

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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FRIENDS OF THE EAST HAMPTON AIRPORT, INC.,
ANALAR CORPORATION, ASSOCIATED AIRCRAFT
GROUP, INC., ELEVENTH STREET AVIATION LLC,
HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
HELIFLITE SHARES LLC, LIBERTY HELICOPTERS,
INC., SOUND AIRCRAFT SERVICES, INC., and
NATIONAL BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION, INC.,

No. 15 Civ. 2246 (JS) (ARL)

Plaintiffs,

-against-

THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON,

Defendant.

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DECLARATION OF MICHAEL NORBECK

I, Michael Norbeck, make the following declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am an employee of Sound Aircraft Services, Inc. (“Sound”), one of the Plaintiffs in this action.
2. I make this declaration, based on personal knowledge, in support of the Plaintiffs’ application for a temporary restraining order enjoining the enforcement of Town of East Hampton’s recently-enacted restrictions on the use of the East Hampton Airport.
3. On Saturday, May 9, 2015, I retrieved from the East Hampton Public Library several issues of The East Hampton Star newspaper in which advertisements encouraging residents to call the Town’s noise complaint hotline appeared. For each issue, I photocopied the front page and the page on which the advertisement appeared.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the front page of the May 22, 2014 edition of The East Hampton Star together with a true and correct copy of page B7.

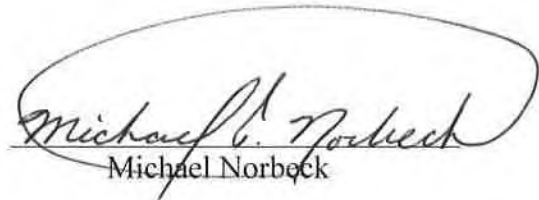
5. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the front page of the June 19, 2014 edition of The East Hampton Star together with a true and correct copy of page A7.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of the front page of the June 26, 2014 edition of The East Hampton Star together with a true and correct copy of page A12.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of the front page of the July 3, 2014 edition of The East Hampton Star together with a true and correct copy of page B8.

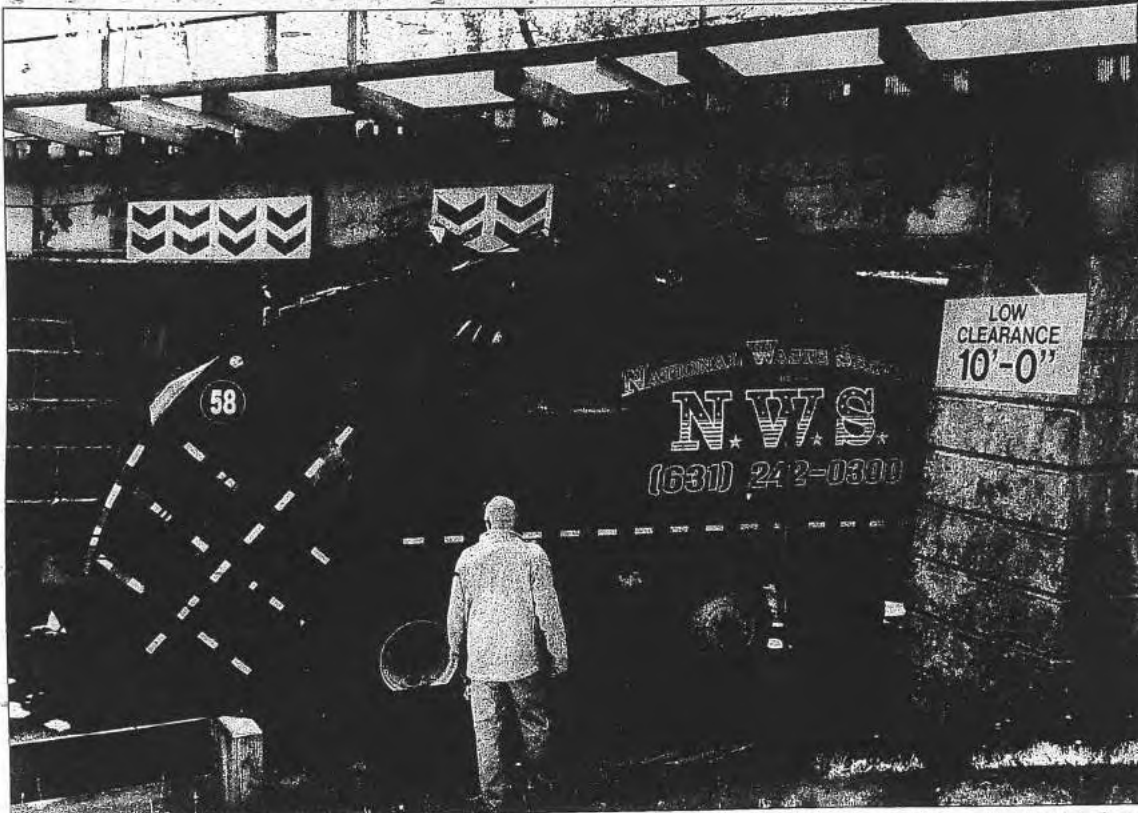
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed: May 11, 2015
Wainscott, NY



Michael Norbeck

EXHIBIT A



A garbage truck did not quite make it under the Long Island Rail Road overpass on North Main Street in East Hampton Village on Tuesday, abruptly stopping train service to the east. *Dan Meeks*

Arsonist Said to Stay in Jail

Cops still investigating

By T.E. McMORROW

The Sagaponack man charged with setting fire to a \$34 million Dune I house in Bridgehampton on April 19 has been found mentally incompetent to stand trial by several doctors, his attorney, Brian DeSesa of Edward Burd and Associates, said in Southampton Town Justice Court last Thursday.

However, Jacob DeLaurer, an assistant district attorney, insisted that Eric Osiecki, 54, be examined by another set of physicians. "They are entitled to an independent examination," Southampton Town Justice Andrea H. Schiavo said about the request, ordering a week adjournment.

Mr. Osiecki has been held in lieu of \$500,000 bail since he was arraigned on two arson charges, one a felony, on April 21. "We don't know if you understand what is happening," the justice had to tell Mr. Osiecki during the arraignment and she ordered a psychological evaluation.

"He really needs help. He is not rationally sane," Mr. DeSesa said outside court. He questioned the possibility of a second mental exam. If it results in the same finding as the first, Mr. DeSesa said, Mr. Osiecki is likely to be turned over to the New York State Department of Mental Health.

State Rules for PSEG

Report on cost of burying transmission lines to come

By JOANNE PILGRIM

New electric transmission lines in East Hampton are needed to "ensure reliability of the electric system," the State Department of Public Service has concluded following its review of projects here and in North Hempstead, where residents have called for the lines to be installed below rather than above ground.

Because demand for electricity increases in summer, "both projects should be completed prior to the summer of 2014," Michael Worden, a deputy director in the department, wrote to Audrey Zibelman, the department's chief executive officer, in a memo.

East Hampton and North Hempstead officials enlisted review by the department, which oversees the Long Island Power Authority and its local electric provider, PSEG Long Island, after the installation of high-voltage lines on poles up to twice as tall as those they are replacing, prompted an outcry about aesthetics and safety and questions about the need for the upgrades.

The memo did not address requests by many residents for each of the power lines to be buried, but the department was to complete an analysis of the costs for doing so last week and is to issue a report to the towns.

In a letter to East Hampton Town Supervisor Larry Cantwell, Ms. Zibelman said that although the upgrade was

needed, "it is apparent that the outreach process that was used did not sufficiently inform the communities of the plans and viable alternatives, if alternatives existed." She said that a plan due from PSEG Long Island on July 1 (the Utility 2.0 Plan) "is designed to be the first step toward creating a blueprint" for the Long Island electric grid which would address future needs and alternatives, such as energy from renewable energy sources.

Ms. Zibelman said that PSEG is expected to develop a plan for including local communities in discussions of its plans, and that when new lines are required "the opportunity for undergrounding should be presented, along with appropriate cost information so the community can make an informed decision."

Also this week, state and local officials announced that they have written to the Long Island Power Authority and PSEG Long Island to urge that Federal Emergency Management Agency funds, if available, be used to cover the cost of putting the 6.2-mile transmission line in East Hampton underground.

