke out in the parking lot, and I called the Suffolk County Police at 11:45 p.m. An officer arrived at 12:30 a.m. after I made a second call asking the 911 operator why it was taking so long to arrive at the scene of this fight. The operator told me that the police officer did not know where the SNH was even though I explained its location in my original call. Incredible! At 8 a.m. the next morning SNH Board President Tim O'Leary and I were at the house picking up all sorts of garbage left behind by this group. Needless to say, we are both volunteers.

So, yes, Mr. Sprouse, the SHN DOES need cameras for security and safety. I disagree that, "There is little need for this internal surveillance to protect the House...." It is NOT just "our neighbors" who use the house. People from communities 45-50 minutes away rent space there as well. I am not certain they will "value and protect this great community resource."

As for privacy issues, the house was never meant to be used for secret private political meetings. If privacy is an issue, then such groups should find another place to meet.

No board member is spending time spying on meetings or ogling yoga classes, but when damage occurs (and it certainly has!), we do have a video of the damage done and the responsible party. At one recent meeting, one of the group disabled the camera. Do you support such actions? I do not.

Although groups are told they may NOT tape banners to the walls, just a few weeks ago, a group from outside the Three Village community did so, damaging the paint on a wall that had been painted just months before. We have proof and can assess the responsible group for repairs. Video proof was essential.

Please understand that we have numerous groups who use the house for its intended purpose and deserve credit for their tender care of as Mr. Sprouse asserts, "a wonderful community resource."

I believe, as a neighbor living near this historic building, that video monitoring is essential to the safety and security of the house. If a group finds that offensive, I am sure they can meet elsewhere or in private homes.

With grateful appreciation to all who use and support the house for its intended purpose from the Constitution and By-Laws --"To promote moral, intellectual, recreational and social welfare of the residents of Setauket, New York and vicinity."

Julie Robinson Parmegiani Lake Street , Setauket



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## Opinion It's all absurd and it helps to laugh your way through it

y uncle was mad and probably a bit disappointed with the rest of the Lfamily. He had gallantly, I suppose in his mind, volunteered to drive our family from the funeral home to the cemetery where

> my father was going to be buried.





One of the many things that we observed and shared with each other from the back of that vehicle of loss was the impressive collection of fancy cars that were trailing behind us.

Our father was a big fan of test driving cars but not as much of a fan of buying them. We're pretty sure there were car salesman who went on break immediately as soon as they saw him turn into their lot, desperate to get away from the bearded guy who seemed so earnest and excited about the cars, but almost never did anything other than ask about them, drive them, and return to his aging Buick LeSabre, promising to "think about it."

We were amazed at the Jaguars, the Mercedes and the host of other cars that people who wanted to pay their respects drove to his funeral.

"Oooh, there's a BMW," one of us said. "Wow, dad would love that car, but maybe not in that color."

My uncle shook his head slightly and frowned at us in the mirror. I guess he wanted us to behave more properly or respectfully during this somber moment.

But laughter is not only the best medicine, as it turned out for us, but has been a way my family connects with each other and with many of the people in our lives.

I must have watched the movie "The Court Jester" starring Danny Kaye at least a dozen times with my father. Each time, I knew when the dialog that made him laugh so hard was coming. His breath came in high pitched squeals as he bent over double trying to get air into lungs that were too busy laughing spasmodically.

"The pellet with the poison is in the vessel

from the pestle. The chalice from the palace has the brew that is true," Kaye would say.

Those lines, and the bumbled repetition with nonsense word variations, always hit their mark, forcing him to find a tissue to wipe the tears from his cheeks.

I remember the laughter, and what triggered it, from friends and family members who have either passed or with whom I have had little contact over the years.

Shared laughter, as sitcom producers understand, creates a positive and encouraging atmosphere, telling us that we can return and enjoy these light-hearted and peaceful moments with unseen strangers or with others in the room.

The hit show M\*A\*S\*H combined macabre humor in the midst of a war zone with antics that helped talented but stir crazy doctors manage through difficult circumstances.

My aunt Maxine used to find it both surprisingly annoying and oddly funny when I rolled my sleeves up into strange positions or turned parts of my collar inside out.

