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# From backyard game to PPE

# RampShot game owners donate elastic for medical masks

BY PATRICIA KALOSKI

When Center Moriches resident Josh Bonventre and his partners founded RampShot some six years ago—the now immensely popular outdoor party game—little did he know that he would one day find himself hunkered down at his kitchen table, cutting elastic bands off more than 2,500 game nets so that they could be used to fashion medical masks.

But that's exactly what happened in March, when he and his wife Jackie, and their three children, sat around their kitchen table to disassemble the nets, package the elastic bands, and then mail them all over the country so that the bands could be used to make roughly 8,000 medical masks.

This happened during the third

week of the mandatory home quarantine put in place by New York State Gov. Andrew Cuomo in response to the coronavirus pandemic that surfaced in New York in early March. As days passed, it became abundantly clear that PPE was in severe shortage, as more and more stories were reported about medical workers on the front lines not having nearly enough masks to protect patients and themselves.

"The owners of the company got together and talked about how we could help out in this crisis," said Bonventre. "Since we are a small company, we obviously didn't have the resources of the larger companies, but we brainstormed about what we could do to help."

Shortly thereafter, Bonventre saw a Facebook post from someone making homemade masks who said they were having difficulties finding elastic used to make the ear bands. A lightbulb immediately went off in Bonventre's head.

"It dawned on me that elastic is

one thing that we [RampShot] do have," noted Bonventre, explaining that the nets used in RampShot are secured using an elastic cord.

So, Bonventre replied to the Facebook post that he could donate elastic to the cause, and before you knew it, his offer exploded on the social media site.

"We were inundated with requests, but then we joined a Facebook group comprised of a community of people who were making masks for nurses, EMT, police, first responders, etc.," Bonventre said.

Bonventre's wife, Jackie, recalled that the family had an assembly line of sorts going during the disassembling of the game nets. "One of us would cut the elastic while the other would pull it out of the nets. The others would put the elastic bands in bundles that would be mailed according to what had been requested."

Bonventre said the entire process took only a few days. It wasn't long before he started to see Facebook posts from the recipients thanking RampShot for its part in the making of the masks, along with photos. Bonventre said RampShot and his family were more than happy to contribute to helping to fight the spread of COVID-19.

"So many people are helping in one way or another; we just wanted to do our part," said Bonventre. "People are risking their lives on the front lines; the least we could do is donate whatever resources we had to help."

Bonventre's son, Tyler, an eighth-grader at Center Moriches Middle School, said, "It feels amazing knowing that I've helped in the fight against COVID-19."

"Hearing about stories of people wearing masks made with Ramp-Shot elastic has been an incredible feeling. From NYPD officers, to nurses in Louisiana, to nursing homes in California, our elastic bands are helping others keep safe and that's what it's all about," Bonventre added.



It wasn't long before RampShot owner Josh Bonventre started to see Facebook posts and photos from the recipients thanking RampShot for its part in making masks. Pictured from left to right is Tyler, Jackie, Josh, JT and Brianna Bonventre.

# Special committee to investigate death of Thomas Valva

Committee will conduct fact-finding mission on circumstances of child's death and make recommendations for

changes Suffolk County Legislature presiding officer Rob Calarco and legislative leaders are forming a special committee to investigate the death of 8-year-old Thomas Valva and form recommendations to ensure that what happened to the boy never happens again.

The three-person committee will be made up of Calarco, deputy presiding officer Kara Hahn, and minority leader Legis. Tom Cilmi. The committee will be tasked with conducting a thorough factfinding of the circumstances that led to the child's death and the county's interactions with the family after abuse allegations were made

"Without understanding the facts of this specific case, we cannot possibly address the potential shortfalls of the system," Calarco said. "There are still questions that must

be answered. We need to understand what happened, when it happened, and what the response was in order to identify shortcomings and ensure that the recommendations we make will best prevent another tragedy."

A goal of the committee will be to get a full picture of what happened, including not only the county's direct involvement with the family, but also how the case worked its way through the court system and limitations of investigative workers. The committee will consider seeking authority to hire someone with expertise in child protective services and family court issues to aid the legislators in their investigation.'