In a May 13 letter, Representative Tim Bishop, New York State Senator Kenneth P. LaValle, Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr., East Hampton Village Mayor Paul F. Rickenbach Jr., and Supervisor Cantwell noted that a grant to

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Say F.A.A. Money Is

East Hampton airport finance committee believes

By JOANNE PILGRIM

The East Hampton Airport could be self-sustaining without Federal Aviation Administration funds, with enough income over the next five years to take on additional debt enabling needed capital repairs, an airport finance subcommittee reported to the East Hampton Town Board on Tuesday.

Acceptance of federal funds has been a key issue in discussions of the airport, as has the impact of the town's contractual agreement with the F.A.A. upon taking the money, and its effect on the ability to institute local regulations aimed at minimizing airport noise.

"People have said the airport would fall apart if we don't take F.A.A. funds," said Supervisor Larry Cantwell after hearing the report. "This report shows that that is not true. It shows that we can finance the airport, we can keep it safe . . . and we can do that for some period of time without taking F.A.A. funds."

Until now, the debate had pitted those urging the town to seek more autonomy from the F.A.A. against pilots and others arguing that without federal funds the airport would fall into disrepair and perhaps be forced to close.

Representatives of both sides were appointed to the airport finance subcommittee.

After three months of extensive research and analysis of airport income and expenses, including examination of various operating scenarios to determine if capital would be available to repay bonds issued for improvement projects,



Space At A Premium

In East Hampton Village even memorial bench spots coveted

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Innovative, Sustainable

After two storms, rebuilding on North Haven with a purpose

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The airport could produce enough revenue this year and more next year.

Based on continued growth of revenue and expense at rates approximately equal to the last five years — and if revenues from landing fees will decrease because of a curfew or reduction in helicopter traffic — the committee concluded that there would be enough income to borrow at least \$4.35 million this year, and up to at least \$5.1 million within the coming five years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dumping Ground

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beauty that has always defined the Springs.

I have heard comments that the Springs is a "working-class" community. Many of us had grandparents or great-grandparents who were immigrants. These people were very proud to be considered part of the working class and aspired one day to own homes that they would meticulously maintain.

Today, however, the term working class is being used by some to imply that working-class families have no pride of ownership and don't mind living in a neighborhood that is becoming increasingly blighted and squalid. To the contrary, we are all working-class people unless we are to the manor born, and most of us want the Springs to remain an unspoiled environment instead of a commercial dumping ground.

The members of the town board have an obligation to do what is best for all of the Springs, including the summer residents who also own a home in the Springs and pay taxes to support the schools and other public services. We must all work together to promote the highest quality of life in the Springs. There should be no place for personal interests or preferences in the board's decision-making process that predisposes its members to make decisions based on the types of vehicles that they themselves own or park on their own properties. I urge any member of the town board who feels that they cannot make a decision on the merits of this issue without personal bias to recuse themselves from voting.

SANDRA CAMILLO

Formula Stores

Amagansett
May 19, 2014

To the Editor,

Ever since the topic of maintaining the look, the feel, the charm of our historic districts by prohibiting the invasion of so-called formula, or chain, stores has been put up for discussion, I have been trying to better define what I think Main Street, Amagansett, for example, would look like if no action were taken. It has been difficult but I agree with Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart when asked to define hard-core pornography in a film under review. He said that he couldn't, but, "I will know it when I see it."

The closest I can get to the effect of a lack of any control is the sad, unaffordable, transient collection of stores in East Hampton where nobody I know has even bought a handkerchief. The almost total disappearance of local stores, particularly on Main Street, with the obvious transfer of profits somewhere far away, and even in some cases the use of imported labor, begin to paint the picture.

However when one gets down to the details of laying out what law is fair to the public, the landlords, the formula stores, the local economy, and the environment, I began to see how difficult it is to define. Beginning with even the definition of what a formula store is, presents a problem, not to mention items such as appearance, signage, and size.

As every responsible journalist knows, you have to go to the public to get a reading beyond your view. So I conducted a broad survey (two long-time Amagansett landlords-shopkeepers), and found they were strongly opposed to the resolution. They both felt that "if done right," my worries were unjustified. I was disappointed in their response but I had to consider it.

Based on the press, the best I can gather about the near future of this resolution is that it will be watered down to essentially convert the prohibition action to a process where each formula store must apply for a "special permit" from the town planning board. Each request for such a special permit will be the subject of a public hearing. The participation of the public and its comments will be an important factor in the final decision.

While part of me understands the difficulty of getting a law to leave things as they are, I have come to realize that is not realistic. But if we stay vigilant, and follow the proceedings carefully, and make our voices heard we may yet head off the worst.

IRVING HIRSCHBERG

'Most Solicitous'

Amagansett
May 16, 2014

Dear Editor:

I was deeply disturbed by a letter sent to and printed in The Star some time ago. It concerned the disturbance by the Showtime television group that was here in Amagansett last summer, filming a pilot piece for possible future use. The letter noted all of the drastic problems that had been encountered and endured by our/my community as a result of the filming — general noise, street blockage, poor parking, interference of night lighting, garbage, etc.

As an inhabitant of this neighborhood and living almost directly across the street from the "damned" location, my experience was totally different. I found everyone involved to be most solicitous in every way. Massive efforts were made to keep the noise level very low, streets to be totally and constantly passable, and trash to be attended to painstakingly. The administrative personnel were professional, friendly, and totally concerned and understanding about limiting any disturbances.

"I understand that additional filming here will be done in the near future and that once again, there are those who object to the project. I find that totally ridiculous and undeserving and only wish Showtime a raving success. I might also mention in closing that little attention has been given to the benefits that the whole community and town have enjoyed as a result of Showtime's presence here, i.e., the use of our restaurants, use of our hotels, local store purchases, to name but a few.

JANE K. WEILLER

Night Lighting

Springs
May 19, 2014

Dear David,

A hearing will be held at Town Hall on June 5 at 7 p.m. to amend our dark sky outdoor lighting code. While we are lucky that the last town board was unsuccessful in dismantling this code, the amendments being proposed will extend the period of time for conformance beyond the 2006 law by nine years. As well, there is a provision being proposed that could open the door to increased sky glow by allowing more "blue light" into the atmosphere. Light bulbs that are more blue create more glare and more skyglow, and cause adaptation problems. Think of the bluish headlights on cars and how much harder it is to see well after passing them. This is especially true for older eyes.

If any of your readers are interested in letting the town board know their thoughts about misdirected, unshielded, or excessive night lighting, I hope they will come and speak at this hearing, Town Hall, June 5, 7 p.m.

SUSAN HARDER
Dark Sky Association

Increase Flow

Wainscott
May 19, 2014

Dear David:

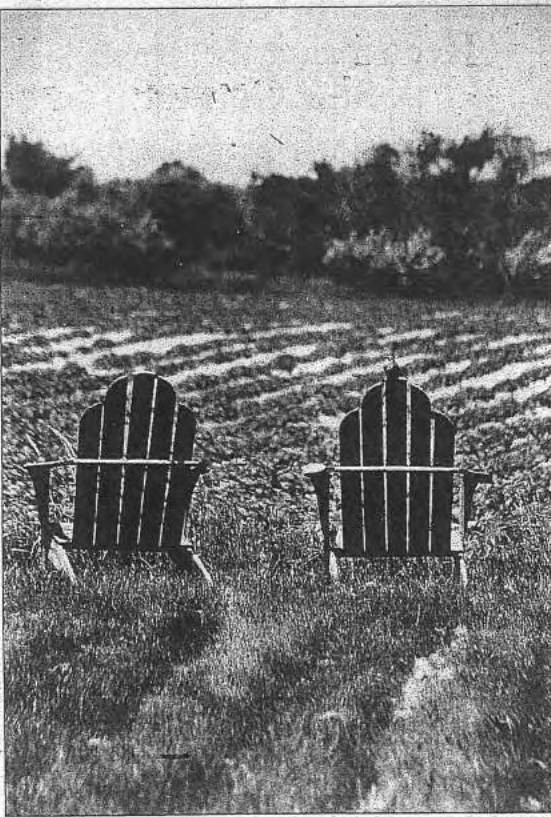
As we all know, the traffic gets worse each year, especially on Route 27, and ever more so on other roads as drivers seek alternatives. Now, with the long overdue repaving of 27, we will see fresh asphalt, but no diminishing of congestion.

