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Creative Windows, Ltd.

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by Debra Vessa-Cleary

If you're planning on dressing up your windows this upcoming holiday season, now is the perfect time to seek the advice of a window designer specialist. Whether you're considering Roman shades or wood blinds, country valances or embroidered silk panels, the designers at Creative Windows, Ltd. in St. James can help you create a custom look that is tailor-made, perfectly fitted and totally chic.

Located diagonally across from 7-11 on Lake Avenue, Creative Windows offers free seven-day-a-week shop-at-home service as well as free installation with the purchase of window treatments. Their in-house showroom includes thousands of designer fabric swatches as well as a large variety of shade and drapery samples, hard-to-find curtain hardware, and floor models of beautifully upholstered cornices.

According to owner Michael Guglielmo, a Smithtown resident and member of the St. James Chamber of Commerce, he has



been in the window treatment business for over 20 years. Originally servicing clients from a Smithtown location, Creative Windows relocated to St. James about four months ago:

"We like to get to know our customers – their taste and concerns – and we would like to get to know the people of St. James," says Michael. "Everyone is invited to come in, browse around and receive a Grand Opening token of introduction. People will find that we offer competitive pricing and keep up on the latest trends and designs; but we also want people to know that we pride ourselves in our customer satisfaction. We show up on time and

return phone calls promptly. We will custom make one shade or a hundred shades. No job is too big or too small."

Creative Windows offers both residential and commercial custom window and door coverings, light upholstery work, and shop-at-home service from Montauk to Manhattan. They provide window treatment services from inception to installation and they are a Hunter Douglas priority dealer. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please call for an appointment if you wish to schedule shop-athome service and don't forget to stop by and visit their booth on St. James Day, which will be right outside their store front.



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FEATURED HOMES OF THE MONTH



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SMITHTOWN. New 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. EIK, FDR, den, laundry on 2nd flr., 9' ceilings on 1st flr., 2 story foyer, CAC, raised panel doors, cathedral & tray ceilings, h/w floors, wood burning fplrc., high hats, 200 amp service, hydronic heat, more! \$649,999.



NESCONSET. Immaculate 4 BR, 2.5 bath Colonial. Tastefully decorated, this house is beautiful! 2 offices, playroom, EIK w/granite, FDR, FLR, den, CVAC, IGP. 5 years young. This one has it all! \$849,000.



NESCONSET. 3 BR, 2 1/2 bath Condo in 24-hr. gated community. Like new with vaulted ceilings in entry & LR, den with frplc., EIK, ceramic tile & h/w floors, MBR suite with Jacuzzi & 2 walk-in closets. Finished basement, garage, pool, tennis, gym, clubhouse. \$611,000.



NESCONSET. Spacious Splanch features 4 BRs, 2.5 baths, EIK with beautiful 42" oak cabinets, den with granite fireplace, CAC, H/W floors. Fantastic landscaped yard with pavers around kidney shaped pool. Great for summer fun.IGS, fenced yard.

REDUCED! \$535,000.



amenities galore. 2 formal MBR suites, walkin california closet, hi-hats, h/w floors, maple/granite kitchen with pantry/server area 2 of the 4.5 baths feature Jacuzzi baths with granite & exquisite tile, wet bar & large entertainment area, CAC, IGS. \$1,059,000.



NESCONSET. Charming Victorian style 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with new everything: electric, doors, windows, roof, kit. appl., h/w floors. Builder's home. Laundry & pantry. Covered porch w/ceiling fans, fish pond, det. garage w/heated floors & bath. \$550,990.



LAKE GROVE. Move in condition, this home features 3 BRs, 1 bath, EIK, newly updated bath, stainless steel appliances, upgraded electric, new vinyl siding, new furnace, Andersen windows, roof, brick walk way.

\$379,000.



Ranch features 2 BRs, MBR w/master bath & walk in, 2nd BR with full bath, LR, DR, EIK, sunroom, new CAC and W/W carpet. Gas heat. Deep garage. Community amenities include clubhouse, pool, gym, library.

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A Warm Welcome to Julie's Home & Garden Accessories

Julie Bergmann, owner of the new "Julie's" – formerly Barbara Lee Floral Design – invites you to visit her at her new location beginning October 1, 2006 at 529 Lake Avenue in St. James (opposite the St. James Gazebo).

Her new name "Julie's" Home

& Garden Accessories depicts what she features at her shop. Julie, who specializes in designing silk floral arrangements, creates unusual one-of-a-kind pieces and offers in home service. She carries a unique line of accessories for both inside and outside

the home including some small furniture pieces.

Be sure to stop by and visit with Julie and see what she has to offer. I am sure you will find something beautiful for your home. Or call her at 862-8943 for an in-home consultation.

Sons of Norway Garage Sale on Saturday, September 23



The Sons of Norway Loyal Lodge 252 of St. James will hold a large Garage Sale on Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine (no early birds, please).

The Garage Sale will be held at the Sons of Norway Hall, located on the corner of 4th Avenue and 7th Street in St. James.

Saint James Fire Department's Garage Sale Fundraiser Set For September 23

St. James Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Garage Sale fundraiser on Saturday, September 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. James Fire House Sub Station located at the corner of Woodlawn and Jefferson Avenues in St. James.

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The St. James Jr. Fire Department will host a Car Wash to support kids with cancer on Saturday, September 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (raindate, Sunday, September 24) at the St. James Firehouse located on Route 25A in St. James.

When you get your car washed for \$5 per car you will be treated to free bagels and coffee. All proceeds will be donated to the Sunrise Fund for Kids at Stony Brook University Hospital. Please help support this cause.



St. James Church Hoedown a Huge Success

It was a beautiful, breezy, summer evening when a bit of the old west came to the St. James. Parishioners of St. James Church, family and friends came together for an evening of food, fun, and square dancing at a hoedown sponsored by the Young Peoples' Fellowship and parish Sunday School students.

This event was the finale of a

fundraising project to benefit Heifer Project International. Members of the Long Island Traditional Music Association (L.I.T.M.A.) provided music and entertainment, and a great time was had by all

The Youth Group at St. James Church, located at 490 North Country Road in St. James, not only had a great time planning and setting up this project, they were able to donate over \$1,300 to Heifer Project International. This donation was used to purchase animals to be given to impoverished families throughout the world. Heifer's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.



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Fall Festival at Deepwells Farm on October 8 & 9

Suffolk County Parks, Recreation and Conservation in conjunction with the St. James Chamber of Commerce will host the **15th Annual Fall Festival** on Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, (raindate 10/9) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Deepwells Farm County Park, located at the intersection of Moriches Road and Route 25A in St. James.

"This event is a great opportunity for families to enjoy the fall season," said Suffolk County

Executive Steve Levy. "Visitors can enjoy hay and pony rides, pumpkin decorating, live entertainment and old-fashioned children's games.

Other highlights of this year's festival will include craft vendors, face painting, a magic show, storytellers, a real live petting farm from Cornell Cooperative Extension, festival food, and the always popular hay bale fun jump. You can purchase a wide variety of foods and merchandise including

hand made crafts, pumpkins and candy from the St. James General Store. Tours of Deepwells Farm will also be available throughout the day. Food Vendors will include St. James Pasta and Garguilo's Bakery.

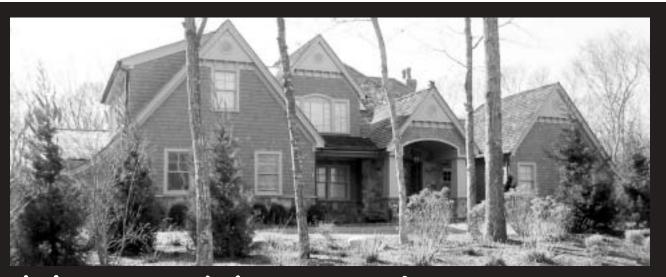
Admission to the festival is \$5/adults; \$1/seniors and children under 12. Free parking will be available in the field opposite the St. James General Store. For additional information call 854-0903.

Come Visit the SJFD on St. James Day, Sunday, October 1

The St. James Fire Department will be at St. James Day on Sunday, October 1 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Please visit them and meet Sparky the Fire Dog.

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ST. JAMES. Prestigious Family home on cul-de-sac. 5 BRs, 4 baths, IGP, pool house, outdoor Viking BBQ, huge granite kitchen w/Subzero appliances. True entertainer's home! \$919,000.



ST. JAMES. North of 25A "Point of Woods." 5 BR, 3.5 bath traditional Center Hall. Huge rooms, granite kitchen, oak floors, gorgeous shy acre, \$1,100,000.



ST. JAMES - FOR RENT. 3/4 BR Cape. Gorgeous brand new kitchen and bath, large LR, fireplace, deck, oak floors. A real charmer. Credit check a must.

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mond 5 BR Hi Ranch is in pristine condition. Beautiful new Sile-stone kitchen, new windows, CAC, gorgeous stone patios & walkways, new heated IGP, lovely landscaping, big deck & (believe it or not) decent taxes! Better hurry!





SMITHTOWN. Why rent? Lovely 2 BR cottage in a superb walk to town location. Unbelievably low taxes. A charmer! \$329,990.



STONY BROOK. The Knolls 55+ community. Beautiful Dogwood model with sunroom & garage. Clean, light & bright with lots of windows & closets

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SMITHTOWN. Hurry - really low taxes on this diamond 3 BR, 2 bath "3 Gable" Ranch. Offers cathedral ceilings, fp. gleaming oak floors, cedar deck, paver walkways on dead end street.\$499,000.

RIBBON CUTTING...



On August 24, 2006, the newest addition to the great restaurants of St. James, CAPO... AN ITALIAN BISTRO, located at the intersection of Route 347 and Middle Country Road, held their **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.** Owners Bob and Carmella Gardner are happy to be a part of this great community and look forward to seeing everyone at their new establishment which is open for lunch and dinner. Supervisor Patrick Vecchio, who cut the ribbon, and Councilman Ed Wehrheim are pictured with Bob and Carmella and their lovely family.

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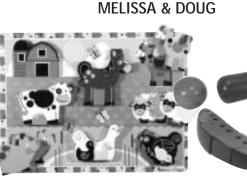
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The Suffolk County Parks Department and the St. James General Store will host a free quilting demonstration by the Smithtown Stitchers Quilt Guild on Saturday, September 30, at the St. James General Store, 516 Moriches Road, St. James from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to the demonstration of this unique craft, the Guild will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to

win a beautiful recently completed quilt.