"The circumstances surrounding Thomas Valva's death have eroded the public's faith in the agencies that are intended to protect the vulnerable," said Hahn. "Our committee's effort won't undue the suffering Thomas knew during his brief life, but it will allow us to understand the processes that directed this case and will hopefully restore the public's confidence in institutions dedicated to protecting our children."

We will leave no stone unturned as we investigate every aspect of the Thomas Valva case," promised Cilmi. "For the sake of Thomas's legacy, which must be one of positive change, we must have complete interagency cooperation. Only then will we be able to improve the systems that are intended to protect children."

The committee's findings will add to recommendations that have been proposed thus far to improve Child Protective Services after an internal review of the Department of Social Services and the formation of a task force by the county executive. The presiding officer and his colleagues emphasized that they will not come to the table with preconceived notions of what happened, nor is it their intention to second guess the difficult work conducted by CPS workers or their dedication to protecting Suffolk's children from abuse; the committee's mission is focused on uncovering the facts of the case.

"The public has been calling for an outside review and the Suffolk County Legislature, as a body tasked with oversight, is in position to look at all the systems that were involved. We need an accounting of what happened, and we will follow the facts where they lead us," Calarco added.



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# The many stages of COVID-19

#### BY PATRICIA KALOSKI

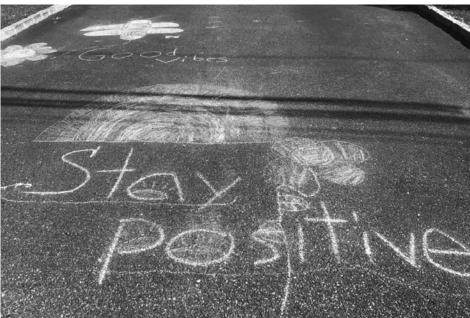
By the time this is published, so much will have changed in reference to coronavirus. Will we still be on mandatory home isolation, being allowed only to leave our houses to go to the grocery store or for medical reasons? Or, if God-willing, will things have calmed down, even just a bit, so that our children can once again go to school or, at the very least, play outside with their friends and neighbors? Coronavirus, or COVID-19, has hit many of us hard and its impacts will continue for the foreseeable future.

When COVID-19 first made its way into the news in January, it was a problem in China. For some of us it, it was barely a blip on our radars. We may have briefly glanced at the photos of Chinese students going to school with masks on, but quickly clicked on the next story of the day. That was what I called **STAGE 1 - Barely Aware.** We went about our lives blissfully unaware of the dark and uneasy days ahead.

Fast-forward a few weeks to when winter break was upon us; this is when STAGE 2 began. The Barely Aware Stage became Slightly More Aware, especially for those of us who had travel plans. My family for instance, was preparing for our annual winter visit to my in-laws in Florida, and then were boarding a fourday cruise to the Bahamas. This was early February. I'm not sure that I thought twice about coronavirus as we readied to board the plane. I recall seeing only one person donning a mask, and maybe it was because this passenger had a cold? Or perhaps she always traveled wearing a mask because of a compromised immune system? I certainly couldn't say whether she was taking that precaution because of COVID-19.

When we arrived in Florida, there was no visible signs of concern for the virus, at least in the areas we visited. Restaurants were open, public Masses were being said, and you could still go to the gym for your daily workout. But, by the end of that first week, as more information surfaced and became available, we found ourselves contemplating the cruise. Afterall, cruise ships were notorious for breeding germs - did we really want to take that risk? But then we quickly reassured ourselves that the ship would arguably be the cleanest it had been in a long while because of the looming threat of coronavirus. In addition, I would travel prepared, thanks to a handy Facebook page I found that was dedicated to the very ship we would sail on. Passengers who had traveled, or who were currently on the ship, provided a myriad of useful tips: bring a can of Lysol, bleach wipes, hand sanitizer, and wipe down all surfaces and doorknobs we got this, I mused.

