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Dr. James F. Donahue, D.D.S. & Dr. Michael E. Segnini, D.D.S. General & Cosmetic Dentistry

587 Lake Avenue, St James, NY 11780 584-5330

by Debra Vessa-Cleary

While Botox and noninvasive surgery are becoming the new standards for cosmetic medical enhancements, the dental industry has come up with some innovative technology of its own. In fact, recent diagnostic techniques and new dental procedures can create whiter smiles, simplify straightening teeth, and provide superior dental treatment. New technologies are giving Doctors James Donahue and Michael Segnini - not to mention the patients in their St. James dental practice – all the more to smile about.

Serving the St. James community for almost 25 years, St. James resident Dr. James F. Donahue (son of Dr. James L. Donahue who started the practice in 1957) was joined by Dr. Segnini eight years ago. Their dental office, located diagonally across from the St. James Elementary School on the corner of Lake Avenue and Maple Drive, provides standard dental procedures as well as both onehour and home-teeth whitening. porcelain veneers, and clear aligner Invisalign orthodontics.

Perhaps most impressive, however, is their use of high technology in the delivery of



dental services. The digital age has come to the dental office in the form of laser cavity diagnosis, digital xrays, and digitally manufactured high quality CEREC porcelain restorations.

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Besides their interest in progressive dental technology, Doctors Donahue and Segnini say they also enjoy sharing their knowledge of dentistry by volunteering as attending faculty at the Dental Clinic at St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson.

What is it about dentistry that they love so much?



Dr. Michael Segnini (L) and Dr. James Donahue.

"We are privileged to be able to continue the dental practice that my father started here 50 years ago. I can look out of my office window and see my kindergarten classroom across the street," says Dr. Donahue. "We try to merge the newest techniques in the field with the traditional caring patient relationship that this practice has always been known for."

"Having grown up in the area," states Dr. Michael Segnini, "it's great to join such an amazing health care team. With the latest technology we can provide quality dentistry in a caring and comfortable environment. Stop by and meet our highly qualified and compassionate team."

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Editor's note: Debra Vessa-Cleary is a freelance writer who lives in St. James.

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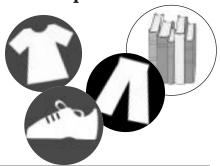
AROUND TOWN

Spring Rummage and Plant Sale Set for April 28

A Spring Rummage and Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. James United Methodist Church, 532 Moriches Road in St. James. Gently used clothing for infants to adults, household items, tools, bric-a-brac, toys, books, etc. will be offered for sale at great low prices.

A Bag Sale will begin at 1:30 p.m. Leftover items will be shared with other charitable organizations. Refreshments will be available.

For more information, please call the church office, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at 584-5340.



Lia Sophia Names Top Sales Advisor in St. James

Lia Sophia, a unique direct selling opportunity offering fashion jewelry through personalized in-home demonstrations, recently announced top honors for its Excellent Beginnings Program Achievers for their outstanding sales accomplishments and professionalism. Having just joined the fashion jewelry business, Christine Caputo of St. James has

earned this prestigious accomplishment in her first 15 weeks by attaining certain sales levels and by sharing Lia Sophia with other new advisors.

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Kids Helping Kids

St. James Elementary 5th grade Student Council members delivered Easter baskets to children receiving cancer treatment at the new **Ambulatory Care Pavilion at Stony Brook University Hospital** which opened its doors to cancer patients this past February. Pictured with the students are St. James Elementary teachers Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Darcy; hosts from SBUH are Debra Giugliano, PNP (absent from picture); Jeanne Greenfield, PNP; and Trish Murray RN, Nurse Manager.



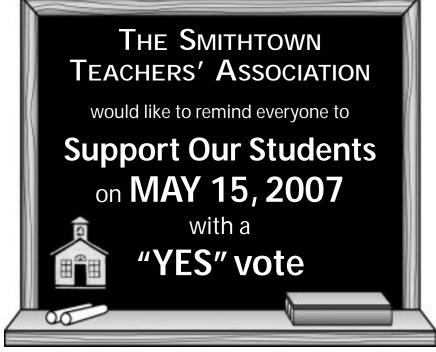
Please help the students' continued support for the Pediatric Oncology Program at Stony Brook University Hospital by participating in the **5th Annual Sunrise Walk-A-Thon on May 6** at 9 a.m.

You can also visit Ben & Jerry's (Smithtown) on Wednesday night April 11 from 4-8 p.m. and McDonald's (St. James) on Wednesday night May 2, from 5-7 p.m. These generous merchants will donate up to 20% of the proceeds to the Sunrise Fund.

For additional information contact St. James Elementary at 382-4455.









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St. James Homemakers Unit #44 Invites New Members

The St. James Homemakers are a terrific group of local women, who are not only friendly but quite talented. They truly enjoy being part of the St. James/Smithtown community and are presently getting ready for their annual Achievement Day.

As in the past they would like to invite local women to come and visit and see what their club is all about. If you love crafts, community and service projects, or just plain fun and good company, visit them on Wednesday, May 23 at the St. James Lutheran Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Come and see the accomplishments of this club and what they hope to do in the future. All members are encouraged to bring a guest or two — a prize awaits to the one who can introduce the club to the most new members. The St. James Homemakers are always looking to welcome new members, so bring your helpful hints and new ideas, and make this club the best ever.

For further information, please call 584-7745 or 862-8945. See you there.

The Viking Auction Set for April 20

The Viking Auction, presented by the St. James Sons of Norway Loyal Lodge No. 252, will be held on Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Hall, located on the corner of 7th Street and 4th Avenue in St. James.

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Tru Salon Named 'One of the Nation's Fastest Growing Salons' by *Salon Today*

St. James' Tru Salon, owned by Cheryl and Brian Duignan, was named one of the 200 fastest-growing salons by *Salon Today* magazine, a top business publication for the professional beauty industry. This is the second year in a row that Tru Salon has garnered this prestigious recognition.

The magazine's tenth annual Salon Today 200 profiled the selected salons in its January 2007 issue. The 200 salons were selected from applications submitted by Salon Today readers, who represent the 25,000 topproducing salons in the country. The magazine honored the applicants who posted the highest increases in gross sales between 2004 and 2005, and who were on track to increase sales significantly in 2006.

"The tenth annual issue of the Salon Today 200 continues the tradition of featuring salons with excellent customer service, client retention and growth strategies," said Laurel Smoke, editor-in-chief



of Salon Today. "Salon Today 200 owners keep their businesses competitive in a tough market while continuing to provide top education for their employees and the best services to their clients."

For a salon to be named to the Salon Today 200, it had to meet the following criteria: 1) The salon is a provider of professional salon services including one, or more, of the following: hair care, nail care, skin care, body care or

spa treatments; 2) It generated gross annual sales revenues of at least \$100,000; 3) The salon's revenues were greater in 2005 than 2004, and projected to be even higher in 2006; 4) The owner charted his or her business financial growth for the past three years and shared information about the service and product categories that fueled the salon's growth; and 5) The applicant submitted financial documentation, such as a tax return or certified letter from an accountant, to verify revenues.

Growth-oriented salons of every type and size participated and were showcased in the issue. To help the magazine's readers benchmark their own businesses against the honorees, the *Salon Today 200* coverage was broken down into four revenue categories: 38 were profiled in the \$100,000 to \$499,999 category; 62 were profiled in the \$500,000 to \$999,999 category; 60 were profiled in the \$1 million to continued on page 99





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St. James Elementary to Host Walk-a-Thon to Benefit Sunrise Fund at Stony Brook University Hospital

Students at the St. James Elementary School will host the 5th Annual Walk-a-Thon on Sunday, May 6 as part of a "Children Helping Children" campaign to benefit the Sunrise Fund at Stony Brook University Hospital. The Sunrise Fund (www.sunrisefund.org) supports the Pediatric Oncology program at Stony Brook University Hospital. Come give a voice to the children who are not heard.

Hundreds of children, parents, community members, and staff from Stony Brook University Hospital are expected to participate in the two-mile walk, which begins at the school on Lake Avenue in St. James. The walk begins at 9 a.m.

Registration is \$15 for individuals and \$20 for a family, or free with a completed sponsor sheet. Registration takes place at 8 a.m. the day of the event. To obtain a sponsor sheet and additional information, please call (631) 382-4455.

Come to the after party for great raffles and entertainment. A special thanks to Bank of Smithtown, Alpine Bakery, Garguilo's Bakery, Winters Bros.-Waste Systems and all community members for their generous support.

In the event of rain, the walk will be held in the St. James Elementary School gym.

Contributions to the Sunrise Fund may also be made by check. Contributions should be made out to the *Sunrise Fund at Stony Brook* and sent to:





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truly changed my life. I enjoy my career so much because I love helping other people buy and sell their homes. So if you're ready to make a move or look for a home, give me a call.

Denise McMahon, Licensed Sales Agent

I have been a lifelong resident of St. James. I grew up in Head of the Harbor with summers filled with swimming and fishing in the L.I. Sound, riding our bikes to the General Store or walking to town to get an egg cream from the Sugar Bowl. Two days after having our son Nick in 1996, we



closed on our home in St. James which we purchased through our local Brokers, Joe and Mary Jean Kronwitt. After taking some time off to raise our son, I knew it was time to go into a business that I have always loved. I love working at Henrietta Homes and being part of a family that loves St. James as much as I do. I would really enjoy helping you find your dream home and share some of the wonderful things that we love about living in one of the nicest areas of Long Island.

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AROUND TOWN

Local Funeral Director Attends Trade Show

Author Thomas Lynch Guest Speaker

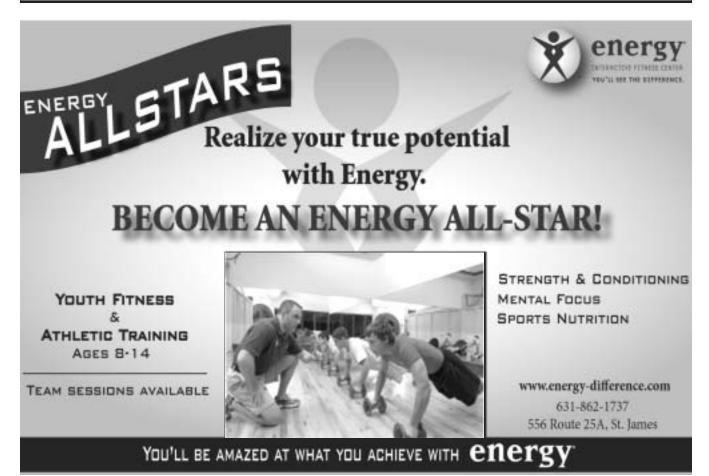
On March 27, 2007, Kerry J. Maher of the St. James Funeral Home attended the Nassau Suffolk Funeral Directors Trade Show, where she is a board member. A special guest appearance by internationally-known author, poet and speaker Thomas Lynch was one of the highlights of the event which concluded with a book signing of three of his most popular books.