The Smithtown Stitchers Quilt Guild was formed in 1982 to encourage awareness and appreciation of quilting. Now with over 200 members, the guild seeks to foster the development of the skills and artistry of quiltmaking.

For additional information call the store at 854-3740.



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Cottages to Castles House & Garden Tour... Simply Fantastic

FANTASTIC! That's the word that comes to mind to describe the sixth annual Cottages to Castles House & Garden Tour held on Friday, September 8, 2006. The weather, homes, guests, food, and shopping were just that — FANTASTIC. Under the superb and capable direction of Chairperson Arline Goldstein, the Cottages to Castles committee, comprised of members of the four sponsoring organizations, worked hard to present six fabulous properties in the Head of the Harbor, Nissequogue and St. James area, to the over 500 guests who attended.

Guests visited the Kaplan residence which was completely transformed from an ultra contemporary to a formal yet comfortable home with Louis XI antiques with the help of designer Linda DeLorenzo.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have created a magnificent space for entertaining in a big way in their large contemporary home which is complete with player piano equipped for karaoke, a pool table, game room and home theater. They achieved this cohesive blend of comfort and fun with the help of designer Natalie Weinstein. Their gardens designed by Caryn Fox are the pride and joy of the family.





A R O U N D T O W N





"Country elegance" best describes the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amato, located on the widest part of the Nissequogue River. Visitors were in awe of the attention to detail of this beautifully restored home that was accomplished with the help of designer Patti Peterson. Featured in *House* magazine several times, the home is complete with pool, pool house and two fountains.

The 42,000-square-foot home of Ms. Mangano, who is featured on the Home Shopping Network, was a big hit. Swan Manor, a majestic estate, has been completely restored by Ms. Mangano and features an indoor pool, massage room, gym, and 14 bathrooms. Once a working barn, the guest house at Swan Manor has been completely transformed into a vacation 4-bedroom guest cottage reminiscent of those in East Hampton or Nantucket. Guests meandered

around the grounds with its fabulous gardens and wood sculptures.

Completing the tour was the charming St. James Episcopal Church which features beautiful stained glass Tiffany windows. Visitors were able to roam around the rural cemetery filled with tombstones and monuments of well-known families in the area.

This wonderful event was truly the product of teamwork and the joint effort of the The Smithtown Historical Society, The Smithtown Garden Club, The Smithtown Township Arts Council and the St. James Chamber of Commerce.

Special thanks to the Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Amato, Ms. Mangano and The St. James Episcopal Church for graciously opening their homes and gardens.

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Cottages to Castles House & Garden Tour...









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The Committee would also like to thank the many volunteers who gave their time at the homes, gardens and at Nissequogue Golf Club where visitors were treated to a delicious gourmet luncheon. Special thanks to the St. James Episcopal Church who hosted the Boutiques and Visitors at Mills Hall. And without the cooperation of the Head of the Harbor, Nissequogue and Smithtown Police, the event would not have run so smoothly.

Visitors to the Cottages to Castles House & Garden Tour took home a lovely program/journal... special thanks to the supporters who made this possible.



And to the guests of the day. "You were friendly, cooperative and respectful of our hosts' property. For that we *Thank You!"*

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Registration for ALL STUDENTS will be held on September 18, 19, 20, 21, Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

(days); and 7-9 p.m. (evenings). Smithtown residency is <u>not</u> required, classes are open to all Suffolk County residents. Call 382-2181 for further information or go to their website at <u>www.smithtown.k12.ny.us</u>

Bird Walks in Avalon Preserve

The Four Harbors Audubon Society is hosting regular bird walks in Avalon Preserve in Stony Brook on the second Saturday of every month. Meet at the entrance gate to Avalon boardwalk across from the Grist Mill at 8 a.m. The walks should last about one and a half to two hours. The places to be visited will depend on the season and will include all areas of Avalon



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Watercolor Demo at the St. James General Store

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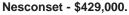
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Six Tips for Buying Art

by Lisa Boccone

1. Are you looking for art to hang in a particular place?

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2. Ask questions.

Any reputable art dealer should "know their stuff" and be happy to share information with you. Ask about the artist and the media. Is it a reproduction or an original? Ask them to explain how the art was made.

3. What style should you buy? Which artist?

Buy what you like. Unless you are a collector developing a body of work, your choices should be based on what you will enjoy.



4. Having trouble with your decisions? Can't quite picture the piece in your space?

Ask if you can take it home on approval. This may have limitations due to the value and you'll probably have to pay for it with the understanding you may return it in a couple of days.

5. When pricing, compare apples to apples.

Artwork may look similar, but may actually be different media created in a different way that

affects the value, longevity, etc. If you are looking at art online remember the colors will be different in real life. Monitors and scanners cannot faithfully duplicate the original. Sizes may also differ. They may be listed by the size of the image, by the paper it is printed on or the outside size of the frame.

6. Learn about types of art.

Books, gallery walks, and museum visits and tours will expose you to many forms of art. Go out and see "the real thing." Art fairs are a great place to talk to artists about what they do and how they create the work.

Editor's Note:

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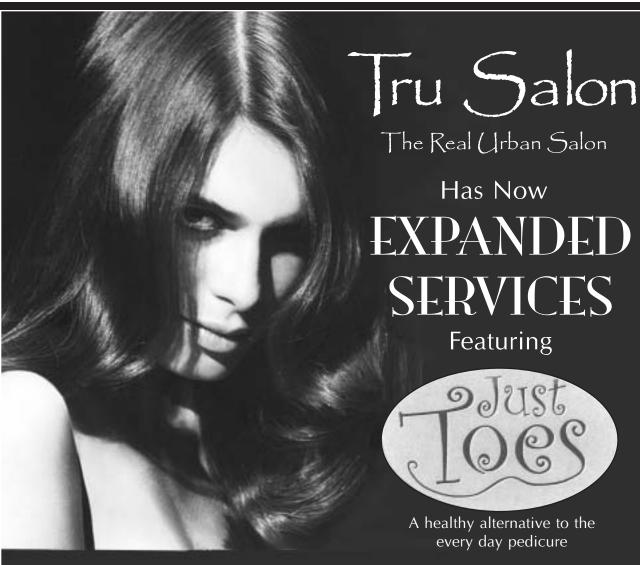
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On Stage at Staller Center...

There's always something happening at the Staller Center, University at Stony Brook. The following programs are being offered for your enjoyment. Box Office hours are 12 noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 1-hour before ticketed performances. For tickets and information, call the Box Office at 632-ARTS (2787). Tickets can also be purchased 24 hours a day at www.stallercenter.com.

The University Art Gallery hours are 12 noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 7-9 p.m. on Saturday. For further information about Art Gallery shows call 632-7240.

The Department of Music features numerous performances throughout the year with over 150 FREE recitals. For further information call the music department at 632-7330.

Upcoming events at Staller Center at SUNY Stony Brook:

Music on an Autumn Night Wed., September 27, 3 p.m.

Recital Hall, \$32 Classical concert. Audra McDonald

Saturday, September 30, 8 p.m. Main Stage, \$40 Tony Award winner in an evening of popular song.

Emerson String Quartet

Friday, October 6, 8 p.m. Recital Hall, \$40 2006 Grammy winner - chamber music concert.

Broadway: The Star Spangled Celebration

Saturday, October 14, 8 p.m. Main Stage, \$40 A salute to Broadway's greatest shows.

Philadanco Dance Company

Saturday, October 21, 8 p.m. Main Stage, \$32 The Philadelphia Dance Company performing an evening of high energy dance.

Anoushka Shankar

Friday, October 27, 8 p.m. Recital Hall, \$36 An evening of exotic music performed on a variety of acoustic and electronic instruments.

Bo Diddley and Friends

Saturday, October 28, 8 p.m. Main Stage, \$36 Rock & Roll Hall of Famer, celebrates his 50 years in music along with Alvin Youngblood Hart and Ruthie Foster.

Leahv

Sunday, November 5, 7 p.m. Main Stage, \$32 Fiddle-driven music, electrifying step dancing and songs inspired by pop, country and Celtic roots.

Emerson String Quartet

Wed., November 8, 8 p.m. Recital Hall, \$40 Classical concert.

Jane Monheit and her Quartet

Saturday, November 11, 8 p.m. Recital Hall, \$36 Renaissance/Jazz

Russian Kids Circus on Stage

Not Just For Kids Sunday, November 12 1 p.m., 4 p.m. Main Stage, \$10 Amazing kids perform daring continued on facing page

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Parsons Dance Company

Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m. Main Stage, \$36 Athleticism, exuberant personality, and joyous movement make up this modern dance company.

A Thousand and One Nights State Ballet of Russia with Full Symphony Orchestra

Sat., January 27, 2007, 8 p.m. Main Stage, \$40 The Arabian Nights come to life with dancing accompanied by a full symphony orchestra.

New Century Saxophone Quartet

Sunday, January 28, 3 p.m. Recital Hall, \$32 Free Pre-Concert lecture, 2 p.m. The group extends the boundaries of chamber music with an exciting repertoire.

Alice

Kennedy Center on Tour

Not Just For Kids Sunday, February 4, 2 p.m. Main Stage, \$10 Recommended for ages 5 and older. Adapted from the book by Whoopi Goldberg - a 1-hour play with music.

Emerson String Quartet

Tuesday, February 6, 8 p.m. Recital Hall, \$40 Classical concert.

Chick Corea

Saturday, February 10, 8 p.m. Recital Hall, \$40 Renaissance/Jazz with 12-time Grammy winner.

Classical Savion

Sunday, February 11, 7 p.m. Main Stage, \$40 A master tap dancer, Savion Glover brings his personal artistic signature to the stage.

Turandot by Giacomo Puccini Bulgarian State Opera

Saturday, February 17, 8 p.m. Main Stage, \$40 A fully-staged opera sung in Italian with projected supertitles and live orchestra.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

On Stage at Staller Center...

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Tormé Sings Tormé

Sunday, February 18, 3 p.m. Recital Hall, \$36 A big band tribute to the life and music of the legendary jazz singer, Mel Tormé, by his son Steve March Tormé.

Cirque Eloize - Rain

Saturday, March 3, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 4, 3 p.m. Main Stage, \$36 Original acrobatic acts are woven into a magical circus.

