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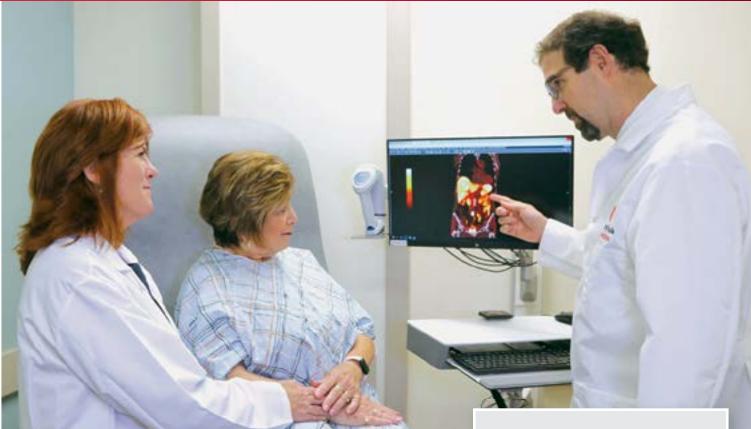
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'BABY MINE'

Lisa Scott snapped this touching photo of a white-tailed deer and her baby at her home in Smithtown on July 23.

She writes, "Sitting at my laptop next to the window, I looked up and was greeted by a doe with a fawn in tow. She stood still, seemed to signal the all-clear, and the fawn walked under her and started nursing. My usual thoughts about living on a deer trail and the chewed up plants and shrubs were replaced by a fleeting moment of shared responsibility for our offspring, and wished them well."

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SBU's Patricia Wright honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

Stony Brook University Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences, and Founder and Executive Director of Centre ValBio Research (CVB) Station, Madagascar, Patricia Wright, PhD, was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Primatological Society (IPS) at its annual Congress in Madagascar on July 24.

Wright was recognized for her extensive work in the field of lemur research and protection as well as for all her efforts in the areas of primatological and conservation science.

Professor Wright was also a participant and speaker at the IPS Congress last week and gave a lecture entitled "Research and Conservation of the World's Most Endangered Mammals: Engaging Communities and Protecting Lemurs" where she shared her experiences in her primatological career and her passion for tropical biology.

Among her many accomplishments is the discovery of the golden bamboo lemur, the establishment of the Ranomafana National Park, the completion of the Madagascar Environmental Action Plan, the delineation of World Heritage Sites for the Eastern Rainforest National Parks, the inauguration of the Centre ValBio Research Station, the discovery and exploration of Ivohiboro, the lost rainforest and more.

"I'm so pleased Pat is being recognized with this award. A beloved professor and colleague, Pat is generous with her expertise and is a tremendous asset

to our strong Department of Anthropology," said Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Carl W. Lejuez.

"Her dedication to unravelling and protecting the mysteries of Madagascar is almost as unique as the island nation itself. She has empowered a generation of international scientists, engaged local communities, and created a national park and heritage site. She is truly deserving of this lifetime achievement award, as she has dedicated her life to this work," he said.

"I'm thrilled to be chosen for this award and it's wonderful to receive this honor at the IPS Congress in Madagascar," said Professor Wright before the event. "I'm happy that so many of my students will be at the IPS meetings and we will celebrate together!"

The International Primatological Society Congress is a cornerstone event in the field of primatology that brings together leading scientists, conservationists, educators, and policymakers from around the globe to discuss and advance primate research and conservation efforts.

The International Primatological Society was created to encourage all areas of non-human primatological scientific research, to facilitate cooperation among scientists of all nationalities engaged in primate research, and to promote the conservation of all primate species. The Society is organized exclusively for scientific, educational and charitable purposes.

Patricia Wright Photo by Noel Rowe





SBU's Lesley Thorne uses drones to study humpback whale scars in NY



BY DANIEL DUNAIEF

Humans have left their marks on humpback whales, and not in a good way. These cetaceans, which come to an area along the South Shore of Long Island in between

KNOWLEDGE New Jersey and Nassau County called the New

SEEKERS called the New York Bight to feed from June to October, have numerous scars from their contact

In a paper published in the journal *Plos One*, Lesley Thorne, Associate Professor in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences at Stony Brook University, used drones to monitor and record visible markings on humpback whales.

with boats and fishing gear.

"It's obvious what an impact humans are having," said Thorne. "The vast majority of adults or juveniles show scars from entanglement in fishing gear."

The scars show the need for careful boating both from larger ships as well as pleasure boats that might make contact with these whales while they are feeding.

More juveniles, at 14.2 percent, had scars from propellers than adults, at 2.2 percent. This suggests that the younger whales may be more vulnerable because of inshore and surface feeding.

While she recognized that she couldn't say conclusively why the younger whales had more propeller scars, Thorne suggested that it could be because "they are more naive or maybe more risk takers."

As menhaden (also known as bunker), which are a staple of the humpback whale diet, stage a comeback in the area, these cetaceans may be one of the reasons Thorne is seeing more humpbacks in the mid-Atlantic. The whales feeding closer to shore are consuming these fish.



Lesley Thorne Photo courtesy of SBU

Thorne and her colleagues used the relative sizes of the whale as a proxy for their age, which is generally effective but is not an exact measure. Through their observations, she and her colleagues recorded more of the smaller and younger whales feeding closer to shore, while the older whales were further out.

"If you're an adult, you're probably off shore," said Thorne.

Part of the reason for that could be that the larger size of the adult whales makes it difficult logistically to hunt in shallower waters, where maneuvering might be more challenging.

"The physical size could be a limitation for some of those foraging situations," said Thorne.

Thorne saw more killer whale scars on juveniles than adults, but the difference was not statistically significant. Scientists believe killer whales target younger animals.

"It is possible that avoidance of killer whales in offshore waters by unaccompanied juvenile humpback whales could also be a driver their inshore habitat use," she explained.



Above, a photo of a humpback whale with deep scars from propeller strikes on its back.

Photo courtesy of Thorne Lab, Stony Brook University, image taken under NMFS permit 26260

'It's obvious what an impact humans are having [on whales]. The vast majority of adults or juveniles show scars from entanglement in fishing gear.'

— LESLEY THORNE

Killer whale sightings in this area are infrequent. In June of 2023, the researchers saw a group of four killer whales in the area during aerial surveys.

Their hypothesis prior to the study was that they would see differences in scars from entanglements and vessel strikes, as well as from bottom feeding, between juvenile and adult humpback whales.

The observations from their study, however, showed more of a difference with vessel strikes, as both juveniles and adults became entangled in fishing gear.

These entanglements can not only cause drowning or long term injury, but can also cause deep lacerations that can become infected and can influence the whale's ability to move and hunt for food effectively.

The injuries from entanglements can be "extremely painful and long term," said Thorne.

Increasing traffic

The combination of more whales and more boats and fishing gear increases the risks for whales in the area.

"Vessel traffic is increasing, which makes New York a tough place to be if you're a whale," said Thorne.

Typically, researchers studying vessel strikes focus on large cargo vessels. The level of damage a boat can do is related to its size and speed. Smaller boats, however, can and do injure whales.