So once again, we prepared ourselves to board—this time, the cruise ship. I



anticipated that check-in could take a while, not knowing what the procedures would be because of the virus. Surprisingly, we saw not one person wearing a mask, and the only special requirement was to fill out a questionnaire asking if we, or anyone we were traveling with, had traveled to China recently – well that was easy—no.

So off we went on our Bahamian cruise! The ship was spic-and-span and it seemed the crew was always wiping something down. There were hand-sanitizing stations throughout the vessel, although we noticed, to our disappointment, there wasn't a crew member stationed outside of every dining hall, dropping a dollop of sanitizer into your hands, with the instructions, "washy, washy." We easily participated in each of our planned excursions, enjoyed a shopping trip in Nassau, and took part in several of the ship's activities. Fortunately, we survived the trip without incident and arrived home safe, sound and healthy. We were still in Stage 2. Barely Aware of COVID-19.

Then late February arrived and news of the virus' detrimental impacts to Italy were circulating, and for some, its threat became more imminent. The virus was spreading – it wasn't just China's problem anymore. In fact, my work colleague received word from a family member who lived in Northern Italy, where the outbreak was then happening, that schools were closed for several weeks. Enter Stage 3 - Should I Pay Closer Attention to Coronavirus?

As the weeks went on, my colleague's family shared more and more information about the restrictions being placed in in Italy. School was now closed for the rest of the year. Her husband, who works for the public transportation system, was reporting to his job in full protective gear, including a respirator mask. Police were also manning the streets, as leaving your house had been restricted to supermarkets and other

essential outings.

I found myself Googling COVID-19, in search of more concrete information, other than its name-sharing with a popular beer. Armed with more facts about the virus, I predicted to myself and to anyone who would listen, that it was just a matter of time before there was an outbreak of coronavirus in New York. Afterall, cruises were still setting sail and planes were still in the air, bringing folks from all over the world. Now was the time to start being more mindful of washing your hands, I told my 13-year-old son. I was definitely paying closer attention to COVID-19.

March 1 seems to have been a significant turning point, with the first report of COVID-19 in New York State, and sadly, it has been spiraling out of control ever since. Every minute of every day brings monumental change, making it mentally impossible to process and keep up with it all. This stage can be called **This is Not A Joke.** 

So much has transpired over the last several weeks - the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade was canceled for the first time in history; all schools were closed; most folks have been ordered to work from home, weddings have been postponed; and all nonessential businesses shut down - the list goes on and on. It begs the question – how do we get through it? How do we transition from the life we have become accustomed to living, to what is the new norm? Gone are manicures, happy hours and taking your pet to the dog park - at least for now. And while it all seems like doom and gloom, we must look for a rainbow, or at the very least, try.

There will be good things that come from the outbreak of COVID-19, like getting to spend more quality time with your immediate family. In my house, we sat down and played a board game together for the first time in... I don't even recall! I also hope we will become more mindful of the food we consume,

being more conscious when we consider throwing out that half a sandwich that we just had to have, but then decided we didn't really want in the first place – that can help reduce food waste. There's also been a resurge in appreciation of the great outdoors. Just look around and witness the overwhelming number of people walking their dogs, running, riding bikes – this can't be a bad thing.

I also find that there isn't this sense of urgency that existed before the onset of COVID-19, especially for parents. This time of year, we struggle with the spring sports schedule, between practices and games. We play tag-team parenting, since we both work full-time, which means most weeknight dinners consist of a trip to one of our local fast-food restaurants. At least now, with one of us at home because of the mandates, there is a home-cooked meal on the table, most nights anyway.

These may seem like small points, but they are the points that are keeping me sane. I do know for certain, that there are some things that will remain the same during this time of enormous uncertainty, like the seasons changing. Look outside and see the daffodils blooming and cherry trees blossoming. A thought that has crossed my mind many times during this ordeal, is perhaps this pandemic was God's reset button – a way for us humans to relinquish our desire to control everything and just be.





