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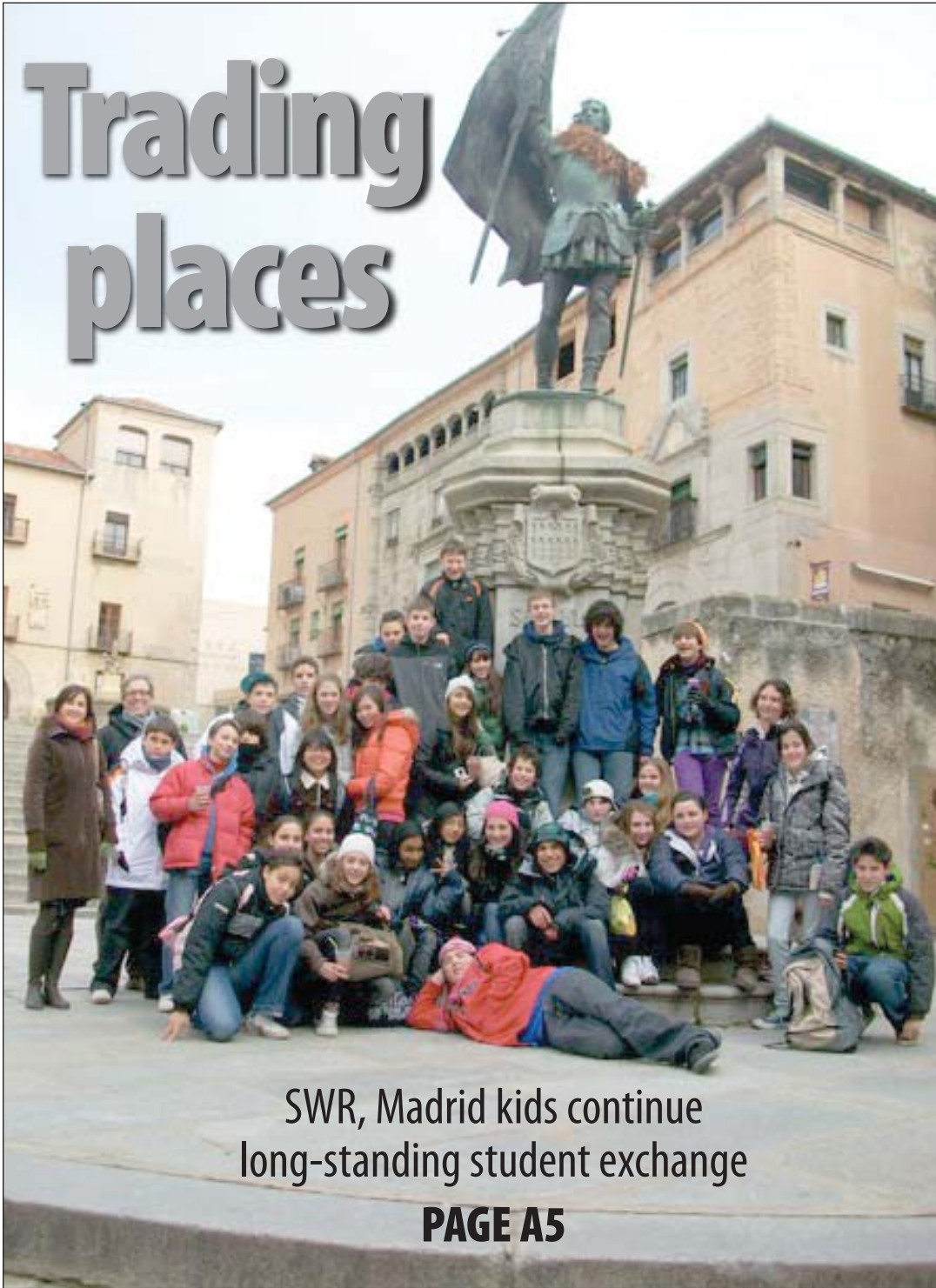
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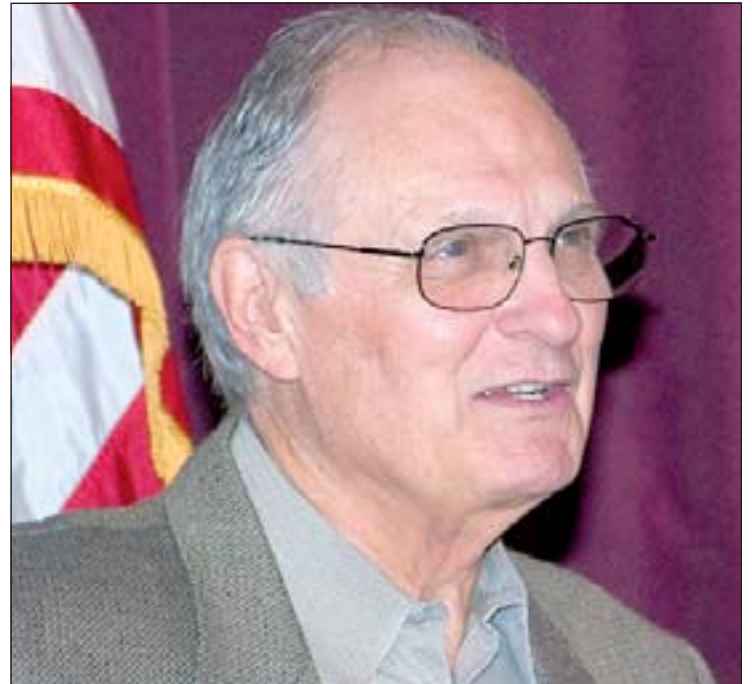


SWR, Madrid kids continue long-standing student exchange

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Courtesy Photo

Area students visited the small city of Segovia north of Madrid where they saw the monument to Juan Bravo in the Plaza de San Martin.



Courtesy Brookhaven National Laboratory

Actor Alan Alda spoke at BNL Friday.

## Serving science

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Alan Alda, director, writer and actor, perhaps best known for the TV series M\*A\*S\*H\* as well as The West Wing, was the keynote speaker Friday at an all-day workshop on “Communicating Science,” held at Brookhaven National Laboratory, which co-sponsored the event with the Stony Brook Center for Communicating Science. Alda played an important role in establishing the center at SBU in 2009 with the cooperation of BNL and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

Alda, who speaks of his lifelong interest in science, hosted Scientific American Frontiers on PBS from 1993 to 2005. He called it “the best thing I ever did in front

of a camera.” After interviewing hundreds of scientists, Alda became convinced many researchers have interesting stories to tell, but need help in the techniques that would make their stories exciting to the general public. In particular, many scientists need coaching to convert their technical terms to everyday language. At the workshop, BNL scientists and others in related fields at the Lab listened to distinguished panelists speak on “Who Cares What the Public Thinks about Science?” and participated in seminars, including an “Improvisation Workshop” to help them better communicate with the public.

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A photograph by SWR senior Gina Polizzo is to be used on a soda bottle label.

# Green apple glory

## SWR senior has a taste for prize-winning photography

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In the midst of college acceptance letters, Gina Polizzo received another piece of correspondence recently — congratulations from the Jones Soda Co. That letter explained that a photo Gina took will appear on Jones soda bottles nationally.

Gina, a senior at Shoreham-Wading River High School, entered the company's photo contest as part of a photography class assignment. Gina and two other students from Jason Andria's photography classes recently had their photos chosen as "staff picks," which are photos in the contest that are favorites of the Jones Soda staff. The Seattle-based company has unique soda flavors with quirky names like fufu berry and blue bubblegum. The bottles display photos chosen from among images submitted to the company's website.

Gina's letter from Jones Soda included 10 soda labels that feature her photo. Gina made that photograph, of an Afghan Hound tied to a bicycle, on her way to a college open house earlier this year. The soda label credits the photo to "Gina Frey," a variation of her mother's maiden name and the name the 16-year-old uses for her photography. Gina says the name is much easier for people to spell. "It has kind of a candid air about it ... and it's shorter and easier to remember," she said.