"Small vessels can hit whales and can give them [propeller] scars, no question," Thorne said.

Two of her students are currently studying various aspects of vessel strikes. One is modeling this contact over a 20 year period, looking for changes over the East Coast, and another is trying to account for risks in shallow waters.

Drones and pigments

Thorne suggested that researchers have increasingly turned to drones to gather information, as they provide a more comprehensive aerial view than spotting whales from nearby boats.

In studying these whales, researchers identify individuals by looking at the unique pigmentation patterns on the underside of their flukes, or tails.

The left and right dorsal fins can also provide distinctive markings.

So far, the protections that are in place for whales around the New York area are most often linked to the more endangered right whales. While humpbacks and right whales are both baleen whales and are about the same size, with right whales typically larger and heavier, they have different physical characteristics.

Right whales, which have been listed as endangered since 1970, don't have a dorsal fin, while humpbacks have a dorsal fin, long pectoral fins and a rounded head with a characteristic hump before their dorsal fin.

In seasonal management areas, boats in specific zones have to slow down in specific areas and at times when right whales might be sharing a location.

Vessel management efforts such as these "are really targeted towards right whales, but probably also provide some protection for humpback whales,' said Thorne.

NOAA establishes dynamic management areas based specifically on observations of right whales.

Whales of any type may be more vulnerable when they are feeding near the surface, as they could be "less alert and less vigilant" about their surroundings, Thorne added.

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Addressing early-stage blood pressure issues

MEDICAL COMPASS

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, seems ubiquitous these days. It affects 48.1 percent of U.S. adults, which is a scary number when you consider the consequences (1). If you're one of the



BY DAVID M. DUNAIEF, MD

many, it puts you at increased risk for heart attack and stroke, the two most frequent causes of death (2), and it increases your risk for chronic kidney disease and dementia (3).

All hypertension is not the same. There are multiple stages, each with a different recommended treatment regimen (4). You can view a chart of all levels on The American Heart Association's website at www.heart. org/bplevels. In even the early stages of elevated blood pressure and of hypertension stage one, both of which were part of a category called "prehypertension" before 2017, there are significant consequences, even when you have no symptoms.

When analyzing data from the Framingham Heart Study, researchers found that those with prehypertension experienced 3.5-fold increased heart attack risk and 1.7-fold increased cardiovascular disease risk (5). Other studies support these findings (6, 7). This is why it's crucial to address blood pressure issues, even in these early stages. The good news is that there are effective treatments for each stage.

Treating elevated blood pressure

The Joint National Commission (JNC) 8, the association responsible for guidelines on the treatment of hypertension, includes lifestyle modifications at the top of its recommendations for elevated blood pressure (8). Lifestyle changes include dietary changes.

The DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diet and a Mediterraneantype diet are both good options. Whatever diet you select, it should increase your intake of fruits and vegetables and reduce your daily sodium consumption to no more than 1500 mg (two-thirds of a teaspoon) (9).

Some studies have also shown that a potassium-rich diet can help reduce your blood pressure (9). Fortunately, fruits, vegetables, beans and legumes have significant amounts of potassium. Do not take potassium supplements unless instructed for other reasons by a physician; overly high potassium can be very dangerous and can precipitate a heart attack.

Other lifestyle changes include exercise, weight management, and modest alcohol consumption. JNC 8 recommends one or fewer drinks for women and two or fewer drinks for men daily (8).

Reducing stress

In addition, developing better methods for stress management have shown significant blood pressure benefits. One method of stress reduction that has shown value is mindfulnessbased stress reduction (MSBR) (10).

In a meta-analysis of 12 randomized controlled trials with 872 participants, MSBR programs resulted in an average 6.64 mm Hg decrease in systolic blood pressure and a 2.47 decrease in diastolic blood pressure. The intervention includes a structured training program of at least eight weekly sessions and at least 30 minutes of daily practice. According to the published study, it "trains the participants' mindfulness ability, which is defined as the awareness that arises from paying attention on purpose, in the present moment nonjudgmentally in the service of self-understanding, wisdom, and compassion" (10). The analysis also found that this technique reduced participants' depressive symptoms and anxiety.

Because lifestyle changes can have a dramatic positive effect, I typically don't recommend medication to treat patients experiencing elevated blood pressure.

Stage 1 hypertension

For those with Stage 1 hypertension, but with a low 10-year risk of cardiovascular events, these same lifestyle modifications should be implemented for three-to-six months. After this period, physicians should reassess your risk and blood pressure to determine whether you should continue with lifestyle changes alone or if medications should be added to your treatment plan (11).

I am encouraged that the role of lifestyle modifications in controlling hypertension has been recognized and is influencing official recommendations. Patients and physicians should collaborate to design a lifestyle approach that drives improvements.

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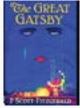
• Messiah Lutheran Church, 465 Pond Path, East Setauket is seeking craft vendors and food trucks for their Spooktacular Trunk or Treat & Vendor Fair fair which will be held Oct. 25 from noon to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Spots are \$35. Vendor and food truck application forms can be found at www.messiahny.org

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NEWS AROUND TOWN

'Gatsby at 100' lecture heads to Emma Clark Library

Emma Clark Library, 120 Main St., Setauket for a "Gatsby at 100" lecture on Thursday, August 14 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. First published on April 10, 1925, The Great Gatsby by F. Scott



Fitzgerald encapsulated an image of the North Shore of Long Island that has been extremely enduring.

This lecture will explore the history of the book's creation and reception, as well as both the mythology and the reality of the area that it depicted. Presented by Joshua Ruff, Co-Executive Director, Collections & Programming, at The Long Island Museum in conjunction with the ongoing The Long Island Museum exhibition, "Gatsby at 100," on view from July 24 to Oct. 19.

Open to all Suffolk County residents. Reserve your spot at emmaclark.org/ programs. Questions? Email askus@ emmaclark.org.

Seeking book donations

The Long Island Museum, 1200 Route 25A, Stony Brook is accepting book donations now through Aug. 31 for its first-ever Book Fair to be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. during Culper Spy Day.

For small donations (20 books or fewer), drop boxes are available at the LIM's Visitors Center and Carriage Museum on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays through Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Larger book donations can be scheduled by emailing ladler@ longislandmuseum.org, or by calling 631-751-0066 ext. 283. All proceeds benefit the Museum's educational programming.

ONLY ON THE WEB:

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

- » Mather Hospital receives three Heart Association American recognitions for treating heart attacks
- » Local movie director George Massimillo honored at LIMEHOF
- » 100 years ago this month: Historial events from August 1925
- » 'Sunset Boulevard' returns to the big screen for its 75th anniversary
- » Shelter Pet of the Week: Betty Boop from the Smithtown Animal Shelter

VENDORS WANTED

- The Shoppes at East Wind, 5768 Route 25A, Wading River is accepting local hand crafted vendors for its Craft Fair Weekends on 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.
- 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. 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.