A Special Evening with Whoopi Goldberg

Saturday, March 10, 8 p.m. Main Stage, \$75 Whoopi - up close and personal Special post performance Staller Center Benefit Party following performance – call 632-7469 for party tickets.

Maria Schneider Jazz Orchestra

Saturday, March 17, 8 p.m. Recital Hall, \$36 Renaissance/Jazz 17-member group playing jazz with classical and world-music influences.

Swan Lake Moscow Festival Ballet

Sunday, March 18, 7 p.m. Main Stage, \$36 Glorious music and choreography.

Gil Shaham and Friends Brahms Chamber Project

Wednesday, March 21, 8 p.m. Recital Hall, \$40 Romantic music performed by great musicians. **Hungarian State Folk Ensemble** Sunday, March 25, 7 p.m.

Main Stage, \$36 Authentic Hungarian folk music and dance.

Turtle Island Young People's Concert

Not Just For Kids Saturday, April 14, 3 p.m. Recital Hall, \$10 An engaging one-hour program for younger audiences (K-6). Audience participation.

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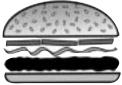
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The Halloween pumpkin has disappeared from the garden. The children will join Mr. Mouse as he tries to get the pumpkin back in time for Halloween. Each child will make a puppet to take home.

Reservations are limited to 45 per performance and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis upon receipt of payment. General admission tickets will be

held for you at the door. No refunds.

Send your name, address and phone number, (note 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.) with your check for \$8 each to: Smithtown

For additional information, please call STAC at 862-6575.



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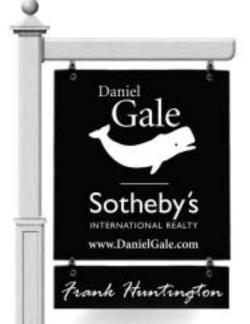
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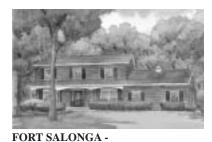
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Programs Offered at the Library

The Smithtown Library offers a variety of programs during the upcoming weeks and months. The Main Branch, is located at 1 North Country Road, Smithtown, 265-2072. The Nesconset Branch is located at 127-20 Smithtown Blvd., Nesconset, 265-3994. The Commack Branch is located at 3 Indian Head Road, Commack, 543-0998. The Kings Park Branch is located at 1 Church Street, Kings Park, 269-9191. Call for Library hours.

You may register at the above phone numbers for all programs.

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Tuesday, October 24 Depart 8 a.m. Smithtown parking lot

Museum: A 3-hour tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art with art historian and teacher Vesna Mison. Lunch: On your own three dining options at the Museum. Ample time to browse and shop. CNN Studio Tour: An up-close, in-depth view of round the clock global news coverage continued on page 50

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Programs Offered at the Library

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A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

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

EVENING MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

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

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

FOOD FOR LIFE COOKING CLASSES

Food for Life and Nutrition and Cooking class for cancer prevention and survival will be held at the Nesconset branch of the Library on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

September 21:

Flavoring Fiber

September 28:

Discovering Dairy Alternatives

October 5:

Replacing Meat October 12:

Planning Healthy Meals

October 19:

Antioxidants and Phytochemicals

October 26:

Immune Boosting Foods

November 2:

Maintaining a Healthy Weight

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 continued on page 52



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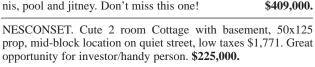
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Mommy and Me

SMITHTOWN (2 years)
Call for times & dates
NESCONSET (18-35 months)
Call for times & dates
A special time for child and parent/caregiver that incudes free play and a circle time with stories, songs and finger plays.

Mother Goose Rhymetime

NESCONSET (birth-24 months)
Call for times & dates
SMITHTOWN (birth-35 months)
Call for times & dates
A children's librarian leads you and your child in reciting, singing and reading Mother Goose

rhymes, which are the cornerstones of literature and cultural heritage.

Pajama Storytime

NESCONSET (3-7 years) Call for times & dates SMITHTOWN (3-6 years) Call for times & dates

An evening for child and parent/caregiver that includes stories, finger plays and simple songs. Wear your pajamas if you like.

Three Year Old Story Time

SMITHTOWN (3 years)
Call for times & dates
Stories, songs and finger plays
with parent/caregiver.

Craft Fun for 3-5 Year Olds

SMITHTOWN (3-5 years)
Call for times & dates
Preschool craft program with

parent/caregiver.

Stories and Snacks

SMITHTOWN (Entering grades 1-3) Call for times & dates Children will listen to a story and have a snack.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

COMPUTER CLASSES

The Smithtown Library is currently offering computer courses at the Main Building that will help you learn how to use your computer. Registration is in person and required. Call for schedule and fees.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

A registered nurse will conduct Free Blood Pressure Screenings at continued on page 54



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Programs Offered at the Library

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No appointment is needed. For further information, call 265-2072, ext. 208.

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ADULT WRITERS' GROUP

This series is the perfect opportunity for anyone who has the burning desire to write, but has trouble getting started or would like to receive constructive feedback from fellow writers. The group is scheduled to meet the first Tuesday of every month. Compare ideas on writing as well as give and receive advice, while having fun in the process. Call for dates and times.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets on Thursday mornings at 10:15 a.m. at the Smithtown Branch. Call for dates and additional info.

Meets on Tuesdays at the Nesconset Branch. Call times and additional info.

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CROCHET & KNITTING CLUB

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In this monthly series, you will share tips and stitches with others at the main branch of the library. The group will meet on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 265-2072, ext. 208 for dates and to register.

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DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES

The Smithtown Library offers two Defensive Driving classes in conjunction with the New York State Safety Program. After the successful completion of this course, attendees may receive a discount on their automobile insurance and point deduction from existing violations on their driver's licenses.

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The Environmental Centers of Setauket-Smithtown will hold the following programs at the Sweetbriar Nature Center, 62 Eckernkamp Drive, Smithtown unless otherwise noted. **Pre-registration is required for ALL PRO-GRAMS.** Call 979-6344, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 12 noon to 4 p.m. on weekends. Check out their website at www.sweet-briarnc.org.

The Preserve is open every day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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WALK AND TALK SERIES FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

The Walk and Talk Series continues with talks on Thursday nights at the Smithtown Library. Call 265-2072 to register for the talks. The walks will follow on Saturday at Sweetbriar Nature Center. Call Sweetbriar at 979-6344 to register for the walks. Senior discounts available.

Astronomy

Talk: Thurs., Sept. 28, 7 p.m.
Naturalist Alan Russo will give an introduction to the fall skies.
Walk: Sat., Sept. 30, 7:30-9:30

Visit Sweetbriar for an evening of sky watching to see the constellations, planets and other celestial bodies.

Ages: Families with children 7 and up

Fee: \$6/per person walk only

Southward Bound

<u>Talk</u>: Thurs., Oct. 12, 7-9 p.m.

Come to Sweetbriar for an evening of stories, slides and film and discover the wonders of migration.

Walk: Sat., Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Follow with a bird walk at the nature center and beyond to see some of the southward bound flyers. Be prepared to caravan to another site.

Ages: Families with children 11 years and up

Fee: \$6/per person walk only

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Talk: Thurs., Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

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Walk: Sat., Nov. 11, 1-2:30 p.m. Participants will look for signs of local wildlife, like tracks, scat, and fur, as they explore the preserve.

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WALK-A-THON

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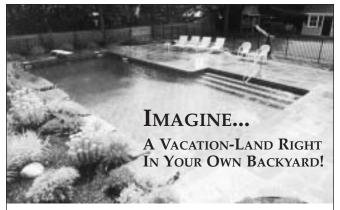
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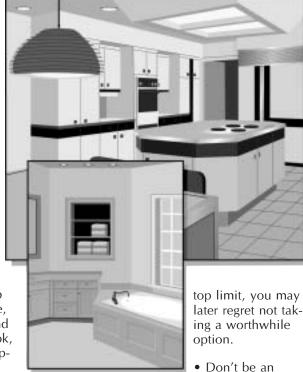
DESIGN IDEAS: 12 Fall Tips from Natalie

by Natalie Weinstein, Allied ASID

September is back to school, back to work, back to routines, changing of the seasons and the perfect time to plan your decorating project. Save these tips for getting you started at any time, but know that fall is the most productive time to begin both long and short term projects.

- If you are considering renovations such as kitchen, bath or any construction, and you have not begun, don't expect to be finished for this holiday season. Get started, but aim for spring completion so you can prepare appropriately.
- Whether you're planning to "do it yourself" or hire professionals, make a realistic schedule for your project, and then add for contingencies. Make sure all contracted sources put in writing the expected time frame for completion or delivery.
- Start with a floor plan. Lay out the space and get professional help for this phase, if you need it. It could make all the difference in the end result and save you money in costly mistakes.
- Establish realistic budget parameters and if it's a big project, explore avenues for financing. Remember how much new kitchens and baths appreciate the value of your home as well as improve your lifestyle.
- Interview contractors and sources and shop for items needed, but be flexible (remember the cheapest price may not be the best).
 Experienced professionals can offer alternatives you might not have considered. (The Club Source Directory can be your best friend!)

- If you clean up the clutter, throw out stuff and organize your space before you begin, you will have less to do when the project is completed. (If there's a dumpster on site, use it!)
- When decorating public spaces, (living room, dining room, den & foyer) start with area rugs to help you define space, pattern, color and create a new look, even if your keeping "oldies but goodies."
- When decorating bedrooms, start with the bedding (often sold with coordinating draperies) to establish wall and carpet color. Try to stay monochromatic (1 color family) on walls and floors should you decide to change from winter velvet to summer patchwork. New furniture may or may not be in the plan, but make sure your new purchase can stand the test of time.
- When decorating rooms for kids, remember they grow and their room should grow with them. Make major purchases carefully and with an eye to tomorrow. With new homes, I like to decorate kids rooms first to settle, focus and give them a good self-image and sense of confidence.
- Leave money for extras, upgrades and accessories. If you budget too close to your



- impulse shopper.
 Choose carefully
 since what's "in"today may be
 "out" tomorrow. If you want
 to be a little funky, do it with
 accessories that can be easily
 or inexpensively changed if
- Enjoy the process of decorating. It really can be fun, enriching and satisfying. You'll be less stressed with a plan and you have the years ahead to reap the rewards of your efforts.

you grow tired of them.