Gina, who also employs her photogra-

phy skills as editor-in-chief of Shoreham's yearbook club, plans to pursue a career in fashion photography. She is currently deciding between the Pratt Institute and the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

Gina said this week she had yet to spot her label in stores, but her photo will appear on the green apple flavor. According to a representative from Jones Soda, green apple is one of the company's main flavors which means that Gina's photo will appear all over the country.

For her high school graduation party at the end of this school year, Gina plans to give bottles of soda featuring her photo as party favors. Because specific bottles can be hard to find in stores, Gina said she would custom order the bottles, which anyone can do on the Jones Soda website. She said she will order the green apple flavor, of course, but won't limit herself to that flavor. "Hopefully they'll give me some sort of discount!" she said.

Shoreham-Wading River teacher Andria has had over 15 student winners of the contest during his eight years in the district, he said. This year, 70 of Andria's students entered the contest. Andria said being chosen is "an honor" because at any given time there are over 50,000 photographs on the website competing for a spot on a label. "Gina's a natural leader," he said. "She's very talented when it comes to photography and she deserves the spotlight."

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# Sen. Flanagan: Freeze all state, town, school wages

## Lawmaker would have gov't employees feel private sector's fiscal pain

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In an audacious step precipitated by revenue shortfalls at all levels of government, a L.I. lawmaker plans to introduce legislation this week calling for a wage freeze for all public employees in New York.

Gov. David Paterson last week announced he would postpone payment of the 4 percent state employee wage hike slated for the 2010-11 fiscal year, according to media reports. New York could go

a step further and save its taxpayers collectively around \$2 billion by freezing the wages of all personnel at all levels of government throughout the state, Sen. John Flanagan said Friday.

Flanagan (R-East Northport) said he is lining up support for Senate legislation he is crafting to declare a state of fiscal emergency and enact the freeze. It's not something Albany should resort to "lightly," Flanagan said, but with unemployment still high, wage stagnation in the public sector is still "probably less severe than what's going on in the private sector."

In addition to the state, many school districts and municipalities are considering tax increases to support rising expenses — in large part due to contractual em-

ployee compensation increases negotiated during better years — despite falling revenue. If lawmakers don't pursue "unique" solutions, "we are going to be in deep, deep trouble," Flanagan said.

Many districts have called on unions to take wage freezes so junior members could keep their jobs; very few bargaining units have acquiesced, although Roslyn and Port Washington unions have reportedly agreed to wage freezes. And while proponents maintain the state has the power, local government clearly cannot unilaterally alter contractual pay agreements.

Democratic leaders in both houses of the Legislature have not offered similar proposals, lawmakers said Monday, although a number of local reps have voiced some support for Flanagan's proposal.

While legislative leaders have not yet taken up the call, Assemblyman Jim Conte (R-Huntington Station) said, it's being considered by "rank and file members like myself who continue to ask the question, because we understand the dire straits that we are in and that everyone has to pitch in."

Assemblyman Andy Raia (R-East Northport) said he supports Flanagan's plan in principle, but is concerned about the timing. Instead of the close to \$10 bil-

lion deficit the state is contending with this year, next year when federal stimulus funding runs out the budget gap will balloon to \$20 billion, he said. "Whatever we do now we may not be able to do in the future when we may really need to do it," Raia said.

Raia said he would first like to see the state Sen. Ken LaValle (R-Port Jefferson) hold out hope Tuesday that Flanagan's proposal would spur employee unions to make voluntary concessions.

While he called the wage-freeze legislation a "valid effort," LaValle said he was uncertain whether he would support it.

Sen. Craig Johnson (D-Port Washington) took heat from unions last week for issuing a statement in support of Paterson's state wage freeze, according to spokesman Rich Azzopardi. Johnson supports voluntary wage concessions by public-employee unions, and has introduced legislation to prevent salary increases for state lawmakers, according to his April 8 email.

State employee unions have already sued Paterson over their wage freeze, and more suits are likely if it was extended to the hundreds of other unions serving public employees throughout the state. But the threat of legal action "shouldn't dissuade anyone from doing it," Flanagan said.

Legal precedent for public wage freezes were set during New York City's fiscal crisis in the 1970s and currently by the Buffalo



File photo

State Sen. John Flanagan

Fiscal Stability Authority, the senator wrote in an April 7 op-ed in Newsday. "Prior wage freezes have been litigated and determined to be constitutional by both state and federal courts."

"I firmly believe that working men and women deserve good pay and good benefits in both the public and private sector, but while the private sector, including many union workers, is suffering from malnutrition, the public sector hasn't begun to diet," Flanagan wrote in the column.

Lee Lutz contributed to this story.

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# Job satisfaction?

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The owner of a business on Echo Avenue in Sound Beach called at 5:30 pm April 5 to report being punched in the face by one of his employees at his location.

**Petit larceny**  
A resident of Groveland Park Boulevard in Sound Beach called at 2 pm April 1 to report an unknown person entered her vehicle while it was parked outside her house and removed items.

**Drugged driving**  
A 37-year-old male residing on Scenic Court in Wading River was arrested March 27 after police pulled over his vehicle on Route 25 just east of William Floyd Parkway in Ridge and charged with driving a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs.

**Handbag heist**  
A resident of Fairway Drive in Rocky Point called at 7 pm March 31 to report her purse containing approximately \$500 dollars was stolen by unknown persons after she left it in the vehicle for about two hours

**Go quietly into that night**  
A resident of Cady Place in Sound Beach called at 12:57 am April 4 to report a group of youths causing a noisy disturbance in the area while entering the nearby wooded area and beachfront.



**Laptop looted**  
A resident of Autumn Drive in Mount Sinai called at 6:30 pm April 1 to report a laptop stolen, possibly by a known male.

**Burglary**  
A female complainant called at 6:55 pm March 29 to report someone smashed the window of her vehicle and stole items from the interior while she was in a gym on Route 25A in Wading River.

**High trespassers**  
A resident of Hilltop Drive in Sound Beach called at 8:43 pm April 1 to report three carloads of youths roaming the neighborhood using drugs and trespassing. Police arrived and found the teenagers had dispersed and no arrests were made.

**Vandalism**  
A resident of Commack Road in Sound Beach called at 8 am April 4 to report his vehicle vandalized the night before by an unknown person who scratched the entire length of the driver's side of the car.

**Midnight fighters**  
A complainant called at midnight April 1 to report a large group of teenagers fighting and stumbling down Marcy Drive in Mount Sinai. They were gone upon police arrival.

**Harassment**  
A resident of Radio Avenue in Miller Place called at 8 pm April 3 to report being shoved by an unknown male who was no longer at the scene.

**Maniac motorist in Mt. Sinai**  
A passing motorist called at 10 am April 1 to report an unknown operator driving a large dump truck like a maniac down Route 347 in Mount Sinai "all over the road and hitting curbs on both sides of the road." The complainant supplied police with the truck's license plate number.

**Assault**  
A resident of Miller Place Road in Miller Place called at 6:15 pm April 5 to report being assaulted by a group of youths in the area.

**Threatened**  
A resident of Ridge Road in Rocky Point called at 2 pm April 1 to report being threatened by a neighbor who was no longer at the scene.

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# Mad about Madrid

## SWR students visit Spain's big city & host Madrilenos on our shores

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Thirteen students from Prodel Middle School who participated this year in the Madrid Exchange were awarded Proclamations at the beginning of April from Legislator Dan Losquadro, a longtime supporter of the international program. Quickly approaching its 30th anniversary, the student exchange in the Shoreham-Wading River School District is now fully managed by the parents and participating students, according to Madrid Exchange Chairperson Liz Leunig.