Amazon.com calls Thomas Lynch: "The Most Celebrated Funeral Director In America." Alan Ball calls him: "a brilliant soulful writer" and credits his books as a strong influence on his HBO series "Six Feet Under."

Funeral directors and caregivers nationwide look to Lynch and admire his knowledge of continued on page 20



Pictured (L-R): Victor LoGiudice (board member of NSFDA), author Thomas Lynch and Kerry Maher of the St. James Funeral Home (board member of NSFDA).





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funeral service. He presently owns and operates the funeral firm Lynch & Sons in Milford, Michigan. His book, "The Undertaking" won so many national awards that it has been translated into eight languages. His subsequent books, among them "Bodies at Motion and At Rest" and "Booking Passage," have received tremendous critical acclaim and sold heavily internationally. He writes for scores of newspapers and magazines, and appears on numerous TV and radio shows.

Thomas Lynch gave seminars regarding his experience as a funeral director and an author. One of his seminars, "The Caregivers" was geared for the clergy, nurses and others in the medical field. Among the clergy members attending was, the new Rector from the St. James Episcopal Church, Raewynne J. Whiteley. Rev. Whiteley was invited to this uplifting experience by the St. James Funeral Home.

> Thomas Lynch is pictured with the new St. James Episcopal Church Rector Raewynne J. Whiteley.





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AROUND TOWN

Paris Rose Yates Performs in King Lear

St. James resident Paris Rose Yates, a 6th grader at Nesaquake Middle School, was back in New York City playing Young Goneril in the off-Broadway production of "King Lear" starring Kevin Kline and directed by James Lapine (multiple Tony Award winning director) at the Public Theater. Previews of King Lear began on February 9 and the show opened on March 4 with seven to eight shows a week. Due to the whole run being sold out through March 18 the show was extended through March 25!

Opening night was followed by a cast party. Other notable performers in the show included Larry Bryggman, Michael Cerveris, Logan Marshall-Green, Timothy Stickney and Brian Avers. To see photos from the opening night cast party you can go to www.broadwayworld.com and type in KING LEAR OPENING NIGHT PHOTO COVERAGE.

Paris was also cast in the Manhattan Theater Club's production of David Harrower's "Blackbird" starring Jeff Daniels and Allison Pill, directed by Joe Mantello (director of *Wicked*). Unfortunately Paris had to turn down the role in "*Blackbird*" due to a conflict with the *King Lear* schedule.

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Pictured above is Paris Rose Yates and Kevin Kline and, left, with James Lapine (director of *King Lear*).

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Little Shelter to Hold Walk-A-Thon at Mall on April 22

Take steps to help Little Shelter save homeless, abused and abandoned animals by joining their 6th Annual Walk For Their Lives at Smith Haven Mall (enter through the TGIF's entrance when joining the festivities) on Sunday, April 22. The Walk is for people only... sorry no pets.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m. Activities include music, give-aways, face painting, Jill the performing Yorkie, and a magic show.

All proceeds benefit Little Shelter – a nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter located in Huntington. The



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Ask family and friends to sponsor your walk for a specific amount of money. Walk alone or form a group. Anybody who raises \$50 or more will receive a Little



Shelter T-shirt. There will be additional prizes for the highest fundraisers. You can get a sponsor sheet from their website at www.littleshelter.com. If you can't walk and would like to make a donation, send your check to Little Shelter Animal Rescue, 33 Warner Road, Huntington, NY 11743 — it would be much appreciated. For more information, call Little Shelter at 368-8770, ext. 205 or 206.



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IN THE NEWS

Helping Children With Life-Threatening Illnesses: The Inspiration for The Run for Friends of Karen

Five-year-old Luke Anderson, diagnosed with Leukemia weeks after his first birthday, completed his last round of chemotherapy treatments in April of 2006. The following month, his mother, Evelyn, took to the roads of the Long Island Marathon, completing a 13-mile run in honor of her son.

Flash forward to 2007, where Evelyn, will again run the Half Marathon on Sunday, May 6 and has recruited others to run (and walk) along with her for Friends of Karen, the Port Jefferson-based charity that helped her family while Luke was ill.

"Her run last year inspired us to organize a team to raise funds for Friends of Karen," said Mrs. Andrea Kaplan, a St. James resident and co-chair of the Run for Friends of Karen. "We encourage people to join us, for the exercise, camaraderie and good feelings knowing that we are helping a very important organization for many Long Island families."

Friends of Karen has helped more than 600 children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and additionally over 800 of their brothers and sisters in just

Todd and Evelyn Anderson with children Shannon, Ciara and Patrick (son Luke is not in photo) at a Kick-off event at Energy Interactive Fitness Center in St. James, with Trevor Tucci and Dan Moreno of Energy Fitness, Legislator Lynne Nowick and Michael Tucci of Energy Fitness.

2006 alone, with services including transportation to medical treatments, household expenses such as rent or mortgage payments, childcare for siblings while parents are with their hospitalized child and bereavement support. The organization's Family Support Program relies on individual and corporate donations to achieve this mission.

"This will be an annual event," said co-chair of the Run, Mr. Carl Cheek. "Surely these runners will be back next year along with many new supporters of this wonderful charity."

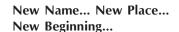
For information on the Run for Friends of Karen or to make a donation, call 473-1768, ext. 304

Friends of Karen is a children's charity which began in 1978 when family friends came to the aid of a couple and their 16-yearold daughter, Karen, who was terminally ill with Lafora's Disease. A fund-raising campaign for medical and other costs enabled Karen to spend her precious last days at home surrounded by loving family and friends. Karen, and the mission of Friends of Karen, which is to provide financial, emotional and advocacy support to families of children with life threatening illnesses, has never been forgotten.

Luke Anderson, age five, and mom, Evelyn Anderson, greet Nancy Mariano, Regional Director of Friends of Karen at the Energy Fitness Kick-off event for the Run for Friends of Karen.



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Labor, AFL-CIO, for the largest national one-day food drive on Saturday, May 12.

Last year, the Long Island NALC collected more than one million pounds of food and since 1995 has collected more than 14.8 million pounds to help Long Islanders in need.

Support your neighbors in need and help *STAMP OUT HUNGER*. On Saturday, May 12, leave non-perishable food items next to your mailbox for collection by your letter carrier or bring a food donation to your local post office.

If you would like to help sort and pack food, call the Long Island Volunteer Center at 1.800.VOLUNTEER or register online at www.longislandvolunteercenter.org or www.1800volunteer.org. For more information, visit www.unitedwayli.org.

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The 60-voice chorus will be joined by professional solosits



and conducted by Gregg Smith and Thomas Schmidt for the performance of W.A. Mozart's Requiem and F. Poulenc's Stabat Mater.

Tickets at \$20 general admission and \$15 for seniors, are available at Three Village Music Shoppe in Setauket and A Gift of Faith, 211 Main Street in Port Jefferson, as well as at the door.

For additional information, call 751-2743 or 941-9431.

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Mr. Gonzales, owner of Somewhere in Time Books in St. James, has more than 25 years experience in the field of old, used and rare books. A member of the C.W. Post Library Association, he has appeared on Antiques Show and Tell and has been a guest speaker for the L.I. Antiquarian Book Dealers Association.

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With the assistance of paranormal investigator Joe Giaquinto, who will also be in attendance, Ms. Brosky has uncovered paranormal activities throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

The 30 tales that make up Ms. Brosky's book "Ghosts of Long Island: Stories of the Paranormal," range from accounts of haunted mansions of the Island's famed Gold Coast to the stories that surround the Fire Island Lighthouse on the South Shore and an abandoned yet mysteriously "occupied" 19th century windmill in The Hamptons. In addition, there are farmhouses, inns, cemeteries, trails and a lake - each with a haunted story to tell. Through historical research, photographs, eyewitness accounts and local lore, Ms. Brosky, brings these locations and tales to life in vibrant detail.

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Improvisation sessions will be held on Fridays, April 27 and and May 18 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free for listeners and \$5 for those who play in the jam ses-

A group performance concert where improv session participants will show off their talents will be held on Friday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free for participants and \$5 for listeners.

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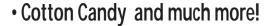
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Wednesday, June 27

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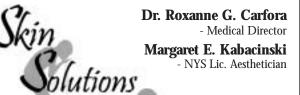
AUTHORS ON PARADE

Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. Joe Drape, reporter for the NY Times and author of "The Race for the Triple Crown" and "Black Maestro: The Epic Life of an American Legend."

This monthly series featuring a variety of authors is held at the Smithtown Branch of the Library and is hosted by Larry Davidson, award-winning radio and TV producer. Meet the authors; book signing. Pick up your FREE tickets at the Library. Call for additional info. Space is limited.

BOOK AND AUTHOR LUNCHEON

Roger Rosenblatt will be the guest author at the Library Foundation's annual Book and Author Luncheon on Wednesday, April 25 at 12 noon at the Union Station Restaurant and Tavern, 155 W. Main St. in Smithtown. Rosenblatt's essays for *Time* magcontinued on facing page



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azine have won two George Polk Awards, among other honors, as his TV essays for *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* on PBS (Peabody and Emmy). He is the author of 11 books and five Off-Broadway plays. His novel *Lapham Rising* is available for purchase at the Smithtown Library and Rosenblatt will be available for a signing at the luncheon. Fee: \$40. Call 265-2072, ext. 208 for reservations and information.

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Operas will be shown on the second Wednesday of every other month. Call for dates and info and to register.

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Come to the Nesconset branch of the Library at 6:30 p.m. for the screening a new movie each month. Call for dates and times.

AFTERNOON MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Thursday, April 26, 1:30 p.m. **Akeelah and the Bee**SMITHTOWN

Saturday, April 28, 2-3:45 p.m. **Happy Feet (Family Film)** NESCONSET

The Smithtown and Nesconset branches of the Library will screen a popular movie each month. Call the library for additional dates, times and titles. Register for this program.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Register in person or by phone for all Children's Programs:

Smithtown

265-2072, ext. 248.

Nesconset

265-3994

Call the library for dates and times and age restrictions for ALL programs.

Visit the Library website at www.smithlib.org for a complete program listing and additional details or go to the library and pick up a program flyer.