- Sachem Public Library, 150 Holbrook Road, Holbrook seeks organizations to participate in a Volunteer Fair on Sept. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Online application can be found at www.sachemlibrary.org. 631-588-5024.
- 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.
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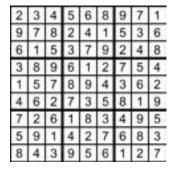
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> **Answers** to last week's **SUDOKU**



CROSSWORD



THEME: In the kitchen

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Basilica feature
- 5. Cameron, to friends
- _ and flow
- 11. One of the Bridges
- 12. Have the blues
- 13. Op-ed piece
- 15. Blondie's hit " Me"
- 16. Certain something
- 17. *Granny Smith
- 18. *Broth-making container
- 20. Big name in mapmaking
- 21. Inexperienced
- 22. *Group of dishes or pots
- 23. Deprived of ovaries
- 26. Medusae
- 30. Got an Oscar, e.g.
- 31. Kind of license
- 34. Crescent
- 35. Description for twins
- 37. "____ the season!"
- 38. Orthodox Judaism adherent 39. Class roster item
- 40. Between lights and action 42. Source of pork
- 43. *Shredding devices
- 45. Bear-like
- 47. Florida key
- 48. French farewell
- 50. Physicist Niels
- 52. *Kitchen hand protector (2 words)
- 55. Holey confection
- 56. Track event
 - of the trade, sing.
- 59. 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
- 60. Charlie Parker's nickname
- 61. Shrek or Fiona, e.g.
- 62. Word of compliance
- 63. Actor Stallone
- 64. *Spice ____ or pot _

Answers to last week's puzzle: At the Circus



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CLUES DOWN

- 1. Beginning of the alphabet
- 2. *Often go with carrots
- 3.*NaCl
- 4. Speech at a funeral
- 5. *Flute alternative
- 6. *Cook's garb
- 7. *Veal or venison, e.g.
- 8. Sport spectator's TV acronym
- 9. Like white-headed eagle
- 10. "Farewell" to Birdie
- 12. Manage (2 words) 13. Like cornstalks
- 14. *Flat-edged utensil
- 19. *Flapjack alternative
- 22. Blink of an eye, abbr.
- 23. Swing, _____, swung
- 24. Like Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station location
- 25. Carl Jung's inner self
- 26. *____ en place
- 27. *Seaweed-wrapped dish
- 28. Opposite of cation
- 29. Swamp plant
- 32. Estimated arrival times, acr.
- 33. Timothy, to friends
- 36. *Popular condiment
- 38. Sheik's bevy
- 40. Alan Paton's novel "____, The Beloved Country"
- 41. Broken, e.g.
- 44. Third planet from the sun
- 46. Bachelor on "The Bachelorette," e.g.
- 48. Be of use
- 49. Condemn
- 50. Bantu language
- 51. Change for a five
- 52. Globes and eyeballs, e.g.
- 53. "Animal House" garb
- 54. Rigid necklace
- 55. Calendar square
- 58. Albanian money

* THEME RELATED CLUE

Stony Brook Film Festival celebrates 30th anniversary in style

he 30th annual Stony Brook Film Festival wrapped up with its closing night awards ceremony on July 26. The evening recognized the outstanding new independent films screened at the festival, which was held at Staller Center for the Arts at Stony Brook University from July 17 to 26.

This year's event, which saw its largest audience since the pandemic and was one of the most well-attended in its 30-year history, showcased 36 original films from 19 countries—including world and U.S. premieres, award contenders, and exclusive in-person events. Of the 36 films, ten took home prizes.

Mistura, written and directed by Ricardo de Montreuil, took home the Jury Award for Best Feature. My Name is Dania by filmmaker Lev Brodinsky, won the Jury Award for Best Short, while Mad Bills to Pay, written and directed by Joel Alfonso Vargas with Juan Collado, Destiny Checo, Yohanna Florentino and Nathaly Navarro, captured this year's Spirit of Independent Filmmaking Award.

The Jury Award for Directing was given to Westhampton, which was written and directed by Christian Nilsson, with Finn Wittrock (*The Big Short*), RJ Mitte (*Breaking Bad*), Jake Weary, Amy Forsyth, and Tovah Feldshuh while the Audience Award for Best Feature



From left, Ricardo de Montreuil, Lev Brodinsky, Gala Gracia, Vlad Bolgarin, Juan Collado and Staller Center Director Alan Inkles. Photo by Amber Lewis See more photos at www.tbrnewsmedia.com.

went to *Nawi*. Directed by Toby Schmutzler, Kevin Schmutzler, Apuu Mourine and Vallentine Chelluget, it was written by Milcah Cherotich, Kevin Schmutzler and Toby Schmutzler. *A Guest in My Country*, a film by John Gray, won the Audience Award for Best Short.

The Festival's Opening and Closing Night Feature and Short films were also recognized, including *Hearts of Stone* (**Opening Night Short**) by Tom Van Avermaet; *The Ties That Bind* (**Opening Night Feature**) directed by Carine Tardieu and written by Agnès Feuvre, Raphaële Moussafir and Carine Tardieu; *Place*

Under the Sun (Closing Night Short) by Vlad Bolgarin; and The Remnants of You (Closing Night Feature) written and directed by Gala Gracia with Laia Manzanares, Ángela Cervantes, Rui de Carvalho, Anna Tenta. For more information, visit www. stonybrookfilmfestival.com.

Suffolk County's first-ever oyster festival heads to Smith Point County Park

Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine was recently joined by local officials and members of the Long Island Oyster Growers Association (LIOGA) to announce the first-ever Long Island Oyster Jamboree will be held on Saturday, August 16 at Smith Point County Park, 1 William Floyd Parkway, Shirley from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"The oyster industry plays a significant role in Suffolk County's economy. We are

further committed to growing the industry by increasing public awareness and community engagement initiatives, including the launch of this festival," said Romaine. "We encourage all our residents to come out to Smith Point that day to enjoy the festivities and the wonderful amenities offered by Suffolk County Parks."

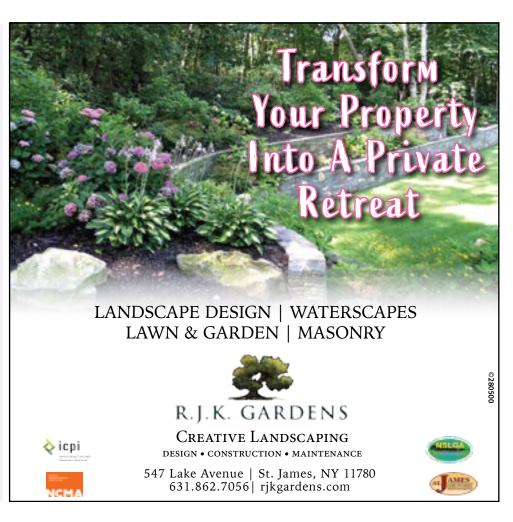
The inaugural event will feature only Long Island oyster harvesters to promote the local oyster industry, which has an estimated \$16.5 million impact on Suffolk County's local economy. There



were approximately 10 million oysters harvested in Suffolk County waters in 2024. Shucked oysters will be sold for \$2.50 each.