The exchange was started in 1981 by principal Cary Bell and Spanish teacher Patsy Bove. Bell's approach to teaching foreign language is said to have been the driving force behind the program. Bell believed the key to learning another language was "to visit the people of the country" where it was spoken.

"Along with my own family in Spain, I now have four other families I consider my own that I see

when I go back," Leunig said.

During the winter break, Prodel students travel to Madrid to live with host families and experience Spanish culture and lifestyle. "It was great to see a new place, but the best thing was becoming best friends with kids that live across the ocean," exchange student Julie Lindell, 14, said.

Bridging the gap between Prodel Middle School and Instituto Santamarca, students are part of a two-week program that encourages a culturally enriched experience within the language they've chosen to study in school.

"When the Madrid students come to our school, they are like celebrities," Leunig said. Students at Prodel have a chance to ask the Spanish kids questions and listen to them tell what a typical school day in Madrid is like.

Parents are given written guidelines at the end of their child's seventh grade year describing the program, to help them decide whether to enroll their kids in the program. According to



Courtesy photo

During spring break Shoreham-Wading River students, who had spent two weeks in Madrid in February, welcomed their Spanish counterparts from the Instituto Santamarca.

those guidelines, "the continued goal of the program is to provide a cultural experience for both American and Spanish students, cultivate language skills through living the language and establishing friendships across the globe."

Students send an info sheet with photo to the Spanish school and are matched with children of similar interests. Daily activities are planned by the host family and paid for by fundraising during the year. Similarly, the host families in Shoreham-Wading River fundraise to pay for activities for the Madrid students dur-

ing their visit which takes place during spring break. "We had a blast with our [Spanish] friends and learned and saw some great things," said Phillip Losquadro, whose father, now a parent chaperone, had participated in the exchange as a student.

Many host families become repeat hosts for new students year after year. Seeing her fourth child go through the program, Leunig believes it is well worth the work involved to sustain it. "These kids are so brave, 13, 14, away from home," said Leunig. At first she thought they were too young for

a program like this, Leunig admits, but she soon realized that wasn't the case. "It's the perfect age to go, old enough to appreciate but young enough to not get love struck."

All of this comes with a lot of responsibility. Fundraising is a year round effort for parents and students. "Both the children and the parents need to be 100 percent committed," Leunig said. "Our major fundraiser is our breakfast served at the middle school each morning." Bagels with butter or cream cheese, muffins and drinks

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# Rocky Pt 5th-grader wins national poetry contest

## Edgar School student entered green-themed competition through district's enrichment program

BY JENNIFER CHOI  
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Maggie Dowd, a fifth-grader at the Joseph A. Edgar School in Rocky Point, is the winner of a national poetry contest sponsored by the Elmer's Glue Crew Recycling Program.

Maggie, 10, was one of several students in grades kindergarten through six nationwide who participated in the "What I Love About The Earth" contest by submitting essays, poems and songs about why they love the earth and what they are doing to protect it, according to the contest website. One winner per grade was selected and awarded an Elmer's Products Prize Pack. Maggie submitted a poem titled "The Earth." She entered the contest through her school's Guided Academic Technology Enrichment Services program, which provides enriching opportunities for students at the Joseph Edgar school. When Maggie learned last month she had been chosen as the fifth-grade winner of the contest, she was "really excited" and said she had par-



Courtesy James Dowd

Poetry contest winner Maggie Dowd says she is fascinated by nature and would like to be a writer or marine biologist when she grows up.

participated in local writing competitions in the past but never won.

In addition to her love of writing, the 10-year-old expressed her interest in nature and said she hopes to become a writer or marine biologist when she grows

up. "I've always kind of been fascinated with nature," said the fifth-grader, who is involved in her school's water bottle recycling program. She said she especially enjoys the ocean and going to the beach because the

water is relaxing.

Having participated in the GATES program since third grade, Maggie credits that program with giving her the chance to participate in "things you wouldn't really get in a classroom." When asked

why she thinks it's important for people to protect the earth, she replied, "It's the only place they're going to get to live, at least in their lifetime."

Maggie's father, James Dowd, *Continued on page A18*

### The Earth

by Maggie Dowd

Oh how I love the Earth,  
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Oh how I love the Earth,  
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## Madrid

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are sold and profits are used to pay for activities for the Madrid students when they arrive. Other events include car washes, St. Patrick's Day dance, selling refreshments at the Variety show, poinsettia sales and the popular Shoreham-Wading River Idol, run by Organiz.MusicIdol.com.

The cost to a student for two weeks is approximately \$1,200, and includes the price of airfare, passport and spending money. The host family covers all other costs including meals and daily activities. "Being in the Madrid Exchange 2010 was the best thing I've ever done in my life," Madison Hubner said. "You connect with the other students and really understand their life."

Legislator Losquadro, who has had a niece and a nephew (and a brother) in the exchange program, said it is important for younger people to experience other cultures and ways of life. Losquadro commended the families who have kept the program alive in the absence of outside financial sup-

## Reworking SWR budget

Shoreham-Wading River school administrators last month proposed a \$57.7 million 2010-11 budget, but that figure may be drastically different by next week's Board of Education meeting as school officials consider restoring many budget items that were previously eliminated, according to a district official.

On Tuesday, April 20, board members will adopt a final budget to go before voters on May 18. That budget meeting will take place at 7 pm in the high school library.

The legislator said it is a program he has also chosen to support through his constituent services fund. The experiences won through the student exchange lead to "a lifelong quest for knowledge," Losquadro said. After all, "The world is a very big place."

D. Willinger contributed reporting to this story.

## What SWR kids are saying about the Madrid Exchange

- ▶ "This trip was a fun and enjoyable experience. We all became very close and made new friends. We also got to enjoy new foods and experience another culture." — **Samantha Pedulla, 13.**
- ▶ "Awesome. When I was in Spain I met a lot of cool people and I got to go to the Real Madrid Soccer Stadium. I loved the food and the subway was so clean." — **Alex Csorny, 14.**
- ▶ "I enjoyed it a lot. I met some chill people, like Simmos and Wilson. We went to the city of Toledo and it was intense." — **Max Goldfarb, 13.**
- ▶ "Madrid was a lot of fun. I cannot wait until summer when I will see my friends again and to go back to Spain." — **Dominic Pirraglia, 14.**
- ▶ "It was fascinating to experience the culture of Spain. I especially enjoyed the museums. I met a lot of wonderful people while in Spain. I will never forget it." — **Emily Gass, 13.**
- ▶ "It was very interesting to experience Spain's culture. I enjoyed exploring all of Spain and spending time with kids I don't talk to often. This experience will always be in my heart." — **Victoria Onorato, 14.**
- ▶ "I feel like while I was there, I had just a Spanish version of my family. All of the new people I met I now consider my family and I cannot wait to see them again." — **Christian Suarez, 13.**
- ▶ "The student that stayed in my house was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed being around him." — **Matthew Leunig, 14**
- ▶ "The family I stayed with was so nice and welcoming. I made so many new friends and I can't wait to see all of them again." — **Richie Lacovara, 13**
- ▶ "I met so many wonderful new people and I feel like I have a family in Spain. I'm so happy I did the exchange. I don't think I will ever forget the experience." — **Emily Weber, 13.**
- ▶ "I have people in Madrid I'll always trust, always love and never forget. I miss them tremendously and without them I feel like a part of me is missing. People ask me why I cry when I miss them, only one month we were together, yet I feel connected forever. I miss my family, I miss my friends and I miss Madrid." — **Madison Hubner, 13.**
- ▶ "Going to Spain showed us a new culture and we got to try new things. I can't wait to go back and see everyone." — **Alyssa Filangeri, 14.**



# 175 years

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The present-day church seen from the south. *File photo/D. Willinger* Inset: Congregants of Port Jefferson's Methodist Church gather with Pastor Huibing He and Bishop Jeremiah Park to kick off the 175th anniversary celebrations last month. *Courtesy Church Archives*

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Above: The present-day church dates to 1893. *Courtesy Kenneth Brady*

At right: Bishop Jeremiah Park, seen here with Clif Brown, chairman of the finance committee, came to Port Jefferson earlier this year to kick off the 175th anniversary celebrations. *Courtesy Church Archives*

Bottom right: Christian families met with the Methodist 'circuit rider' as early as 1924 in the home of Zachariah Hawkins on Myrtle Avenue — 11 years before the Port Jefferson Methodist Society incorporated as a church. *Courtesy Port Jefferson Historical Society*

# 175 years in Port Jefferson

## A history of the First United Methodist Church

BY SANDRA SWENK  
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As the congregation, friends and community come together this weekend to celebrate the establishment of the Methodist Church in Port Jefferson, it is appropriate to reflect on the history of this prominent institution that began in the early 1800s.