For School Age Children

A variety of literature-based programs which include a wide range of activities are offered throughout the school year. Each children's department provides specialized programs, unique to each branch. Contact your local children's librarian for details or visit the library website at www.smithlib.org.

Mommy and Me

SMITHTOWN (2 years)
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NESCONSET (18-35 months)
Call for times & dates
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NESCONSET (birth-2 years)
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NESCONSET (3-7 years)
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June 27, 7-7:30 p.m.
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Picture Book Story Time

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NESCONSET (Grade K-4)
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Nesconset (3-5 years) Saturday, April 21, 3:30-4:15 p.m. Enjoy some Thomas play activities and decorate your own wooden Thomas train to take home.

Stories and Snacks

SMITHTOWN (Grades 1-3) Thursdays, April 26, May 17, 4-4:45 p.m. Listen to stories and have a snack.

After School Special NESCONSET (Grades K-2)

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Friday, April 27, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Stories, songs and a simple craft. Happy Birthday, Cam Jansen

SMITHTOWN (Grades 1-4) Thursday, May 3, 4-4:45 p.m. Celebrate Cam Jansen's birthday with activities and a craft.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

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Call for specific dates. Please register for this program by calling 265-2072, ext. 208.

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Our Home - Our Environment... How to Make It Healthy



by Natalie Weinstein, Allied, ASID

Randy Rolfe, wellness expert, author, speaker, and television personality lives what

she teaches. Her mission, to create healthy happy families, is mine as well, coming from a different vantage point. We both meet in the same place – the home environment – which can empower us or literally kill us. The world and our homes need fixing and sometimes we think it's beyond our control. Armed with information however, we can change our personal and global environment. I've asked Randy to get us started.

Natalie: In your opinion, what is the worst environmental problem?

Randy: By far, it is water pollution, in our homes and on our planet. We use so many chemicals in our life and there are so many pollutants in our water, including medical waste and agricultural run offs that we are not only slowly killing ourselves, but the fish, birds, and entire biosphere, as well.

Natalie: How does this affect us at home?

Randy: We not only drink the water, we wash our clothes and shower in it, leaving our bodies absorbing chlorine, causing toxins and free radicals which attack us.

Natalie: How can we remedy the problem?

Randy: We must use products with fewer or no chemicals to wash our clothes, our dishes, ourselves, as well as install the

right kind of filtration system to purify the water we use at home. Our plants need it, our kids need it and so do we. A wonderful by-product is that families will make water their preferred drink!

Natalie: What is the next biggest issue?

Randy: The air in our home is filled with pollutants because our homes don't "breathe." Products like antibacterial agents, chlorine cleaners and furniture polish remain in the air we breathe. Chemicals in draperies and formaldehyde in wood cabinetry are just some of the toxins we're keeping in. The positive ions in our house make it harder to fill our lungs with oxygen which can affect our brain power as well as our breathing.

Natalie: Is there a solution?
Randy: HEPA filters, used in surgical and computer arenas, have advanced technology that can absorb and remove particles from the air. The best air filters also produce beneficial negative ions. The worst air filters produce ozone as a by-product, which is toxic and harmful to us and the environment.

Natalie: What cleaning products are effective and good for us, as well?

Randy: In this case, new is not better. Using vinegar, natural

glycerine soap, lemon juice based cleaners, borax and baking soda, and other pure products like grandma did is really the best. Read labels and if it's biodegradable and non toxic, that's a good choice.

Natalie: What about the products professional cleaning establishments use to do our drycleaning?

Randy: We are getting more and more "green" cleaners.
Patronize them.

Natalie: What is a "green" house?

Randy: It is a place that has little or no chemicals, good energy flow and movement, using products that are recyclable and biodegradable and promotes good health and positive well being for all who live there.

For more information email Randy at <u>RandyRolfe@comcast.</u> net or call 610-429-5869.

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REALTY WISE: Choosing the Right Realtor

by Rita Clous

Technology has changed the way consumers do business. The real estate industry is no exception. In fact, 77% of homebuyers use the internet during their property search. (2005 National Association of Realtors® Profile of Homebuyers and Sellers) However, most agree that when it comes to buying or selling a home, a transaction of this magnitude requires the guidance of a professional. In the same study, 90% of buyers and 87%t of sellers use a real estate professional during the process.

Whether you're buying or selling a home, you'll want to interview two or maybe even three real estate professionals. To locate a pool of potential candidates:

- Ask family, friends, and business associates if they would use the same salesperson again.
- Attend open houses. If the sales professional or broker impresses you, ask for a business card.
- Drive through neighborhoods you want to purchase in and look for yard signs to see what company handles most of the sales.
- Search local newspapers and real estate publications, even on the web.

Now you're ready for the interview. Whether you're buying or selling, the sales professional should explain the entire process up front. Sellers can use

the "listing presentation" to compare sales professionals on their preparation and professionalism. Ask questions that will display the sales professional's experience, knowledge and motivation to help you. Questions such as:

- Do you work full time or part time?
- How long have you been selling homes in this area?
- Are you familiar with the areas I'm considering?
- What type of homes do you usually handle?
- What percentage of your business comes from referrals and repeat clients?

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- How many sales have you closed?
- How many homes did you sell last year?
- What percentage of your listings sold during the listing period?
- Did they sell close to the asking price?
- On average, how many days does a home stay on the market?
- Will you guide me as I prepare the house to be shown?
- Will I receive a copy of the marketing plan?
- How will you advertise our home? In what publications and when will ads run?

- Will you employ an internet marketing program?
- Will you hold open houses? How will you advertise an open house?
- What other ways will you use to get the word out?
- How often can I expect to be updated, even if there's nothing to report?

A word to sellers: don't base your selection solely on selling price or commission. It's probably best to avoid working with someone who promises you the moon – in this case, an unrealistically high price – then has to make price reductions until the property sells. Instead, focus on marketing plans, service and past results. Also, don't be persuaded by low commissions. A

seller could actually net more than with a winning marketing plan combined with proper pricing resulting in a faster sale and at a better price.

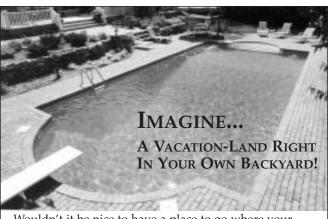
Aim to select someone who is knowledgeable and with whom you feel comfortable. It almost always ensures a productive and mutually rewarding relationship.

Whether you are buying or selling real estate in this changing market, the confidence you have in your Realtor will be important today and in the weeks and months to come.



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What to Do After a Flood

by Jim Winter

People have said it couldn't happen to them. People have said it wouldn't happen in their area. But it can and it does. And when a flood occurs in the community, anyone can suffer the devastation of a loss — lost property, lost irreplaceable items and, unfortunately, sometimes lost lives.

Flood survival tips:

Remember that your dwelling, furnishings and possessions can be covered by flood insurance, but your life can never be replaced. Take into consideration these safety tips if your community is subject to flooding:

- Never enter buildings surrounded by flood waters.
- Stay away from downed power and electrical wires.
- Watch out for snakes and small animals that may seek shelter in your home.
- Clean your home. Throw out any foods that may have come in contact with flood waters, even canned goods.
- Have damaged septic tanks, cesspools, pits and leaching systems serviced as soon as possible.
- Until local authorities proclaim your water is safe, boil water for drinking and food preparation.
- Take necessary measures to protect and dry out your home. You might cut out wet drywall, pull up wet carpeting, remove wet carpet padding and pull off wet baseboards.
- Document your time and record any expenses you incur protecting your property after a loss. Also document discarded items by saving receipts, taking photos and by compiling a room-by-room inventory of missing or damaged goods.

Protect your home:

Many times, protecting your valuables and other possessions against flood may be overlooked because most homeowners policies do not cover loss caused by floods.

Flood insurance can be purchased from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which is administered by the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA), a

branch of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). You should talk to your insurance agent to see if he or she can sell and service flood insurance through the NFIP in your community.

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COLLECTOR'S CORNER: Our Voices

by Carol Gibbons

My paternal grandfather was a welder by trade who emigrated from Germany in the 1920's. Living with him and grandma until I was six and then retaining a very close relationship with them both, there were a few things I was too close to realize about them. First off I never knew grandpa had an accent! I'll never forget the day my girlfriend Nora said "I like your grandpa." And I asked her which one, she said the one with the accent. I was stumped, what on earth was she talking about. "What do you mean?" I replied. She said "Well, he says wacuum instead of vacuum, and viporrrrwill (with a rolling r) instead of whippoorwill." Holy cow, I never knew that about him, but she was right,

he did have an accent, he did speak a little different. I had to digest this. Cool people had accents, like Sean Connery the handsome James Bond, he had an accent. Although it didn't sound like grandpa's it was still an accent. Upon reflection I thought that this was great. I even considered bringing him in for show and tell. He had an accent and grey hair just like Sean Connery, maybe someone would discover him and my grandpa could be the next James Bond.

Later that week I asked him if he knew that he had an accent. "Vhat do you mean?" he said. There it was clear as a bell. I heard it as if for the very first time. My grandpa said vhat instead of what. I just wanted him to talk and talk so that I could

catch his words and roll them over in my mouth. After a while he grew quiet and as excited as I was about this new discovery he was uneasy, even upset, then he declared that he did not have an accent. Well, this sent me into hysteria. He may as well have said the moon was made of cheese. It was untrue and ridiculous. Of course he had an accent everyone could hear it! "Put Grandma on the phone" I requested. After explaining the situation to her she told me that since the day grandpa came to America all he wanted was to be an American, and that included speaking like one. He never spoke one word of his native tongue since his arrival. He worked very hard at learning the continued on facing page

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English language and fitting in. Knock me over with a feather! My cool James Bondish grandfather was concerned about fitting in! What a discovery for a ten year old girl. Speechless. That's how it left me. For a long time I let that digest. That moment of reckoning when ones hero becomes human.

The next year in school I signed up to take a foreign language. Of course I took German. I wanted to have something in common with my hero other than just genetics. At first Grandpa was

reluctant to speak, and at times he even had to admit that it has been too long and he forgot the translated word. We laughed and bonded our way over the bridge that closed the gap of nations and time. He spoke of his childhood and of his homeland. Not only did I learn about him, I learned about myself.

Today when I travel sometimes people say to me, hey you have an accent, I bet you come from New York. I hold my head up proudly and say I sure do. My accent, like my grandfather's let

others know a little bit of the story of my life. It carries with it the sound of the past and sometimes it helps shape my future. I love to listen to the melody in the voices of others, it makes my mind wander and wonder what kind of story do they have?