"Don't be silly!" she'd laugh, which, of course, only encouraged me. "What are you doing, Daniel?"

She'd come over and, with the soft small fingers of someone who had Down syndrome, would unfurl the sleeves of my shirt and would adjust my collar.

My grandmother, meanwhile, giggled at the absurdity of her grandchildren.

My brothers and I would sometimes say or do something unusual and, rather than get upset. she would find our behavior so ridiculous as to be laughable. When she giggled, her entire upper body shook, as those quaking motions had an epicenter around her stomach. Her laughter made her seem so much vounger.

My wife and I recently attended a live musical show that poked fun at everyone from politicians to sports figures to crazy neighborhood text messages.

The show not only hit home for many, but it also caused people to chuckle so hard that their laughter became a part of the show.

These days, with uncertainty around the world and hovering heat and humidity squeezing sweat out of us like a dish rag, the laughter of those we know or have known can serve as a soothing salve. Life is messy and frustrating and seemingly beyond our ability to control. Laughter may be just what we need, offering the kind of cooling shade that dials down the temperature.

### Is showing one's knees still scandalous?

hew! That was blistering heat we just endured for the last few days. When it gets that hot, I have two reactions. I need some ice cream, preferably a cone filled with coffee ice cream dotted with chocolate

> chips. And I have to switch to wearing shorts.

So it gave me a chuckle column asking wants to beat the heat by donning shorts.

Between vou and me BY LEAH S. DUNAIEF to read an inquiry by a reader of the New York Times Style Questions about wearing shorts to work. Now I'm supposing that she works in a large city office, where there is a formal or informal dress code, and like me, she

Her question amuses me because it reminds me of how far wearing shorts has come, and also how lucky we are.

First the shorts evolution. It must have been a slow news day back in 1960, when The New York Times ran a front page story about Barnard students wearing Bermuda shorts as they meandered through the Columbia campus. Imagine the scandal. It seems President Grayson Kirk of Columbia was offended by the casual dress and asked Barnard President Millicent McIntosh to clamp down on her students. Only skirts were to be worn, came the directive, with some sort of appropriate blouse.

Well, we students protested, with petitions and rallies, until the ban was rescinded to a "request" to wear a coat or slacks over the shorts when on the Columbia campus, which was across Broadway from Barnard. Think how innocent the uproar when measured against today's protests on the same campuses.

Clearly President McIntosh wasn't similarly offended because she advised us during an ensuing assembly of the entire college "to turn over your book covers when you are riding the subway (some two-thirds of students were

commuters then) so no one knows you are from Barnard." And any ban would not take place until September, which was one way of kicking the can-or ban-down the road.

Other women's colleges treated the issue of showing knees differently. Radcliffe, adjacent to Harvard, only permitted shorts for athletic activities. Vassar College allowed shorts both on campus and in town (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.). Smith College, in Northampton, Mass., allowed shorts on campus and in class, but no shorter than two inches above the knee. All that was researched by The NYT reporter for the 1960 article.

Today's reporter, Vanessa Friedman, answered the reader this way. "Shorts are often longer than skirts these days and often more conservative. There is no reason a woman shouldn't wear them to the office." She goes on to say that any hesitation might stem from the association of shorts with play and summer weekends rather than work. As such they are not considered professional garb.

There is also the question of what kind of

shorts, she advises. Very short shorts are not any more acceptable than very short skirts. To professionalize the look, a blazer, a belted T-shirt and conservative shoes — platform shoes or even pumps — might complete the outfit, or an oversize button-up shirt.

So now I come to the point of our being lucky. First, most of us are not in a large city office but rather a suburban environment, which, culturally, is more relaxed. We live in the land of the sweatsuits.

Furthermore, times have so radically changed that no one, for example, expects a doctor or lawyer, the epitome of professional, I guess, to appear in a suit. Not even a tie. A button-up Oxford shirt is pretty dressed up these days, and we often see professionals thusly outfitted: men in golf shirts and trousers, and women in short sun dresses.

Finally, we, as journalists, are allowed to look casually dressed. Few people would expect to be interviewed by someone in a suit. It might even make them nervous. Yippee!