Generally speaking, the local means of dealing with highway congestion is adding another traffic light, and, although this may increase safety, it invariably decreases flow. In many cases the addition of a single light has led to a seemingly endless backup for miles and hours every day, as at the Water Mill light and Wainscott light, among others.

I offer the following suggestions:
1. Expand mail delivery in any villages or hamlets not offering it. We should stop forcing people into crowded areas every day to pick up mail that could easily be delivered. If this were done in Wainscott alone there would be even less need for a traffic light there. (See number 4, right turn only idea, below.)

2. Shorten light times. Virtually every one that I stop at, which is every red one on 27 from Southampton to Amagansett, allows too much time for the minor artery to empty, thereby clogging up the highway needlessly. Every early morning in Water Mill thousands of people are stopped dead by a light at an intersection for closed stores that nobody is going in or out of at that time of day.

3. Widen the highway. It has always



Summer waits

Durrell Godfrey

worked in East Hampton Village. Now it works much of the time since it was done in Southampton. There have to be two lanes in each direction and, yes, through the villages of Water Mill and Bridgehampton and Amagansett also. The space is there, with elimination of some on-street parking on one side and/or expansion of shoulders. No buildings, windmills, historical sites, etc. need be torn down. The wide middle turning lanes already in existence would be unnecessary with a four-lane road. The beauty of the villages would be improved by "having" better traffic flow. (Again, see East Hampton.)

4. In several places lights should be eliminated (blinking yellow, maybe?) and those intersections should become right-turn-only ones. No vehicle could ever cross both lanes. At least try this during rush hours. People would quickly adapt to this, as many of us already have. Signal candidates for elimination or modification on 27 would be Water Mill, Wainscott, Bridgehampton (Butter Lane), and East Hampton (Tilosome-Baiting Hollow Lanes), among others.

5. Variable lane direction. If widening to four lanes is not considered in some new areas, then at least set up a three-lane system with alternating directions allowing for two lanes into the Hamptons in the a.m. and out in the p.m. A computerized electronic system would rapidly become manageable for travel and greatly increase flow. This was proven during the U.S. Open golf tournament at Shinnecock Hills in 2004. With the extra lane, traffic in that locale

actually got better, not worse, during the tournament.

6. The roundabouts in North Haven and Scuttlehole in Bridgehampton, and the improved signage and turn lanes at Head of Pond in Water Mill work well most of the time. Roundabouts could be constructed inexpensively and with little damage to the environment in many areas. It would be great to see a roundabout at the monument light in Bridgehampton — and certainly more so than a CVS.

In a nation and an area as resourceful as ours, one would think that we could do better. Please drive safely — as you're already going to drive — slowly, slowly, slowly.

BARRY RAEBECK

Meaker Retiring

Montauk
May 19, 2014

Dear Editor,

Tonight, May 22, 2014, marks a milestone for East End writers. After 30 years, Marjane Meaker is retiring as the leader of the Ashawagh Hall Writers Workshop, an institution she founded. Every Thursday night for three decades, from right after Labor Day to just before Memorial Day, the large conference table upstairs at Ashawagh Hall has been ringed — often double-ringed — with men and women deeply engaged in critiquing each other's work, exclusively fiction and memoir.

Marjane has published over 60 books. Many have been translated into numerous languages. Because she'd had

trouble as a young writer finding an agent, she became her own, publishing books under pseudonyms in four different genres. Most notably, she published 20 mystery and crime novels as Vin Packer, pioneered gay-themed novels as Ann Aldrich, and became well-known as M.E. Korr for her 25 young-adult novels. She has been honored with multiple awards.

In 1983, she decided she wanted to help other writers get published, and so she has, year after year. Our ranks include Vincent Lardo, who wrote his first published book in the workshop. He's since had six bestsellers. One year, three of our members, Betty Varese, Boris (Bob) Riskin, and the late Jess Gregg, had books published the same season. We've had over 20 novels and memoirs published, and over 25 others completed.

The community of writers Marjane has created is remarkable. In addition to our 14 current members, there are scores of past ones. With the weekly format, we get to metaphorically disrobe regularly and are deeply invested in each other's work. Some of our best friends are writers, including lasting friendships with past members.

There is no way to adequately give a sense of the scope and depth of Marjane's insight and knowledge. Her ability to synthesize a dizzying range of factors into a digestible point is breathtaking. "Use what you can," she'll say when we're bombarded with dozens of conflicting notes. And she's quick to remind the overzealous, "You can't tell someone what to write." Her style can be brusque, yet the atmosphere she creates is intimate, safe, and respectful. Her contributions to writers over the years are incalculable.

We'll still be meeting on Thursday nights, beginning in September. The class elected me, a 17-year veteran of the group, to carry on. Like all great leaders, Marjane built a foundation that will stand: The workshop, however, will never be the same.

Sincerely,
LAURA STEIN
On behalf of the
Ashawagh Hall Writers Workshop

Story in the Making

Amagansett
May 19, 2014

Dear Mr. Rattray:

This is a companion letter to one written this week by Laura Stein on behalf of the Ashawagh Hall Writers Workshop. Specifically these two letters are in recognition of the 30-year leadership given the workshop by Marjane Meaker.

Ms. Meaker placed an article in The East Hampton Star on Sept. 15, 1983, calling writers to form a workshop to begin meeting the following Thursday at Ashawagh Hall. I was among those who responded, and I have been with the workshop these 30 years. Since the beginning, men and women have come into the workshop, many also leaving after longer or shorter periods of time. There have always been new members, who have provided fresh points of view and styles of writing. Through it all, Marjane has provided consistent, pointed, sometimes sharp comments in critique, joined by fellow members, all with the goal to help writers improve their writing and to help advance their work into publication. It has also been necessary to keep with the vagaries of

publishing, and in this effort Marjane has kept up with the changing landscape.

My comments here are also more personal since I have known Marjane for these 30 years. She and the workshop have provided invaluable assistance to me in my own writing. Additionally, Marjane and I are friends. When I was in the process of coming-out as a gay man I spoke with Marjane. She listened attentively. She also, when she judged it appropriate and helpful, invited me to social events of the East End Gay Organization. I met my good friend recently deceased, Ron Fleming, at an E.E.G.O. Thanksgiving dinner, 1987. Mutual friends, Chuck Hitchcock and David Wilt, were also supportive. Marjane, and Chuck, were charter members of E.E.G.O. from 1978.

Marjane and I became volunteer "buddies" for the Long Island Association for AIDS Care, and I subsequently became a pastoral volunteer for LIAAC. Marjane and others from E.E.G.O. such as Sandy Rapp were equally active in support of gay rights, as in sympathetic support of those who were sick and dying in those devastating years. Before LIAAC was even established on the East End, Marjane and a few others of us met at Southampton College to see what could be done to set up a structure of support.

A writer's work and life is a solitary business. It's you and the typewriter, then the word processor, then the computer, but you and the written word and the interior creative process banging our heads. For Marjane, it's 60 books under various nom de plumes, of which M.E. Korr is very much known in young-adult fiction. Marjane has said she started the Ashawagh Hall Writers Workshop to create a place for writers to interact with their work and one another, also to keep herself in relationship with writers.

For many of these years, when I was also the minister of the Amagansett Presbyterian Church, members of the workshop came to one of my worship services on a January Sunday. I was to preach on something having to do with writing. Marjane wasn't always sure I succeeded in the assignment, but it was all in good spirit, and the congregation welcomed the annual gathering. Afterward, workshop members and spouses had a covered dish brunch at the manse, across Meeting House Lane from the church. Words flowed and mingled in conversation, a story in the making, or the makings of a story to be set down. Then into the cold January air again, and back to work.

It has been a long and successful run for Marjane, and all of us comment and thank her for her persistent attention to our work. The workshop has elected Laura Stein, Montauk, to succeed her. In the ensuing years we will continue in the strength Marjane built into the workshop.