Editor's Note:

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Flood Insurance continued from page 63

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NATURALLY SPEAKING:

It's Time to Plant – Get Out There and Have Fun

by June A. Liardi

Will April showers bring you some May flowers?

On the last day of April it is the custom in some rural communities for children to make tiny baskets out of brightly colored paper which they lovingly fill with wild flowers and soft moss. Then, on May 1st they get up early and hang the baskets on the front doorknobs of people they love. This is done with great secrecy, whispering, and tiptoeing. Bring someone you love a basket of flowers on May 1st.

May is the month you can plant it all. Just wait until the middle to end of the month to plant the heat-loving vegetables such as tomatoes and peppers and flowers such as impatiens.

Plant basil, beans, pumpkins and sunflowers seeds. Put in some gladiolus corms too. While the soil is still cool, plant some more lettuce.

Make sure to stake your peonies before they bloom so they don't flop over.

As the weather heats up, you can apply a couple inches of mulch to perennials and annuals.

Bring your house plants outside this month for their summer vacation. Don't put them in the direct sunlight through, they'll get a burn.

Make a vow this year (I have) to take a little time every other day or so to deadhead your flowers. Most plants benefit from this, it really helps to keep them blooming. You can start by



pinching back your chrysanthemums this month. You will get a bushier plant with more flowers.

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It's Time to Plant - Get Out There and Have Fun

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If you find you have too many 'volunteer' plants (those that just seem to pop up here and there) or have perennials that need dividing, have a plant swap party. Have friends mark each one with the name and any pertinent information. Let each person take home at least the amount of plants they brought. Have a children's section and let each child take home a plant for their own garden. Or provide pots, soil and some seeds, and have a planting table to keep the kids busy while mom shops. Beans, sunflowers and nasturtium seeds are large and easy for the little ones to handle.

For Mother's Day plant mom an entire garden in a container. Use a wooden half-barrel or any large 24-inch diameter container. Planters will probably have to be watered daily or even twice a day. Check for dryness by poking your finger about 2-inches into the soil. Your container will need to be fertilized every two to three weeks unless you already added a time-release plant food.

Scented Garden – Lavender, asiatic lilies, nicotiana and petunias are just a few of the scented flowers available. Sniff around the nursery to find your favorite annual and/or perennial. A one color garden would also be good.

Rainbow Planter — A red patio-type tomato, a purple eggplant, some yellow or orange sweet peppers and green and purple basil plants, make for a colorful group.

Herb Planter - Chervil,

chives, oregano, parsley and tarragon. Plant the chives and tarragon together towards the back. They are the perennials that you can leave while the others you will pull out at the end of the season.

Salad Bowl – Plant a patio tomato and sweet pepper in the center, put cucumber plants near the edges and fill in with radishes and different lettuce types. There are endless possibilities, be creative, have fun with it.

"The flowers are nature's jewels, with whose wealth she decks her summer beauty."

—George Croly,
British Author, (1780-1860)

Editor's Note: June Liardi, a St. James resident for over 30 years, is a wife and mother of three sons. June will be writing articles on gardening, nature related craft projects and family activities.

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MONEY MATTERS: How Will Oil Prices Affect Your Investment Plans

by Scott Posner, CFP, A.A.M.S.

Even before Hurricane Katrina caused its almost incomprehensible damage to the Gulf Coast, most of us shuddered when we had to fill our cars' gas tanks. With prices at \$3 a gallon in some parts of the country, and crude oil hitting \$70 per barrel, we were already in uncharted territory. Then, Katrina temporarily knocked out about 12% of U.S. refining capacity, along with a significant part of the



Gulf's natural gas and oil production. So, as a driver, you probably shouldn't expect too much relief at the pump any time soon. But how about as an investor? Do you need to adjust your investment strategy in response to high oil prices?

It's a difficult question. If oil prices and energy costs continue to remain high, it's probably not good news for some areas of the financial markets. Although businesses are looking for ways to offset higher energy costs, they will eventually be forced to pass on these expenses to consumers or accept lower profit margins — and either development could hurt stock prices.

On the other hand, some stocks or industries may actually benefit from high oil prices. You might hear that now is a good time to invest in energy companies. And it may be true that, in the coming months, some of these stocks will do well. But you need to be cautious about basing any investment decisions on short-term trends.

So, what can you do to avoid being buffeted by forces and events that you can't control? Consider these suggestions:

• **Diversify** - The more diversified you are, the less susceptible your portfolio will be to rising oil prices, higher interest rates, political turmoil or other factors. Spread your dollars among high-quality stocks, investment-grade bonds, Treasury bills and other securities.

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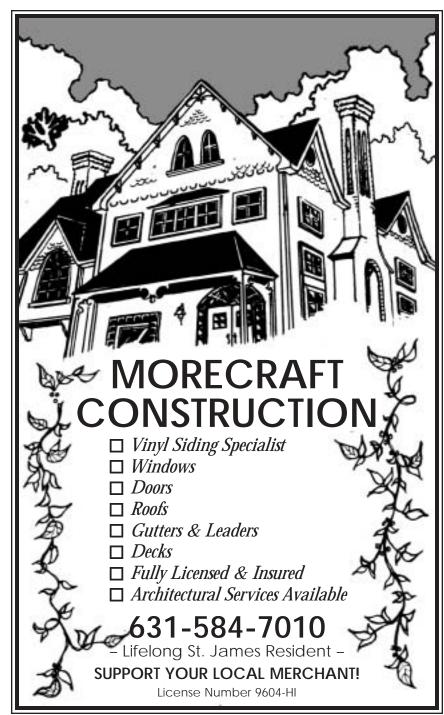
- Know your risk tolerance If your investments are keeping you up at night, then you are taking on too much risk. On the other hand, if "ultra-conservative" vehicles, such as certificates of deposit, dominate your holdings, you may be limiting your needed growth potential. You may want to work with an investment professional to create a diversified portfolio that accurately reflects both your risk tolerance and your long-term goals.
- Look at the "fundamentals" -You'll find it much easier to avoid being influenced by short-term events if you become familiar with the fundamentals of an investment. For example, if you're considering a stock, you can take into account how it might be affected by rising energy prices, but don't stop there. Is it a stable company? Does it seem to be priced fairly? Do its products or services have good long-term potential? Does it have a solid management team? And, perhaps most importantly, does it meet your specific investment needs? By digging deep into your reasons for investing in any security, you'll position yourself to make smart decisions.

Focus on the future

Today, high energy prices, and their possible impact on the economy and the financial markets, are making big news. Next year — who knows? The fact is that there will always be "reasons" to shake up your investment strategies. But the smartest investors are the ones who find the course that's right for them — and stick with it.

Editor's Note:

Money Matters is a monthly feature written by Scott Posner, CFP, A.A.M.S., an investment representative with Edward Jones Investments. This 130-year-old firm has over 7,000 offices around the world with one here in town at 542 North Country Road in the Old St. James School House. Mr. Posner has serviced both personal and institutional investors for over 16 years. For more information, a schedule of free investment classes or to request topics for future columns, call 862-2020.



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MORTGAGE MATTERS:

What Happens After Mortgage Application

by Ann Mondrone

For many home loan applicants the period between mort-gage loan application and final approval is one of great anxiety. "Will I be approved?" "How long will it take?" "How will the lender's decision affect my purchase transaction?" Here is a peek at what goes on behind the scenes.

Within the first several days following application, the file goes through an *opening stage*. This is when the lender orders third party services that are needed in connection with the making of the loan such as credit reports, property appraisal, title insurance, etc. Also, very importantly, disclosures are prepared and sent to the applicant which include a Good Faith Estimate of Settlement

Charges, a Federal Truth-in-Lending Disclosure (this contains information about interest rate and finance charges) and the new Credit Score Disclosure. Disclosure forms are required by law to be provided to the applicant within three business days of application.

The file will then go through a preliminary *underwriting review*. Income, asset and credit documentation is either manually or electronically analyzed. Sometimes a preliminary approval is provided to the applicant subject to review of the Property Appraisal Report.

Once the Appraisal Report is received, it is reviewed by the lender. If it is acceptable – value, general condition, etc., the approval becomes final. It may,

however, still contain other conditions that the lender requires to be satisfied before they will *clear to close*. These types of conditions are sometimes things like more recent or complete income or asset data, explanations regarding credit, or recent increases in assets.

When an application is not approvable, whether due to income, assets, credit or property, the lender must provide a Statement of Credit Denial stating the reason for the decline. Sometimes, the applicant will be made a counteroffer for a lesser loan amount or a different loan program. An applicant can reduce the possibility of this occurring by providing complete and accurate information at applicant on page 99



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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

Fixed Annuities Can Provide Guarantees in a World of Uncertainty

by Lawrence Glazer, CLU

Perhaps the most disturbing question facing retirees is: "How can I preserve my financial security if something happens to my retirement funds?"

That question has become reality over the past few years, as millions of people watched their retirement savings decline in value. Younger workers will probably have an opportunity to recoup lost assets and wait out cyclical downturns. But for retirees and older workers facing retirement, this is generally not an option.

Adequate retirement nest eggs usually take decades to build. Someone close to retirement, or currently enjoying it, can't just start over. And, depending on one's age and health, it may be unrealistic to return to the workforce

However, there is a step you can take to ensure that your money won't run out. You may want to consider allocating a portion of your retirement funds to fixed annuities - financial vehicles that replace unpredictability with a guarantee1.

Longer Lives and More Financial Concerns

The appeal of fixed annuities is obvious. We live in a world of uncertainty, and annuities can provide guaranteed growth and a constant income stream. Here are two points to ponder:

- 1. Nest eggs can crack. Securities markets are not as predictable as we would like them to be. When the market is hot, many people scoff at the single-digit returns of fixed assets. However, equity-based products offer the potential for significant gains, but they also come with the risk of eroding your principal.
- 2. You could live a lot longer than you expected, and possibly outlive your retirement income.

Today's average life expectancy is now 74.4 years for men and 79.8 for women² and increasing. If a person retires at 62, they could easily live another 15 or 20 years. This may put a strain on pension plans, Social Security and private investments. A retirement fund designed to last 10 years can get stretched thin if it has to provide income for another 20.

Accumulation and Payout **Options**

Fixed annuities can help you manage such retirement risks. They offer a number of advantages that directly address these concerns. For example:

Fixed deferred annuities offer

attractive interest rates and taxdeferred growth. While your money accumulates, there are no income taxes due. You'll pay income taxes on the interest you earn only when you withdraw your money or receive income payments. (Withdrawals prior to age 59¹/₂ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) In addition, income from fixed deferred annuities generally does not affect Social Security benefits, and will provide a guaranteed fixed return with no risk to your principal.