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HOME & GARDEN



by Carol Gibbons

I was upstate New York this past weekend visiting my parents and the air is cooler and the leaves are turning color. Already. I'm not ready for it, I never am. But then something happens and I get caught up in the magic of the color. Looking out over a manicured lawn and seeing reds, yel-

lows, and orange splashes like

confetti, I feel called out into the

party atmosphere to take a closer

It's always exciting to me to bend down and make my first leaf selection for the season. In search of the perfect leaf, not broken, with blending colors like a single candle flame. Or maybe a pure yellow one, or one with *freckles*. Or the last green one. Each one seems special. I love the texture, soft and supple, because it was

COLLECTOR'S CORNER: Autumn Leaves

released from its branches moments ago. But when I bring it indoors how quickly it looses its luster, with raised veins like the hands of an old woman, and sometimes curling up and turning brown overnight. Oh, the bitter sweet romance of autumn, the winding down of another year. Is leaf collecting my way of trying to hold onto something or am I just an avid collector. Bound and determined to collect just about anything.

I can remember collecting leaves as a child and my mother pressing the leaves between wax paper with her Iron. The wax paper would be fused together trapping the leaf, then we would cut close to the leaf following the shape, careful to leave a 1/2" wax paper border. Then we would string them up and hang them in



the big picture window of the house. "Bringing fall indoors" my mom would say. Maybe she was caught up in the magic as well. Most people say that they hate change, and I think autumn is about change. I think it is nature's way of celebrating it and letting us know it's not only OK, it's great embrace it. Similar to a forth of July fireworks show completing the holiday, autumn is a last "Hurrah" of our yearly efforts and accomplishments. So let's trade in our slice of fruit pie for a mug of cider and hunker down, and enjoy the show.

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Recovering From a Hurricane

by Jim Winter

The hurricane has moved on and now you're faced with damages from the storm and wondering where to start. Personal safety is paramount. Homeowners with damaged property should make sure it is safe to re-enter their property before attempting to assess damage.

As soon as possible, contact your agent or insurance company to report a claim. This information will be passed on to claims adjusters. If you cannot remain at the premises, make sure your insurance representative knows how and where to reach you.

Tips for auto damage:

- Take steps to prevent further damage.
- If your engine was under water, do not start the vehicle. If your vehicle was flooded, take steps to extract the water and start the drying process.
- Have your vehicle title and registration available when meeting with your agent or claim representative.
- If necessary, have the vehicle towed or make temporary repairs, saving all receipts. Provide the name, phone number and location of the towing facility and give the towing facility permission for your insurance representative to move the vehicle to a central facility.

Tips for homeowners:

- Begin to make temporary repairs to prevent further damage to your home or property. Keep a record of time spent and all receipts for work done on your property.
- Take pictures of the damaged property. Keep notes and use inventory lists to help adjusters assess the damages.
- Remove tree debris from the structure and place it on the ground.

- If your power is out, unplug any small electrical items to prevent electrical spike dam-
- Secure replacement costs/estimates from local retailers of like kind, quality and features. Obtain statements from ven-
- dors on items that cannot be repaired.
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REALTY WISE:

September Through Thanksgiving is the 2nd Peak Selling Season in Real Estate

by Rita Clous

So your house has been on the market for 1, 2, 3 months. If you haven't received any offers on your home you're probably facing the question of whether to take it off the market. A house that goes too long without selling begins to appear "stale" and can actually damage your future chances of a sale.

How long is too long? In a slower market, a sales period of six months or more isn't unusual. Recent sales data in our community show the average days on market it increasing dramatically from last year at this time.

In summer, the market slows to a crawl, followed by a second "peak season" from September to Thanksgiving, so take heart and take action to put your house in top form. Here are some tips to do so.

 Videotape your house, inside and out, and watch the tape as if you were a prospective buyer. Is your home uncluttered and spotlessly scrubbed? Sparkling-clean houses sell faster than those that look "too lived-in" or show too much of the owner's personality. (Translation: De-clutter!) Look at the lawn and gardens too. Are they manicured and welcoming?

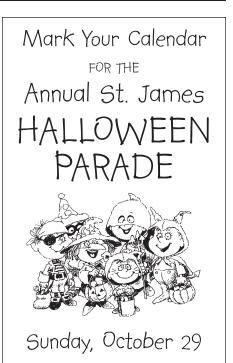
- Neutralize your color scheme. Most buyers prefer pale, neutral colors that make it easier to imagine a new home as their own. Houses with white exteriors are the highest sellers; for interiors, try off-whites or pale tones.
- Take another look at your price. Review a current CMA with your realtor and visit open houses in your neighborhood. Are similar homes priced lower? Selling prices may have dropped since your market analysis. If you do lower your asking price, consider a figure slightly below those of other comparable homes if you want to be the one <u>Sold</u>.
- Be away from your home dur-

ing showings and open houses. The presence of sellers makes it difficult for prospective buyers to take their time or talk openly with their partner and agent. It's OK to leave some treats out to make potential buyers more comfortable and cause them to linger in the home: beverages, nuts, cookies — something that is not too messy.

- Get feedback from agents who have shown your home. They and their buyers' input can guide you in making home repairs, toning down your décor, making landscaping improvements and the like.
- You can offer perks to buyers to attract interest in your home vs. another one. There are a variety of financing perks that can be less costly for you than lowering your price. Speak to your realtor or a mortgage lender to learn about options you may consider.

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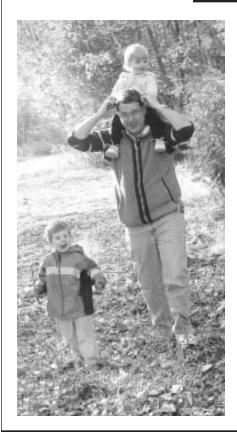
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HOME & GARDEN



NATURALLY SPEAKING: Autumn Activities

by June A. Liardi

October, the month of beautiful colors. Decorate your front door with a basket filled with dried flowers and leaves. Or you can embellish a grapevine, straw wreath or swag with colored leaves, seed pods, nuts and dried flowers. Finish it off with brown or orange ribbon or natural-colored raffia.

Have the children collect acorns and different nuts to fill baskets or pots by your entrance. Go to the farm stand and let everyone pick out different varieties of squash and gourds to display. As the month goes on, just use the squash for your dinners. This is a great season to use collected materials to decorate, it is fun, and inexpensive. All these decorations will take

you through to the end of November.

Here is an easy way to add some autumn scent to your home. Fill a pot with water and add some orange peels, cinnamon sticks and some cloves. You can also add different extracts or essential oils. Some good choices would be vanilla, cinnamon, orange or lemon. Simmer gently to release the scents. Check the water level frequently, you don't want the water to evaporate.

If you have tomatoes left on your plants, and want to save them, pick the ones that are blemish free. Put them on a tray and separate each one with crumpled newspaper. Keep them out of direct sunlight and they will ripen very nicely. It is not

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too late to plant those springflowering bulbs. Every spring don't you admire the beautiful blooms and wish you had planted some too? The squirrels and deer do not like daffodils, so they are always a good choice. There are so many different varieties now too.

Bulbs look best when planted in a group rather than in a straight line. For a real natural look you can stand back and toss the bulbs, just plant them where they fell. Check package directions for depth and plant pointy end up.

As your garden beds are cleaned up, give them a nice dressing of compost. After a hard frost, you can also add a few inches of mulch around all the plants.

An easy way to create a new garden bed is to let Mother Nature do it for you. Choose a spot (even a patch of lawn) and lay a few inches of newspaper sheets to cover. If it is breezy out, dampen the sheets to keep them in place. Then cover the paper with 2"-6" of compost and/or soil. By spring, the paper will have killed any vegetation and broken down into the soil. Just dig over, add some organic matter and you are ready to plant.

As all those leaves fall down, you may want to leave them under and around your shrubs and plants. They are nature's mulch and provide shelter for your outside friends. Consider too, keeping the leaf blower in



the garage this year. Get the whole family a rake and head outside for they day. Have some quality time and exercise together. Take a break and have a picnic lunch outside, make a day of it. It is the simple times together that make great memories.

"Every leaf speaks bliss to me, Fluttering from the autumn tree."

- EMILY BRONTE

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OCTOBER IS STAMP COLLECTING MONTH Top 5 Questions About Stamps – and Answers that Stick!

Stamp collecting is called the world's most popular hobby, enjoyed by millions of people in the United States and around the world. And yet, most of us know very little about stamps, except that you stick them on an envelope to mail a letter.

Here are the Top 5 questions about stamps, and answers that stick!

- **Q.** Where did stamps come from?
- A. Postage stamps were invented in the 19th century in Great Britain. English schoolmaster and government employee Rowland Hill suggested the postage stamp as a means of taxing newspapers and collecting prepaid mail fees based on weight. In 1840, Great Britain issued what has come to be known as the "Penny Black," the world's first adhesive postage stamp. It (and all subsequent regular issue British stamps) carried the likeness of the reigning monarch, in this case Queen Victoria portrayed against a black background.
- **Q.** What is the world's most valuable stamp? How much is it worth?
- A. November 2005 saw a blockbuster stamp trade that established a new world record for the value of a single stamp nearly \$3 million. Wall Street investment manager Bill Gross traded a plate block of four "Inverted Jenny" 24-cent airstamps mail to Donald Sundman, president of Mystic Stamp Co., for a 1-cent "Z Grill" stamp. Gross had just purchased the block of four at auction the month before for a total price - bid and fees - of \$2.9 million. The "Z Grill" gives Gross the only known collection of every U.S. stamp from the 19th century. The "Z Grill," issued in 1868 with a profile of Benjamin Franklin, is

one of only two such stamps known to exist. Its name comes from the unusual waffle-like grill on the back of the stamp, employed at the time to better absorb postmarks and prevent people from reusing the stamp. The block of four stamps was part of a single sheet of 100 that survived from 1918 on which the border around the Curtiss IN-model biplane, known as "the Jenny," accidentally printed upside down. Prior to this historic trade, the previous record holder was the 1857 Swedish "Tre Skilling Banco," also known as the Treskilling Yellow, at the time touted not only to be the most valuable single stamp in the world, but the most valuable thing on the planet based on its weight. According to the book, The Treskilling Yellow, the stamp was discovered in 1885 by teenager Georg Wilhelm Backman, the only known example still in existence of the stamp printed in yellow instead of green. The David Feldman Zurich auction house sold the stamp in November 1996 to a dealer for 2.87 million Swiss Francs, approximately \$2.3 million in U.S. dollars at that time. The book goes on to state that the Swedish National Testing and Research Institute in Borås, Sweden, has since calculated the weight of the stamp to be 0.02675 grams (0.0009)ounces). That made the stamp worth nearly \$86 billion per kilogram, or \$189.6 billion per pound - the most expensive thing in the world.