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### Ronkonkoma man convicted of second DWI within 10 years

Suffolk County District Attorney Raymond Tierney announced on June 18 that Thomas Gaylor. 70, of Lake Ronkonkoma, was found guilty of felony Driving While Intoxicated and Aggravated DWI, for driving his vehicle while intoxicated on Ronkonkoma Avenue in Ronkonkoma in 2023.

The evidence at trial established that, on November 9, 2023, at approximately 5:40

White Chevrolet Cruze in a northbound direction on Ronkonkoma Ave. in Ronkonkoma.

Gaylor was driving the car erratically by driving significantly below the speed limit, breaking at odd points in the road, and even veering into oncoming traffic. A witness driving behind him called 911 to report the dangerous and erratic driving to police. Gaylor was eventually located by Suffolk County police a short time later, parked outside his home and slumped over the steering wheel. After being transported to the hospital due to



**Thomas Gaylor** 

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his high level of intoxication, he consented to a blood draw, revealing that his blood alcohol level was .33, over four times the legal limit of .08.

On June 18, 2025, Gaylor was convicted after a jury trial heard before Acting County Court Judge James A. McDonaugh for Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E felony, and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E felony. Gaylor was previously

p.m., Gaylor was observed operating a 2018 convicted of Driving While Intoxicated on August 27, 2018.

"In 2025, there is no excuse for driving drunk," said District Attorney Tierney. "Car services, taxis and rideshares are everywhere. Unfortunately, we see too often how drunk or drugged driving can lead to a tragic result. Repeating that same offense shows a complete and utter disregard for human life."

Gaylor is due back in court on August 13 and faces up to 1 and 1/3 to 4 years' incarceration.

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The following incidents have been reported by Suffolk County Police:

#### Child left unattended in vehicle

Suffolk County Police arrested a Patchogue man after he left his son in a parked vehicle during extreme temperatures on June 24.

Sixth Precinct officers responded to the parking lot of Walmart, located at 161 Centereach Mall, at approximately 1:40 p.m. after a Good Samaritan called 911 to report a child sleeping in a parked 2007 Toyota Highlander that was not running with the windows open a few inches.

Officers were able to reach through the window to unlock the vehicle and remove the child. As first responders were administering aid to the child, his father, Keniarold Andre, 36, returned to the vehicle and was arrested.

The child was in the vehicle, unattended, for approximately 20 minutes and the outside temperature was approximately 100 degrees. The boy, 2, was transported to Stony Brook University Hospital for treatment and was released to a family member and Suffolk County Child Protective Services was notified. Andre was charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

#### Man dies in police custody in Selden

Suffolk County Police Homicide Squad detectives are investigating the death of a man who died in police custody on June 23.

A detention attendant in the Sixth Precinct was monitoring the cell block when he noticed a prisoner, Quinn Harrison, laying on a bench in the cell in an awkward position at approximately 9:40 p.m. The detention attention notified the desk sergeant. Officers then began CPR and applied an automatic external defibrillator. Members of Selden Rescue responded, continued CPR, and administered Narcan. Harrison was transported by ambulance to Stony Brook University Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Harrison, 39, of Shirley, was being held overnight after being arrested earlier in the day on two bench warrants and one count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree.

#### Kings Park man arrested for stalking

Suffolk County Police arrested a Kings Park man on June 23 for stalking a Suffolk County legislator outside of his home last week.

Legislator Robert Trotta reported to police that between June 16 and June 18 a white 1989 Chevrolet pickup truck parked in the driveway of suspended without pay following the crash. his Northport home on more than one occasion

and revved its engine to intimidate him and his family. The incident was reported to police on June 19.

Following an investigation by Major Case Unit detectives, Joshua Smith was arrested. Smith, 47, was charged with Stalking 4th Degree, a misdemeanor.

#### Mt. Sinai massage parlor raided

Suffolk County Police arrested a woman on June 24 for alleged unauthorized practice of a profession in Mount Sinai.

In response to numerous community complaints, Suffolk County Police Sixth Precinct Crime Section officers, in conjunction with officials from the Town of Brookhaven, conducted an investigation into Sakura Foot Spa, located at 47 Route 25A, and arrested Rongzhen Wang at 7 p.m.