Certain fixed rate immediate income annuities offer a guaranteed, lifelong income. You will continue to be paid for as long as you live – to 95, 105 or longer. In addition, if you need to provide for your spouse, you can opt for a survivor annuity, which continues to pay benefits even after one annuitant dies. And if you're concerned about whether you'll live long enough to make an annuity worth it, you can select a life with period certain annuity. With this option, you'll receive benefits for life OR for a selected period (10 years, 20 years, etc.), whichever is longer.

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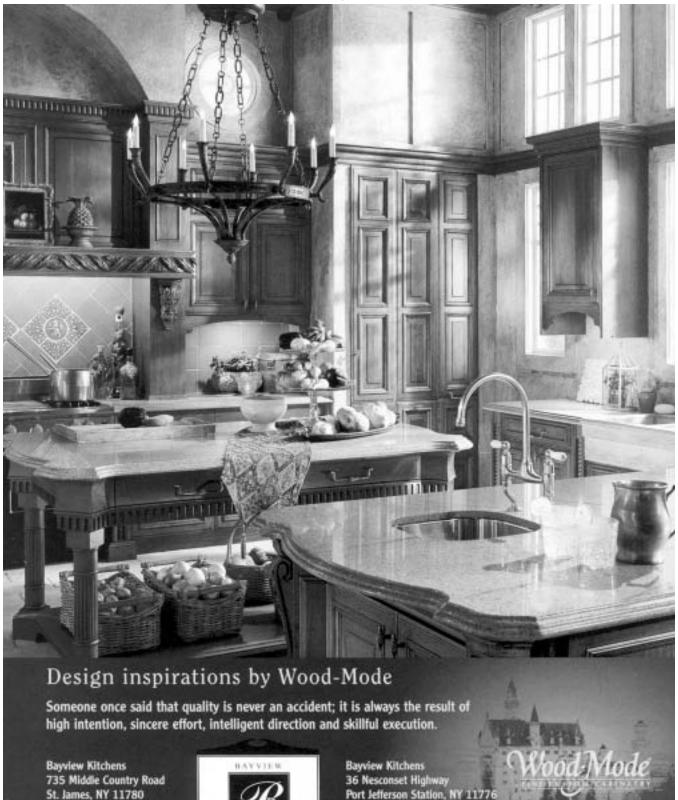
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College Bound Students: Egad! I Got Wait Listed!

by Linda De Motta, MA

By this time, high school seniors who applied for college will have received decision letters from the colleges. Hopefully, they will have gained entrance for the fall 2007 semester to the schools that were their first choices. However, with such a large application pool this year, it may not be uncommon to hear that many students have been put on wait lists; some may have also been deferred to the spring semester. And many students this year may even find themselves faced with no school to attend in the fall unless they are invited from the wait lists or they are moved up to fall acceptance from the deferred lists - something they likely will not know about until August.

What are the options then? While these circumstances are

disappointing, students should not panic. Students who were put on wait lists should contact the admissions office of their first choice schools as soon as possible to indicate their interest in attending that school as soon as there is an opening. Try to speak directly with a person from the admissions office. Ask if the wait list is ranked and ask where you are on the wait list. Your guidance counselor or college consultant may also be able to make a telephone call to people with whom they speak regularly from admissions Meanwhile, as mentioned in the February article, there are still other schools that use rolling admissions and will accept applications even now. You can look on the College Board website for a listing of such schools. Your guidance counselor or college

consultant can help gather the necessary paperwork to expedite these applications.

Lastly, students can consider alternatives to starting a four-year school in September. Long Island has two fine community colleges Suffolk County Community College and Nassau County Community College. Students can attend one of those two-year schools for a semester, a year or even two years and then look to transfer to a four year school. Students also may want to consider taking classes as part-time students at one of the many good colleges on Long Island and then work to save more money for college for a semester or a year. Be sure to take courses that will transfer to most schools easily, such as introductory English, Sociology or Psychology. One continued on page 99

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Marist College, located in Poughkeepsie, NY, is pleased to announce that four local students were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2006 semester.

Danielle Amatuccio of St James is a member of the class of 2008 and is majoring in Psychology.

Kristina N. Cioni of St James is a member of the class of 2007 and is majoring in Communications and Public Relations.

Lisa A. lannuccilli of St.James is a member of the class of 2009 and is majoring in Fashion Design.

Lisa M. Stabile of St James is a member of the class of 2007 and



Named to Dean's List at Washington U.

Cara Dolan of St. James was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Dolan is a graduate of Smithtown High School and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

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Nesaquake Middle School's PTA Pasta Night a Huge Success

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All pasta dishes, desserts, breads, and beverages were donated from local restaurants and food establishments. The pasta dishes included everything from Penne ala Vodka to Pumpkin Ravioli in Frangelico Cream Sauce. There were thousands of dollars in raffle prizes from local businesses and merchants in St. James and the surrounding areas of Smithtown and Stony Brook.

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Knox School Students' Photography Featured in Exhibition

The recent work of Knox students was featured in a photography exhibition in the Houghton Solarium Art Gallery at The Knox School in St. James. The exhibit originally opened in the Foto Foto Gallery in Huntington, NY on February 2, 2007 and moved to The Knox School on March 26.

The show featured recent work from 19 students from an array of different assignments over the winter semester. The students were responsible for cutting their own mats, framing and finishing

their final prints. "I love exhibiting because there is always a lot of positive energy," said junior Mike Mezzattone.

Senior Joel Hirsch stated that "Our show is done in a professional manner and it is exciting to see our own work in such an official setting."

Knox recently renovated the photography lab where the students prepared for their exhibit in a dark room with eight new stations.

The Knox School, founded in 1904, is a coeducational, college-preparatory, independent school for boarding and day students in grades 6 though 12. The school's campus on Stony Brook Harbor in St. James, NY consists of historic buildings and a unique circular barn used for Knox's well-known equestrian program.

For more information on the school or the exhibit, visit the school's website at www.knox school.org or call 686-1600 ext. 413.



Pictured (L-R): John Boyd, Faculty Member Patty Colombraro, Brian Lee, Joel Hirsch, Mike Mezzattone, Frank Sohn, Rieko Tominaga, and Ted Park.



Junior Robbie Haley is pictured here with his two works "Fog" and "Untitled."



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For the safety and concern of all participants as well as staff members, Adult Continuing Education reserves the right to alter time schedules, make itinerary changes, and/or adjust offerings due to unforeseen circumstances.

To register for the following trips fill out the form from Adult Education you received by mail from the Smithtown School District or go to www.smithtown.k12.ny.us, click on ADULT EDUCATION or call 382-2090 for additional information.



SPRING SCHEDULE:

A Day In New York City

Wednesday, April 25

Cost: \$30

Bus Departs: 10 a.m. Returns Approx: 7 p.m.

Do whatever strikes your fancy – shop, take a tour on the Gray Line, visit a museum, enjoy the sights and sounds of the city as spring hits the air. Three drop-off spots: Broadway and 34th, 47th and 57th Streets. One pick-up spot (approx: 5:15 p.m.) will be designated by bus operator.

Central Park Walking Tour

Tuesday, May 22

Cost: \$40

Bus Departs: 9 a.m. Returns Approx: 6 p.m.

Enjoy Central Park for a walking tour guided by the Park Nature Conservancy. You will have time on your own for lunch and a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Pick-up will be at the Museum. Cost includes transportation and park guides. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Rain or shine.

College Degree Info Session for Busy Adults

SUNY Empire State College will hold a public information session at the Hauppauge Unit of Empire State College, located in the New York State Office Building, Room 1A11, 250 Veterans Memorial Highway on Wednesday, April 25 at 6 p.m.

Faculty members from Empire State College will be on hand to answer questions about how you, as a busy adult, can earn an associate or bachelor's degree through a unique program of guided independent study. The sessions are open to the public without charge. Please call (631) 360-1215 for more information and to pre-register.

In addition, if you are a work-

ing adult interested in a master's program, but are unable to attend weekly classes, you can obtain information on the college's new M.B.A. program or its master's programs in business and labor, social policy or the new master of arts in liberal studies by calling 800-847-3000 or visit their web site: www.esc.edu/grad.

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Entry fee is \$15 day of race. Awards in 15 age categories, as well as specialty awards. Send

Families Walk For Hope 2007

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007

John T. Mather Memorial Hospital presents *FAMILIES WALK FOR HOPE 2007* benefitting the Fortunato Breast Health Center at Mather Hospital. Come on Saturday, May 5 to Mather Hospital in scenic Port Jefferson for a 5-mile walk (or any distance you can do). Have fun, food and meet friendly people while walking to raise funds for the Fortunato Beast Health Center and Breast Cancer Treatment.

Participants collect donations from co-workers, friends and family members prior to the Walk. All monies are turned in at the Walk event, so there is no need for pledges and follow up. Walkers will receive prizes based on how much they collect. The walk is open to everyone and is an ideal way for family, friends, groups and businesses to help fight this disease.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Mather Hospital and the Walk starts at 9 a.m. To register online go to: www.matherhospital.org/walk. For additional information or to make a donation contact Mather Hospital Public Affairs Dept., 75 North Country Rd., Port Jefferson, NY 11777, 476-2723

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S P O R T S

Take a Walk in the Park for Autism

The Developmental Disabilities Institute (DDI) in Smithtown, Long Island's leading service provider for children and adults with Autism, will host their annual "WALK IN THE PARK" on Sunday, April 22, to promote community support for individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities.

The scenic 5K Walk through Suffolk County's beautiful Holts-ville Ecology Park will feature activities for the entire family along the way, followed by a festival in the park complete with food, music, games, prizes, a petting zoo and more.

Registration for the walk begins at 9 a.m. and the 5K Walk will start at 10:30 a.m. rain or shine. The family activities will continue throughout the day until 4:30 p.m.

Join the hundreds of families from across Nassau and Suffolk, New York sports teams, radio stations, local businesses and other DDI supporters as the community celebrates Autism Awareness month.

For more information and to register please call 366-2978 or visit their website at www.ddiinfo.org

This art work was created by student-artist Fahiym Williams, a Long Island 8th grader with Autism.



FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for people with fibromyalgia, sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, will meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Siena Village Community Center, 2000 Bishops Road in Smithtown.

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HEALTH VIEWS:

By Gregory R. Thomaier, D.C., C.C.S.P.