# Suffolk Federal's Eastport branch supports Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck

In an effort to support the charitable work of local organizations that serve the areas of Suffolk Federal branch locations, the credit union has identified nonprofit organizations to provide financial support to. In Eastport, assistant vice president of Retail Member Experience, Micah Schlendorf presents a \$1,000 contribution to Camp-Pa-Qua-Tuck. "Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck helps make the dreams of individuals with disabilities a reality," said Schlendorf.

"The generous support that Suffolk Federal has provided makes it possible for us to continue to keep our camp a place where 'summer is for everyone," said Alyssa Pecorino, director of Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. "We rely on donations to support our operations, scholarships for needy campers and the necessary upgrades and repairs. This donation will help towards our new swimming pool and create some very happy campers." Pictured left to right: Dennis Brennan, Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck board of director; Barbara Caldwell, Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck vice president; Alyssa Pecorino, Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck executive director with Micah Schlendorf, AVP Retail Member Experience at Suffolk Federal.

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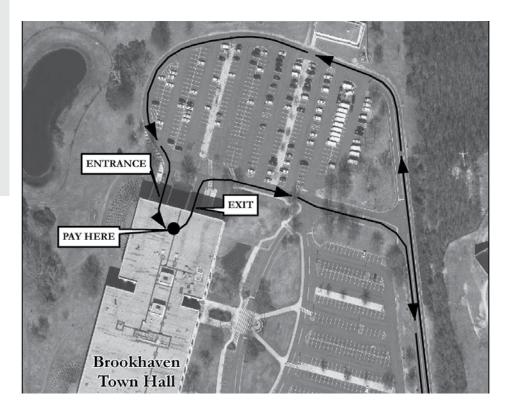
In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Town of Brookhaven receiver of taxes Louis Marcoccia and supervisor Ed Romaine have announced that Alternate Tax Collection Operations began on Monday, April 27 and will run until June 1 (senior citizens with Enhanced STAR exemptions will be able to pay through June 8). Picture at left is the Town Hall drive-through map and at right is the entrance to the Parks Administration building with white social distancing markers on the sidewalk.

This schedule is subject to change should Suffolk County executive Steve Bellone or New York State Gov. Andrew Cuomo alter the collection schedule. The Alternate Tax Collection locations are:

- Brookhaven Town Hall, One Independence Hill, Farmingville 9:30 a.m. -4 p.m.
- Drive-through service only/ <u>no</u> cash accepted
- Town of Brookhaven Parks Administration Building, 286 Hawkins Rd., Centereach 9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Walkup window with social distancing pavement markings. No drive-through. Cash is accepted at this location.

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The Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is currently closed to the public. Those interested in adoption, foster care and questions on redemption are asked to call during business hours at 631-451-6950, Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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# **Troop 29's annual corned beef** fundraiser

BSA Troop 29's committee began their preparations at the top of the morning on March 7. Corned beef and the accompanying sides of potato and cabbage were prepared for the extensive support Troop 29 receives for this annual fundraiser. Members of the troop's committee organized the day's activities with experience, skill, and finesse. Family members and friends of Troop 29 came to the East Moriches Fire House for their beloved traditional meal. The scouts of Troop 29 greeted, served and made sure their supporters enjoyed the event. The East Moriches Fire Department, the continuous sponsor of Troop 29 since 1915, provided the facilities, which enabled the committee to hold this well-attended event. The volunteers, scouts, families, friends, supporters, and the community members enjoyed a wonderful meal inside the communal hall of the East Moriches Fire Department. Aida Dankowski, with the assistance of chairperson Grace Minelli and the other committee members, organized the event as a new team for this year's fundraiser. Their experience and organizational skill, combined with their commitment to the success of Troop 29, were evident throughout the day with the smooth service of over 500 corned beef or hot dog dinners. With a little luck of the Irish, the event was a great success. Membership in Troop 29 represents multiple communities from East Moriches to Center Moriches, Shirley, Mastic and Westhampton. The support shown by the community members from all these towns for Troop 29's largest yearly fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

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# A new New York

Gov. Cuomo plans for reopening the state and adjusting to a "new normal"

#### BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

On Sunday, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo outlined his plan to get New York's economy back up and running—not to how it was before, however, but in an adapted fashion that adheres to a "new normal" caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For anything to happen, according to Cuomo's plan, the regional and state hospitalization rate must have a 14-day consecutive decline. The reopening will happen in phases and be monitored on a regional level.