ROBERT STUART

More Than a Book

East Hampton
May 19, 2014

Dear David:

Two weeks ago, BookHampton sent out an email to friends and neighbors. It alerted everyone to the perilous state of our bookstore. "The winter was harsh, the spring soaked, and we have seen with sad foreboding the reality that for

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SUFFERING FROM AIRPORT NOISE?

the Village
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LOG YOUR COMPLAINTS!

CALL THE AIRCRAFT NOISE COMPLAINT LINE AT:

1-800-376-4817

OR LOG YOUR COMPLAINT ONLINE AT:

www.planenoise.com/khto/

The summer season is upon us and with it increasing unacceptable noise generated by aircraft traveling to and from East Hampton Airport.

The Town Board plans to reduce noise by imposing meaningful curfews, limiting hours and banning the noisiest aircraft. These plans must be supported by noise complaint data.

Help make this our last summer of aircraft noise. If you suffer from aircraft noise, pledge to call the hotline, even if only once a day.

To end the noise, we need to make some noise!

Register your aircraft noise complaints!

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Casey Needs A Home

Puppy given new lease on life at shelter

BY BELLA LEWIS

Casey, a 10-month-old female husky mix with an unusual medical condition, has gotten a new lease on life in the care of the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons and now needs a new home. Her condition is megaesophagus, which makes it impossible to eat while standing up in a normal position without vomiting.

Enter Bill Petrie, a Southampton carpenter, who, working with his daughter Anna, made the pup a customized chair that allows her not only to eat while sitting in an upright position but standing on her hind legs, which she prefers.

Sarah Alward, ARF's veterinarian, explained the origin of the chair, which was invented by a couple whose surname is Bailey for their own dog. A DVD is available that shows how it can be built easily with a little handiwork.

Until the Petries built a Bailey chair for Casey, she had been using one made for another dog at the shelter with megaesophagus. That chair, however, was designed only for sitting while eating. "She tolerated the feedings in the old chair, but needed her own so that she could stand up," Dr. Alward said.

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The flags of all 32 countries playing in the World Cup flew in the courtyard by Rowdy Hall in East Hampton Monday as fans watched Germany best Portugal and waited for the United States to play Ghana that night. *Carissa Katz*

Spielberg, Setbacks, Secret Serv

Was it a 'builder's error' or a 'c

BY CHRISTOPHER WALSH

The matter of Steven Spielberg's garage and storage structure on Apaquogue Road, which needs an area variance to permit its continued existence, came before the East Hampton Village Zoning Board of Appeals at its meeting on Friday.

The structure is 38.3 feet from the front property line. At the time of its construction, the required setback was 50 feet. In August 2002, a few months after a building permit was issued, the setback was increased to 80 feet.

The noted film director is also appealing an earlier determination requiring a special permit for the already-built addition of two bedrooms to a second residence on the 5.5-acre property. The village's head building inspector, Ken Colium, had found that the bedrooms were added without Suffolk County Health Department approval.

Linda Riley, the village attorney, told the board that no part of the garage complies with the current 80-foot front and side-yard setbacks. True, said Richard Whalen, an attorney representing the applicant, but more than three-quarters of it conformed to the standard at the time the building permit was issued.

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Budget Wins the Day

Bridgehampton voters approve increase by 62 percent

BY AMANDA-ME FAIRBANKS

On Tuesday night, by a vote of 240 to 145, Bridgehampton voters finally pierced the state-imposed tax cap on a \$12.3 million budget for the 2014-15 school year. The budget was before voters for the second time, and it passed by a supermajority of 62 percent, just over the 60 percent required. The same budget had been put before voters in May, when only 54 percent of voters were willing to pierce the cap.

Laura Spillane, the district treasurer, announced the results in the school's gymnasium shortly after the polls closed at 8 p.m. The mood quickly turned celebratory, with relief audible. About a dozen residents of different ages had filtered into the gym to cast their ballots before the polls closed. Lois Favre, the district superintendent, stood watching, saying she remained "hopeful" in the minutes leading up to the count. All told, 385 voters turned out.

On May 20, when only 247 turned out for the first vote, the result was 134 to 113. Had the budget gone down a second time, Bridgehampton would have been forced to adopt a budget based on this year's figures — with cuts amounting to nearly \$800,000 according to Ron White, the school board president. He blamed complacency and low voter turnout for the initial defeat.

Douglas DeGroot, who has served on the school board for the past four years,

said Tuesday's revote left him feeling vindicated. "A lot of people thought we were arrogant to go out with the same budget, but we cut as much as we could," said Mr. DeGroot. "It's great to finally get this community support."

"I'm very happy," said Tamara George, whose son is in the first grade. Since relocating from Virginia, she said her son has received unparalleled individual attention, helping him catch up to his peers. "This is a wonderful school."

Dorothy White, who has worked as a custodian for the past 20 years, cheered. "This is awesome," she said. A graduate of the school, Ms. White's four children also are graduates and her son is school board president. In addition, she has two grandchildren who are enrolled now. "As a hard worker, I just didn't want to see anyone lose their job."

The Bridgehampton School enrolls around 170 students. It asked voters to okay a \$1.1 million, or 9.93-percent, increase over the current year's \$11.2 million spending plan. The 2014-15 budget translates to a \$10.6 million tax levy — or an increase of 8.8 percent. Under a state law that went into effect in 2012, the cap on property tax increases is either 2 percent or the Consumer Price Index — whichever is lower. This year, school districts faced caps of 1.46 percent.

Bridgehampton was among four districts across Long Island that put forth

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Mapping History
Peering through time at a Sag Harbor cemetery

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Springs In Bloom
Five gardens open during Saturday benefit tour

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Lake Montauk Pollution S

Buying vacant land and incentives for septic upgrades in v

BY JOANNE PILGRIM

A study of Lake Montauk and its 2,760-acre watershed has identified the threats to water quality in the lake and set out a list of recommendations for East Hampton Town to follow. Water quality is good in the lake's center but poor in areas where the tide does not reach and pollution runs into the lake, the study says.

One approach to water quality protection, preserving vacant land around the lake, is already moving forward. East Hampton's Department of Land Acquisition contacted the owners of 200 undeveloped properties totaling 150 acres within the lake watershed about possible purchase of their land with the town's preservation fund. Forty-one responded, and several purchases are in the works.

Carrie O'Farrell of Nelson, Pope, and Voorhis, a consulting firm that worked with members of a town-appointed Lake Montauk technical advisory group to develop the watershed management plan, reviewed the plan's findings and suggestions at a town board meeting on June 10.

With funding from a New York State Department of State grant, the study group looked at the watershed's topography, depth to groundwater in the areas surrounding the lake, land ownership, including an inventory of land owned by the public or nonprofit organizations, drainage infrastructure, and surface water impairment in the entire watershed, including the 20 freshwater wetlands around the lake.



A watershed management plan has been drafted for Lake Montauk and its surroundings.

those wetlands contribute to poor water quality, Ms. O'Farrell said, as does the removal of trees and vegetated buffers, over-fertilization of lawns, and the discharge of stormwater and sanitary-waste to surface and groundwater without adequate filtration.

Problems are particularly evident in the southern part of the lake, the report says. High levels of pathogens there are attributed to conditions in the Ditch Bluff neighborhood, including poor

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Amagansett

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Tennis Anyone?

With the start of summer, the Amagansett Village Improvement Society is again offering free tennis lessons to children ages 3 to 12. Peter Hoopes, the society's tennis pro, will return as instructor. Lessons will be held on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. at the John Day Jackson Memorial courts at Atlantic Avenue and Montauk Highway.

Registration and lessons begin July 1; children should bring racquets. Joan Tulp can be reached at 267-3664 for more information.

Josh Peters, editor of the Morningstar Dividend Investor newsletter, will appear in an online web session streamed live to the Amagansett Library's Community Room tonight from 6 to 8, in which he will present a workshop on building one's investment portfolio.

On Sunday at the library, Brigitte Moore, who was born in Germany in 1937, will discuss her memoir "Finding Home: My Journey From Post-War Germany to America." As Germany prepared for war, the comfortable middle-class lives of Ms. Moore and her family were upended and they were displaced. Shortly after her 21st birthday and despite multiple setbacks, the young refugee arrived alone in the United States. Ms. Moore will speak at 2 p.m.