This article is part of an ongoing series presented in order to bring you the very best and latest information about exercise, health and diet.

A Wellness Tip

Wellness is a quality or state of being healthy. It is an approach to healthcare that emphasizes preventing illness and prolonging life, as opposed to emphasizing treating diseases. Wellness is a lifestyle choice and part of this choice incorporates proper nutrition. Small everyday changes in watching what you consume can make a noticeable difference in your health. Fat consumption appears to be a topic of concern for most people. It is important to realize that not all fat is bad. Natural foods contain essential fats, necessary for life: while processed foods contain hydrogenated oils, which is a detriment to life.

On the road to wellness, start by decreasing your consumption of foods with trans fat/ hydrogenated oils (heated vegetable oils with hydrogen added). These oils can be found in most processed snacks, crackers, convenience, and fast foods. The purpose of these oils is to give food a longer shelf life but unfortunately the mechanism that allows these foods to sit on the shelf longer also make them sit in your body longer. Because of their

composition, these oils cannot be broken down by the body and can clog arteries and cause vessel inflammation

Continuing along the wellness road, it is important to include foods in your diet that contain essential fatty acids. They consist of Omega 3 and Omega 6 fatty acids. Omega 3 fatty acids can be found in green leafy vegetables, soybean, flax seed, walnut, and chestnut oils. Cold water fish such as salmon, tuna and mackerel contain omega 3 derivatives EPA and DHA. Omega 6 fatty acids are found in safflower, sunflower and corn oil. The body cannot manufacture these fats, they must be obtained from food, and they are essential as their name implies. They make up the outer membranes of each cell and resist entry of viruses and other pathogenic agents, while allowing entry of nutrients. They insulate the brain and allow for the communication of the neurotransmitters. A lack of essential fat has been associated with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues.

Read food labels carefully and avoid



any oils with the words "hydrogenated" or "partially hydrogenated" preceding it. These oils alter the function of the cell membrane and prevent the essential fatty acids from being absorbed and effectively utilized. Oils without these words in front of them are OK. It is the hydrogenation process that makes these oils dangerous. For a healthier life focus more on eating whole natural foods.

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HEALTH NOTES

Live Life to the Fullest

by Dr. Linda M. Bocchichio

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When you let any part of your health go and don't maintain it you can eventually end up with chronic pain, illness or disability. Even if, say you brush your teeth after every meal but never see your dentist for a checkup, you could slowly develop a cavity, then an abscess, and get a chronic toothache. Where your dentist specializes in your oral health,

we specialize in your spinal health. Regular spinal checkups, we believe, can prevent chronic painful conditions from developing, as well as improve or maintain overall health and immunity. Still, if you skip those checkups and do end up with chronic spinal pain, it is very likely we can help.

But we would rather prevent chronic conditions and guide you toward a totally healthy lifestyle with regular checkups so that you can truly live life to the fullest.

See your chiropractic today for your spinal check-up.

Editor's Note:

Dr. Linda Bocchichio is a chiropractor practicing at 105 Lake Avenue So. in Nesconset. She is the founder of the St. James Walking Club and is a former president of the St. James Chamber of Commerce. For further information, call 979-9854.

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BEAUTY TIPS

Hair and Beauty Equal Self-Esteem

by Lucia Navarrete

One of the main reasons that I wanted to write about hair, beauty and self-esteem was to share some positive thoughts and encourage everyone to remember to practice those thoughts every day of their lives.

When I was younger my mother gave me advice that I will keep with me forever and will pass on to my children one day. As a youngster, I was a tomboy. I played soccer, climbed trees, played with the guys, tried to catch butterflies, etc. I used to consider myself ugly because I always bore scars from my shenanigans. I wore my ugly glasses, and my trademark ponytail.

Even when we know that we are beautiful inside, we know it is not going to be enough. As my hormones kicked in, my mom came to my rescue and calmly explained to me "There are no ugly women and men in the world, there are women and men that don't love/care about themselves and don't do a thing for themselves."

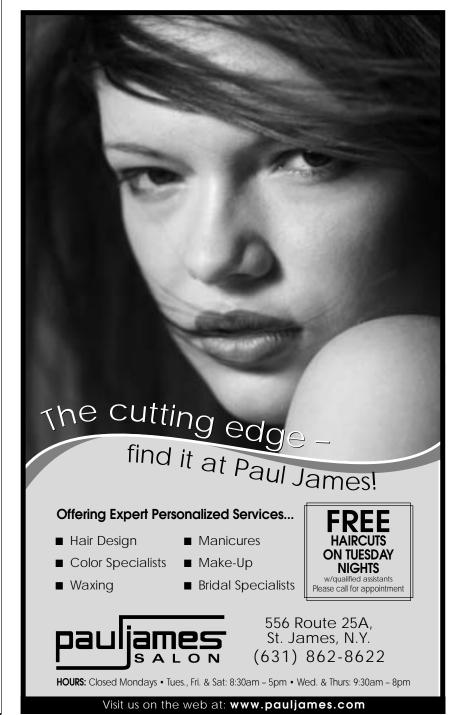
With the passing of the time I became a little more conscious about my beauty and started to care about it.

Working with hair and makeup has opened my eyes. It is important to take care and keep up with every part of the body. For many years, I have participated in client makeovers for different occasions: Mother's Day, weddings, 40th, 50th, 60th birthdays, new jobs, a new life. It is amazing how one can discover such hidden beauty with a few simple and practical tips.

For hair: "Do something!" Get a professional hair color and cut. Add some highlights if you want to do something different. Color clients should have their color done at least once a month. Haircuts too! If you do not have time, put your hair in a clean

ponytail. If you like the messy ponytail look as in fashion magazines, remember to do your make up. Clean ponytail = simple make-up. Messy-stylish-ponytail = fashion make-up. Remember, hair is the first impression.

For face: Wear creams with SPF 15- 20 or 30. Get help if you have acne, trust me, I had it. Use lip balm and gloss to give a fresh and healthy look to those pink/red lips. Shape your eyebrows, go to a professional – they continued on following page



BEAUTY TIPS

Hair and Beauty Equal Self-Esteem

continued from page 87 know what shape is good for your face. If it doesn't look natural it is a big NO. Please do your mustache! It is not acceptable for females at all.

For hands and feet: Would you like to shake a dirty, dry and calloused hand? No! So please treat your hands. They are your work tools, so get a manicure. Sandal season is coming, get a pedicure.

<u>Dress properly and modern:</u> Read fashion magazines and articles that educate you. There is good fashion for all types of bodies and budgets. Look for it.

Remember beautiful hair and clean beauty give you a lot selfesteem and confidence. If you have a great color and cut you are going to be happy and make everybody happy around you. Your family sees it and they will appreciate that you take care of yourself. You owe it to yourself to look good and feel good. Be the person that your kids look to when they want to find self-esteem and confidence within themselves.

Make sure you surround yourself with positive and optimistic people. There is a lot envy out there. True friends want the best for you and won't let you feel bad. True friends won't criticize your faults and mistakes. True friends find a smart way to make you realize the good and the bad without hurting you. My experience has shown me some beautiful clients that have let other people manipulate them and have become somebody they're not. It does not happen just with teens,

it also happens with adults. Please, don't let this happen to you and to the ones you love the most. Find the time to take care of yourself and you will see how little it takes to find happiness.

If you have any questions about hair that you would like me to discuss in our next article, please email to paul@paul-james.com. Don't miss my next article about hair and chlorine.

Editor's Note:

Please feel free to request a complimentary consultation with Lucia at any time. Lucia Gabriela Navarrete is a colorist and make-up artist at Paul James Salon. As a former colorist at Nubest Salon and Spa in Manhasset, she has worked with Artec, Clairol, Matrix and Kerastase. Lucia is now proficient in Wella and Logics haircolor. Lucia's hobbies include exercise, healthy diet, and environmentalism.



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CELEBRATIONS

New Arrival on St. Patrick's Day

New grandparents, Lynn and Cliff Keating of St. James and Debbie McGowan of Medford, are pleased to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Allyson Jody McGowan.

Allyson made her debut on Saturday, March 17, 2007 to welcome in St. Patrick's Day. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 19-1/2 inches long. The proud parents are Heather and Jack McGowan of Sound Beach.



Allyson Jody McGowan

To welcome Allyson are great grandmothers Gladys Morgan and Rose A. Keating, both of St. James, and Virginia Giordano; also great grandparents John and Theresa McGowan of Franklin Square, and great grandpa Robert Carr of South Centerville, NY.

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Jennifer is a graduate of Roger Williams University and is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Takeda Pharmaceuticals.

Kevin is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and is a software developer for Fidelity Integrative Solutions.

A wedding is planned for the upcoming year. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple and their families on this joyous occasion.



Jennifer Lynn Haeberle and Kevin Burke



Mayer / Bencivenga Engaged

Tom and Peggy Mayer, of St. James, are very happy to announce the engagement of their son, Thomas A. Mayer, to Marisa C. Bencivenga, daughter of Tom and Roberta Bencivenga of Commack. Thomas is a marketing administrator for the Bank of Smithtown and Marisa is a 7th and 8th grade English teacher at Lawrence-Woodmere Academy.

A summer 2008 wedding is being planned.

Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple and their families from your friends and neighbors in St. James.



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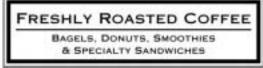
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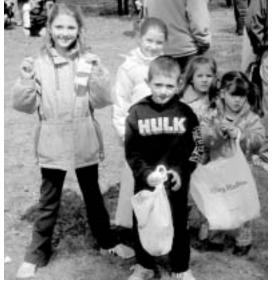
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The St. James Chamber of Commerce's eleventh annual Spring Egg Hunt was EGG-citing with lots of children hopping down to Deepwells Farm County Park (Moriches Road and Rte. 25A) in St. James on Saturday, April 7, 2007. The weather couldn't have been better as over 700 children went to the field to gather the 4,000 eggs that were spread around.

Megan Shutka, while working towards her Girl Scout Gold Award, initiated the idea of the Spring Egg Hunt for children 1 to 10 years of age. In the past she has come back from college to

officiate over the event each year. Unfortunately this year she was unable to attend. Megan is now serving our country as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

Special thanks go out to Linda Pietrowski (North Fork Bank), chairman of the event; board member Scott Posner (Edward Jones Investments) for M.C.ing the event and getting everyone in shape to hunt for eggs; board member William Garthe (Reliance Mortgage & Real Estate) for getting the word out; chamber president Dr. Marc Taczanowski (True Chiropractic), and Scott Posner (Edward Jones)

for putting up the snow fence; and to bunny helpers: Ruth Garthe (Our Town), Diane Hatton (Vickers Gallery & Framing), Regina Eldridge and Agnes Maginniss (ReMax Beyond) Alice Jacobs (Eddie's Power Equipment); and Megan's mom, Meg Shutka for posing as the Easter Bunny.