"We've been talking about reopening the state and reimagining a new New York, and to do that we're going to have to make governmental decisions in partnership with business decisions," Cuomo said in a statement. "Every business leader understands that we can't just reopen and go back to where we were and what we were doing before—we have to move forward in light of the circumstances that have developed."

#### THE PROCESS

Phase 1 will be construction and manufacturing activities with low risk. Phase 2 will open certain industries based on priority and risk level. Businesses considered "more essential" with inherent low risks of infection in the workplace and to customers will be prioritized, followed by other businesses considered

"less essential" or those that present a higher risk of infection spread, according to the plan. As the infection rate declines, the pace of reopening businesses will be increased. The governor is asking businesses to make this analysis and set forth plans for themselves to make the risk level lower.

There will be a two-week gap between phases to monitor progress.

However, the plan does not yet allow for a complete reopening or returning back to normal. No attractions or activities that would attract large numbers of people are allowed.

"All of this is done in a multi-state context with our neighboring states," Cuomo said on Sunday, adding that downstate New York—Westchester, New York City, Nassau and Suffolk—would be the most complicated.

Cuomo added that the different aspects that would need to be opened, including transportation, beaches, parks and schools, all need to open in a coordinated fashion. The plan also calls for business-by-business consideration, where leaders would communicate with each other about how their operations would change to allow for a safe environment. He also called on businesses to be creative on these new processes.

"You develop a plan on how you would reopen given everything we now know," Cuomo said to business leaders.

Cuomo also called for consideration

on allowing summer activities in the downstate region, including Long Island, not only for economic purposes, but to alleviate the need for people to be stuck at home all summer.

The governor is calling on businesses to design this "new normal" for themselves by looking at space availability, travel, protective equipment, and more that factor into a safe working environment. And all of the changes have to be monitored constantly to see its impact on public health.

"All that progress we made by flattening that curve, we could lose that in a matter of days if we're not careful," Cuomo said. ■



Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo is unveiling a plan of how New York could begin to reopen after weeks of being "on pause."

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# Domestic violence during COVID-19

# Cases up 3.5 percent since the start of the pandemic in March

#### BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Suffolk County Police Department responded to an incident in Kings Park where a man barricaded himself in a neighbor's home after a domestic violence incident on Sunday. Thankfully, the female victim and her two young children were able to escape from the situation, thanks to another neighbor's help. However, the incident brought up the concern in the rise of domestic violence situations across the county, which has risen 3.5 percent since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March.

"The coronavirus climate has created a challenge presented for people in domestic violence situations," said county executive Steve Bellone during a Zoom press conference held on Monday, April 27. "Domestic violence is intolerable and the SCPD aggressively enforces it."

In response to this, New York State has launched a new texting service for domestic violence victims, knowing that they might have difficulty actually placing a phone call. Texts can be sent to 844-997-2121. Suffolk County also has a number of resources, which can be accessed via the 311 call center or at <a href="mailto:suffolkcountyny.gov/crimes/hotlines">suffolkcountyny.gov/crimes/hotlines</a>. In emergency situations call 911.

In addition, those with mental health issues have been particularly affected by the current climate, Bellone added, stressing that resources are also available through the 311 call center, as well as the NYS Crisis text line and mental health and wellness peer support health center. DASH, the 24-hour, seven-days-a-week crisis center located in Hauppauge, is also still open.■

#### **NUMBERS UPDATE**

The total number of COVID-19-positive patients has surpassed 33,000 with an increase in 464 over the past 24 hours as of Monday. The number of hospitalizations, however, continues to decrease with a total of 1,097 earlier this week and 69 individuals able to leave. Hospital capacity is also stable with 3,369 beds, 775 ICU; 953 beds and 228 ICU are currently available.