East End Climate Action Network will meet on Wednesday from 6 to 7:45 p.m. in the Community Room. The group is planning a sustainability fair, scheduled for Aug. 16 on the grounds of the Amagansett Historical Association.

Another Fine Day

Dan and Marsha King, who relocated from East Hampton to North Carolina in 2004, will return to the East Hampton Town Marine Museum on Saturday, where "A Fine Day for Fishing," Ms. King's fictionalized stories of the end of the housewarming way of life, will be available for sale and signing. The event, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., will also feature archival prints of several of Cynthia Loewen's illustrations for the book. They too will be on sale.

"A Fine Day for Fishing," a self-pub-

lished novel financed through a Kickstarter campaign, draws from Capt. King's experiences and the East Hampton Historical Society archives. Mr. King served for 20 years as president of the East Hampton Baymen's Association. His "flag" dory, which he fished from until New York State prohibited commercial haulseining, now stands in front of the Marine Museum, which is on Bluff Road.

Stony Hill

The annual benefit cocktail party for the Stony Hill Stables Foundation happens on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. on site on Town Lane. The evening will include a dressage exhibition with narration, a pony drill team presentation performed by young Stony Hill riders, and a dressage pas de deux finale performed by grand prix riders. Tickets are \$125, or \$200 for a couple.

The foundation is a not-for-profit organization that promotes excellence in equine sports through riding education and competitive opportunities for children and young adults. Residents of Montauk, Amagansett, East Hampton, Sag Harbor, Southampton, and Westhampton are eligible to apply for a scholarship for the 2014 season at stonyhillstables.com.

Centennial Celebration

The Amagansett Fire Department's centennial celebration is fast approaching. The July 12 event will start at 10 a.m. with a lineup for the parade at the American Legion. The parade will start at 11 and proceed to the firehouse for a celebration and presentation of awards, starting at noon.

Children's games, music, antique fire vehicles, pumping, and bucket brigades are planned for the event, which will happen rain or shine. Hamburgers and hot dogs, iced tea, lemonade, and water will be on the menu.

Looking still further ahead, the A.M.S. board of directors has made plans for the society's traditional summer party, Saturday Night Fever in Amagansett is scheduled for Aug. 2 at the South Fork Country Club. Food, drinks, a silent auction, and dancing are in store.

Tickets are \$60, and Ms. Tulp can be contacted for more information.



As a crowd looked on, Samantha Ruddock, Evan Thomas, and Ted Hults re-enacted the Nazi saboteurs' June 13, 1942, landing at Atlantic Avenue Beach on Friday evening. Inset: Sonny Sireci portrayed a coast guardsman and Carl Itrace a boatswain's mate second class at the Amagansett Life-Saving and Coast Guard Station. Durrell Godfrey Photos



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A free lecture about low-maintenance native plants will be given on Sunday at 10 a.m. at Marders Nursery on Snake Hollow Road. And the Silas Marder Gallery's Films on the Haystack series begins on Friday, June 27, at 9 p.m., when Alfred Hitchcock's "Rear Window" will be shown outdoors on an inflatable screen.

At Midsummer Night Fever on Saturday, attendees can dance to music by D.J. MKL, participate in silent and live auctions, and enjoy an open bar and award-winning Swedish cuisine by Jonas Dahlbom. The event, this year's Artists Against Abuse benefit for the Retreat's domestic violence services, will take place at the Ross Schöf's Lower Campus field house on Butter Lane. It will honor Representative Tim Bishop, as well. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m., and the evening will last until 10:30.

Flower enthusiasts have been invited to take a walk on Saturday with Rick Bogusch, the garden manager at Bridge Gardens on Mitchell Lane. Participants can meet Mr. Bogusch under the wisteria arbor for a glass of wine before he moves through the garden to discuss the varieties of roses, their care, and their cultivation from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The Peconie Land Trust in Southampton can be called to reserve a space. The cost is \$10, or \$5 for Bridge Garden members.

"Lord of the Ants"

David Dugan's film "Lord of the Ants," on the life and work of the naturalist E.O. Wilson, will be screened on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the South Fork Natural History Museum. The 2008 documentary was a "NOVA" production for PBS and moves chronologically through Mr. Wilson's life as a noted entomologist and biodiversity advocate. It features footage of him at work

in the field and laboratory, with close looks at the insect world.

The museum is at 377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike.

This weekend the Bridgehampton Museum will hold its annual antiques show. More than 75 dealers will be selling furniture, jewelry, and paintings. The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and the cost is \$5. Early bird hours start at 8 a.m. on Saturday, with an entrance fee then of \$10.

A Bridgehampton Presbyterian Church community yard sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon will benefit the restoration of the church steeple. Those looking to sell household items, clothing, toys, furniture, electronics, and more can reserve spaces on the church green for \$20 by calling Donna Halsey at 516-818-4052.

On Bike Maintenance

Eric Bertrand-Jones will lead a program on bike maintenance at the Hampton Library on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn why wearing a bike helmet is important, how to choose the correct size of bicycle, how to change a flat tire, and how to keep bikes in good working order.

On Tuesday at 7 p.m., the Hampton Take 2 Film Festival documentary series will begin at the library with a screening of "Under Our Skin: A Health Care Nightmare," by Andy Abrahams. The film focuses on Lyme disease, problems in the current medical research, and controversies surrounding it. Stories of patients suffering from the disease are told as well.

The free Sundays at Two gatherings will continue at the Long Pond Greenbelt Nature Center this Sunday with "The Quintessence of Long Island," featuring Denise Tromba-Rich and Jan Porinchak talking about their artwork. Refreshments will be served. The nature center is at 1061 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike.

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Mecox, a furniture, furnishings, and antiques store, is celebrating the 2014 Hamptons Designer Showhouse and its participating designers with Cocktails & Conversation on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is a benefit for Southampton Hospital. Mecox is at 257 County Road 39A. Emails can be sent to briana@oldtowncrossing.com to R.S.V.P.

Southampton Hospital has launched a pet therapy program and is seeking volunteers. Dogs and handlers can be trained by Pet Partners, a nonprofit organization that provides certification in pet therapy. At present, Jane May, who implemented the program, and her golden retriever, Dippy Doodle, visit patients at the hospital once a week. Interested volunteers can email Greer Griffith at greer@angelonateash.org.

A Little Fresh Pond Association yard sale fund-raiser will take place Saturday at the North Sea Community House on Noyac Road from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fifteen families will be selling household goods, furniture, and clothing. There will be a 50-50 raffle, a bake sale, and a hot dog stand. The Southampton Animal Shelter will be on hand as well. Everything will be half-price after 2 p.m., and free after 4.

The Southampton Inn on Hill Street will be the site of a Madison and Mulholland eyewear trunk show on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The first 100 visitors to buy glasses will be given a gift bag, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Southampton Hospital.

A strawberry harvest festival will take place at the Shinnecock Indian Reservation on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dance performances and an outdoor market are in store, and fry bread and strawberry shortcake will be available. Admission is free.

Bianchi Musica, a chamber music ensemble, will give a memorial concert for Dr. Nikitas Kessarlis at the Nicholas S. Zoullas Hellenic Center at 111 St. Andrew's Road on Saturday. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the music will begin at 7. Reservations, which are required, as seating is limited, are by email to info@kimishampton.org.

A cancer support group will meet on Tuesday at 30 Sanford Place from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Anyone who has cancer or knows someone living with it will be welcomed. More information can be had by emailing joshuasplace@vizon.net or phoning Joshua's Place.

Antonia Petrash will speak about her book "Long Island and the Woman Suffrage Movement" at the Rogers Memorial Library on Wednesday at noon. It tells of the efforts of women on the Island to secure the right to vote for future generations of women.

The Elks Lodge will have a start-of-summer carnival on the fairgrounds along County Road 39 starting Wednesday at 6 p.m. There will be rides, games, food, and, on Friday, June 27, a fireworks display. The rain date for the fireworks is June 28.

Springs
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The Springs Presbyterian Church will stage its annual chicken barbecue on Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Dinner, for \$20 per person, will include chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls, a beverage, and dessert. It may be eaten at the church, or packaged for takeout.

Tickets may be ordered by calling the church or by email to springschurch@optonline.net.