The eggs were stuffed with goodies and some special eggs held grand prizes, such as U.S. Savings Bonds, stuffed bunnies, stock certificates, gift certificates, prizes, gift baskets, etc. – all donated by our local businesses.

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St. James Episcopal Church

To the St. James Community,

Many thoughts come crowding our brains following the honor given us and the success of the 2007 St. James Chamber of Commerce St. Patrick's Day Parade: miraculously-disappearing snow and ice, compliments of the dedicated Smithtown Highway Department, smiling faces, happy music, shouts of joy, shiny Fire Department trucks with their fire fighters at the ready, antique cars, Scouts, our neighbors and friends lining the streets; green, green, more green and then, sparkling sunshine... for what more could any Parade Grand Marshalls wish?

To paraphrase the appropriate and seasonal Prayer of St. Patrick:

"...Blessings with us; blessings before us; blessings behind us; blessings within us; beneath us; above us; at our left and at our right..."

It has always been our blessing to live and work in this special area of Long Island... Saturday, March 17, 2007, gave us the opportunity to appreciate *all over again* just how much of a blessing it truly is! The St. James Chamber of Commerce is



always looking for ways to improve our hamlet... their parade is just one of the ways the Chamber enriches our lives... for this, we are grateful!

We thank them, again, for this honor. Here's hoping, too, that everyone enjoyed themselves as much as the Grand Marshalls.

With our love, prayers and gratitude, Ken and Betty Maher

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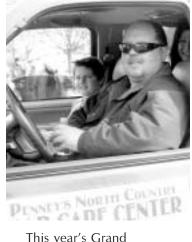
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St. James Puts On the Green at Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

A dedicated crowd and piles of snow, from the day before, lined Lake Avenue for the St. James Chamber of Commerce's 23rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. But spirits were high for the marchers on Saturday, March 17, 2007 as the onlookers cheered as the parade passed by. Piper bands,

school bands, fire departments, veterans groups, scout troops, local merchants and more joined in this annual St. James experience.



This year's Grand
Marshalls, Ken and Betty
Maher of the St. James
Funeral Home, led the parade
followed by the Parade
Princesses – Kaitlyn Devlin,
Morgan Shevlin, Grace
Young, and Princes – Sean
Culley, Jack Araneo and
Connor Ricciardi, and hundreds of smiling marchers.

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Thank you to King O'Rourke and Competition BMW for the loan of the cars that transported the Grand Marshalls, princesses and princes. Thanks to the Smithtown Highway Department and the Suffolk County Police. And much thanks to Donna from Donna's Sewing Bee for making the beautiful grand marshall sashes.

This year the Chamber held its first annual St. Patrick's Day Festival at Deepwells Farm County Park. After the parade the mansion, which was decorated in every shade of green, was filled with parade goers and marchers. Demonstrations by students from the Mulvihill-Lynch School of Irish Dance and a belly dancer were a

big hit as was the judging of the Best Leprechaun costume contest by our own "leprechaun" Kitty Cronin. Corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread, cookies and an assortment of beverages were available for sale by Main Street Meats, Garguilo's Bakery and St. James Beverage... really delicious. Girl Scout troops were on hand, selling their cookies too. Thanks go out to the decorating committee of: Scott Posner of Edward Jones, Diane Hatton and Lisa Boccone of Vickers Gallery and Framing, Elaine Holst and Jillian of Allstate - Holst Agency, Ruth Garthe of Our Town, Bill Garthe of Reliance Real Estate and Mortgage, Drs. Hope and Marc Taczanowski of True Chiropractic, continued on facing page









Additional photos can be viewed at the Chamber's website at: www.StJamesChamber.org





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Regina and Alan Eldridge and Agnes and Ron Maginniss of ReMax Beyond, Denise Davis of Artpix Studio, Peter Kuhn of St. James Lumber, Charlie Janosick of Proforma Executive Business Systems, Laura Davis of the St. James Fire Department, Trish Freda of the Girl Scouts, and Kerry Maher of the St. James Funeral Home along with the girls from the Smithtown East H.S. Field Hockey team; and to loe Araneo of Dutch Girl Cleaners for delivering the tank for the balloons that adorned the house.





SPECIAL THANKS go out to Parade Chairperson, Kerry Maher of the St. James Funeral Home and the volunteers who worked so diligently to make this year's parade a success.

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Tru Salon

continued from page 12 \$1,999,999 million category; and 40 in the \$2 million-plus category. Each salon competed for a spot in the 200 against other businesses in the same revenue category.

Congratulations and continued success to Tru Salon on this prestigious honor. Tru Salon is located at 437-A North Country Road in St. James, 584-2210.

"Forever Stamp"

continued from page 30 James Post Office, depicts the Liberty Bell, which is perhaps the most prominent and recognizable symbol associated with American Independence. Over the years, the historic significance of the bell's message has transcended our national borders, and today the Liberty Bell is an international icon of freedom.

Other rate increases: Express Mail rates will start at \$14.15 and include \$100 of insurance. Priority Mail rates up to one pound and flat rate envelopes will be \$4.60.

Complete rates and additional mailing information is available at www.usps.com.

Mortgage Matters

continued from page 72 cation. Applicants should always be wary of a loan officer who offers "approval" verbally. The more information a loan officer asks for, the better they are doing their job of getting you approved quickly and without surprises. A denial or counteroffer can cause your purchase contract to be voided. Always consult with your attorney if this occurs.

When the file is *cleared* by the lender, a review of the title search is done by the attorney for the lender. The information that this contains is regarding liens, taxes, certificates of occupancy,

etc. If the title is also *cleared*, the closing can be scheduled. This will most often occur at the office of the lender's attorney.

A good loan officer will always keep you informed during the process. This will contribute to a smooth transaction and a timely closing.

Editor's Note:

Ann Mondrone is a senior loan officer with Preferred Empire Mortgage Company. If you have a question, comment, or suggestion for an article, you can call her at 547-5151, ext. 308 or email her at amondrone@pemc. com

Walk For Hope

continued from page 83 Island was one in nine... today it is one in eight, in parts of Suffolk County, one in seven. Progress has been made... but not enough. We are fighting an uphill battle. Yet we believe that we can win. Thank you for your support.

Fixed Annuities

continued from page 74 fees. In this respect, your affairs remain private, since annuities do not become part of the public record.

Is a fixed annuity right for you? For further information on how annuities and other financial products can help preserve your retirement income, please con-

tact your financial advisor.

Guarantee is dependent upon the financial strength and claims paying ability of the issuing company.

²www.msnbc.com/news/885239.asp. May 12, 2003.

Editor's Note:

Lawrence Glazer, CLU, a St. James resident, is a New York Life Insurance Company Agent and can provide additional information on insurance and other financial products that can be used to help you prepare for the future. Call him at 391-3490.

College Tips

continued from page 76 more idea: take the semester, if you can afford it, to travel. Perhaps there is a Study Abroad option available through one of the schools to which you applied. Or work and travel to gain new experiences and to learn more about yourself and the world in which we live.

Learning does not require acceptance to a college – look at your circumstances as an opportunity for a new plan that may reap benefits you did not foresee.

Editor's Note:

Linda De Motta and Heidi Contreras are the owners of Bridge College Consultants, LLC. They specialize in private college consulting and coaching students with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder. They can be contacted at Bridgecc05@optonline.net. or by calling 516-662-1612.



Magdalene Eschbach

Magdalene (Lanie) Eschbach, of Ridge, passed away on March 31, 2007. She was a former real estate broker for Leisure Communities. Beloved wife of Andrew. Cherished mother of Sharon and Mark. Loving Nana of Nicole and Mark. Beloved daughter of Elisabeth Fiedler. Loving sister of Anna Marie.

A Funeral Service was held on April 3, 2007 at the St. James Funeral Home. Interment followed at St. James Episcopal Cemetery in St. James.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Kenneth J. Maher, Kerry J. Maher and Kenneth J. Maher, Jr. of the St. James Funeral Home.

Nicoletta Iannacchino

Nicoletta Iannacchino, of Smithtown, passed away on April 2, 2007. Cherished wife of the late Thomas. Loving mother of Christine and Dr. John Giordano (owner of St. James Florist), and Louis and Veronica Iannacchino. Beloved grandmother of Suzanne (Brett), Maria (Michael), Frank (Mary), Ann (Joe), Debra (Larry), Thomas (Rebecca), Louis (Melissa); and great grandmother of 11.

A Funeral Service was held on April 4, 2007 at St. Patrick's Church. Interment followed at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Hauppauge.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Kenneth J. Maher, Kerry J. Maher and Kenneth J. Maher, Jr. of the St. James Funeral Home.

John M. Kennedy

John M. (Jack) Kennedy, long-time resident of St. James, passed away on March 26, 2007 at the age of 73. He was president of Nassau-Suffolk Building Trades Council, L.I. Cherished husband of Joan. Loving father of John, Jr. (Leslie), Julie (Tony) Corbisiero, JoAnne (Warren) Anderson, Jeffrey (Laura), James (Jenny) and the late Jennifer (Alan). Beloved Chicky Pop of 14. Devoted son of Cecilia. Loving brother of Bill.

A Funeral Mass was held on March 31, 2007 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James. Interment followed at Pinelawn Memorial Park, Pinelawn. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Covenant House, Times Square Station, PO Box 731, New York, NY 10108-0900 in memory of Jack.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Kenneth J. Maher, Kerry J. Maher, and Kenneth J. Maher, Jr. at the St. James Funeral Home.

Rosemarie Oliveri

Rosemarie Oliveri, of Melville, formerly of St. James, passed away on April 7, 2007 at the age of 75. Beloved wife of the late Mario. Devoted mother of Thomas, Dominic, Susan and Edward Bonacorsi. Beloved sister of Patricia, Frances, Albert and Constance. Cherished sister-in-law and aunt.

A Funeral Mass was held on April 11, 2007 at St. Patrick's R.C. Church in Smithtown. Interment followed at Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton.

Arrangements were entrusted to The Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown.

Hazel Parker

Hazel Parker, formerly of Deer Park, passed away on March 28, 2007 at the age of 87. Beloved wife of the late George. Cherished mother of Jane and Ken O'Donnell. Loving grandma of Kerrie (Bryan) Miller and Kristine. Beloved great grandma of Meghan and Sean Miller.