The supply effort also continues with about 2.9 million pieces of PPE delivered in Suffolk County to date, including 28,000 pieces delivered to nursing homes and other health care centers last weekend, said Bellone. Also, over 300,000 meals have been given out as part of school districts' grab-and-go efforts.

In regards to reopening the state, Bellone said, "We will be wearing face coverings for the foreseeable future, but we can reopen safely while at the same time protecting public health from reaching infection rates we were at six to seven weeks ago."

# The strangest spring we have experienced

The garden club is 0-for-3 this year. We have decided to cancel our May meeting and also our plant sale which we usually have in May. But stay tuned for our luncheon in July and our standard flower show in August. For sure, this is the strangest spring we have ever experienced. In dealing with the coronavirus, we have learned about and practiced self-distancing, self-quarantine, masks and the importance of washing our hands. For some, I'm sure it's very stressful, while others may not be as stressed. It's very much like seeing the glass half full or half empty. What to do? Spring is arriving just as the government is shutting us down. The one thing that can't be shut down is Mother Nature; go out in your yard and see the trees coming into bud, the grass greening up, fruit trees in bloom and the daffodils looking sunny and bright. Gardening, taking a walk, and bicycling are some things we can do as a getaway during this chaotic



I'm still in Florida and having neither a bicycle or garden to tend to, I've become a four-mile-

a-day walker. Recently, I took a minute to watch a mother Muscovy duck escort her brood across the road. There's the blessing of the

day—there are absolutely no cars on the road.

Maureen Pollack

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Moriches Bay	4:25 AM	5:03 PM	5:18 AM	5:49 PM	6:06 AM	6:31 PM	6:50 AM	7:09 PM	7:31 AM	7:44 PM	8:10 AM	8:17 PM	8:49 AM	8:50 PM
Moriches Inlet	3:46 AM	4:24 PM	4:39 AM	5:10 PM	5:27 AM	5:52 PM	6:11 AM	6:30 PM	6:52 AM	7:05 PM	7:31 AM	7:38 PM	8:10 AM	8:11 PM
Smith Pt. Bridge	6:41 AM	7:19 PM	7:34 AM	8:05 PM	8:22 AM	8:47 PM	9:06 AM	9:25 PM	9:47 AM	10:00 PM	10:26 AM	10:33 PM	11:05 AM	11:06 PM
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Moriches Inlet	8:50 AM	8:46 PM	9:33 AM	9:26 PM	10:21 AM	10:15 PM	11:14 AM	11:11 PM		12:09 PM	12:10 AM	1:05 PM	1:09 AM	2:02 PM
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Moriches Inlet	2:10 AM	3:00 PM	3:13 AM	4:00 PM	4:16 AM	4:57 PM	5:17 AM	5:51 PM	6:14 AM	6:42 PM	7:07 AM	7:31 PM	7:58 AM	8:19 PM
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# Helping still makes us happy

Helping still makes us happy—in a 'new normal" kind of way, for the time being. Our hearts go out to all who are struggling through the pandemicthe families, the front-line workers, the friends, the businesses. We are still trying to adapt to our new way of helping from home, and through technology, but good things are still happening at Helping Makes U Happy. We've been donating to feeding frontline workers and their families. Our communities are very fortunate to have businesses like LaVolpe, Brothers Four Pizza, Chubs Meats, Dairy Queen, the River Walk Bar & Grill, and Moriches Bay Diner to name a few, who have so generously been feeding the front-line workers. We've also been donating funds and supplies to people who are sewing masks for our communities, and we've donated masks to our community. We've been donating to food pantries, and keeping in touch with our schools to see if we can assist them in any way. It's also scholarship time, so we've been reading applications as they come in for the HMUH scholarships. The dead-

line has passed for submitting to William Floyd, but Westhampton Beach and Center Moriches deadlines are May 15, so get your applications in, students! For more information contact your school's guidance office. As most of you know, for the past several years Helping Makes U Happy has put on a breakfast for our local veterans on Memorial Day morning before the parade. This year, of course, that's not possible, but to honor those who have served our country we will be helping to feed the homeless veterans at the Vets Place in Yaphank. For safety reasons they've had to suspend use of the shelter's kitchen, where lunch and dinner are usually prepared daily, and they're partnering with two delis to feed the vets housed there. By going to www.FeedTheVets.scuv. org we were able to sign up to help fund the lunches and dinners, and are looking into donating a Memorial Day breakfast to them as well. We wish vou all a happy Memorial Day. Stay home, stay safe, save lives, and we'll all get through this together.■



## **POLICE BLOTTER**

## **Center Moriches**

At 7-Eleven, someone stole 15 lottery tickets, cigarettes, and coffee on April 20.