Admission to the Long Island Oyster Jamboree will be free for all attendees, including all free parking at Smith Point County Park for all Suffolk County residents for the day of the event. Festivities will include live music, contests and activities for all ages.

In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will be Sunday, August 17.





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Suffolk's red light camera fees

Court says enough is enough

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For years, Suffolk drivers County grumbled about red light cameras. Were they really about safety—or just a cash grab? A state appeals court has



BY SHANNON L. MALONE, ESQ.

now weighed in, and the answer is clear: Suffolk went too far.

In McGrath v. Suffolk County, the Appellate Division ruled that Suffolk's extra \$30 "administrative fee" added to red light camera tickets was illegal.1

Albany Set the Rules—Suffolk Broke Them

When the state permitted counties to install red light cameras back in 2009, lawmakers set strict limits: fines could not exceed \$50, with an optional \$25 late fee if the ticket went unpaid.² That was supposed to be the end of it. But Suffolk added its own \$30 processing fee in 2012 and wrote it into the county code. 3

The court said that the state law was broken because the word "liability" in Vehicle and Traffic Law § 1111-b includes everything a driver owes, including fees included.4 No creative labels allowed.

Home Rule Has Limits

Counties do have "home rule" powers, but they can't pass laws that conflict with state statutes.5 In this case, Albany had already set the fine structure. Suffolk's extra fee directly conflicted with state law, making it void.6 The court also cited Vehicle and Traffic Law § 1600, which bars local governments from making their own traffic rules without express permission—and Suffolk never got that.⁷

Cameras Taken Down

By the time the court ruled, Suffolk had already decided to end the program. As of December 1, 2024, every red light camera in the county is shut off and no new tickets are being issued.8

The decision followed years of criticism. While T-bone crashes decreased, rear-end accidents spiked by 42%, as drivers slammed brakes to avoid a ticket.9

Suffolk County Legislator Rob Trotta called it like he saw it: "This was about raising revenue, not making the roads safer".10

The contract raised eyebrows too. Xerox, the company running the cameras, took



45% of the ticket revenue and chose camera locations based on traffic volume—not crash history.11

Many of those cameras were clustered in working-class neighborhoods like Brentwood and Central Islip. There were none in the Hamptons or Northport.12

The Big Picture

The McGrath ruling sends a clear message: if Albany sets the rules, local governments can't rewrite them just to bring in more money. When lawmakers say the fine is \$50 (plus a possible \$25 late fee), it means \$50—not \$80.

With the program gone, Suffolk drivers no longer have to worry about red light camera tickets showing up in the mail. But the court's decision will echo across the state: traffic enforcement is supposed to be about safety, not revenue. And when governments push too far, the courts will step in.

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Music Documentary Film Festival debuts at LIMEHOF

BY TARA MAE

he inaugural Music Documentary Film Festival at the Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame (LIMEHOF) in Stony Brook is a harmonious celebration of song and cinema.

From Friday, August 8 to Sunday, August 10, beginning at 11 a.m., and continuing into the evening, the festival will show 24 short and feature length documentaries from around the world.

All but four of the feature length documentaries are paired with the short

documentaries. Subjects are as diverse as Ludwig von Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, The Beatles, Harry Chapin, the Security First World (S1Ws) of Public Enemy association, and Ellen McIlwaine.

"Our programming decisions were guided by a range of criteria: originality, creativity, emotional resonance, visual and audio quality, and, most importantly, relevance to music. We also made a conscious effort to showcase a broad spectrum of musical genres, while maintaining high standards across all the artistic and technical elements," said Festival Artistic Director Wendy Feinberg.

Events will include Q&A panels with filmmakers and/or subjects of the films, opening and closing night parties as well as finale festivities and an awards ceremony at the Three Village Inn in Stony Brook.

Live performances by Billy J Kramer, Guggenheim Grotto's Mick Lynch, Public Enemy's DJ Johnny Juice, Naked Blue, Brady Rymer, Jennifer Silecchia-Hackett, Sandra Taylor, Mega Infinity, and others are expected.

"The performers were either directly featured in the documentaries or were chosen to honor and pay tribute to the artists showcased in the films. The goal was to create a live experience that extends the story and emotional impact of the documentaries," said LIMEHOF Vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Festival Tom Needham.



The festival will present a screening of 'Cats in the Cradle: 50th Anniversary: The Song That Changed Our Lives' on Aug. 8.

Multiple music genres will be represented: classical, rock, blues, jazz, folk, ska, and

With a lineup that encompasses local legends and international superstars, the festival offers insight and inspiration. Every festival entry was chosen collaboratively by Weinberg and Needham, who also work together as part of a larger team on the Port Jefferson Documentary Series.

"We were drawn to documentaries that offered compelling storytelling, fascinating artists, and, of course, incredible music. The ideal films didn't just entertain—they taught us something new or shed light on an artist's journey in a fresh and meaningful way," Needham said.

These stories offer lesser-known details about the world's most famous artists and renowned musical icons. Additionally, local talent is represented both in front of and behind the camera: while Harry Chapin and other hometown musicians are spotlighted, a Setauket filmmaker's work is part of the selection.

"I am kind of excited and kind of nervous screening so close to home. I am very shy and not too many people know making films is a hobby of mine so I am hoping it is well received," John Rose, co-director of Building the Beatles, said. The film explores how the Mersey Beat, a music publication founded by Bill Harry, one of John Lennon's college classmates, and its promoters supported the rise of the Beatles before Brian Epstein came onto the scene.

Post screening there will be a live conversation with co-director Rose and British pop star Billy J. Kramer, followed by a short performance by Kramer, known for his 60's hits "Bad to Me" and "Little Children."

Other highlights include:

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Beethoven's Nine: Ode to Humanity, directed by Larry Weinstein, transcends

its original thesis - how far society has developed since it was composed 200 years ago — to instead amplify individual stories that illuminate how music encourages hope even in times of hardship.

Cat's in the Cradle: 50th Anniversary: The Song That Changed Our Lives, directed by Rick Korn, chronicles how Harry Chapin's classic song, written by him and his wife Sandy Chapin, continues to affect parents and children's understanding of one another.

To My Rescue, It Was The S1Ws (A Public Enemy Story), directed by Janol Ture, delves into how the members of the S1Ws came together to support Public Enemy and in the process formed a movement within the burgeoning hip hope scene.

Goddess of Slide: The Forgotten Story of Ellen McIlwaine, directed by Alfonso Maiorana, examines the multi-decade career of the eponymous singer-songwriter who serenaded with her slide guitar and opened for the likes of Odetta, Richie Havens, and Iimi Hendrix.

(For the full schedule of features and shorts, visit www.limusichalloffame.org)

All of the documentaries in the festival are celebrations of music's multidimensional influence and the artists whose efforts are held in the esteem of memory and emotion.

"The result is a thoughtfully curated lineup that celebrates the diversity and storytelling power of music documentary filmmaking," Weinberg said.