A Funeral Mass was held on April 2, 2007 at St. James R.C. Church in Setauket. Interment followed at Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Kenneth J. Maher, Kerry J. Maher, and Kenneth J. Maher, Jr. at the St. James Funeral Home.

Ronald J. Quinn

Ronald J. Quinn, formerly of St. James, passed away suddenly on February 21, 2007. He was a retired Sergeant from the Suffolk County Police Department, 4th Precinct in Hauppauge. Cherished husband of Catherine. Loving father of Michael (Stacey) and Michele (Richard) Quinn-Powell. Beloved Pop of Sydney and Emma. Devoted brother of Arlene Shaw.

A service was held on February 26, 2007 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James.

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A.A. MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous holds more than 400 open meetings each week in Suffolk County. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. All are welcome.

A.A. meets every Monday and Wednesday, at the St. James Methodist Church, off Route 25A and Moriches Road, in St. James. On Mondays a Big Book meeting is held at 6:30 p.m. and a 12-Step meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. On Wednesdays a Beginners meeting and a Topic meeting is held at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held each
Thursday at 7 p.m. at Temple
Isaiah, 1401 Stony Brook Road,
Stony Brook.; each Friday at 9 p.m.
at the United Methodist Church,
792 Hawkins Avenue in Lake
Ronkonkoma; 3rd Wednesday of
each month at 7:30 p.m. Grace
Baptist Church, Hallock Rd., Lake
Grove, and each Tuesday and
Thursday at 10 a.m. at Islip Town
Beach Pavilion, Rosevale Ave. All
meetings are free.

If you have further questions or would like a list of other open meetings as well as closed meetings, call 669-1124, 24 hours, 7 days.

AMVET POST #55 MEETS IN ST. JAMES

AMVET Post #55 meets the second Tuesday of each month at the St. James VFW, which is located next to King Kullen on Lake Avenue. The meetings begin at 8 p.m. AMVET membership is open to all men and women who have served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard including those men and women who are currently serving our country. Each AMVET post conducts its own local programs and participates in AMVET-related state and national organization activities.

For additional information about the AMVET's Post #55 in St. James, contact Mike Guido at 862-7452 and attend the meetings each month.

AMERICAN LEGION HALL FOR RENT

Tables, chairs, kitchen, bar, heat/AC; Reasonable Rates. Sherwood Brothers Post 95, Lake Avenue, St. James. Call on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. 584-9633.

CRISIS HOTLINE

RESPONSE of Suffolk County, Inc. provides a suicide prevention/crisis intervention hotline, every day, 24-hours-a-day.

Call anytime if you are feeling sad or desperate, if you are concerned about someone who is, or if you just want to talk with someone who understands and cares. Talking helps.

Call: **751-7500 ANYTIME**

CRISIS ONLINE HOTLINE

Response of Suffolk County, a 24-hour crisis intervention hotline, now has a new ONLINE crisis counseling service, called Hear2Help. Hear2Help counselors can be reached online Monday through Friday afternoons from 3-9 p.m. Log on at responsehotline.org

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS

A 12 step program for anyone who is experiencing emotional problems. There are meetings on Sunday, 3:30-5 p.m. at Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson; Saturday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Smithtown; and on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Atria Assisted Living in South Setauket on Route 247. Call John at 584-5604 for additional information.

FLAG DROP OFF BOX AT AMERICAN LEGION HALL

Through the generosity of the St. James Postmaster and an old-time mailman, Tom Swenson, a reconditioned mail-drop box has been painted and placed to the side of the American Legion, Sherwood Bros. Hall at 95 Lake Avenue in St. James for your convenience to

place your old, faded and tattered flags. Once a year, a meaningful and dignified ceremony is held to dispose of the flags – they are burned and the ashes are buried with prayer.

FLAG DISPOSAL BOX AT THE VFW POST 395

A box has been donated by the St. James Post Office and refurbished for residents to deposit U.S. Flags which are no longer suitable for use. The flags will be properly disposed of with an appropriate ceremony. The box is located at the side of the VFW Post, at the south end of the King Kullen parking lot.

JEWISH STUDY GROUPS

"FREE" Study Group for community seniors is offered at Temple Beth Chai, 870 Townline Road, Hauppauge, on Monday mornings at 10-11:30 a.m. Call the temple office for further information at 724-5807.

Lunch & Learn at Temple Beth Chai, 870 Townline Road, Hauppauge, will meet on the second Shabbat morning of every month. No Hebrew or background knowledge required. Shabbat services begin at 9:30 a.m., with Lunch & Learn following. This program is "FREE" and open to the community. For directions call the temple office at 724-5807.

JEWISH WORSHIP SERVICES

Temple Beth Chai, 870 Townline Road, Hauppauge, a Conservative/ Egalitarian Synagogue welcomes the community for Sabbath services on Friday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Call the temple office at 724-5807 for directions.

SENIORS WHO CAN'T GET TO THE LIBRARY... A VAN-TASTIC SOLUTION

Through a cooperative effort between The Smithtown Library and the Town of Smithtown's Senior Citizens Department, transportation is provided for library visits on regularly scheduled dates or

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on demand when possible.

On days of planned visits, a van from the Smithtown Senior Citizens Center will take you to any Smithtown Library Building. If you need to go to the library when a visit is not planned, call the Senior Citizen Center's Transportation Department to inquire about scheduling an individual visit. To arrange to be picked up for a planned visit or to request an individual visit, call the Senior Citizen Center's Transportation Department at 265-8811. One week's notice must be given for a pick up. There is a \$1 charge each way for transportation (\$2 round trip).

MOMS Club

The MOMS Club of Smithtown holds its General Membership meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. We are a chapter of MOMS Club International and are a support group for the stay-athome mom and the mom who works part time. We have playgroups, park dates, field trips, and Mom's Night Out. Our chapter serves the Smithtown Township. New members and their children are ALWAYS welcome. For more information please contact Maureen at 631-862-1033. www.momsclub.org

OUTREACH SERVICES AVAILABLE

Temple Beth Sholom of Smithtown's Social Action Committee provides outreach services to Smithtown residents and surrounding communities on a case by case basis. Social Action volunteers are available for visits to local nursing homes, hospitals and other settings to provide friendly visiting, and our community food pantry serves the needy with periodic food basket deliveries. Monthly meetings often host guest speakers from various social service and charitable organizations, and interested speakers are welcome to contact us for scheduling. If you need the assistance of the Social Action Committee, wish to request friendly

visiting, or are a community speaker, please contact chairperson, Aviva Guttmann at 724-0424, or email: SocialAction@TBSofS.org

SENIORS WANTED

Do you play Mah Jong? Chess? Crave socialization? Interested in Adult Education? Book clubs? Trips? Lunch dates? Want to meet and mingle with other seniors? Temple Beth Sholom, 433 Edgewood Avenue Smithtown is pleased to offer Seniors reduced membership fees for their first year at Temple Beth Sholom. Join now to start enjoying the activities! The time to get involved is now! Interfaith couples welcome. For more information call the temple office at 724-0424.

PARKINSON PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

A physical therapy program is available to Parkinson patients at the Smithtown Parkinson Therapy Center. The Center conducts an on-going program of exercise and physical therapy, specifically tailored to the needs of each individual patient and administered by a volunteer staff doctor, a physical therapist, nurses and trained volunteer aids. The Center operates on a not-for-profit basis with only a minimal monthly charge to cover expenses. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, call 265-6621.

RECOVERY MEETINGS

Recovery, Inc., a nonprofit community mental health organization, offers self-help for nervous symptoms, fears, anxiety, depression, stress, anger, etc. Meetings are held on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 490 North Country Road, St. James.

For additional information call 724-5190.

SUFFOLK VOCATIONAL CENTER - FREE TRAINING

If you are widowed, separated, divorced or in the process of obtaining a separation or divorce, a

single parent or a single parent receiving ADC/TANF you might qualify for FREE training. Registration is in progress for the F-E-G-S Suffolk Vocational Center/Displaced Homemaker program New Directions. Computer Skills Training and Brush Up programs. Enrollment is ongoing for programs. The New Directions program offers morning workshops. The Computer Training and Brush-Up programs include computer literacy classes in Microsoft Word and Excel as well as personal skills instruction. Call 598-0108 - early enrollment is a must.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

RESPONSE of Suffolk County, Inc. a 24-hour crisis intervention hot line needs open, caring people to volunteer 4 hours a week as telephone counselors. Training is provided. Call 751-7500 anytime.

Smithtown Parkinson Therapy Center, Route 25, Smithtown is always in need of volunteers to ensure the desired goals it strives for. No experience is needed for just two hours a day, on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are trained by the professional staff. The center welcomes present and/or future students of physical therapy as volunteers. Anyone with the desire to become a "Help" or a "Hope" should call 265-6621.

VFW POST #395

John W. Cooke Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 395 meets at 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at their Post next to King Kullen on Lake Avenue in St. James. VFW membership is open to all veterans who have served honorably in foreign conflicts in U.S. Armed forces. For further information, call 862-7965.

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CLERICAL HELP WANTED - Part time position, St. James Financial Office. 6-12 hours per week. Call 631-584-8999. 4/07/dg PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIR-GIN (NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed mother of the Son of God, immaculate virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh star of the sea, help me and show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times). Oh Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3 times). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and that in all instances of my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor has been granted. T.J.M. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCA-TION TUTOR - NYS and AMS certified experienced teacher to tutor your pre-k to 3rd grade child in your home. Develop and strengthen your child's reading, and math writing skills. Reasonable rates. Call Jen at 839-6/07 APT. FOR RENT - ST. JAMES -One bedroom, LR, DR, full bath and kitchenette. Private entrance and parking area. \$900/mo. includes utilities. Call 584-5067.

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIR-GIN (NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed mother of the Son of God, immaculate virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh star of the sea, help me and show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times). Oh Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3 times). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and that in all instances of my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor has been granted. B.D. RECEPTION / MEETING HALL AVAILABLE FOR USE – St. lames United Methodist Church offers a spacious meeting hall with commercial kitchen for civic and support groups, receptions, clubs, workshops and seminars. The 35'x60' meeting room has tables, chairs, rest rooms and a grand piano. The Church is located at 532 Moriches Road, Head of the Harbor. Expansive parking and handicapped access is provided. Contact the office at 584-5340 for available dates and suggested donations. The SJUMC offers their facilities as a community outreach to the St. James area and welcomes all visitors. tfn

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