Wang, 43, of Flushing, was charged with alleged Unauthorized Practice of a Profession, a felony. The Town of Brookhaven issued multiple violations and condemned the building as unsafe.

#### Two arrested at Melville fight club

Suffolk County Police arrested two Northport men on June 22 for allegedly participating in an unauthorized fight club event in Melville.

In response to community complaints, Second Precinct Anti-Crime Unit and Second Precinct Investigative Unit officers investigated a fight club advertised on social media and arrested two participants at Walt Whitman Park at approximately 4:30 p.m. There were approximately 70 people in attendance.

Finley McCloskey, 19, of Northport and Jake Zimilies, 19, of Northport, were charged with Unlawful Assembly.

#### **Pedestrian injured in Huntington**

Suffolk County Police arrested a Babylon man for driving while intoxicated after a motor vehicle crash seriously injured a pedestrian in Huntington on June 22.

Jorge Alfaro was running westbound across New York Avenue at Carver Street when he was stuck by a southbound 2012 Chevrolet Camaro, driven by Alexander Vargas, at approximately 2:30 a.m.

Alfaro, 28, of Huntington Station, was transported with serious injuries to Huntington Hospital. Vargas, 30, was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. Vargas is a Suffolk County Police officer assigned to the Second Precinct and was off duty at the time of the crash. He was

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#### **Rocky Point**

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their future paths. These two young men share the gift of possessing the intelligence found only in a few peers their age who walk this earth. They represent the epitome of excellence; while uplifting those around them and both are motivated to achieve greatness now and in the future."

Kaylie Michael is an enthusiastic young lady who has amassed a 104.18 grade point average, the third highest of the class, and she will be attending Cornell University next fall where she will pursue her goal of becoming a pediatric oncologist. She has been placed on the Principal's List, gained a National Merit Commendation and the College Board Small Town Recognition. Managing multiple tasks, Michael enjoys volunteering her time at the Rocky Point STEM night.

Before her junior year, Michael enrolled in pre-calculus and linguistics at a summer educational program at Harvard University. Michael was accepted into a Brookhaven National Laboratory program that conducted studies on particular physics that simulated radiation in space. Demonstrating her academic versatility, Kaylie participated in a summer school law program at Columbia University and was pleased to examine criminal and constitutional law at this prestigious college.

An academically passionate young lady, Michael is the president of the Math Honor Society, secretary of the English and Art Honors Society, and was accepted into the National, English, Science and Mathematics Honor Societies. In her limited spare time, Michael relishes her role as a gymnastics coach at Spins, where she instructs the fundamentals of a sport that she loves. For the last several years, Michael is also a talented cheerleader, coaches younger girls, and recently performed well at a large competition at Wildwood, New Jersey. Amazed by her academic prowess, Guidance Counselor Mrs. Holly Rizzi said, "Kaylie Michael excels in every area of her life. Her intelligence combined with her incredible drive and ambition makes Kaylie an individual who will rise to overcome every challenge to continue her path to success!"

Michael's parents are immensely proud of her for being the first member of their family to strive for a college diploma. Principal James Moeller is amazed at the abilities of these top three students at this high school as being "some of the most productive students that I have ever seen within my career as an educator and administrator. They are simply wonderful young adults who have made this district proud of their many triumphs."



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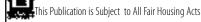
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Notice of formation of MELOARCHIVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/5/2025. Office located in Suffolk. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to 7014 13th Ave, Ste 210, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Asset Management.

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SUPREME COURT STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK COUNTY NATIONAL BANK PLAINTIFF

-AGAINST-

ENGINES BY ELSSASSER, INC., and STEPHEN J ELSASSER DEFENDANT.