- **Q.** When did the U.S. start making stamps?
- A. In 1847, George Washington and Benjamin Franklin appeared on the first U.S. postage stamps. Washington

was featured as the first president and Franklin as the first Postmaster General, named so by the Continental Congress in 1775.

- **Q.** How can I tell what a stamp is worth?
- A. Ask yourself two questions: "How rare is it?" and "What condition is it in?" The price listed in a stamp catalog gives you some idea of how rare it is. However, the stamp may sell at more or less than the catalog price, depending on its condition.
- **Q.** Who decides what subjects appear on stamps?
- A. The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC), founded in 1957, makes recommendations on stamp subjects. The Postmaster General makes the final decision. The CSAC's 15 members are appointed by the Postmaster General, chosen for their interest in philately and their backgrounds, which reflect a wide range of educational, artistic, historical and professional expertise. The Committee reviews tens of thousands of stamp subject proposals each year. Only a few dozen stamps are issued annually. To suggest an idea for a new stamp, write to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Stamp Development, U.S. Postal Service, 1735 North Lynn Street, Suite 5013, Arlington, VA 22209-6432. Submit subjects at least three years in advance of the proposed date of issue to allow sufficient time for consideration and for design and production, if the subject is approved.

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New Stamp Issues

HOLIDAY STAMPS COMING



In celebration of the winter holiday season the Postal Service will issue the 39-cent *Holiday Snowflakes* special stamps in four designs. The stamps will be on sale at the St. James Post Office on October 6, 2006.



The Postal
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2006. This stamp design was previously issued with a 34-cent denomination in 2001 and a 37-cent denomination in 2002.

The 39-cent *Kwanzaa* special stamp in one design will go on sale at the St. James Post Office

on October 7, 2006. The stamp design was previously issued with a 37-cent



denomination in 2004.



On October 7, 2006 the Postal Service offers for sale the 39-cent Hanukkah special stamp in one design. This stamp

was also previously issued with a 37-cent denomination in 2004.



The Postal Service will issue a 39-cent Christmas: Chacon Madonna and Child with Bird special stamp in one

design. The stamp will be available at the St. James Post Office on October 18, 2006. The stamp features an oil-on-canvas painting with gold details titled *Madonna and Child with Bird*. Dating to around 1765, the painting is attributed to Ignacio Chacon – an artist active from about 1745 to 1775 in Cuzco, Peru. The painting is now on view at the Denver Art Museum.

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Rediscover the Quiet Delight of Letters

submitted by the St. James Post Office

In the 60s, a lot of people "turned on and tuned out." Today, we're so tuned in, we are "WiFi-ed." Armed with cell phones, Blackberries, iPods, satellite radio, and instant messaging, many of us have never been more "connected" ... or so overwhelmed.

In the steadily growing chaos we call life – with its never-ending meteor shower of information, commentary, and noise – more and more people are rediscovering the quiet delight of sending and receiving cards and letters.

Letters help make moments special. Joys are recorded and savored. Problems fade, or at least gain perspective, when they are written down and shared among family and friends by mail. When you sit down to write a friend, you are never alone.

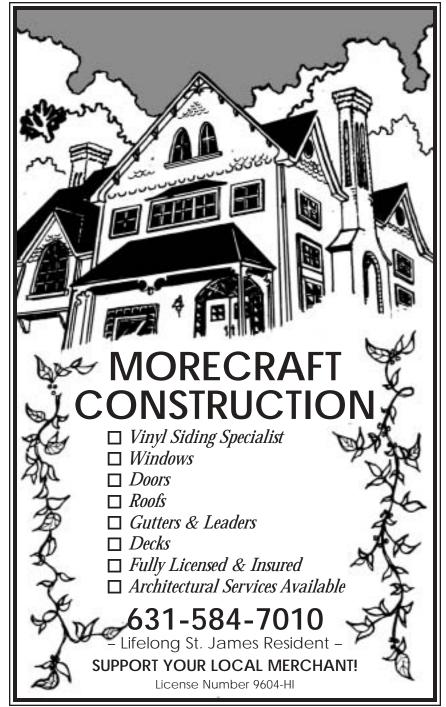
Taking the time to write a letter says so much to the recipient. Pausing to think about your friend or loved one, to revisit your memories and experiences, and to put those thoughts and emotions on paper bring these feelings to life for you as well as the recipient. And when flowers have wilted, chocolates have turned to unwanted pounds, IMs and emails have evaporated, and phone conversations have been forgotten, letters of love and mes-



sages of comfort and consolation remain, to be read and appreciated over and over again.

Unplug. Turn off. Slow down for a moment or two. Take off the headphones or cell phone earpiece. Recognize that sound? It's

called "silence." Kinda nice, huh? Now, savor the moment. Share it, and your feelings, with a friend or loved one. Write them a letter. Send them a card. Show them you care in a personal, lasting way.



FINANCIAL SAVVY

MORTGAGE MATTERS: Who's Keeping Score?

by Ann Mondrone

Everywhere you turn, you hear and read about FICO credit scores. What do they mean? Are they really that important? The answer is yes. Your FICO score can determine many things including whether you'll be approved for credit for mortgages, loans and credit cards and what rate you will be offered on them, the cost of your insurance, and in some cases, whether you get that job offer you've been hoping for. It has been said that "knowledge is power" and with regard to your FICO score that has never been more true.

FICO scores range between 300 and 850. A score below 620 can often result in paying a higher rate for borrowing, especially for a mortgage. A score over 700 usually will result in getting the most favorable rate. The best way to ensure a good FICO score is to manage your credit responsibly over time. To maximize your score, it's important to understand what goes into the calculation and how much each factor is weight-

Payment History: 35%

Takes into account (1) the history of accounts such as mortgages, major credit cards, department store credit cards, car loans and leases, and other installment loans, including details of any missed or late payments, such as the amount, how long ago it occurred, and how late it was, and (2) information from public records, such as bankruptcies, liens, lawsuits, foreclosures, judgments, and wage garnishments.

Amounts Owned: 30%

Looks at (1) the total of all the amounts you owe for all accounts, (2) the number of accounts that have balances, (3) how much of total credit available on credit cards you are using (the closer you are to maxing out your available credit, the more negative the impact on your score), and (4) how much of the original balance borrowed you still owe on installment loans.

Length of Credit History: 15%

As long as you don't have negative information in your file, the longer your credit history, the higher your score.

Type of Credit in Use: 10%

Considers the number of credit accounts and the mix of credit types: credit cards, installment loans, mortgage, etc.

New Credit: 10%

Considers (1) how many new credit accounts you've opened recently, (2) how long it's been since you opened a new account, (3) how many requests you've made for credit recently, (4) how long it has been since lenders have requested credit information on you, and (5) how good your recent credit history has been.

The obvious way to maintain a good FICO score is to pay your bills on time, but there are other steps you can take maintain or improve your score: (1) Don't open a lot of new accounts over a short time period, (2) shop for credit over a short period of time. FICO scores distinguish between searching for credit for a specific loan and searching for lots of different loans, (3) If you have a questionable credit history, open a few new credit accounts, use them responsibly, and pay them off on time, (4) keep your balance low in relation to your available credit. If your credit limit is \$10,000, keeping your balance below \$2,500 (25%) will improve your score, (5) pay off credit card debt rather than move it around to lower rate cards. Moving balances to other credit cards and closing out the old account can hurt your score because it can change the ratio of your total balances to your available lines.

Armed with the knowledge of how your FICO score is being calculated, you can take steps to manage your credit responsibly, and enjoy all the benefits of having a favorable score.

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MONEY MATTERS:

Five Things Every Investor Should Know

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

Is there any a magic formula for achieving investment success? Not really - though you wouldn't know it by reading all the advertisements touting "surefire winners." The truth is that there are few valid guarantees in the investment world.

However, once you learn to ignore all the exaggerated claims you might encounter, you can actually do quite a lot to become a more successful investor. Here are five things all good investors should know:

• Patience is a big asset.

Stock prices will always go up and down. The best investors overlook these short-term price swings and don't head to the investment "sidelines" when times are tough. Of course, this is easier said than done – especially when the political and economic news of the day is bad and the financial markets seem rattled. Yet, history is full of wars, crises and scandals and not one of them has permanently harmed the outlook for investments. In fact, after the initial shock of the event has worn off, financial markets have often recovered lost ground in a matter of months - and then gone on to new heights. Of course, past performance is not a guarantee of any future results.

• All investments carry risk.

Everyone knows that stocks can lose value. But too many people don't realize that all investments carry some type of risk. For example, bonds and Certificates of Deposit (CDs) may offer substantial protection of principal, so they might be considered "safe." And vet, these same vehicles may provide returns that fail to keep up with inflation, which means they carry purchasing power risk. It's not the same risk as that incurred by stocks, but it's a risk nonetheless - and it's something to be aware of if you are counting on your investments to provide you with some of your cash flow.

• Expenses can reduce returns.

Obviously, you would like your investments to provide you with good returns. But don't focus on returns to the exclusion of all other factors - such as investment expenses. The costs of investing can significantly erode your investment returns. So, for instance, if you are constantly buying and selling stocks in hopes of turning quick profits, you will likely run up against taxes and other costs that can turn potentially big gains into something else. You are likely to do much better by purchasing quality investments and holding them for the long term, or until your needs change.

Knowledge is power.

Some people aren't really sure what they are investing in — and that can lead to a variety of problems. For example, they might invest in almost exactly the same vehicles inside and outside their 401(k) plan, which could lead to an over-concentration of assets in a particular area — leaving them vulnerable to a downturn affecting that one asset class. The more you know about your investments, the less likely you are to face unpleasant surprises down the road.

• Professional expertise is valuable.

Work with an investment professional who knows your needs and who will work with you oneon-one to create a personalized strategy.