Open Studio

David Fram, a ceramicist, will have a studio sale on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at his studio at 3 Ingalls Road, across from Pig Pen Produce on Three Mile Harbor Road.

Mr. Fram will have serving bowls and dishes on display, along with a number of smaller items that could be given as gifts. A half-price shelf will hold items from past shows. Beaded jewelry designs by Eilene Schiller also will be displayed. Refreshments will be served.

New to the Springs Library are the books "China Doll" by Lisa See, "Field of Prey" by John Sandford, "The Matchmaker" by Elin Hilderbrand, "The Hurricane Sisters" by Dorothea Frank, and "Mr. Mercedes" by Stephen King.

Tess M. Talmage, a daughter of Rick and Liz Talmage of Fireplace Road, has earned a place on the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of Vermont's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, where she just finished her freshman year.

Tess, a Springs School and 2013 East Hampton High School graduate, is studying animal science.

The Springs Farmers Market will be set up on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ashawagh Hall.



Wed at the Legion in Amagansett

Kaitlin A. Ganga and Jeremiah L. Overton were married in the field behind the American Legion Hall in Amagansett on May 17, a date that marks both of their birthdays. East Hampton Town Justice Steven Tekulsky officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Megan Ganga of Glade Road and Anthony J. Ganga of Neck Path, both in Springs. Mr. Overton's parents are Leon and Suzanne Overton of Three Mile Harbor Road, East Hampton.

Attending the bride were Danielle Tum of New Port Richey, Fla., as maid of honor, Lacy Bejsovec and Huong Duong of East Hampton, Sherry Gherardi of Bethpage, Victoria Ganga of East Hampton, her cousin, and the groom's niece Rachel Overton of East Hampton. The bride's daughter, Jana Lee Syfert of East Hampton, and another of Mr. Overton's nieces, Gabrielle Miller, were the flower girls.

The groom's father was his best man. He was also attended by Justin Leland of East Hampton, Chad Webb of Sag Harbor, Ian Megginson of East Hampton, and the bride's brother, Jason Ganga of Houston, who gave the bride away.

She wore a strapless Galina ivory lace gown and carried white vendela roses and hydrangeas. Her attendants wore navy and yellow.

The wedding was catered by the bride and groom and her father and brother, with a Tuscan table by Debbie Geppert.

The bride, who will take her husband's name, is a supervisor at Island Group Administration in East Hampton. Mr. Overton is an arborist at Timberworks Tree and Land Management, also in East Hampton.

After a honeymoon to Cancun in Mexico, the couple are back at home on Tub-Oarsman's Road, East Hampton.

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WATERWAYS

Woes Over What Gets Flushed

Conservancy report sounds nitrogen alarm

By Christopher Walsh

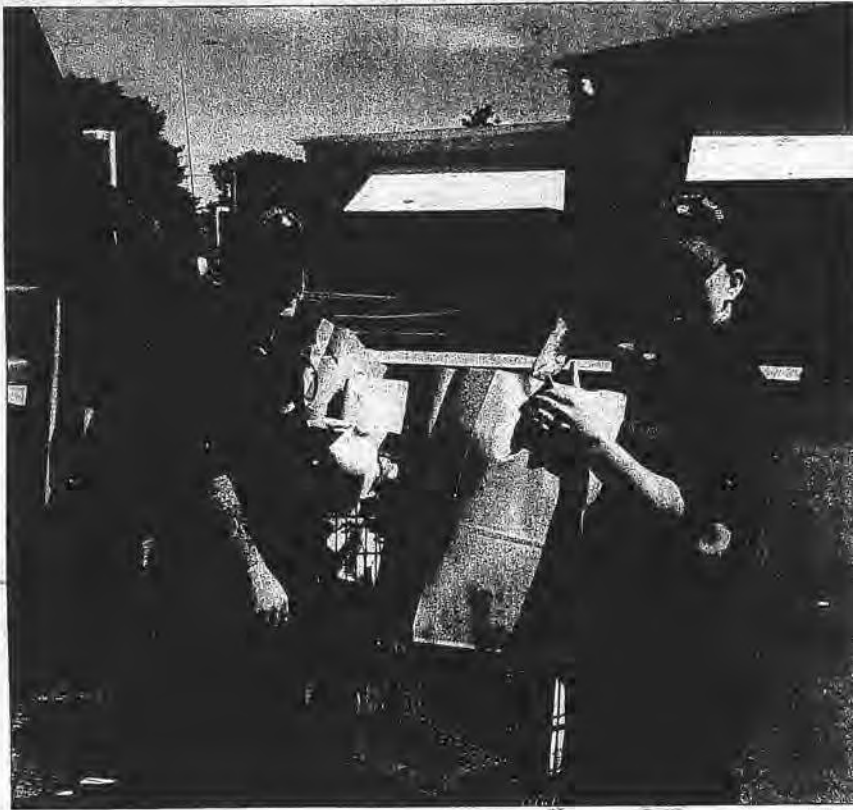
The Nature Conservancy, a conservation organization that works to protect ecologically important lands and waterways, issued a report last week asserting that wastewater from residential septic systems and sewage treatment plants contributes approximately half of the nitrogen pollution found in 25 of 43 areas surveyed within the Peconic Estuary.

Large quantities of nitrogen are leaching from onsite disposal systems into waterways on the South Fork, the report stated, an overabundance of which is blamed for oxygen-depleted water, algal blooms, fin and shellfish kills, and the loss of seagrass and marsh habitat. The areas studied are within the towns of East Hampton, Southampton, Shelter Island, Southold, Brookhaven, and Riverhead.

Fertilizer and atmospheric deposition — the natural accumulation of nitrogen — each accounts for roughly one-quarter of the nitrogen pollution, the report said. Nitrogen from these sources reaches water bodies through both ground and surface water flow.

"There is no denying that excess nitrogen is the largest threat to Long Is-

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Petty Officer Charles Gasaway and Seaman Aliza Angus of Coast Guard Station Montauk bought \$800 worth of supplies at the Amagansett I.G.A. Tuesday for a crew of 12 that will be on the water for a week. *Irene Sikorovich*

'Pollocks' Not Pollock Says F.B.I

John Re charged in a \$1.9 m

By T.E. McMorrow

An East Hampton man stands accused this week of selling over 60 forged paintings, which he claimed to be by Jackson Pollock, to private collectors and on eBay, netting him nearly \$1.9 million.

A special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in seeking a warrant for the arrest of John D. Re, 54, said he had engaged in the scheme since March 2005 and at least until this past January. According to the complaint by the agent, Meredith Savona of the bureau's art theft and art fraud division, Mr. Re falsely told collectors he had come across a trove of Pollock paintings in 1999, when he was hired to clean out the basement of an East Hampton woman, Barbara Schulte, three years after the death of her husband, George Schulte, a woodworker and antiques restorer.

Mrs. Schulte, who later moved to Marblehead, Mass., died last year. Members of the family have not returned calls for comment.

East Hampton Village police arrested Mr. Re on Friday morning for driving with a suspended license, and turned him over to the F.B.I. Arraigned on one count of wire fraud later that day in Federal District Court in Manhattan, he was

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24/7 Regional E.M.S.?

Mixed reaction to ambulance coalition's plan

By Taylor K. Vecsey

With an average of 4,500 emergency medical calls to answer each year in the Town of East Hampton and ongoing struggles with volunteer recruitment, retention, and response times, the emergency medical service community is getting creative about how to ensure help gets to patients faster.

The East End Ambulance Coalition, made up of representatives from all six agencies that serve the town, is proposing an East End Responder Program that would be spread over all six districts as a single territory. Under the program, which has gotten mixed response from the various agencies — advanced life support providers would respond to the scene of emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in what are known as "fly cars." An ambulance and volunteer emergency medical technicians would also need to respond, but medical attention could already be started on scene.

Advanced life support providers offer an increased level of care, particularly during major trauma or heart attacks. In contrast to basic emergency medical technicians, they can intubate a patient, start intravenous therapy, and administer narcotics, such as pain medication

committee that has been working on the proposal for the past 15 months, said that the program would be a shared resource instead of a proprietary one. Paid providers who work in one-person shifts in Montauk, Amagansett, and East Hampton — all of which have instituted their own paid programs over the past year — cannot leave their districts if a neighboring one needs help, unless a patient is in cardiac arrest. But, under a longstanding mutual aid program, volunteers can.