Early Methodist congregations on Long Island comprised a single preaching circuit in 1810, with the exception of Brooklyn, and were served by a circuit rider — that is, a clergyman who visited various hamlets to conduct services. When the area was divided, the Suffolk Circuit included Huntington, Babylon and all points east. It was in 1824 that the Rev. Horace Bartlett, a circuit rider, came to Port Jefferson and met with some Christian families in Zachariah Hawkins' home on the corner of Main Street and Myrtle Avenue, now the site of Infant Jesus Roman Catholic Church. Thus, the Port Jefferson Methodist Society was organized. Meetings in homes were held regularly with occasional visits by pastors who had to travel miles by horse or on foot to be with the society mem-

bers. In 1835, the society incorporated and became a church.

Three years later, at a cost of \$1,000, a chapel was built on Thompson Street near the intersection of High Street. Prior to this, Sabbath school was held in the "little red schoolhouse" on the corner. In 1873, the chapel was moved to a property on Main Street with the building facing Spring Street. It stood there for 20 years until it was

sold and moved to a location near the present-day gas station by Old Post Road. A fire later destroyed the building.

Methodists constructed a new church immediately, laying the cornerstone in 1893. The shingled church with its impressive steeple was built by the local firm of Loper Brothers at a cost of \$10,500; pews and a heating system were included. The late Carroll M. Loper, son

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## Spreading the faith

Missionary work around the world reached a peak in the year 1910, as was noted in the minutes of the 63rd session of the New York East Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The movement to bring Christianity to foreign lands appealed to laymen in the churches in the United States. The Methodist Episcopal Church in Port Jefferson sent Dr. Edna G. Terry to China.

Dr. Terry was from one of the oldest families in Port Jefferson. She was a graduate of Northfield Seminary and held a doctorate degree from Boston University. As a representative of the New England Branch of the Women's Foreign Mission Society, she ventured to Tsun-Hua, China in 1887. It was in that city that she began the first medical work undertaken by a woman. From tending to just a few patients in her first year, she worked to train nurses and to open a hospital and dispensary that treated thousands of patients not only in the city but outside in the country and as

far as the Great Wall of China, according to an obituary published in the *Missionary Review of the World* in 1913. Dr. Terry, it reported, once traveled 1,200 miles across China in a primitive cart. Dr. Terry's achievements and skills in the medical field brought her recognition as a prominent missionary, both home and abroad.

When German troops clashed with the Boxers in Canton in 1900, there was fear for the safety of Dr. Terry and other medical missionaries. Newspapers in the United States sought information on their status and were assured in June of that year that the missionaries were indeed safe.

After 26 years in China, Dr. Terry died on Aug. 19, 1913, in Tsun-Hua. She had reportedly been crippled with rheumatism and unable to perform her medical work. But she carried on despite the disability, supervising the religious training of women. Her obituary was also published in *The New York Times*.

— SANDRA SWENK





Courtesy Church Archives

The 'HMS Pinafore' operetta was performed at the Methodist Church in the late 1940s. Among those pictured in the front row are June Darling, center, the junior choir director; and Hazel Spence, left, and her daughter Jane, right.



Courtesy the Warren family

A headstone from the mid-19th century Methodist churchyard in Port Jefferson was uncovered around 1978.

## Early burial grounds

### Methodist cemetery in Port Jefferson predated Cedar Hill

As the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association celebrates the 150th anniversary of its hilltop burial ground in Port Jefferson, one often wonders where our ancestors had their final resting places prior to 1860. Perhaps small private cemeteries existed, yet little is known of their locations.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, originally located on Thompson Street in 1838, purchased a piece of property that extended in a dogleg to High Street. According to a deed

of April 13, 1838, the church trustees paid \$200 for the land, built a chapel and used some of the land as a burial ground for church members and their families. The chapel moved to Spring Street in 1873 but the cemetery remained. A home was subsequently built on that High Street parcel. Recorded titles indicated that egress and ingress would be permitted to any ancestors of persons buried in that Methodist burial ground. While no graves were actually found by later property owners, a gravestone of a young child was uncovered.

— SANDRA SWENK

From information provided by the Warren family to the Rev. He.

## Church history

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of Arthur Loper, partner in the firm, recalled many years ago that an uncle, Elvin S. Hawkins of East Setauket, and Orlando B. Davis, a former funeral director, were the only carpenters who dared to climb the high elevation of the church to build the steeple. Three pennies were placed on the framework and the steeple was erected over them. According to Mr. Loper, this story was told to him by his father in 1942. The church was dedicated in May, 1894.

An adjoining property owned by the Overton family was purchased in 1929 and remodeled as a modern parsonage, which has continuously been used by pastors of the church. In 1961, the brick building occupied by a telephone company on the corner of Tuthill Street was purchased, renovated and dedicated the next year. Sunday school classes and other educational programs are held there today, and scout groups and service organizations hold meetings in Fellowship Hall, the church's renovated basement.

Many improvements have been made to the original church building, including a 1950-51 interior restoration of the sanctuary, refurbishing of wood trim and pews, the basement renovation and exterior painting. In 1993, in honor of the centennial of the building, the congregation raised funds to repaint the interior and later the exterior, including restoration of the stained glass windows. The congregation now plans to take on the refurbishing of the exterior and will once again be seeking



Courtesy Church Archives

Pastor Huibing He, originally from China, has been the spiritual leader of the Port Jefferson Methodist congregation for 10 years.

donations from the membership and friends in the community.

The First United Methodist Church has played an active role in the Port Jefferson community, including opening to the public for historic tours and for concerts during the Charles Dickens Weekend Festival. The congregation regularly sponsors fall and holiday fairs, chicken barbecues and occasional suppers,

all of which are supported by community residents.

Following a long line of ministers serving the Methodist congregation, the Rev. Huibing He has been the pastor of the present church on Main Street for 10 years. She has brought a wealth of cultural and artistic talents and has been a compassionate leader to the many families in the Port Jefferson area.

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING, BUDGET VOTE and ELECTION MOUNT SINAI UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Budget Hearing will be held at the Mount Sinai Elementary School, Route 25A, Mount Sinai, New York, on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the transaction of such business as is authorized by Education Law, including the following items:

1) To adopt the annual budget of the school district for the fiscal year 2010-11 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

2) To discuss all of the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon by voting machines at the Budget Vote/Election to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

3) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to Education Law of the State of New York. Polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items on May 18, 2010:

a. To adopt the annual budget of said school district for the fiscal year 2010-11 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

b. To enter into an agreement for Library Services.

c. To elect members of the Board of Education as follows:

1) One member for a term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2010 to succeed Lynn Jordan, whose term of office expires June 30, 2010.