Catholic Health is the presenting sponsor. Other sponsors are Northville, PSEG, Claire Friedlander Family Foundation, Optimum, Aline Wealth Management, and The EGC Group.

Individual tickets are \$10 per screening, most of which includes a short and a feature. Tickets to the opening and closing night parties are \$50 for LIMEHOF members and \$59 for nonmembers. LIMEHOF is located at 97P Main Street in Stony Brook Village. For more information, visit www. limusichalloffame.org.

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LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, others may have been asking questions of you since you've uncharacteristically been out of the limelight. Reveal what you want to share. Even you are allowed your secrets.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

You have a tendency to avoid conflict instead of facing things head on, Virgo. If you've been circumventing something that needs attention, it is time to see it through.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if you feel that your power has increased, it may be time to take on some more responsibility right now. Embrace your new role and remain confident in your ability to handle it.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, right now you are going through a period where circumstances are trying to shed light on your hidden motivations. But you're not ready to show everyone your cards just yet.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your ego may take a hit this week, but you'll need to roll with the punches. You are finally understanding that simply willing something to happen won't always work.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Your actions lately have been going against your nature to want to please others, Capricorn. It will be difficult for you to get back on target, but not impossible.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

It is becoming evident that you might need to bring in a little extra help on a situation that has been brewing for some time, Aquarius. Figure out who you can trust and go from there.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Your powers of concentration and self-discipline are impressive, Pisces. There are lessons that others can learn about these admirable traits if you're willing to share.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, if you long to take your romantic relationship to the next level, this might be the week to focus on your feelings. Your partner may be waiting for you to make a move.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Tranquility you have been feeling of late enables you to listen more attentively to your inner self, Taurus. Take advantage of slow times to evaluate events and make important decisions.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

You can look forward to an enjoyable week, Gemini. Career issues or family matters are nothing to worry about right now, as everything seems to be moving along smoothly.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

This week you may find satisfaction that will put a smile on your face and boost morale. You also may find yourself embracing some of the core values that have been a part of your life.

Whiskers in the Wild speaks to every cat lover

BOOK REVIEW

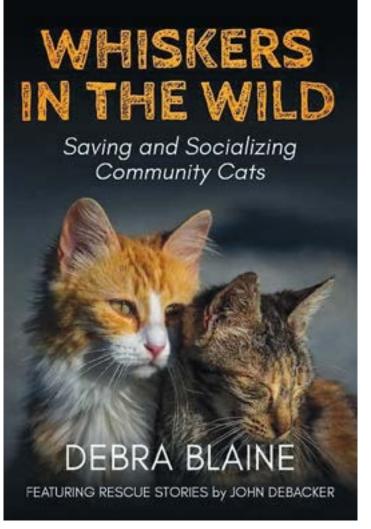
REVIEWED BY JEFFREY SANZEL

"Felines of all sizes seem to have an air of mastery, mystery, and majesty about them. Their independent manner, prestige as quintessential hunters, and penchant for being impeccably groomed no doubt contribute to that notion. Each species has different needs and different practices, but when it comes down to basic behavior, a cat is a cat is a cat."

This wry statement belies the vast breadth of knowledge coupled with a deep, loving passion and personal involvement that Debra Blaine shares in her slim but excellent Whiskers in the Wild: Saving and Socializing Community Cats. The work's focus is on community cats but encompasses the complete range of these animals in our lives. (At the outset, Blaine speaks to the cat versus dog conundrum. She makes the point that expectations should not be the same, as the species' journeys are dissimilar. Cats, while social, exist on their own terms. Anyone who lives with a cat can attest to this.)

Blaine opens with a concise but detailed history of the cat in community and culture, dating back thousands of years, before shifting into her main thesis: Community cats.

Community cats are either feral or stray; genetically, there is little difference between them, but developmentally, there exists a very wide gap. Ferals (who are often part of a colony) are born outside, do not know human touch, hunt their food, and find their shelter. Strays are either lost or abandoned, many of whom have known homes prior to this second and difficult chapter in their lives. Much of the book's core concentrates on which cats can be integrated indoors, and which can be cared for but remain outside.



At the heart of everything, of course, is the safety and well-being of these wonderful animals. Whether it is providing food, furnishing outdoor accommodation, or examining Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), no issue is left untouched or unexplained. Throughout, Blaine contrasts her indoor cat SammieKat with the stray she adopted, Midnight. This makes the narrative special but also offers a clear contrast in raising these animals in the same home.

Each chapter spotlights a new topic with specificity. Blaine specifically investigates conduct, trapping, interactive play, and the mental health benefits of having a cat with fascinating examples. Her writing possesses an easy charm. While communicating technical details — medical,

socialization, etc. — she addresses the reader in a warm, connected tone. Like visiting a particularly good veterinarian, her clarity roots in genuine care and the desire to communicate essential information. She creates the sense that you are in the room with her and these feline companions.

She devotes an entire chapter to firsthand accounts of John Debacker, an almost legendary expert in cat rescue. "John has devoted his life to saving cats and has gained significant notoriety by daring to rescue them under hazardous conditions." He offers six separate experiences, each unique and extraordinary.

Blaine's central advice is patience and sensitivity. "Try to put yourself in their paws and look at the world through their eyes. Standing maybe a foot tall, surrounded by strange sights and smells, no familiar hiding places, and needing to strategize. They're deciding what they can and cannot trust." She continues this thread with the thought so many have: "I know what you're going to ask. How do you make your cat want to please you? Start by seeing the world through his eyes. And remember, no one ever owns a cat"

Blaine makes an important shout-out to the many shelters and veterinarians who treat homeless cats at deep discounts or even at no charge. She makes a pitch for donations to some of the not-for-profits that help these felines-in-need: Long Island CATS & KITTENS Solution (LICKS), Tender Loving Cats (TLC), and All Cats All the Time are just some of the worthy organizations.

Blaine references the famous Talmud quote: "When you save one life, it is as if you have saved an entire world." Whiskers in the Wild functions as a directory, a guide, and a celebration. The book is entertaining, engaging, and, ultimately, essential. The author's final hope touches on the balance between cats and their humans: "When the singularly refined creatures grace us with their love, they can open our hearts and heal our souls. Your contribution to their well-being will be repaid one hundred times over."

[In full disclosure, when this reviewer read Whiskers in the Wild, his cat, George, spent a good part of the time sitting in his lap, getting his ears scratched. The reviewer suspects that George knew the book's value and was encouraging in the best way he knew how. "Your love heals," Blaine writes. And that's the truth.]

Pick up a copy of 'Whiskers in the Wild' at Barnes and Noble or on Amazon.

Happy National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

BY HEIDI SUTTON

While Ruth Wakefield, a chef who ran the Toll House Inn in Whitman, Massachusetts, with her husband, is credited with inventing chocolate chip cookies in 1938, sometimes the best recipes are the ones passed from generation to generation.