A Bay Street home was broken into on April 14 and an oil burner and water heater were stolen.

#### Manorville

Someone left their wallet on the counter at Exxon on April 19 and it was stolen.

**CRIMESTOPPERS** 

# Man arrested for burglarizing businesses

Suffolk County police have arrested a Mastic Beach man for breaking into several businesses in Patchogue and Center Moriches during the past two months.

Richard Greene broke the glass door of Michelangelo Pizzeria, located at 794 Main St. in Center Moriches, on April 8 at approximately 9 p.m. An employee inside the closed business confronted Greene and he fled. The employee followed him and called police. Greene was arrested in front of 470 West Main St. in Patchogue at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Following an investigation, it was determined that Greene was also responsible for the following incidents:

Burglary of Sunwave Cleaners, located at 400 S. Service Road in Patchogue, on Feb. 26 at approximately 11:15 p.m.

Burglary of Dunkin' Donuts, located at 369 East Main St. in Patchogue, on Feb. 26 at approximately 11:50 p.m.

Criminal mischief at Your Bagel Café,

located at 504 Main St. in Center Moriches, on March 4 at approximately 10:05 p.m.

Burglary of RG Wings, located at 630 Mastic Road in Mastic, on March 3 at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Greene was charged by Fifth and Seventh Squad Detectives with four counts of burglary 3rd degree, possession of burglar tools, fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle 3rd degree and circumventing an interlock device. Seventh Precinct Crime Section officers charged Greene with one count of criminal mischief.

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## Sunday, May 10

**Mother's Day** – In the United States, Julia Ward Howe inspired the first movement toward a national Mother's Day during the Civil war. appealing to the public for a "Mother's Day for Peace" after witnessing the devastation left by war. On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day a national holiday to be held on the second Sunday of May.

#### Wednesday, May 13

**National Apple Pie Day** – National day to celebrate America's favorite pie. In 1970, advertisers used the patriotic connection with a commercial jingle "Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet." To

celebrate the day, make a pie or just enjoy a slice. Use #NationalApplePieDay to post on social media.

#### Thursday, May 21

National Waitstaff Day – This day, observed each year on May 21, was created to show appreciation to and thank all waitstaff for making our dining experiences enjoyable ones. At the same time, restaurant owners and managers can also recognize and express their appreciation to their team of waitstaff helping their restaurants thrive. To observe the day, tell a service provider you appreciate the excellent service they provided and leave a generous tip. Use #NationalWaitstaffDay to post on social media.

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## **YEARS AGO**

# Zollie W. Privett receives Air Medal for service overseas

## 75 Years Ago

MAY 1945

**Second Lt. Zollie W. Privett** of Senix Avenue, Center Moriches, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in bomber missions totaling more than 100 hours, as part of the 12th Bombardment Group, known as the Earthquakers, of the 10th Air Force. He serves as a navigator on the B-25 with the Tornado squadron and is participating in combat missions over enemy-held territory.

Mrs. Merrill Ryder Jr., of Eastport, a senior at New York State Teachers College, Albany, has been named to the Dean's List. She is president of the Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship and is majoring in mathematics and minoring in French.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Snow and Mr. and Mrs. James Dolezal, of East Moriches, attended the capping of their daughters, Virginia Snow and Betty Dolezal, a the Southside Hospital.