2) One member for a term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2010 to succeed John Kostic,

whose term of office expires June 30, 2010.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purpose of voting at such Budget Vote/Election on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at the Mount Sinai Elementary School, the polls will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2010-11, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning May 4, 2010, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at the Administration Office, and at each of the school buildings.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to Real Property Tax law section 495 an "exemption report" is to be attached to the budget citing the amount of the total assessed valuation of the District that is subject to exemption from taxation including a listing of every type of exemption (providing the statutory authority for each such exemption); the cumulative impact of each such exemption; the cumulative amount to be received from recipients of exemptions in the form of "payments in lieu of taxes" or other payments for municipal services; and the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, with the Clerk of said school district at her office in the Mount Sinai District Office, Route 25A, Mount Sinai, New York, not later than Monday, April 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Vacancies on the Board of Education shall not be considered separate specific offices

and nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy for which a candidate is nominated. Such petitions must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning April 19, 2010; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after Thursday, May 13, 2010, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 18, 2010, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person, whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Any such written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or a designee of the Board of Education to the inspectors of election on election day.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to S2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and

has voted at any annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) years, or if he/she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

1. The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District at the Mount Sinai District Office, Route 25A, Mount Sinai, New York, on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, to add any additional names to the register to be used at the aforesaid Annual Budget Vote/Election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his/her name placed on such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Annual Budget Vote/Election for which the register is so prepared, and that the register so prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Suffolk County will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District in the Mount Sinai District Office, Route 25A, Mount Sinai, New York, and will be open for inspection to any qualified voter of the District on and after Thursday, May 13, 2010 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the date set for the Annual Budget Vote/Election, except Sunday, by appointment on Saturday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registration will meet on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Mount Sinai Elementary School to prepare the register of the school

district to be used at the Annual Budget Vote/Election to be held in 2011 and any special meeting that may be held after the preparation of said register provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the Budget Vote/Election for which said register is so prepared.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 2035 of the Education Law, any questions or propositions to amend the budget or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said Budget Vote/Election must be filed with the Board of Education at the Mount Sinai District Office, Route 25A, Mount Sinai, New York, not later than Monday, April 19, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; and must be signed by at least fifty-five (55) qualified voters of the school district. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law.

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The contract documents, including specifications may be examined and obtained between the hours of **9:00 am and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday at the District Administrative Office**, 90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road, Rocky Point, New York beginning Thursday, April 15, 2010.

BY ORDER OF THE:  
District Clerk  
Rocky Point Union Free School District  
At Rocky Point,  
Town of Brookhaven  
Suffolk County, New York

By: Debra Hoffman  
Purchasing Agent

**DATED: April 8, 2010**

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## PEOPLE



### Frozen in time

Students from the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School in the Miller Place School District starred as wax museum figures in an event that highlighted important figures in history. The children were dressed as prominent figures from presidents to athletes and performed when prompted by a visitor. The students got to perform while learning about the contributions these individuals made to the world.



### DECA awards

Shoreham-Wading River High School's DECA business club ended a very successful competitive season with four awards in the state competition held in Rochester from March 9-12. More than 2,000 students from across New York attended the annual conference. Top 10 state finalists were SWR students Kyle Reinhardt in the job interview category, Mike Amabile in radio broadcasting, Charlie Denoto in accounting and Taylor Brant in advertising.

In addition, 15 other students were finalists in the county competition held on Jan. 6 at Suffolk Community College. They are Alexa Lehning in food marketing, Emily Clark in retail merchandising, Brian Byrnes in marketing math, Emily Espenkotter in visual advertising, Erin Kelly in sales demonstration, Catherine Wagner in business management, Patrick Menezes in automotive services, Judith Goldfarb and Mackenzie Hubner in public speaking, Felicia DaVolio and Audrey Kelly in travel and tourism, and Kaitlin Brown, Mallory Daly, Chynna Anuszewski and Jennifer Moldovan in buying and merchandising. SWR's DECA Club, now in its second year, has 38 members. New York DECA's mission is to enhance the co-curricular education of students with interest in marketing, management and entrepreneurship. New York DECA is committed to the advocacy of marketing education and the growth of business and education partnerships.



### CCHS announces new program

The Children's Community Head Start, a federally funded comprehensive preschool program for income-eligible families, has received \$1,325,615 through a competitive application process made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The federal grant is 80 percent of the total cost for the program. CCHS must raise an additional 20 percent in donated goods and services, including volunteers, that support the activities of the program. The funds will be used to expand CCHS' existing Head Start program and begin an Early Head Start program.

CCHS (serving preschoolers and their families) and EHS (serving pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers) have centers in Port Jefferson and Ronkonkoma, and will open in April in Miller Place.

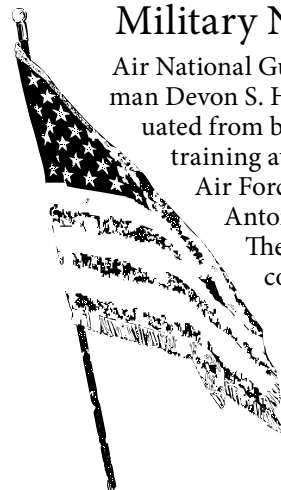
During Congressman Tim Bishop's visit to CCHS in Port Jefferson last month, he pointed out that the CCHS and EHS were examples of what ARRA was intended to do — create jobs and provide services to families who need them.

In the photo, teacher Deede Kuklinski (left) and Elizabeth Geary, director (right), along with preschoolers from the CCHS present Bishop (center) with a photo of the children to thank him for his commitment to early childhood education. For information on eligibility and enrollment or to volunteer, call Denice Karotseris at 476-9698.

### Military News

Air National Guard Airman Devon S. Holmes graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. He is the son of Gary Olsen of Shoreham. Holmes is a 2006 graduate of Shoreham-Wading River High School.



Send information for the People page to:  
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## Obituary

### Antoinette Fischetti

Antoinette Fischetti of Shoreham, formerly of Dix Hills, died on April 8. She was born Jan. 21, 1930 in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Fischetti was the beloved wife of the late Carmine Fischetti; loving mother of

Michael Fischetti and his wife, Deirdre; cherished grandmother of Tara and Matthew; and dear sister of Richard Aspalto and Josephine Motisi.

A funeral Mass was held on April 12 at St. Mark

R.C. Church, Shoreham. Entombment was held at Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury.

Arrangements entrusted to O.B. Davis Funeral Homes of Miller Place.

## Legals

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF THE MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT MILLER PLACE, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Miller Place Union Free School District, Miller Place, Suffolk County, New York, will be held in the Miller Place High School of the Miller Place Union Free School District, Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, in said District on May 11, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., prevailing time, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following items:

1. To present to the voters a detailed statement (proposed budget) of the amount of money, which will be required for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

2. To discuss all the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon by voting machines at the Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to Education Law of the State of New York and acts amendatory thereto.

A copy of the proposed budget shall be made available, upon request, to residents of the school district beginning May 4, 2010, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, at the Office of District Clerk, Administration Building, 275 Route 25A, Miller Place, New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Pursuant to Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008, Section 495 was added to the Real Property Tax Law and requires the School District to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how the total assessed value of the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted by statutory authority, and show the cumulative impact of each type of exemption, the cumulative amount expected to be received as payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. In addition, said exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that said Budget Vote and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the gymnasium of the North Country Road Middle School, North Country Road, Miller Place, New York, during which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2010-11 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2010 and expiring on June 30, 2013.