Leaders of the districts that oversee ambulance services are not convinced that a regional approach to immediate medical service is necessary.

The proposal calls for three first responders on duty during the off season and six during the peak season. Each first responder would have a primary area in which to answer calls as they are dispatched. When one is tied up on a call, the others would shift over to help cover the other areas, similar to how police set up sector cars.

In order to set up a program that runs across district lines, the committee wants to form a new tax district that would also be set up as a union-free, not-for-profit agency serving from Montauk to the western edges of the Bridge-



Friday Crash

Motorcyclist hurt by alleged drunken driver

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Nation's Best

A close look at art destined for U.S. embassies

Children's Wing Is Welco

A \$6.5 million library addition opened with speeches, s

By Christopher Walsh

Under a brilliant blue sky, the East Hampton Library's new 6,800-square-foot children's addition was unveiled on Saturday morning. Hundreds of residents attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony before viewing the fruits of several years of planning, fund-raising, and construction.

"The children are going to be absolutely delighted," said Tom Twomey, chairman of the library's board of managers. Libraries, he said, are both "a place where knowledge, learning, and research take place" and "an essential element of democracy."

Mr. Twomey praised the board of managers, including Donald Hunting, Sheila Rogers, Ann Chapman, Maureen Egan, Charles Soriano, Sara Davison, Deborah Walter, and Gail Parker. He singled out Mr. Hunting for recognition, noting that he has served the library in one or another capacity since 1964.

In a quote he attributed to Andrew Carnegie, Dennis Fabiszak, the library's director, said teamwork was "the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." He recognized the entire staff of the library, citing the group effort that allowed the addition's creation while the institution continued to serve the community.



A 16-foot-tall windmill forms the easy reader also library's new children's addition.

Thiele cited the persistence needed to accomplish the expansion and renovation. "The journey was long," agreed Mr. LaValle, "but it was worth waiting for."

"The people who live here really do meet the needs of the community," said

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TRUSTEES

Tempers Flare as Baymen Demand Answers

By CHRISTOPHER WALSH

Frustration boiled over as a group of commercial shellfishermen confronted the East Hampton Town Trustees Tuesday about the efficacy of the town shellfish hatchery's annual seeding program, which the trustees help fund. The meeting was marked by multiple angry exchanges and those in the small room in the town's Lamb Building on Bluff Road, Amagansett, talking over one another. When the shouting was over, all agreed that a survey after the seeding was completed would be in everyone's interest.

The hatchery, on the shore of Fort Pond Bay in Montauk, was established in 1989, four years after algal blooms began sweeping through local waterways and decimating shellfish. Its staff of five, two of whom work part time, oversee the spawning of millions of clams, oysters, and scallops, which are then put in Northwest, Three Mile, Accabonac, and Napeague Harbors as well as Hog Creek and Lake Montauk.

"There are large amounts of clams that are being put out in these places, millions of seeds," Greg Verity, one of the angry baymen, said. "They're simply not there, they haven't been there for five years." He added that the seeded clams that are found look noticeably different from those that grow naturally.

Deborah Klughers, a trustee, said there were many reasons why the seeded clams would be hard to find, such as recreational clambers, those harvesting without a license, natural die-off, predators, and the spraying of insecticides to reduce mosquitoes. "Our aquaculture program is, I'd say, the finest on Long Island," she said.

"The finest on Long Island?" Mr. Verity responded angrily. "Where are all our clams? Where are all our com-

mercial shellfishermen?" He said he had asked John Dunne, the hatchery's director, if a survey had been done, but the answer was no. "Millions of clam seed, all this money spent. Where is it? Because I can't find it. . . . It should be a top priority to find out whether this stuff is living or not before they continue to put the stuff in the same places."

Anthony Sciffedi, another fisherman among the half-dozen who sat in the room or crowded into its entryway, agreed that a survey was needed. "It's nice that we're trying, but it's getting less and less and worse and worse," he said.

Stephanie Forsberg, a trustee who has a doctorate in marine science, reviewed the reasons for the decline of shellfish. "I've worked specifically on climate change and how that was affecting our local bay scallop, oyster, and clam population. . . . I've written several papers on this and have to say it's scary, what we as society are doing, not just locally but globally. It has to do with ocean acidification, with pollution, with spraying." Dr. Forsberg detailed the water-quality monitoring implemented last year with Christopher Gobler of Stony Brook University. "The thought is, if we can get this data, we can go back and work with our constituents, our other levels of government—the town board, and higher; go to the county, go to the state, and start being part of the solution. I hear you, but you can't just point at the hatchery." But she was frequently interrupted, prompting the ire of Diane McNally, the trustees' presiding officer.

"Don't interrupt the clerk when she's speaking," Ms. Forsberg later told Mr. Verity as he spoke over Ms. McNally. "What would you like us to do?" Ms. McNally asked. "Ask the town to remove the support of the aquaculture fa-

cility?" Mr. Verity repeated that, at the least, he wanted a survey.

Order deteriorated as others spoke over one another. "Hey!" Ms. McNally yelled, banging a gavel hard on the table. "Enough! What I am going to ask is if you have a concern, put it in writing so I know specifically what your concern is, how you'd like us to address it."

Mr. Dunne said the hatchery distributes maps that indicate the quantity of shellfish seeded in particular waterways. "I'm not sure what other proof you need other than a nursery and field full of clams, numbers in our annual report, on our maps," he said. "I have no incentive to make this stuff up." Because his staff is minimal, Mr. Dunne said the hatchery must rely on anecdotal information from commercial and recreational fishermen. He had recently heard positive reports, he said, "but it also concerns me that there's six, seven of you here that are having problems finding clams. . . . I'd be more than happy to do surveys, but honestly, the time to do surveys is the fall when everything is seeded."

Mr. Verity continued to interrupt until Brian Byrnes, a trustee, told him. "This can't continue like this. Otherwise, we will have to ask you to leave. I don't want to do that, but I will." Mr. Verity said he didn't want the aquaculture program to be disbanded, but "I want there to be somebody to show me that this stuff is there."

"We will all try to work together," Ms. McNally said. "We can at least modify our policies and procedures, but you have to realize, the number of recreational shellfishers are increasing exponentially." The trustees are concerned, Mr. Byrnes said, "and frankly a little alarmed, and will get to the bottom of it one way or another, because that's what we do."



East Hampton Town Trustee Deborah Klughers, left, said that improper behavior on Amagansett ocean beaches is largely a weekend problem, which could be dealt with by increased law enforcement. Sue Avendon, center, supports a drinking ban at Indian Wells and Atlantic Avenue. Some of the complaints about crowds are not necessarily about illegal activity under current laws. East Hampton Town Police Chief Mike Sarlo said.

Debate Alcohol Ban at Beaches; Trustees Continue to Object

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once been a haven for kids, including his 10-year-old daughter. Now, he said, "I do not want her seeing what goes on. I've seen fights there. That's what happens when people drink."

Elaine Jones detailed her multigenerational roots in Amagansett and how her family has always enjoyed Indian Wells Beach. "I went to that beach, my daughter went to that beach, and now my grandchild can't go to that beach because my daughter will not allow them to witness that behavior."

"The behavior exhibited only occurs on the weekends, it seems," said Deborah Klughers, a town trustee. "So why are we punishing the residents, for the most part, or people who aren't the problem?" She said pushing those who want to drink on the beach 1,500 feet from the lifeguards would endanger swimmers and create more problems because the bathrooms and garbage cans would be so far away. Instead of a ban, she said, "Keep going forward with the upped enforcement."

Marc Schultz called the ban a "reasonable compromise" that would help to reverse the new "party-hearty" tenor at Indian Wells.

Bill Taylor, a town trustee who supports the ban and described himself as a "minority" within the group, said, "I think it's time we sent a message to the people who are destroying our beaches. I think over the last four years the beaches in our town have gotten out of hand, and I think this says we're not going to take it any more."

"This is a matter of public safety, not a matter of public access," he said, adding that as such it was up to the town board and not the town trustees.