So, there you have it — five things every investor should know. Put this knowledge to work in helping you achieve your goals.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: The Importance of Life Insurance Protection **After Retirement**

by Lawrence Glazer, CLU

There is a prevalent notion among retirees that they no longer need the same life insurance coverage they had while they were working. Many surrender or reduce their insurance policies when they retire, leaving just enough to cover funeral expenses. The logic may be that the mortgage is paid off, the kids are grown, and college tuition bills have been taken care of. But in reality, many of the same financial responsibilities - such as food, transportation, and medical care - continue in retirement and these needs must now be met on a reduced income. Many people also plan to enjoy traveling and hobbies during retirement, which may actually increase normal expenses. And it still remains important to provide financial security for loved ones in the future.

How Much Is Your Money Worth?

With inflation, the value of money depreciates. While simply may make greater financial sense value of money actually increases in proportion to the changing worth of the dollar. A well-



thought-out financial plan usually allows a retiree to stay ahead of inflation and protect hard-earned assets, built up over years of careful management and consideration. And permanent life insurance can be an important part of such a plan.

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It is important to remember why you may have bought permanent life insurance in the first place. Perhaps you sought financial security. Maybe you wanted to ensure that if something were to happen to you, the people that depended on you would be provided for adequately. The truth is, the original reasons for buying life insurance protection are likely just as relevant as they were years ago. Personal needs may change after retirement, but they do not disappear. Furthermore, as modern medicine has increased our life expectancy, it is necessary to have finances that will last during this longer life. The reality of living in retirement for as long as 30 years may create the vital need to keep policies in force that maintain adequate insurance protection, while freeing up dollars for the well-deserved things you require or want.

That's why retaining your insurance protection in retirement can be important. The cash value of a permanent life insurance policy will accumulate on a tax-deferred basis and you may access this cash value in the case of an unforeseen emergency or opportunity.* And, as you live longer, the cash value of your permanent policy continues to accumulate. Having worked so hard to reach retirement, don't you and your family deserve to have the financial protection you

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Success Begins With the Homework Environment Sensible Tips for Helping Children With Their Homework

by Sara Wainwright

Parents want their children to get good grades in school. Unfortunately, not every parent knows how best to help their children meet academic challenges, including completion of homework assignments. So, how do parents maximize their child's chances for success in school? Start by creating a home environment that is conducive to homework and learning.

Sometimes, parents think helping their child complete their homework, or even doing their child's homework for him, will

help him achieve better grades in school. Often, it's just the opposite, creating a situation where children have not learned the concepts they are later tested on in the classroom.

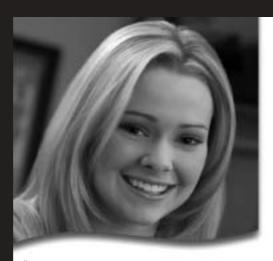
A simple way to help your child with homework is by creating an atmosphere that works with your child to efficiently tackle school tasks. Really get to know your child's homework style and develop a plan for school success.

Try the following tips to develop a homework plan for back-to-school success:

- 1. Set Goals. Help your child set attainable goals for each class and help her identify what will need to be done to reach each goal. For example, to get an A in American History she will need to turn in all her homework, participate in class, etc.
- **2. Know Your Child.** There are visual (seeing), auditory (hearing), and haptic (doing) learners. If you help your child work within his style, he will work more effectively.

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- 3. Create a Homework Zone. Set up an area in your home for studying, complete with a dictionary, paper and pens. Make sure the area is free from potential distractions and that study tools are at your child's fingertips to keep him focused on homework
- 4. Develop Class Files. Develop a color-coded file for each of your child's classes. Make separate tabs for homework assignments, exams and projects, so your child can refer back to class materials when studying for comprehensive tests.
- 5. Set Weekly Milestones. For big projects or exams, get a large calendar for your child's desk area and help him set short timelines to ensure projects and studying aren't left until the night before. Celebrate with your child when each milestone is met.

By working with your child to develop a plan to efficiently complete homework tasks, you will find higher grades, fewer homework headaches and a more confident child as a result.

Editor's Note:

Sara Wainwright is the Director of Education for the Sylvan Learning Center located at 556 North Country Road in St. James. Sylvan Learning Center provides tutoring for students of all ages with personalized instruction by certified teachers in reading, writing, math, study skills and test-prep for college entrance and state exams. Sylvan offers a new homework service, Homework Help - providing individual attention in small group settings. For additional information, call the St. James Center at 584-4066.

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

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Don't Let a Heavy Backpack Ruin Your Day

Summer Vacation is over, and the kids are going back to school. Each day many students are racing out to the school bus or scurrying to their classes with an overstuffed backpack slung over one shoulder. While carrying a backpack to school each morning might seem harmless enough, it can cause some painful back and neck problems for students who don't pack or carry their backpacks correctly. The following tips can help prevent the needless pain associated with overstuffed backpacks.

- Make sure you're your child's backpack weighs no more than 5%-10% of their body weight.
 Beyond that, the backpack will cause your child to begin bending forward in an attempt to support the weight on their back rather than on their shoulders, by the straps.
- A backpack with individualized compartments will help you position and distribute the weight more evenly.

- When packing a backpack, make sure that the heaviest items are packed closest to the back, and that pointy or bulky items are packed away. An uneven surface rubbing against your child's back is uncomfortable and can be difficult to manage as the weight gets shifted.
- Tell your child to use both shoulder straps, not just one. A backpack slung over one shoulder disproportionately shifts all of the weight to one side, and can cause not only neck and muscle spasms, but also low back pain.
- Padded shoulder straps are very important and should be at least two inches in width to help prevent them from digging into their shoulders
- The shoulder straps should also be adjustable, so the backpack can be fitted to your child's body.
 The backpack should not go below their waistline.
- Limit the weight of your child's backpack by helping them become more organized. They should only



carry what is needed. Instead of carrying the entire book, copying the pages that are required for the assignment, can help keep the weight of their backpacks down.

Much of back pain suffering is brought on by bad habits initiated during our younger years. Talk to your child about the proper use of backpacks and help them understand why this and other ergonomic issues are important. A child who is educated early in life on ergonomic issues can apply this knowledge later in life and will be happier and healthier as a result.

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HCDS Annual Picnic & BBQ

Harbor Country Day School in St. James, held their annual Welcome to Harbor Picnic and BBQ for the children, parents and staff recently. Fun was the order of the day for the children; and parents and staff got a chance to interact with each other. A win-win day for all.











COOK'S CORNER

Smoothies: For Every Season, Every Reason

Boost your nutritional profile, ease stress and relax with these suggested recipes.

There's a smoothie for every season and every reason. A take-off on the classic milkshake, these trendy drinks generally feature a combination of milk and fresh or frozen fruits blended together — although other products, such as ice, yogurt, flavorings, or sweeteners may be used.

Many health professionals use smoothies as an easy way to boost intake of particular nutrients, by offering sip-able servings of the foods many Americans don't get enough of — namely fruits and calcium-rich dairy products.

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE SMOOTHIE

Yield: 3¹/₂ cups • Serves 2

Kick-start your day with this fast-to-fix smoothie that's your cool cup of coffee — and mocha, mocha more.

Ingredients

- 4-5 ice cubes
- 1¹/₂ cups (or two 6-oz. containers) low-fat coffee yogurt
- 1 cup lowfat chocolate milk
- 1 teaspoon instant espresso granules
- 1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder

In a blender, crush ice cubes. Add yogurt, milk, instant espresso and cocoa powder. Cover and puree until smooth. Pour into two tall glasses or to-go cups.

AFTERNOON DELIGHT CUP OF COMFORT

Yield: about 4 cups • Serves 3

Do you ever need something to take you away from all the stress, yet need to stay alert at the same time? Then, just kick off your shoes, sit back and relax with this warm and soothing sipper — with chamomile and

chocolate together. Chamomile is known for its calming properties. And of course, there's chocolate for comfort appeal.

Ingredients

- cup prepared chamomile or chamomile-lavender tea
- 1¹/₂ cups (or two 6-oz. containers) fat-free chocolate yogurt
- 1 cup lowfat chocolate milk
- 1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 packets sugar substitute
 In a blender combine tea,
 yogurt, milk, cocoa powder, and
 sugar substitute. Cover and
 puree until frothy. Pour into
 three large microwave-safe
 mugs.* Heat each mug of
 smoothie in the microwave on
 high power for 40 seconds, or
 until froth begins rising. Keep an
 eye out for the froth!

*NOTE: Keep unheated smoothie in a covered pitcher refrigerated up to two days. Then heat when you need.

SKIN-E BEAUTY SMOOTHIE

Yield: 3 cups • Serves 2

Skin and hair need nutrition, too – such as healthy fats and vitamins C and E. After all, it's your skin and hair that are affected first by environmental damage. For a healthier outside (and inside), whip up this gorgeous smoothie with all the right stuff.

<u>Ingredients</u>

- cup frozen raspberries
- 1¹/₂ cups (or two 6-oz. containers) fat-free blueberry yogurt
- 1/2 cup fat-free milk
- 1 tablespoon unsalted, natural almond butter
- tablespoon orange blossom or wildflower honey

In a blender, add frozen raspberries, yogurt, milk, almond butter, and honey. Cover and puree until smooth. Pour into two tall glasses.

BONE APPETITE SMOOTHIE BOWL

Yield: 3 cups • Serves 2

The nutritional basics of bone building include calcium and vitamin D. Magnesium and other minerals play a supportive role, too. This smoothie pudding is choc full of these bone-friendly nutrients to help keep your bones happy and healthy.

Ingredients

- 1 medium banana, peeled, broken into pieces
- 2 cups fat-free vitamin D-fortified milk
- 1 package fat-free, sugar-free instant vanilla pudding mix

In a blender combine banana, milk, and pudding mix. Cover and puree until smooth. Immediately pour into two bowls.

SPORTY SMOOTHIE

Yield: 3¹/₂ cups • Serves 2

Headed to the gym? Out for a jog? Whip up this creamsicle-like smoothie full of important "workout" nutrients – protein, carbohydrates, potassium and more.

Ingredients

- 1 medium banana, peeled, sliced, fresh or frozen
- 1 6-oz. container lowfat vanilla yogurt
- 4 fluid ounce-container pasteurized liquid egg substitute*
- 1 cup fresh-squeezed orange juice
- 1/2 cup fat-free milk

In a blender, combine banana, yogurt, egg substitute, juice, and milk. Cover and puree until smooth. Pour into two tall

*NOTE: If you prefer, replace the egg substitute with 1/2 cup soft silken tofu.