3. That for the purpose of enabling the residents of this District to have the benefit of full library services, the Board of Education of Miller Place Union Free School District is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Comsewogue Public Library and the Port Jefferson Free

Library for such library services for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and to expend therefore during the District's fiscal year 2010-11 a sum of money not exceeding \$1,818,265.00 (One Million, Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty Five Dollars) and that the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefore.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2010-11, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. beginning May 4, 2010, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at the District Office, 275 Route 25A, Miller Place, New York, and at each schoolhouse in the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at the District Office, 275 Route 25A, Miller Place, New York, not later than April 19, 2010, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 30 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 qualified voters or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and, must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. If a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law in the District Office, 275 Route 25A, Miller Place, New York, on May 13, 2010, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which times any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The last day to register shall be May 13, 2010. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, 275 Route 25A, Miller Place, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on May 14, 2010, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday, and at the polling place(s)

on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Registration will meet on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the North Country Road Middle School, gymnasium, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, New York to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the Budget Vote and Election to be held in 2011, and any special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of said Register, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register provided that at such meeting of said Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school election for which said Register is prepared, or any special district meeting held after May 18, 2010.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning April 16, 2010; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk, 275 Route 25A, Miller Place, New York, on and after Thursday, May 13, 2010, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 18, 2010, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter then present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds by making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 of the Education Law, any referendum or proposition to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the District Clerk, Board of Education at the District Office, 275 Route 25A, Miller Place, New York, in sufficient time to permit notice of the proposition to be included with the Notice of the Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election required by Section 2004 of the Education Law or on or before March 19, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 73 qualified voters of the District (representing 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, which is unlawful or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition, or where other valid reason exists for excluding the proposition from

the ballot.

Dated: Miller Place, New York  
March 20, 2009

By Order of the  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
MILLER PLACE UNION FREE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Miller Place, New York  
Patricia Chapin, District Clerk  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District ("Board of Education") that the Public Budget Hearing to discuss the expenditure and budgeting of funds of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District for the 2010-2011 school year will be held at the Shoreham-Wading River High School on Route 25A in Shoreham, on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 8:00 PM, prevailing time, for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law of the State of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN, that the election of members of the Board of Education as above set forward, and the vote upon appropriation of necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for the 2010-2011 school year (budget vote) and authorizing the levy of taxes therefore, and upon any other propositions which may have properly been submitted and may lawfully be voted upon at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, shall be held at the High School on Route 25A in Shoreham, within the District, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, and the polls will be kept open between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM, prevailing time for voting by voting machines. The vote on the budget shall be designated as Proposition No. 1 and shall be worded substantially as follows:

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1 Budget Vote

**"RESOLVED**, that the Budget as proposed by the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District, Towns of Brookhaven and Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, for the 2010-2011 Fiscal School Year, be adopted and so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by a levy of tax upon the taxable property of said school district."

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money estimated by the Board of Education to be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual school district election and vote, except on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday; at each open schoolhouse in the District in which school is maintained, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, prevailing time.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Pursuant to Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008, Section 495 was added to the Real Property Tax Law and requires the School District to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how the total assessed value of the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted by statutory authority, and show the cumulative impact of each type of exemption, the cumulative amount expected to be received

as payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. In addition, said exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the text of any resolutions to be presented to the voters is available along with the budget statement at the times and places hereinabove mentioned.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions nominating a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, prevailing time, no later than Monday, April 19, 2010. Two vacancies on the Board of Education are to be filled, each being for a three-year term from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013. The present incumbents whose terms are expiring are William S. Ericson and Lisa Wild, and such vacancies are not considered separate offices and the two candidates with the highest pluralities of the votes cast will be elected to the Board of Education. Nominating petitions must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate being nominated and the name and residence of each signer, the date of signing, and must be signed by at least sixty six (66) qualified voters of the District. The petition is not to describe any specific vacancy or former incumbent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the names of the candidate for the Board of Education will draw by lot on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 3:30 PM, prevailing time, at the Office of the District Clerk, to determine the position of their names on the ballot.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. If a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law in each of the three election districts, on May 13, 2010, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, 250B Route 25A, Shoreham, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Thursday, May 13, 2010, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday, and at the polling place(s) on the day of the vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that residents of the District, other-

wise qualified to vote, may vote on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, only if pursuant to Education Law Section 2014, they are either (1) previously registered with the Board of Registration of the District and have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted within the four calendar years prior to 2010 or (2) are registered to vote with the Suffolk County Board of Elections at general elections under Article 5 of the Election Law, or (3) now register anew with the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the Clerk of the District. An application for an absentee ballot on a form to be provided by the Clerk of the District shall be made to the Clerk of the District, at least seven (7) days before the election if the Clerk of the District is to return the absentee ballot to the applicant by mail. If the applicant is to personally pick up the absentee ballot the application must be received by the Clerk of the District at least one (1) day before the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Office of the Clerk of the District during regular office hours on each of the five days prior to the day of the election except Sunday, and that such list will also be posted at the polling place during the election.

No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received in the Office of the Clerk of the District not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on the day of the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Board Policy, any referendum or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Education at the District Office, 250B, Route 25A, Shoreham, N.Y. 11786, on or before April 19, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 164 qualified voters of the District (representing 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, which is unlawful or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition, or where other valid reason exists for excluding the proposition from the ballot.

Dated: March 15, 2010

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BROOKHAVEN AND RIVERHEAD, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: Janice M. Seus  
District Clerk

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# SPORTS

## Miller Place gains valuable experience

### BOYS LACROSSE

BY JOHN WESTERMANN  
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The Harborfields Tornandoes have become a veteran boys lacrosse team expected to feed on the weaker seeds, even when sent upon the road. And they did just that with a 10-2 League II win over first-year varsity program Miller Place on April 8.

Senior attack Eamon Burke swept right and buried a man-up goal for Harborfields at 9:33 of the first quarter. Brendan Holihan added an extra-man goal at 8:07. A blown Panther clear led

to another easy goal and Miller Place needed a time-out. Then Tornado Connor Coyle fed Greg FitzMaurice to make it 4-0. Burke struck again to make it 5-0 near the end of the first quarter, a period during which Harborfields out-shot the Panthers 12-1. The Miller Place goalie Matt Liantonio, a freshman, made four clutch first-quarter saves to keep the game within reach. Harborfields senior Bryan Morris needed to make but one.

The gap between the teams was in age, size and experience, but not heart, and the gap narrowed as play proceeded. Miller Place matched goals with the Tornandoes in the second quarter and was only outscored 4-1 in the second half. Junior James Read scored both goals for the Panthers. In the third period Harborfields defenseman Zach Moro scored the first goal of his career on an end-to-end dash.

"We're not frustrated," said Miller Place head coach Keith Lizzi. "We're taking it game by game, goal by goal. The guys are playing hard so we put this in perspective and look at the bright side. We're 2-2 this year, and we just ran with a very good team today and we'll learn from it."

Lizzi's freshman goalie agreed.



Photos by John Westermann

Miller Place's Jack Martocello (No. 18), above, fights the Tornandoes for a ground ball. Panther Mitch LaBianca (No. 1) and Joey Guidarella (No. 6), left, race for the faceoff.



"It's worth it to struggle now so that we'll be good later," said Liantonio.

Burke led the Tornado attack with three goals and two assists. Dan Guidarelli added two goals and one assist.

"We're happy with the win," Harborfields head coach Greg Taylor said. Miller Place played hard and they're well coached. We knew we'd have to grind out a 'W' here. We were happy to get all our kids into the game and they all played hard."

### Boys lacrosse update

The Shoreham boys lacrosse team currently has a 3-0 record after defeating John Glenn, Kings Park and Babylon. Rocky Point has a 2-1 mark, beating Mount Sinai, Eastport and falling short to Bayport. The Mount Sinai Mustangs are 1-2. They beat Mattituck so far this year.

## Mermaids beat Stars, improve to 2-0

Mermaid Academy's U8 girls soccer team from the Sound Beach Soccer Club recorded their second win with an 8-0 shutout over the visiting Mattituck Stars on Saturday.

Starting goalkeeper Jordan Devereaux, who has yet to allow a goal on the season, took to the field late in the first half. A few other players took over the goalkeeping duties and showed solid performances.

Helping to maintain the scoreless streak were defenders Danielle Ohrtman, Lexie Farron, Hayden Lachenmeyer and Sara Hobbes.