### STATE OF NEW YORK) ) SS COUNTY OF SUFFOLK)

BY VIRTUE OF A CERTAIN EXECUTION ISSUED UPON A JUDGMENT IN THE SU-PREME COURT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF NEW YORK, AND TO ME DI-RECTED AND DELIVERED AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY THEREIN DE-SCRIBED, I HAVE SEIZED ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST WHICH THE DEFENDANT, STEPHEN J ELSASSER, HAD ON THE 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021 ( WHEREAS, THE AFORESAID JUDGMENT WAS ASSIGNED AND TRANSFERRED TO CIRAS, INC., BY ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGMENT DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021 AND DULY FILED WITH THE CLERK OF SUFFOLK COUNTY ON APRIL 16, 2021). OR ANY TIME 2021), OR ANY TIME THEREAFTER, OF IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DE-SCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE HAMLET OF ROCKY POINT. IN THE

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND STATE OF NEW YORK, KNOWN AS AND BY THE LOT NOS. 1211, 1212, 1213 AND 1214, AS DESIGNATED AND DELINEATED ON A CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "MAP OF NORTH SHORE BEACH, SECTION B, ROCKY POINT, SUFFOLK COUNTY. LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK", FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUFFOLK COUNTY ON THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 1928 AS MAP FILE NO. 1015. BEING AND INTENDED TO BE THE SAME PREMISES CON-VEYED TO THE PARTY OF THE FIRST PART BY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 14. 1955 AND RECORDED IN SUFFOLK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE ON JANUARY 20, 1956 IN LIBER 4058, CP. 11 AND BY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1955 AND RECORDED IN SUFFOLK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE ON JANUARY 20, 1956 IN LIBER 4058, CP. 149. SUB-JECT TO RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD OR CONTAINED IN DEED RE-CORDED IN LIBER 1505 CP. 381. IF THE SAME BE NOW IN FORCE. WHICH I SHALL EXPOSE FOR SALE BY PUBLIC VENDUE AS THE LAW DIRECTS ON THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE FORE-NOON OF THAT DAY, SALE TO BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THE SUF-FOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 360 YAPHANK AVE-NUE, YAPHANK, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK TERMS OF SALE:

PAYMENT BY CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK OR ATTORNEY'S CHECK. BANK CHECKS TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO SHERIFF OF SUFFOLK COUNTY (AND INCLUDE OR YOURSELF). THIRD PARTY CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. AT LEAST TEN PER CENT (10%) DOWN AT CONCLUSION OF BIDDING WITH THE BALANCE DUE NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. OF THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY. NOTE: DOWN PAYMENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE IF THE BALANCE DUE IS NOT PAID BY THE DUE DATE.

DATED AT YAPHANK, NEW YORK THIS 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025 ERROL D. TOULON, Jr.,Ed.D, SHERIFF SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

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Notice of Formation of The Arroyo Organization LLC

The Arroyo Organization LLC has been officially formed as a Limited Liability Company under the laws of New . York State. Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State on May 24, 2025. The company's office is located in Suffolk County, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent for service of process on behalf of the LLC. Any legal documents should be mailed to the company at: 14 Franklin Court, Mastic, NY 11950. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any business permitted under New York State law.

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Notice of formation of Clearance Depot IIc. Arts of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/11/2025. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: 45 Jefferson Blvd, Port Jefferson Sta. NY 11776 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BNC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2,

-against-

 ${\sf MELISSA}\ {\sf F.}\ {\sf MEYER},\ {\sf ET}\ {\sf AL}.$ 

#### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Suffolk on

June 8, 2023, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCI-ATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BNC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2 is the Plaintiff and MELISSA F. MEYER, ET AL., are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the BROOKHAVEN TOWN HALL, 1 INDEPENDENCE HILL. FARMINGVILLE, NY 11738, on July 30, 2025 at 10:30AM, the premises known as 44 AVOLET COURT, MOUNT SINAI, NY 11766 and the following tax map identification 142.00-04.00-001.176.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING AT MT. SINAI, TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 041759/2008; Erin McTiernan, Esq., as Referee; Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. \*LOCATION OF SALE SUB-JECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIREC-TIVES.

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION, CARE AND PROTEC TION, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, DOCKET NUMBER 25CP0007PT, Trial Court of Massachusetts, Juvenile Court Department, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Berkshire County Juvenile Court, 190 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. 413-443-8533. **TO:** Alexander Cortez, Father of Zy'Air Nehemiah Johnson born 10/6/2016 in Pittsfield, MA to Hollisha Marie Johnson: A petition has been presented to this court by Department of

Children and Families, seeking, as to the following child, **Zy'Air N Johnson**, that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time: 08/08/2025 at 09:00 AM Other Hearing

You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter to a trial on the merits and adjudication of this matter.