Recipe influencer Angie French of Cookin' Savvy was flipping through an old church cookbook when she came across this recipe for "Grandma's Humdinger Chocolate Chip Cookies." After tweaking it slightly, to her surprise and amazement, she discovered that "this recipe makes the best chocolate chip cookies I have ever made. They are still soft two days later, no joke. Here's the thing, I don't know whose grandma made these for her grandkids, but this grandma is going to continue the tradition. The recipe may be older than dirt but, boy howdie, are these cookies good. Now that's what I call a savvy humdinger of a cookie!"

And whether you like them crispy or chewy, National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, Sunday, Aug 4, is an excellent opportunity to enjoy this beloved dessert. If you crave more, try this easy recipe for Chocolate Chip Cream Cheese Bars.



Grandma's Humdinger Chocolate Chip Cookies

Recipe courtesy of 'Cookin Savvy'

YIELD: Makes 24 cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 sticks butter, melted
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar

- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 350 F. In large bowl, mix butter and sugars. Add milk and vanilla. Stir in baking soda, salt and cream of tartar. Mix in egg, flour and chocolate chips. Mix well, spoon mixture into hands and roll into balls. Place balls on lined baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes. Let set on cookie sheet 10 minutes.

Chocolate Chip Cream Cheese Bars

Recipe courtesy of Culinary.net

YIELD: Makes 8 servings

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 rolls chocolate chip cookie dough divided
- 2 packages cream cheese 8 ounces each,
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 350 F. Prepare 9-by-13-inch baking pan with parchment paper. Press 1 1/4 cookie dough rolls into bottom of pan. In large bowl, mix cream cheese until fluffy. Add sugar, mix well. Add eggs and vanilla extract; beat until combined. Pour cheesecake filling over cookie dough base. Crumble remaining cookie dough over cream cheese filling. Bake 35 to 40 minutes. Cool completely before cutting. Store in refrigerator.



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Ongoing

Huntington Summer Arts Festival

The 60th annual Huntington Summer Arts Festival returns to Heckscher Park, 2 Prime Ave., Huntington from Wednesdays to Sundays through Aug. 24. The 8-week festival will feature over 40 live performances including dance, theater and music. Bring seating. Free. Visit www.huntingtonarts.org for full schedule.

Thursday 31

Harborside Concert

Harborside concerts are held at the Show Mobile at Harborfront Park, 101-A East Broadway, Port Jefferson on Thursdays with Eagles tribute band Fastlane tonight at 7 p.m. Free. Bring seating. 631-473-4724, www.portjeff.com

Dennis Cannataro Concert Series

The Dennis Cannataro Family Summer Concert Series returns to the Smithtown Library, 1 North Country Road, Smithtown tonight with Boardwalk Nights (Tribute to the Jersey Shore) at 7:30 p.m. Free. Bring seating. Sponsored by Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta. 631-360-2480 ext. 150

Community Band Concert

The Northport Community Band will host concerts at the Robert W. Krueger Bandshell in Northport Village Park tonight at 8 p.m. Rain location is Northport High School, 154 Laurel Hill Road, Northport. www.ncb59.org

Friday I **Easy Street in Concert**

Emma S. Clark Memorial Library, 120 Main Repair Cafe heads to Huntington St., Setauket hosts a concert on the library lawn from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Local band Easy Street will play an eclectic mix of popular, dance, R&B, rock & country music from the 60s to today that all ages are sure to enjoy. Bring seating. 631-941-4080

Musical Moments

Musical Moments returns to Russ Savatt Park, 14 Main St., Kings Park at 7 p.m. tonight with a concert by Mystery Play (70s, 80s, 90s Rock) on Aug. 1, courtesy of the Kings Park Civic Association. Bring seating. 516-509-7231

Happenings on Main Street

Northport Arts Coalition continues their annual Happenings on Main Street, free concerts at the Northport Village Park Gazebo at 7 p.m. with a performance by Dead Ahead. Bring seating. 631-261-1872, www.northportarts.org

The Jersey Beach Boys in Concert

Theatre Three, 412 Main St., Port Jefferson welcomes The Jersey Beach Boys in concert at 8 p.m. Imagine yourself listening to

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RHYTHM AND TWANG

Gene Casey & The Lone Sharks head to Harborfront Park in Port Jefferson on Aug. 6. Photo by Heidi Sutton

the amazing hits of the Beach Boys, while watching the smooth moves of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Tickets are \$55. To order, call 631-928-9100 or visit www. theatrethree.com.

Saturday 2

Huntington Public Library, 338 Main St., Huntington will host a Repair Cafe from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers will be available to repair small appliances, lamps, bikes, costume jewelry, clothing (hems, buttons, seams, etc.) all free of charge. Repair and reuse to keep salvageable items out of the landfill. 631-427-5165

Craft Fair Weekend

The Shoppes at East Wind, 5768 Route 25A, Wading River hosts a Craft Fair Weekend today and Aug. 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shop from local craft vendors while kids can enjoy a bounce house and other activities. 631-929-3500

Sherwood Jayne House Tours

Sherwood-Javne 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/.

Eastbound Freight in Concert

All Souls Church, 61 Main Street, Stony Brook continues its Saturdays at Six concert series with Eastbound Freight, a 5-piece traditional bluegrass band, at 6 p.m. Their music includes fast-paced fiddle tunes as well as ballads and gospel music from the early years of bluegrass to the present day. Free. 631-655-7798

Theatre Rock Live!

Theatre Three, 412 Main St., Port Jefferson continues their summer concert series with Theatre Rock Live, a soaring tribute to Rock musicals, at 8 p.m. Featuring hits from Hair, Hamilton, Rent, Rocky Horror, Superstar, Tommy, Wicked, Rock of Ages, and more. Tickets are \$65. To order call 631-928-9100 or visit www.theatrethree.com.

Sunday 3

Craft Fair Weekend

See Aug. 2 listing.

Rock & Roll Car Show

The 14th annual Rock-N-Roll Car Show will be held at the Smithtown Historical Society, 239 East Main St., Smithtown from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. View cars from the Fabulous 50s-60s Nostalgia Car Club, enjoy music, food vendors, craft tables, blood pressure screenings and more for Judy's Run For Stroke Awareness and Prevention fundraiser. Rain date is Aug. 10. Fee is \$10 per car for spectators. 631-255-2516

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.

All-Star Band Camp Concert

The Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame, 97 Main St., Stony Brook presents a concert by members of its All-Star Band Camp from 3 to 4 p.m. The event is free with general admission ticket purchase. 631-689-5888, www.limusichalloffame.org

Wind Down Sundays

The popular summer concert series continues at Hap's Red Barn at Frank Melville Memorial Park, 1 Old Field Road, Setauket with Moment's Notice tonight at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bring seating. www. frankmelvillepark.org

Dion Mills Band in Concert

Celebrate St. James continues their summer concert series at Celebrate Park, 369 Lake Ave., St. James with the Dion Mills Band at 7 p.m. Bring seating. 631-984-0201

Concert on the Village Green

Summer concerts kick off tonight at the Stony Brook Village Center in front of the Stony Brook Post Office, 111 Main Street, Stony Brook with High Note at 7 p.m., courtesy of the Ward Melville Heritage Organization. Free. Bring seating. In the case of rain, the concerts will be cancelled. 631-751-2244, www.wmho.org

Monday 4

70s Rock Parade in Concert

The North Shore Youth Council and Suffolk County Legislator Chad Lennon present a summer concert in the parking lot of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 614 Route 25A, Rocky Point featuring the 70s Rock Parade at 7 p.m. 631-854-1600

Tuesday 5 **NSJC Social Club event**

North Shore Jewish Center Social Club, 385 Old Town Road, Port Jefferson Station invites the community to a concert by vocalist and instrumental performer Rick Meyer at 11 a.m. Bagels and coffee among other refreshments will be served. \$5 per person, \$4 members. 631-928-3737

National Night Out

See page B18.