SPORTS

Mike Crotty 'Run The Beach' 5K Race/Walk

The 3rd annual Mike Crotty "Run the Beach" 5K Race/Walk to raise money for the American Brain Tumor Society (ABTA) will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at Jones Beach State Park.

Mike Crotty, a lifelong Long Island resident and a 25-year St. James resident, lost his battle to an aggressive brain tumor in March 2000. Mike was father of four, a high school teacher, guidance counselor, family therapist, coach and athlete who committed his life to helping others. Mike loved the beach and it was no coincidence that Jones Beach was chosen as the site of the race. Since 2000, the Crotty family and friends have been sponsoring fundraisers for the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) in an effort to find a cure and to



honor Mike's memory. All proceeds from the race will go to the ABTA. We hope you will be part of the search for a cure by participating in the race or becoming a sponsor.

This year's race will have prizes for the top male and female finishers in different age categories. The race will be timed by an automatic computer chip system. Round-trip tickets to London for two, courtesy of Virgin Atlantic Airlines will be raffled off.

The application for the race can be downloaded from their website at www.runthebeachrace.com. You can also register for the race at www.active.com or email requests for applications to runthebeach5k@optonline.net and one will be mailed to you.

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HEALTH NOTES

Low Back Pain or *Pain in the Foot?*

by Karen Correia, PT, PhD

"The hip bone is connected to the thigh bone. The thigh bone is connected to the knee bone... Aha! The foot bone is connected to the back bone!

Is it possible that an injury to my foot or ankle can be causing my low back pain? YES! Here's how. A toe fracture, ankle sprain or just dropping a can of peas on your foot causes pain and you walk differently for a while. Most of the time the body does not go back to its pre-injury, efficient method of walking. With time, compensating movements overstress muscles and joints in the knees, hips and back causing pain.

When there has not been a foot or ankle injury, the entire foot has contact with the ground and walking is smooth and relaxed. With an injury when part of the foot is not being used, it is like walking on a narrow balance beam. How do you balance on a narrow beam? You may try to use your arms like a tightrope walker - but that's hard to do while carrying groceries or a briefcase or a child. The next best option is to walk very stiffly and try not to deviate your center of gravity too much. In other words, tighten up your hip and back muscles. Over time, hip and back muscles fatigue and become painful.

Is the above scenario only the-



ory? Not in our experience. Nearly every person who comes into our clinic with low back pain has had previous foot and ankle injuries. Most of the time the injury was minor such as dropping something on the foot or spraining an ankle and it occurred 10 or more years ago. People usually don't recall any significant injury until the area is palpated and a pain memory is triggered.

Let's compare how you take care of your body to how you take care of your car. A battery that becomes discharged every month is an annoyance. You could either recharge it every month or find out why the electrical system is draining it and fix the problem. In the case of your back, you could get a massage or do some exercises as a temporary fix or treat what is causing your low back pain. Chronic low back pain is not normal. The correct remedy for treating low back pain is to find the problem and treat the cause, not the symptoms.

How do I go about getting the right care for my back (or foot, or ankle)? Find someone who understands the body as a movement system and how it compensates for injury. Rather than a foot or ankle injury, your back pain may be due to an old knee injury, inappropriate footwear, a workrelated activity, or a sitting posture that is overstressing your body. All of these movement issues are the specialty of physical therapy. For success in eliminating your symptoms, you need a treatment plan based on your past and present movement experiences. Let's get you off of that narrow balance beam that is overstressing your back and get you onto your newly-paved road

Editor's Note:

Karen Correia, PT, PhD of Kare Therapeutics has been treating pediatric and orthopedic movement abnormalities for 15 years. She has taught physical therapy at Stony Brook University and Touro College. Dr. Correia has been measuring and analyzing movement for 25 years and has published her research in professional journals. Her primary interests are foot and ankle disorders as they relate to hip and back pain and scoliosis. For additional information call 724-5433.

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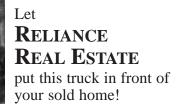
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HEALTH NOTES

Emphasize Function As Well As Pain

by Dr. Linda M. Bocchichio

Lower-back problems are the most costly of all musculoskeletal disorders. Nearly half of all workers compensation insurance claims are due to back injuries. Soft-tissue injuries and mechanical injuries of the lower back account for most cases of disability. Because of these statistics, evaluation and treatment methods for lower-back disorders are continually being researched.

Attempts to manage the problem have led to research resulting in new knowledge in anatomy, biomechanics, exercise physiology, and neurology of the lower back. This expanding knowledge has in turn resulted in the modification of some practice habits, the discarding of others, and the addition of new and innovative forms of treatment. Clinical practice has also been continually reshaped as a result of this. It is well recognized that treating the mechanical lower-back pain patient with activity decreases the disability, whereas treating the patient with prolonged rest, analgesics, and minimal activity increases the disability.

Management of lower back problems have shifted from passive therapeutic interventions to more active approaches that encourage an early return to activities. The attempt is to identify and recognize the mechanics and status of the injury, and to maximize the potential for repair of the musculoskeletal tissues. The goal is to allow the vertebral segments to restore function as rapidly as possible without reinjury. The key word here is "functional." If only the soft tissue is healed, without the function or the mechanics of the spine

addressed, the problem is going to become a chronic one. When a patient comes to the office in a chronic state, we have to address soft-tissue lumbar mechanics and pain levels. Early care leads to success in most patients, with active patient participation necessary for effective results. The treatment plan should emphasize functional improvement as well as pain reduction.

The reduction of pain is considered a crucial factor of any rehabilitation program. Pain is definitely an issue, but the mechanical problems in the lower back is more important than just the alleviation of the pain. After ruling out any bone pathology, and after finding areas of segmental dysfunction, standard modalities of treatment

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BEAUTY TIPS

Fall Hair (September and Beyond)

by Paul Gretschel

The summer is over. At least it's unofficially over after Labor Day. School has started, college kids have left home for their dorms upstate and in New England, some of us are planning to take our boats out of the water, and we're changing our style of dress. Short pants and tank tops will be put away soon and sweaters will be coming out of storage. Many men and women will let their hair grow longer and give up the "short" summer look for another year.

Every year in late spring, it's automatic for some people to cut their hair short. We see a lot of short haircuts starting in May and accelerating until July. Conversely, when September comes, people instinctively start letting their hair grow again. Besides wearing longer hair, many clients want their hair to become a darker shade than the "sun bleached" look of July and August.

As with our clothing, haircolor changes with the seasons. Frequently, clients move towards darker hair: usually reds, and brunettes during the fall. The warmer tones complement fall fashion trends for most everyone. Even blondes like to darken their shades a little. Blondes have the option of just using a slightly darker shade or putting low-lights in their hair to get more contrast.

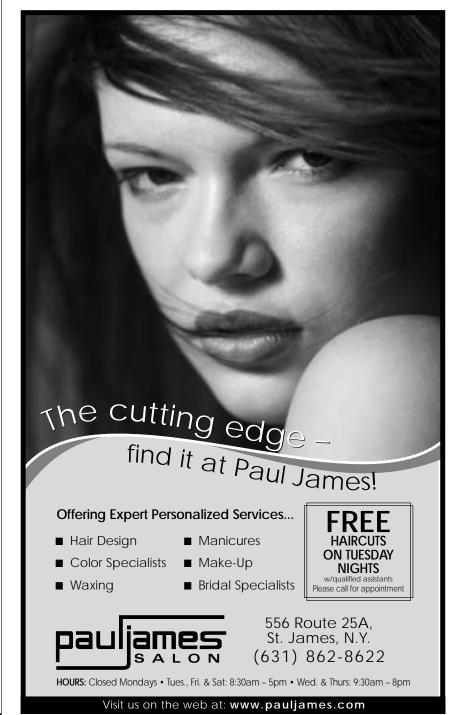
Besides haircolor and hair length, we also need to examine the condition of our hair in the fall. Hair can be dry, brittle, and frizzy due to a pleasant summer

Editor's Note:

Paul Gretschel, co-owner of Paul James Salon, has been in business with his brother James for 26 years in the same location on Route 25A in St. James. Paul has studied with Vidal Sassoon Academy in London, New York and Toronto. Prior to opening the Salon in St. James, Paul worked for Paul MacGregor in New York's East Village, and at Nubest and Co. in Manhasset. Paul invites your questions, call the Salon at 862-8622.

of saltwater, chlorine and lots of outdoor activities. If this is the case, conditioning treatments are in order. Consult your hairdresser to see if you need moisturizing or protein conditioners or both. Dry frizzy hair needs moisture and brittle hair needs protein. Oftentimes, damaged hair requires both moisture and protein.

Labor Day has passed. Change your haircolor, let your hair grow a little longer, and make sure that your hair is in great condition. Have fun.



OBITUARIES

Virginia Aberham

Virginia Aberham of Stony Brook passed away on July 25, 2006 at the age of 78. Loving mother of Andrew (Violet) Aberham, Thomas (Pat) Aberham and Michael Aberham. Beloved sister of Louise Milski and George Mortenson. Cherished grandmother of five.

A Funeral Service was held on July 28, 2006 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James. Interment followed at Long Island National Cemetery in Pinelawn.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown.

Paul J. Bobek

Paul J. Bobek of Smithtown passed away on July 25, 2006 at the age of 53. Loving husband of Christine Bobek. Cherished father of Laura Elizabeth Bobek. Beloved brother of Matthew, John and Peter Bobek and sister of Mary Adragna and Christina Dillon. Dear son-in-law of Anthony and Pat Sessa.

A Funeral Service was held on July 28, 2006 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James. Cremation was private at Washington Memorial.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown.

Doris Fitzsimmons

Doris Fitzsimmons of St. James passed away on August 9, 2006 at the age of 89. Loving mother of Joanne Balk, Dennis, James and Kevin Fitzsimmons. Cherished grandmother of Gregory, Alba, Jennifer, James, Laura, Maria, and three great grandchildren. Devoted sister of Mat, Bob, Joan and Iim.

A Funeral Service was held on August 14, 2006 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James. Interment followed at Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown.