For further information, call the Office of the Clerk- Magistrate at 413-443-8533.

WITNESS: Hon. Joan M McMenemy, FIRST JUSTICE, DATE ISSUED: 06/11/2025, Mary Gallant-Cote, CLERK-MAGISTRATE.

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Notice of formation of 29 Homesite Ave LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 6/11/2025. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: 19 Westbrook Court, Greenlawn, NY 11740. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
MT. SINAI FIRE DISTRICT
TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN,
SUFFOLK COUNTY,
NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the fiscal affairs of the Mt. Sinai Fire District for the period beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2024 have been examined by an independent public accountant and the report of said external audit has been filed in the Office of the District Secretary of the Fire District, with the Town Clerk of the Town of Brookhaven, and the New York Office of the State Comptroller. Said report is available as a matter of public record for all interested persons, who may obtain access to it at said firehouse, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 746 Mt. Sinai Coram Road, Mt. Sinai, New York, pursuant to Section 35 of the General Municipal Law. The Board of Fire Commissioners may, in its discretion, prepare a response to the report of the independent public accountant and file said response in the Office of the District Secretary of said Fire District, as a matter of public record for inspection by all interested persons.

Dated: Mt. Sinai, New York June 18, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MT. SINAI FIRE DISTRICT

Marianne Waterbury, District Secretary

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Eden Yiva Hu: Valedictorian

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- Activities: Manhattan School of Music Precollege Program, Tri-M Music Honor Society, High School Research Program at Brookhaven National Lab, National Honor Society, Global Awareness Club
- Attending Yale University to study Biology Kerrin McGuire: Salutatorian
- GPA: 104.47
- Activities: Varsity Girls Lacrosse (starter since 8th grade), Varsity Girls Track, Varsity Girls Cross Country, Natural Helpers, Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Honor Society (President), Women in Science and Engineering Club, Chamber Orchestra, National English Honor Society,
- Attending University of Virginia to study nursing

What advice would you give an my studies by thinking long-term. I knew freshman? incomina

Hu: Make time for yourself and have fun!

McGuire: For all incoming freshmen, I would tell them to enjoy their high school experience and to not be afraid to try new would things. I encourage them to try their best in everything that they do, and find the study methods that work for you. Everyone's path is different and it's important not to compare your success to your peers.

#### How did vou stav motivated throughout vour studies?

Hu: Balancing work with spending time with friends and family helped me come back to my studies with a fresh mind. McGuire: I stayed motivated throughout from the start that I wanted to be in the medical field, so I was

> determined to try 110% to reach my end goal. good grades and a well-rounded schedule, I could get into some very difficult collegesso I tried my very best! I was always in it to self-improve and see what I. as an individual, could work on-I tried to not compare myself to others.

Please share some study habits you employ that helped you maintain high grades.

Hu: Watching YouTube videos or AP Classroom videos on the topics I need extra clarification on was very helpful. McGuire: Some study habits I employed that helped me maintain high grades included watching videos and note taking, practicing

questions, and creating study guides. I learned the most from watching online and AP Classroom videos that explained in depth the concepts I was struggling with, while writing down key points and details. Practice questions always helped with repetition, taking my knowledge and applying it to multiple choice and free response styles. Finally, I made numerous study guides for each unit for my classes before tests and quizzes, jotting down the most important information and the information I struggled with the most to glance at throughout the day or on-the-go.

What goals aspirations? career

Hu: I want to get into pharmaceutical research and teach private violin lessons in my free time.

McGuire: I hope to become a pediatric nurse anesthetist. I will do this by going to college for four years majoring in nursing, then working in a tertiary hospital for one year as an RN, then going back for graduate school for three years to receive my CRNA license.

#### To Place A Legal Notice Email: legals@tbrnewsmedia.com

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aloud. Any bid received after 9:00 A.M. on July 3, 2025, will be returned unopened.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bid, shall, further make awards in anyway it deems advisable to the best interest of the School District.

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