Concerts at The Gazebo

Enjoy Tuesday night concerts at The Gazebo, 127 Smithtown Blvd., Nesconset

with JD Leonard & Co. (Decades of Country Music) tonight at 7 p.m. Free. Bring seating. Rain date is the following day. Presented by Suffolk County Legislator Leslie Kennedy. 631-672-5197, www.nesconsetchamber.org

Wednesday 6

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 continues their Sunset Concert series on the Jill Russell Stage at Harborfront Park, 101-A East Broadway, Port Jefferson with Gene Casey & The Lone Sharks from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Bring seating. In the case of rain, the event will be moved inside the Port Jefferson Village Center. 631-473-5220, www.gpjac.org

East Northport Fire Dept. Fair

The East Northport Fire Department, 1 9th Ave., East Northport will host its annual Fair tonight through Aug. 9 from 7 to 11 p.m. with carnival rides, games of chance and skill, live music, food and more. Parade kicks off tonight on Larkfield Road at 7 p.m. Free admission. POP ride bracelets. 631-261-0360, ext. 110

Sound Symphony Concert

Caroline Episcopal Church, 1 Dyke Road, Setauket hosts an outdoor concert featuring the Sound Symphony Orchestra, guest conducted by Scott Stickley with vocal soloist Christine Cornell, at 7 p.m. Program will include Pirates of the Caribbean, The Entertainer, Stars and Strips Forever, The LIberty Bell and more. Free. Bring seating. www.soundsymphony.org

Summerfest Concert

The Northport Chamber of Commerce continues its Summerfest Concert Series at the Robert Krueger Bandshell in Northport Village Park from 7:30 to 9 p.m. with music by Streetfighter. Bring seating. 631-754-3905

Thursday 7

East Northport Fire Dept. Fair

See Aug. 6 listing.

Summer Fun Day

NYS Assemblywoman Rebecca Kassay will co-host a Summer Fun Day event with Stony Brook Cancer Center's Office of Community Outreach and Engagement at the West Meadow Beach Pavilion, 100 Trustees Road, Stony Brook from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The free event will feature ice cream, family-friendly games, beach

activities and seasonal safety tips! Register at www.eventbrite.com.

An Evening of Goat Yoga

Join the Smithtown Historical Society, 211 E. Main St., Smithtown for a 45 minute session of yoga with friendly, interactive goats from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and again from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m courtesy of by Steppin' Out Ponies and Petting Zoo. Tickets are \$35 per person. Please bring a mat & towel. Registration required via Eventbrite. For more information, call 631-265-6768.

Summer Carnival

The Huntington Human Services Institute Inc., in partnership with Empire Automotive Group, will host the 2025 Summer Carnival at Breezy Park, 19 West Rogues Path, Huntington Station tonight from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Aug. 8 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Aug. 9 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; and Aug. 10 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. with Newton Shows rides, games, food, music and raffles. Fireworks on Aug. 8 at 9 p.m. 631-351-3304

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Film

Alfred Hitchcock Celebration

Join the Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington in celebrating Alfred Hitchcock's birthday with a screening of The Lady Vanishes on Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m.; Suspicion on Aug. 9 at 7 p.m.; and Foreign Correspondent on Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16, \$10 members. www. cinemaartscentre.org

'The Social Network'

The Port Jefferson Arts Council and The Long Island Museum, 1200 Route 25A, Stony Brook and the Port Jefferson Arts Council will present a free screening of *The* Social Network on Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. Kelly DeVine, board member of the Port Jefferson/ Northern Brookhaven Arts Council and lead programmer for the Port Jefferson Documentary Series, and Stony Brook Professor Dr. Neisha Terry Young will be leading the post- screening discussion. Visitors are encouraged to come early to explore LIM's Gatsby at 100 exhibition before the event. Free. www.longislandmuseum.org

'Jersey Boys'

Productions Over the Rainbow presents Jersey Boys, the story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons at Sachem North High School, 212 Smith Road, Lake Ronkonkoma on Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 9 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each. To order, call 631-696-6817.

'A Bronx Tale'

Lighthouse Repertory Theatre Company presents 'A Bronx Tale' at The Knox School, 541 Long Beach Road, St. James on Aug. 15 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 16 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 adults, \$30 seniors/veterans. To order, call 516-272-6597 or visit www. lighthousetheatrecompany.com/tickets.

Theater

'Footloose The Musical'

Currently 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.

'Othello'

The Carriage House Players at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport continues their 36th annual Shakespeare in the Courtyard Festival with Othello from July 11 to Aug. 3. 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.

A Very Summertime Improv Show

The improv team NEUROGENESIS will perform at The Performing Arts Studio, 224 E. Main St., Port Jefferson on Aug. 17 at 4 p.m. This is an entirely improvised show, with scenes and stories made up on the spot inspired by suggestions from the audience. Tickets are \$10 online at www.eventbrite. com, \$15 at the door (cash only).

'Coriolanus'

The Carriage House Players at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport closes their 36th annual Shakespeare in the Courtyard Festival with Coriolanus from Aug. 16 to Sept. 7. 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.

Farmers Markets

Hauppauge

The Suffolk County Farmers Market at the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge will be open to the public every Thursday at the facility's north parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 2. 631-853-2047

Huntington

Elm Street parking lot at 228 Main St., Huntington on Sundays from June 1 through Nov. 23 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 631-944-2661

Lake Grove

Southwestern quadrant of Smith Haven Mall parking lot along Middle Country Road year-round on Saturdays (pickles, honey) and full market with vendors on Sundays. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. 516-444-1280

Northport

Cow Harbor Park parking lot, at the corner of Main Street and Woodbine Ave. in Northport on Saturdays from June 7 through Nov. 22 (except Sept. 20) from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 631-662-7244

Port Jefferson

Harborfront Park, 101 E. Broadway, Port Jefferson on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. from May 18 through Nov. 23. 631-802-2160

Rocky Point

The Rocky Point Farmers Market returns to the corner of Broadway and Prince Road, Rocky Point every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from July 17 through mid-November. rpcivicassociation@gmail.com

St. James

St. James Lutheran Church, 230 2nd Ave., St. James hosts a farmers market in its parking lot every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from May 31 through October 25. 631-403-7711

Setauket

Three Village Historical Society, 93 North Country Road, Setauket on Fridays from May 16 through September (except Sept. 19) from 3 to 7 p.m. and October from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. 631-751-3730

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

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National Night Out returns August 5

The Town of Brookhaven, Town of Huntington Smithtown and Town of Huntington are among the many communities across the United States that will be celebrating National Night Out — a national initiative seeks to improve bonds between police and the public during an evening of family fun — on Tuesday, Aug. 5. And best of all, it's free. No registration necessary.