Goals came from many players, including Kate Chapman, Lakin Ciampo and Gia Condon, all of whom contributed two. Jessica Murgolo and Alison Devalle added a goal a piece.

The team plays next on April 17 at 3:30 pm against the Riverhead Ripples.

## Shoreham dominates Comsewogue, 18-4

### GIRLS LACROSSE

BY ROBERT LEUNER  
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The defending New York State Class C champion Shoreham-Wading River improved their record to 3-0 Friday afternoon with an 18-4 pounding of visiting Comsewogue in Division II girls lacrosse. In their three wins thus far, the Wildcats have scored no less than 17 goals in any one game while limiting their opponents to a total of 21.

The Wildcats opened the game by reeling off 12 consecutive goals to put the Warriors (1-2, 1-4 overall) behind. By the time the Warriors finally beat Shoreham goalie Erin McMullen (8 saves) they were down 12-0.

"We were able to rotate three different lines out there," said Shoreham head coach Bob Vlahakis. "I think we had more athletes than they did. But we still have some very tough games ahead of us. We'll see how they play against the tougher teams but it does lay the foundation for the rest of the season."

Thirteen different Wildcats scored with Jen Devito leading the Wildcat attack with three goals and one assist. Alex Fehmel, Codi Mullen and Ali Davis scored two goals each. Comsewogue was led by Nikki Polidoro who scored twice.

"Shoreham is good and we're young," said Comsewogue head coach Nicole Kidd. "Hopefully, the girls learned something from the game. You can't get too disappointed when you lose to a team like them. We know how it feels to be on both sides of that score — we beat Center Moriches 18-1 earlier this year. We still have a long season ahead of us ..."

The Wildcats, who extended their opening success with a 13-10 win over Bay Shore on Saturday morning, will visit long time rival Mount Sinai today. Comsewogue will compete again today, too, when they take on East Hampton. The Warriors follow that game up with another tough contest against Suffolk County Class B runner up Rocky Point next Monday.

## EDITORIAL

**Freezing wages**

In this space five weeks ago we called on school district employees to voluntarily accept a wage freeze in consideration of the awful economy, of staggering budget gaps from the state on down to counties, towns and school districts, and of struggling private sector employees already hit with frozen salaries and diminishing benefits — if they still have a job.

A snowball may have begun rolling down the hill of fiscal woe. Two school districts, Roslyn and Port Washington, have reportedly signed on. School boards across Long Island are at least speaking with union reps on a topic unimaginable only a year or two ago. Gov. David Paterson has unilaterally withheld state worker raises. And now the Legislature may consider a mandatory wage freeze for all publicly paid employees from Albany on down to the local water district (*see page A3*).

These are trying times. Shared sacrifice — some voluntary, much not — is not only necessary to get us through this economic crisis but also to begin to bridge gaps that increasingly divide private and public sector employees. For example, job security, whether civil service protections or tenure, was a perk provided to public employees years ago at least in part to compensate for salaries significantly lower than those of private workers. That wage gap has been closed as the years have passed, and now many private sector employees rightfully view that benefit as no longer warranted. A show of solidarity by public employees with their private sector compatriots — by voluntarily freezing wages — just might begin to lower the heat on rhetoric increasingly harsh between the two and save many young, talented teachers from joining the long unemployment line.

**Contingency disclosure**

The state Senate has passed a bill altering the calculation of school contingency budgets, potentially granting districts with voter-rejected budgets spending increases of over 3 percent next year even though the drop in the consumer price index over the past year would otherwise dictate no increase. As of Tuesday, the Assembly hadn't yet passed it.

Because the fate of contingency is still uncertain, school boards adopting their 2010-11 budgets owe residents full disclosure of the effects of either austerity scenario. District officials — let alone residents themselves — remain uncertain which contingency scenario would apply next year. There's a good chance they won't know before they adopt and determine the voting ballot, as it's also possible voters themselves won't know by May 18.

It would be a subversion of democratic government if voters facing tough economic times opt against the district's plan on the assumption that spending would stagnate under austerity, only to have the state change the rules later and permit sizeable budget growth.

So, whether or not districts are legally capable of placing both contingency scenarios on the budget — and they should investigate this possibility — they must at least actively publicize both in district mailings and the local press leading up to the May 18 vote.

Lack of certain knowledge is no excuse for incomplete disclosure to the electorate.

## OPINION

**Many helped make Rocky Pt fundraiser a big hit**

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the National Honor Society, The New York State Mathematics Honor Society and The Thespian Society of Rocky Point High School, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of the people and businesses that helped make our 4th Annual Variety Show and Auction a tremendous success.

We would like to thank the Board of Education, the administration, faculty, staff, students and their families for their support and generous donations. We would also like to recognize all of the students who performed in the Variety Show including the Tech. Crew; everyone did a phenomenal job.

Most importantly, we would like to thank the local businesses and organizations that have supported our efforts to raise money for Kids In Need within the Rocky Point School District community. We are extremely proud to live and work in a community where everyone is willing to help others in need. We hope that you will remember those merchants and support them as they have supported us time and again.

Tammy MacPherson  
Jennifer Engellau  
Kevin Roode

Advisers in the Rocky Point SD

**Story appreciated**

TO THE EDITOR:

"Foursome says 'freeze' to teachers salaries" (April 1, page A7) was accurate and well written. As a frequent contributor to Letters to the Editor in The Village Times Herald on the subject, I appreciate the story. For far too long, corrupt school unions have been in complete control of the wasteful overspending and greed

that makes L.I. and N.Y. the most overtaxed state in the nation. Up until recently, they have been successful as a result of the enormous wealth and political power they have used to dominate and control public schools by influencing contract negotiations, school boards and entire school administrations. Beyond that, they have become the "third rail" of politics, and God help any politician that opposes them. I am sure that you are familiar enough with all of this, and so I will close by saying that your article has made me feel that I am no longer a voice crying in the wilderness.

Paul Groben  
Stony Brook

**Big Easy still in need**

TO THE EDITOR:

My husband and I are just back from a week in New Orleans. We were there with five other people from Setauket Presbyterian Church doing post-Katrina work. When I talk with people about this, many ask, "Do they still need help there?" The answer is "Yes."

I have heard comments such as "Why help this area when it just may flood again?" and "Didn't they squander the money sent down to them?" My response has been that the people living there aren't the ones responsible. They simply have nowhere else to go.

If you happen to visit New Orleans and head straight to Bourbon Street, you would never know Katrina ever happened. But venture out a few miles and you will see the continued devastation: vacant stores, schools, empty lots and boarded-up houses. There is enough work for years to come.

On the positive side, we were down there with many people from all over the country. Some were there on spring break volunteering as we were, others were there for long stints with AmeriCorps.

The homeowner we assisted

worked 14-16 hours per day at a hospital. She had hired help initially but unfortunately the contractor was "crooked" as were 85 percent of those who showed up after Katrina. She fired him and lived with his shoddy work until volunteers came to help.

Another recipient of some voluntary work was a man named Jerry. We were driving through a neighborhood and he saw our van with a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance sign and jumped out of his house to flag us down. His house was just completed by this same agency and he wanted us to see his home. After Katrina, his house had 4 feet of water in it for three weeks. Much to our surprise, Jerry welcomed us into his now-beautiful home. He had worked alongside the volunteers doing a lot of the work himself. His appreciation was so great that our sensitivity toward the people of New Orleans increased immediately.

There are many positive signs of the recovery process happening in the city but a great deal remains to be done. I am proud to be connected to a church that not only works locally (we feed many hungry Long Islanders each week) but also globally. There are many agencies that help; if you feel inclined, check them out online and consider a trip down to the Big Easy.

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**Young poet**

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said he and his wife Gina are very proud of their daughter, who consistently performs well in school. Describing his daughter as "one of the most charming and wonderful little girls you could have," Dowd said, "We're always proud of her, and this is just one more example of her excelling and exceeding our expectations."