Graciela Hennessey

Graciela Hennessey of St. James passed away on July 12, 2006 at the age of 73. Loving mother of Robert Hennessey and mother-in-law of Ann Marie Hennessey of St. James. Beloved grandmother of Andrew and Ashley Hennessey.

A Funeral Service was held on June 15, 2006 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James. Interment followed at St. Charles Cemetery in Farmingdale.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown.

Winifred G. Jansen

Winifred G. Jansen of St. James, formerly of Valley Stream, passed away on September 12, 2006. Beloved wife of the late John Charles Jansen, Sr. Cherished mother of Gail Barton-Girnius, John C., Jr., Gary R., Richard H. and Keith W. Beloved grandma of 13. Devoted sister of Warren Klinck and the late Jesse Klinck.

A Funeral Service was held on September 14, 2006 at the St. James Funeral Home. Interment followed on Friday, September 15, 2006 at Pinelawn Memorial Park, Pinelawn.

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

Jeanne Madonna

Jeanne Madonna of Selden, passed away on August 2, 2006 at the age of 69. Loving wife of Matthew Madonna and mother of Linda (Madonna) Zeh, Foster Zeh, and Rosina Madonna. Cherished grandmother of Bianca and Matthew Zeh. Beloved sister of Marie Pirraglia.

A Funeral Service was held on August 4, 2006 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James. Interment followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Coram.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown.

Katherine C. Mazzucca

Katherine C. Mazzucca of Smithtown passed away on June 17, 2006 at the age of 88. Loving mother of Ted Mazzucca and daughter Rosalie (Mazzucca) DiPrima. Beloved grandmother of six and great grandmother of 10.

A Funeral Service was held on June 20, 2006 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James. Interment followed at St. John's Cemetery in Queens, NY.

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Marguerite M. Moriarty

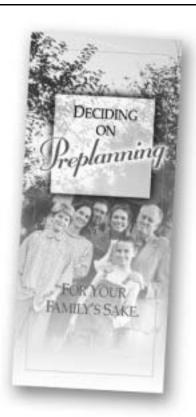
Marguerite M. Moriarty, of St. James, passed away on August 27, 2006 at the age of 84. Loving wife of the late Michael J. Moriarty. Devoted mother of John (Karen) Moriarty, Michael (Denise) Moriarty, Daniel (Mary) Moriarty, Peggy Moriarty White, and Clare (Chris) Sniffen. Beloved grandmother of 14 and great grandmother of four.

A Funeral Service was held on August 31, 2006 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James. Interment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, NY.

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Salvatore Teresi

Salvatore Teresi of St. James passed away on July 14, 2006 at the age of 82. Loving husband of Nancy Teresi. Beloved father of Augostino (Ann Marie) Teresi of St. James and Vincenza Kurak of Port Jefferson Station. Cherished grandfather of five.

A Funeral Service was held on June 15, 2006 at St. Patrick's R.C. Church in Smithtown. Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, NY.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown.

Helen K. Underhill

Helen K. Underhill of Ronkonkoma, passed away on June 9, 2006 at the age of 93. She was the wife of the late William Underhill. She is survived by her sister Mary Shepard and many nieces and a nephew.

A Funeral Service was held on June 13, 2006 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James. Interment followed at St. Charles Cemetery in Farmingdale.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown.

Angela M. Vitkun

Angela M. Vitkun, longtime resident of St. James, passed away on August 19, 2006 at her residence. Mrs. Vitkun was predeceased by her husband, Edward in March, 2006 and is survived by her son, Dr. Stephen Vitkun. She is also survived by

her granddaughters Marianna and Stephanie, her sister, Mildred Blank, her brothers Lawrence and John Caponegro. She was also pre-deceased by her brother Dominick (Jay) Caponegro in 2005

A Funeral Mass was offered at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James on Wednesday, August 23, 2006. Interment followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Coram.

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The main concern was access to Lake Avenue for emergency vehicles and traffic flow around the St. James Day event. To accommodate this end the following plan was agreed upon.

Washington Avenue will be ONE WAY going SOUTH from Railroad Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue. Parking will be allowed on the west side of Washington ONLY (No Parking signs will be posted on the east side of the street to facilitate access for emergency vehicles and traffic flow during the event).

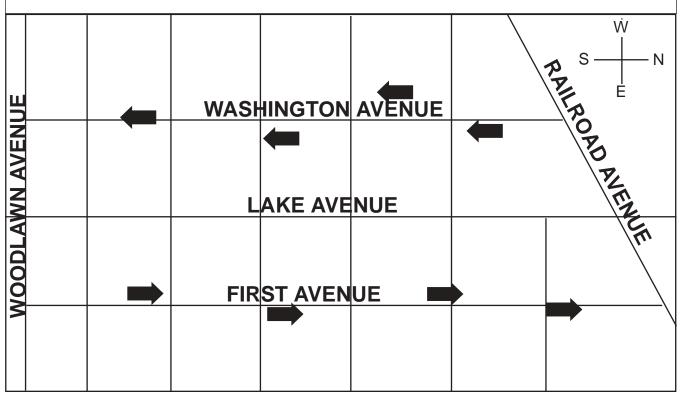
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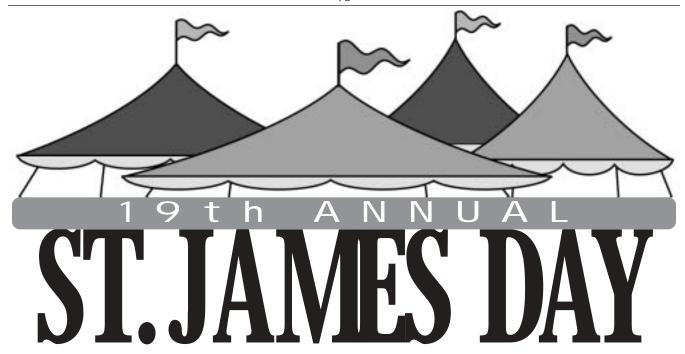
All of the side streets that join Washington Avenue and First Avenue to Lake Avenue will have **ONE SIDE** parking ONLY. These parking spaces will be used SOLELY for the vendors so they can have access to their products. (Special parking permits will be issued.)

We feel that by taking these precautions for the safety of the residents and visitors, St. James Day will be more enjoyable and orderly.

We would like to thank the residents in advance for their cooperation in this matter, and ask that all heed to these special requirements for the day. We all look forward to another great St. James Day.

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CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Special birthday wishes go out to Sofia Giacalone of St. James who celebrated her 13th birthday on September 17, 2006.

We would like to wish our little girl, Sofia, a very Happy 13th Birthday. You are loved very much and we are very proud of you. Welcome to the teen world and have fun being 13.

XOXOXOXOXOXOXOXO Mommy, Daddy and Vincent.

We join with Sofia's parents, Joe and Josephine, and her brother Vincent, in wishing her a very happy birthday.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Peter Richard of St. James. Peter will celebrate his 10th birthday on September 23, 2006.

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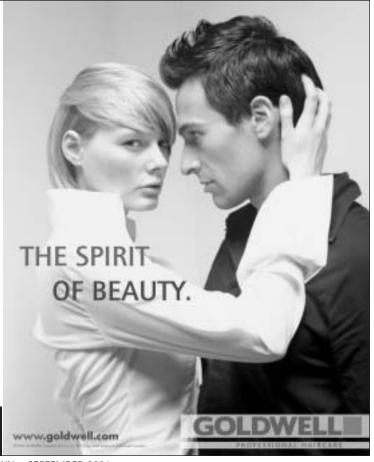
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The bride was attended by her sisters Nicole Romano and Tara Boucher. The Best Man was the groom's brother Gregory Rannazzisi. Bridesmaids were Rachel Cohen, Jaclyn Rannazzisi, Kim Sicurella, and Carolyn Avecilla. Groomsmen were P.J. Lambert, Tom Weisenberger, Nick Buonagura, and Kevin Peterson. The Flower Girl was Paige Furin and the Ring Bearer was Luca Boucher.

A reception was held at the Bay View House in Bay Shore. After honeymooning in Maui the newlyweds will reside in Los Angeles, CA.

Congratulations and best wishes from your all your friends and family.



Tracy and Stephen Rannazzisi

NEW ARRIVAL



Charlotte Vaughn Sanders

Jessica and Kevin Sanders of Memphis, Tennessee, are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Charlotte Vaughn. Charlotte made her debut on June 22, 2006 weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 21-1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Joann P. Magri of St. James, Joseph Magri of Holbrook, and Lynn and Bob Sanders of Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

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Editor's Note: Jim Winter is a State Farm Insurance Agent, located at 320 Lake Avenue in St. James. He has over 30 years experience with State Farm, the last 14 as an agent serving the insurance needs of St. James. Jim's office offers auto, home, life, disability and business insurance as well as financial products. He can be reached at 584-5929.

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Editor's Note:

Rita Clous is the Sales Manager and Licensed Broker Associate for Prudential Douglas Elliman Real Estate located at 220 Lake Ave., St. James, (631 584-7000)

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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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Meetings are held each
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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.

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

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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.

The meeting is open to the public and offered free of charge. For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation, Long Island Chapter, at 427-8272.

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HEALTHY COMMUNITY LECTURE SERIES

An ongoing monthly meeting designed to educate the community on health related topics, including: nutrition, diet and exercise. Health professionals and guest speakers are on hand to answer questions you may have. Varying locations and times based on topics. Limited seating available. Call 584-8783 for next meeting, info, and registration.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS MEETINGS

The Three Village Post of the Jewish War Veterans is seeking new members. They meet monthly on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at the North Shore Jewish Center, Norwood Avenue at Old Town Road, Port Jefferson Station. Call 751-6421 or 928-1127.

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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

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.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

MUSIC STUDIO AVAILABLE -Room for Rent - St. James. Call for Details. 873-8126. tfn/tg 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. 11/06 FOR SALE - LOOPLOC POOL COVER - used for one season. covering a 16'x34' pool (like new). \$750. Call 585-0013. 9/06 OFFICE FOR RENT - ST. JAMES -800 sq ft. office suite with Lake Avenue address. Street level. 2 entrances, bathroom. \$1450 includes heat, elec, alarm, wired for cable. Immediate occupancy. Call Bill 862-9849 for info. tfn OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT - Lake Avenue, 400 square feet, 2 rooms. Ample off-street parking. \$700. Please call 631-862-1515. 9/06

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