Centereach

The Centereach Pool Complex at 286 Hawkins Road, Centereach will host a National Night Out from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Town of Brookhaven, SCPD's 6th Precinct and the Middle Country Public Library, the event will feature music, swimming, touch-a-truck, food, giveaways, over 40 vendors and more. 631-451-6647

Holtsville

Holtsville Ecology Center, 249 Buckley Road, Holtsville will host a National Night Out from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sponsored by the SCPD's Fifth Precinct and the Town of Brookhaven, the event will feature food, music, and face painting. The pool complex, Safety Town and zoo will also be open. 631-451-6645

Manor Field Park, 110 East 5th Street in Huntington Station, will host a National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by Town of Huntington and SCPD's Second Precinct. Meet your local law enforcement, enjoy live music, games, giveaways, and more including bounce houses, spray park fun, and sports tournaments. 631-446-3702

Lake Grove

The Smith Haven Mall's Lifestyle Village in Lake Grove will host National Night Out with the SCPD's Fourth Precinct from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meet and greet local officers and enjoy vehicle displays, refreshments, music, games and more. Rain date is Aug. 7. 631-854-8478

Ridge

Fireman's Memorial Park, 725 Middle Country Road, Ridge will host a National Night Out from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Suffolk County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Brookhaven, the event will feature a petting zoo, music, vehicle displays, ice cream truck, softball games and giveaways along with medical ID cards and Safe Child cards. 631-852-3405





PROGRAMS

First Steps Into Nature

Sweetbriar Nature Center, 62 Eckernkamp Drive, Smithtown presents First Steps Into Nature for children ages 2 to 4 on Aug. 1 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

Build-A-Boat

Join the Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor for a Build-A-Boat drop in program on Aug. 1 between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults and kids ages 5 and up can craft unique wooden vessels using a range of materials and plenty of imagination. Test your design on a watery raceway to see who has built the fastest boat of the day! Admission fee + \$12 participant. No registration required. 631-367-3418

History of Balloons

Families with children up to Grade 5 are invited to a special program at Emma Clark Library, History of Balloons, on Aug. 1 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Award-winning balloon artist, Nick the Balloonatic, will put on a hilarious, high-energy, interactive balloon sculpting show full of crazy hats, jokes, and fun that you'll never forget! No registration required. Questions? Email kids@emmaclark.org

Pop-Up Saturdays

The Ward Melville Heritage Organization continues its Pop-Up Saturdays on Aug. 2 with a visit from School of Rock Port Jefferson from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Hope for Cleo Animal Rescue from noon to 3:30 p.m. at the Stony Brook Village Center's Inner Court, Main Street, Stony Brook. Free. Call 631-751-2244 for more information.

BNL Open House

Explore Brookhaven National Lab, Upton at a Dazzling Discoveries Open House Summer Sunday with a Fascinating Physics theme on Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with tours, talks and science activities. 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 Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m. Free. No registration required. Appropriate for ages 0-4. 631-482-5008



INTO THE WILD

Catch a performance of 'Madagascar: A Musical Adventure' at the John W. Engeman Theater this weekend. Photo courtesy of Engeman Theater

Helping Herps

Frank Melville Memorial Park, 1 Old Field Road, Setauket continues its summer program series with Helping Herps (amphibians and reptiles) with John Turner on Aug. 5 at 11 a.m. Meet at Hap's Barn. Bring a blanket or chair. Free. No registration required. 631-771-1010

Build-A-Bug

Sunken Meadow State Park, Sunken Meadow Parkway, Kings Park presents a Tiny Tots program, Build-A-Bug, on Aug. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children ages 3 to 5 with a parent/caregiver will enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors, and crafts. \$4 per child. Reservations taken on eventbrite.com.

Drop-In Art Workshop

Children ages 5 through 10 are invited to join the Heckscher Museum, 2 Prime Ave., Huntington for a Summer Drop-In Art Workshop on Aug. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Create fun works of art in a variety of materials. Program will be held both in the Museum and in Heckscher Park, weatherpermitting. \$10 per child. No registration required. www.heckscher.org.

Color Magic Lab: Make Slime

The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor presents a Color Magic Lab drop in program on Aug 7 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Did you know cuttlefish can instantly change both the color and texture of their skin? Dive into the science behind these amazing underwater shape-shifters!

Get hands-on by creating your own batch of color-changing slime, and decorate a vibrant jar to take it home in. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Admission fee + \$12 participants. No registration required. 631-367-3418

Magic Jeff

Village of Port Jefferson presents a children's magic show by Magic Jeff at Harborfront Park's Performance Stage, 101 East Broadway, Port Jefferson on Aug. 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring seating. Free. Sponsored by St. Charles Hospital. 631-473-4724, www.portjeff.com

THEATER

'The Frog Prince'

Theatre Three, 412 Main St., Port Jefferson continues its children's theater with *The Frog Prince* from Aug. 1 to Aug. 9. When the pompous Prince Darnay runs afoul of two wily enchantresses, it takes the strongminded Princess Madrigal to deliver him from his soggy fate in the wacky world of the frog pond. The Frog Prince is a hilarious musical about accepting people—"warts and all!" 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 cracka-lackin' 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.

'Grease' School Edition

The John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport present Grease School Edition featuring the Engeman Select Players on Aug. 4 and Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. With energetic performances, catchy tunes, and all the fun of Rydell High, this is a show you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$25 per person. To order, call 631-261-2900 or visit www. engemantheater.com.

FILM

'Monsters University'

Heritage Park, 633 Mount Sinai-Coram Road, Mount Sinai continues its Movies in the Moonlight series with a screening of *Monsters University* on Aug. 1 at dusk. Free. Bring seating. 631-403-4846

'Pee-Wee's Big Adventure'

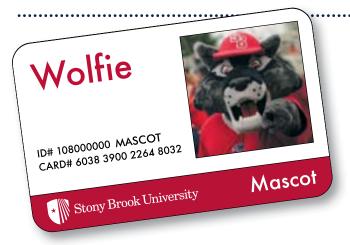
As part of its Cinema for Kids series, the Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington will screen *Pee-Wee's Big Adventure* on Aug. 2 at noon. Pee-wee Herman, an eccentric child-like man, loves his red bicycle and will not sell it to his envious neighbor, Francis. While Pee-wee visits his friend Dottie, the bike is stolen. Thinking his bike is at the Alamo, Pee-wee sets off on a manic cross-country odyssey to find it. Rated PG. Tickets are \$13 adults, \$5 children. www.cinemaartscentre.org.

'Wicked'

Town of Huntington continues its summer drive-in movies series at Heckscher Park, 2 Prime Ave., Huntington with a screening of *Wicked* on August 4 at 8:30 p.m. Bring seating. Free. 631-351-3000

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