Laurie Varriale, the GATES program director for grades three through five, said Maggie was among a dozen "very bright" fifth-graders in

the program who participated in the national poetry contest. "She's a wonderful student," Varriale said. "She works hard, and she's dedicated and motivated."

Varriale, who joined the district six years ago, described Maggie's poem as "inspiring and creative" and said she "absolutely" believes that being chosen as a contest winner has had a positive effect on the 10-year-old's self esteem. The GATES program, which holds weekly meetings after school, "gives students a chance to go beyond what happens in their classrooms," said Varriale, who also serves as the technology integration specialist for

grades three through five.

Ana Picarra-Pinkenburg, chairperson of the Gifted and Talented Education Advocacy Committee, said the committee was created by the PTA last September to support enrichment opportunities for students such as the GATES program. "The kids love being in the program," said Picarra-Pinkenburg, a Rocky Point resident for 13 years. "It's good for them to have that additional enrichment. These kids really have a lot of talent. They just need to be given opportunities to exercise and develop their talents."

# The Most Amazing Thing

**M**y nephew's first "Most Amazing Thing" moment was being born. Sure, we have nine months to make the transition from expecting a baby to holding one in our arms, but the actual moment is so much bigger and more mind-altering than we could ever guess.

My brother — never a big fan of mornings — called me early on a Sunday. He asked me about my weekend and what I was planning. Happy to hear from him, it didn't occur to me that he was calling before his comfort zone.

"Well," he said, pausing for effect, "congratulations. You're an uncle."

I couldn't get dressed fast enough. After washing my hands 30 times (I am a bit obsessive compulsive about germs) I held him as if he were made of glass. Looking down at the newborn (the first I'd ever seen), I was struck by this Most Amazing Thing.

When my nephew was barely able to sit up, I visited him in Baltimore. We were on the floor and I had a fistful of crayons. I took one out, drew a line on a

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piece of paper and flipped it chaotically over my shoulder. He giggled. When I did it again, the giggling turned to laughter. By the time I was done with the box of crayons, he was laughing so hard that my brother (remember him? The one who liked to sleep as late as possible) emerged from his bedroom, a quizzically happy grin inches below narrow eyes that fought more effectively than his shuffling feet to stay asleep. That was another Most Amazing Thing moment.

Then there was the time when my nephew was 5 and I picked him up from school to see "Toy Story 2." Just as the theater went dark, I handed him some gummy bears. He was beyond repulsed.

"Is this a green gummy bear?" he shouted, his voice louder than the ones on the screen.

"I don't know," I shrugged. I wondered if it was possible to be allergic to green food.

"They're horrible!" he insisted, as he pushed the food toward the front of his protruding tongue, trying to create distance from his disgusted mouth. I put out my hand and let him spit out the chewed-up pieces. For the rest of the movie, I held every gummy bear up to the movie light before handing it over to him.

"Is this a green one?" he asked each time, wanting me to double-check to make sure I didn't repeat my mistake.

Sitting together in the mostly empty (thankfully) theater and then afterward when we played video games, it was another Most Amazing Thing moment.

Fast forward several years to the time he made his first movie. He directed his family to follow a script he wrote. Not only did the early script (about a robber — aka dad — stealing things from kids) hold together, the filming was surprisingly good. Yup, you guessed it: Most Amazing Thing. Wow, you're good.

That brings us to earlier this month. I brought my family to a Battle of the Bands hosted by his middle school. He played several solos on the tenor

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saxophone, rather well if you ask me, but then again, I am his smitten uncle. An emcee asked him to stand up so the audience could wish him a happy birthday — the concert was on his 15th birthday. Afterward, I asked him what he thought of the birthday wishes. He grinned from above (yes, every male member of my family seems to think it's a rite of passage to be taller than me before 16) and said "it was pretty cool." It wasn't just cool: it was another Most Amazing Thing.

# Kudos to the PJ Health & Wellness Expo

**I**t's probably already occurred to you that we live in a terrific place surrounded by some pretty amazing people. To remind us of that once again, I offer the example of the Health & Wellness Expo 2010 at Port Jefferson Village Center this past Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm.

During that time, 52 exhibitors in individual booths on two floors, more than a dozen health screeners and 12 speakers all presented valuable information to members of the public who came to see and hear how to live a healthy life. The event was free. And the experts were, I am proud to say, local.

Every half-hour, two seminars ran concurrently, and the crowd divided between the two lecture rooms. The first talk I attended, which was truly inspirational, was by world famous cerebrovascular surgeon and interventional neuroradiologist Dr. Henry Woo from Stony Brook University Hospital. Dr. Woo is able to intervene surgically, as he did, for example, in a recent case on behalf of Filippo Lombardi, the patriarch of the famous Lombardi restaurant family. When severe narrowing in his carotid artery was

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causing Mr. Lombardi to suffer strokes, Dr. Woo restored blood flow to the brain, using highly sophisticated, yet miniature tools and computer imaging. The Lombardi family credits their father's complete recovery to the quick action of Dr. Woo and his team.

There was a further complication. Because he does not speak English, yet had to stay awake during the surgery, his two daughters were allowed to remain at their father's side and explain to him what was happening. Not only does Dr. Woo have incredible technical skills, he also responds to the needs of the whole patient.

I then went on to Dr. Douglas Petracco's seminar on hip and knee pain/joint replacement and was impressed to learn that implants now are gender specific. The knees of men and women are different, and implants for women are a relatively recent development. Also the orthopedic surgeon explained that whole knees are not replaced but rather a section of the knee where bone rubs on bone is altered.

Ann Margaret Carrozza, an

assemblywoman from a district in northeast Queens and an attorney, came to speak about elder law and protecting seniors against consumer fraud. She has authored bills in the Assembly to hold insurance companies accountable, among other protections. Seniors, who are retired and may allow themselves to be somewhat cut off from information, are particularly vulnerable to scams.

Keenly feeling the stress of having to choose between interesting speakers, I next heard Dr. Mark Novick talk about the latest advances in breast imaging. Breast Specific Gamma Imaging, or BSGI, capable of detecting breast cancer in its earliest stages, has now been installed at St. Charles Hospital — a first for Long Island.

The last seminar also proved to be highly popular. Dr. Mohamed Sameen, of Mather Memorial Hospital, spoke on proper sleep habits and took unending questions from those with common — and some uncommon — sleeping problems.

And there was a particular

satisfaction at the event for me. A detailed talk about preventing illness through healthy living was offered by an enthusiastic speaker whom I had the pleasure of introducing: my son. Dr. David Dunaief, who is a passionate practitioner of lifestyle medicine, shared facts about good nutrition and fitness with the group.

Other experts whom I did not hear included Drs. Joseph Carrucci and Michelle Price from the Fortunato Breast Health Center at Mather; Dr. Arif Ahmad, a laparoscopic surgeon, who spoke about bypass surgery for weight loss; Dr. Raja Jaber, who is the director of the Wellness and Chronic Illness program at Stony Brook Medical Center; Dr. Henri Rosenblum, of Power On Wellness Center, a local chiropractor dedicated to proactively promoting good health; and Dr. Jason Jampol, of Wellness Inc., who specializes in pediatric chiropractic care. And Stephanie Pacchiano, from United Lifeline and United Home Services, spoke about safety and independence for elders.

It was a most impressive array of expertise, offered by generous professionals who gave their

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time to help raise the level of health information for the community.

Eight months in the planning, the Health & Wellness Expo was conceived, planned and carried out by a committee of caring residents who are members of the Greater Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce. The Expo was generously sponsored, again locally, by St. Charles and Mather Memorial hospitals, Generations magazine and OCLI Eye Doctors. We at Times Beacon Record Newspapers helped too.

If the kernels of knowledge that were imparted Saturday enhance — or perhaps save — even one life, all those 8 am meetings will have been worth it.

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