Twenty-one Girl Scouts and five chaperones of the East Moriches Girl Scouts journeyed to New York to see the Easter pageant in Radio City Music Hall, the Museum of the City of New York, and the Central Park Zoo. The girls earned this trip by collecting 527 pounds of waste fat from Jan. 1 to April 1. **Arlene Romanowski** won the first prize of \$3 by collecting 215 pounds

An assembly held in the Center Moriches High School auditorium featured the performance of a play and fashion show. The cast of the play, titled "Boss vs. Secretary," included Bernice Maschek, Teddy Rybicki, Julius Biamonte and Alice Bropson. Models for the fashion included Jacqueline Ruta, Helen Jarosevicz, Martha Martin, Alma Widder, Dorothy Rumph, Bernice Francis and Eileen Krassel.

**Miss Hazel Friedel**, of East Moriches, was one of the U.S.O. girls who attended the formal dance at the Suffolk Airport.

**Ens. Kathleen L. McCutcheon**, of East Moriches, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, in the United States Navy. She is stationed at the industrial dispensary, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash.

**Sgt. Charles Herrmann**, A.A.F., of Center Moriches, writes that he visited Westminster Abbey, London, on Easter. He has also seen the Tower of London, London Bridge, and Buckingham Palace.

The sophomore class of Center Moriches High School held a very successful barn dance at the school with music by Harry Mills and his orchestra. Class sponsors were Mrs. Edward Muller, Margaret Kay and Anne Schiel.

Mrs. Forbes Hallock, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Seaman, Mrs. Alex Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. Madison Courtney, all of East Moriches, took the pupils of the North Manorville School to New York, where they visited the Museum of Natural History.

The seniors of Center Moriches High School visited New York, accompanied by Mrs. Ann Tannenbaum, Mrs. Eleanor Leigh, Hallock Wood and several parents, where they visited the Statue of Liberty, and Radio City Music Hall for a performance of "Kiss and Tell."

Playing in April in Center Moriches Theatre: Jennifer Jones in "The Song of Bernadette"; Anne Baxter and Ralph Bellamy in "Guest in the House"; and Rosalind Russell and Jack Carson in "Roughly Speaking."

## **50 Years Ago**

MAY 1970

St. Patrick's Day has long past, but for the family of **Dr. and Mrs. Richard Cook**, of Center Morich-

es, word came from Ireland that an Irish Sweepstake ticket Mrs. Cook's father had sent her in January won the top prize of \$120,000. The family plans to use the money towards their children's educational funds and help pay off the mortgage on their house on Senix Avenue.

Jack Jones, of East Moriches, was awarded a varsity letter for the 1969 soccer season at Ottawa University, Ottawa, Ks. The team gained first place in the Missouri-Kansas Conference and sixth in the NAIA National Soccer Tournament.

Official confirmation in the National Junior Honor Society was received by East Moriches School as principal **Charles P. Tufano** presented the official charter to the society's advisor, **Miss Jane Hutson**. The honor society will be named after **Catherine D. Afterman**, an assistant principal and faculty member of the school who passed away two years ago.

Jane Zucker, a student at East Moriches School, was among the finalists in the Long Island finals of the New York Daily News Spelling Bee.

Six-year-old **Brian Smith**, a first-grade student at Center Moriches Elementary School who broke his leg on Dec. 9, returned to school after Easter recess and was greeted by his teacher, **Mrs. Ruth Schuyler**. During his absence from school, Brian was tutored by **Mrs. Jean Gitto**.

Playing in April at local United Artists theatres: Jane Fonda and Michael Sarrazin in "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?"; Dustin Hoffman and Mia Farrow in "John and Mary"; and playing at the newly opened Twin Shirley Theatre, "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," starring Peter O'Toole and Petula Clark.

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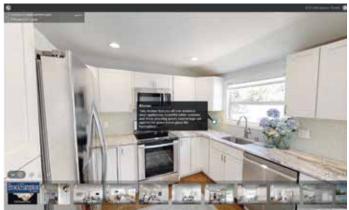


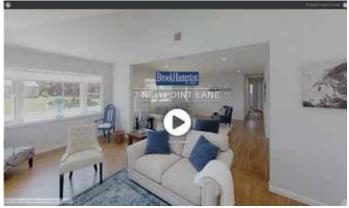
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