Diana Walker of Amagansett said that while she believes the trustees support more orderly behavior on the beaches, they "are conditioned to be defensive about their jurisdiction."

Stuart Vorpahl, a former trustee and a longtime proponent of trustees' historical rights, said the town board had "got off on the wrong foot" by initially scheduling a public hearing on the drinking ban without consulting the ancient body. The trustees' authority as a "state within a state" has been upheld by the courts, he said, but has "been ignored time after time" by town government.

and the drinking ban was shaping up to be another example of that attitude "raising its shameful head."

"I get the feeling that our authority is being challenged once again," said Brian Byrnes, a trustee, "and if we're going down, we're going down swinging."

The 500-foot boundary that the trustees suggested for the area where alcohol might be banned, is the length of one and a half football fields, he said, and "would be adequate."

Ms. McNally noted that the proposed law would amend Chapter 82, a "peace and good order" section that addresses public drinking, but not Chapter 92, which covers beaches and parks. Changing the beach regulations in that chapter requires the approval of the majority of town trustees — so, Ms. McNally said, there "remains a question" about what would happen if the town attempted to enforce a beach regulation without trustee cooperation.

"We would always prefer to act in concert with the trustees," Town Supervisor Larry Cantwell said.

"I know," said Ms. McNally. "But every time you say that, the words are there, but the actions are not."

Stephanie Forsberg, the trustees' assistant clerk, said the group would like to see a compromise.

"The first time we are having a dialogue is at a public hearing," she told the town board. "Yes, we are members of the public, but we are your elected officials." But, she said, "this is where I want to bring us, as two elected boards,

back together."

Mr. Cantwell reminded the audience that he had attended a trustee meeting to tell them about the proposed alcohol ban when discussions of it first started. "The town board changed this law in part in response to the town trustees," he said. "You may feel like it's not enough of a compromise, but it's a compromise."

"I respect the town trustees very, very much," said Joan Tulp of Amagansett, who supports the proposed ban. "I do this very, sadly, but times have changed." Just the day before, she said, "on a beautiful, peaceful day at Indian Wells, we were surrounded, and our peace was shattered, by the paparazzi and the Kardashians."

That got a rise from Ms. McNally, who got up to comment again, this time, she said, as an individual, not as a representative of the trustees. "We have allowed this to happen," she said, "these people who take advantage of our resources and are just trashing the town on so many levels. It's time to stop allowing this to happen in our community."

For example, she said, people who are being rude in such places as the grocery store should be told, "We don't act like that in our town."

"And also," Ms. McNally said, "who gave the Kardashians permission to film on Indian Wells Beach? Because the trustees didn't, and if you see them on the beach, call the police. Get them out of here."

New Trustee Proposal

The East Hampton Town Trustees own and manage the town's waterways on behalf of the public, as set forth in the Dongan Patent of 1686. They have debated the proposed ban on alcohol in several of their meetings, and have split on whether to support any ban, with a majority opposed.

At the trustees' meeting on Tuesday, Diane McNally, the trustees' clerk, proposed a further compromise, should her colleagues agree: "We're looking at 1,000 feet east or west of the road end at Indian Wells only, weekends and holidays only, during lifeguarded hours only," she said. In addition, "We'll verbalize the fact that it's going to be difficult to enforce a new law without enforcement on site."

She also said the trustees would insist on a provision that the ban expires upon the summer season's conclusion.

Six trustees voted in favor, with two, Stephen Lester and Tim Bock, opposed. With a majority vote, Ms. McNally said, "We'll send a letter to the town board."
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CEDAR ISLAND

County Approves Restoration

Lighthouse to be used as a bed and breakfast

BY LUCIA AKARD

An agreement between the Suffolk County Parks Department and the Long Island Chapter of the United States Lighthouse Society will allow the long hoped for restoration of the Cedar Island Lighthouse, which guards the passage between Gardiner's Bay and Shelter Island Sound, to go forward and its eventual use as a bed and breakfast to become a reality. The agreement was sponsored by Legislator Jay Schneiderman and approved by the County Legislature on June 17.

"I've always been interested in historic preservation because of growing up in Montauk," Mr. Schneiderman said. "The B and B component is the way to continue to upkeep it and to generate revenue," he said. Michael Leahy, president of the Long Island chapter of the national organization, will oversee the project.

The lighthouse was built in 1868 as an aid for mariners going to and from the busy port of Sag Harbor. It is on a narrow sand peninsula that is part of Cedar Point County Park, but it was on an island until the 1938 Hurricane filled a gap and attached it to the mainland.

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Watch out, bivalves. Mitch Fulcher, wading in at Louse Point in Springs on Sunday, has "clam power," at least that's what the shirt says. *Durrell Godfrey*

Short-Term Rentals Near Cottage I

Nearly 600 listings but few

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

Nearly 600 mostly short-term rentals in Montauk are listed on Airbnb, one of many competing services on the Internet — and there do not appear to be any vacancies for the Fourth of July weekend. Homeaway lists about 340 houses available in East Hampton. And on Vacation Rentals by Owner, another website, just over 200 properties recently had dates open for this summer in Sag Harbor.

Many landlords who post their houses and rooms on these sites — which have gained notoriety after stories like one about a rented apartment in Manhattan that was used for a for-profit orgy — seem to rent by the night. This is a violation in the Town of East Hampton (which includes Montauk and parts of Sag Harbor), where rentals for less than two-week periods are limited to two every six months.

Guest rooms are another story. They can be rented in houses that are owner-occupied in East Hampton Town, although no more than two rooms can be rented at the same time. Guest rooms also are regulated by the New York State building code based on square footage. These sometimes de facto hotels have come under scrutiny by the state and

C.P.F. Purchases Brisk

Flush fund has 8 deals done, 29 more in the pipe

BY JOANNE PILGRIM

East Hampton Town's community preservation fund, which receives the 2-percent tax on most real estate transfers, is flush and being well managed, according to a report given to the town board on Tuesday.

Purchases of land with the fund, which was established in 1999 in the five East End towns for open space, farmland, and historic preservation, have been brisk this year, with 8 completed and almost 30 more pending.

Income to the preservation fund "has been trending upwards over the last four years," Len Bernard, the town budget officer, said at a board work session earlier this week.

Mr. Bernard said that, by a conservative estimate, factoring in the revenue that is expected during 2014 and the purchases that are planned, the town would likely end the year with a cash balance of over \$40 million in its C.P.F. account.

"Over all, C.P.F. is in very sound shape, financially," he said. "It's being managed properly."

So far this year, Scott Wilson, the town's director of land acquisition and management, told the board, the town has made 8 purchases, of 15 parcels of land totaling 39 acres, at a cost of \$14.6 million. Of that, he said, \$365,000 was contributed by neighboring property owners.

Thirteen more purchases, of 55 acres in all, for a cost of \$13.9 million, are in contract. The town's offers to purchase 16 more parcels, totaling 30 acres at a cost of \$18.2 million, have been accepted. The lands are in all of the hamlets of the town.

Since the inception in 1999 of the Peconic Bay Region Community Preservation Fund, Mr. Wilson said, East Hampton has acquired 1,877 acres with the fund, at a total of \$303 million.

According to a recent audit, between 1999 and 2013 the preservation fund received \$260 million in revenues, between the 2-percent transfer tax, interest, and donations.

The town spent \$221 million on property purchases, and \$36 million on debt service, after borrowing against future expected tax income in order to make purchases before lands were developed.

At the end of 2013, there was \$55.7 million available for purchases. Income to the fund so far this year has been \$12 million.

There are more than 40 properties on a list of sites targeted for acquisition. After a hearing tonight, the town board has proposed adding 166 more, all in the Lake Montauk watershed area, where all vacant sites have been targeted for preservation.

Properties are selected, Mr. Wilson said, by an advisory committee through

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Causes Undetermined

Outdoor temperatures made two house fires tougher

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History At Home

In an era of teardowns, a case for loving preservation

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Just One Cab Left After

New town taxi laws ensnare Afghanistan war veterans

BY T.E. McMORROW

A Montauk veteran of the war in Afghanistan was arrested on June 25 as part of the town's crackdown on taxi drivers and charged with possession of a forged government-issued document, a felony.

"I just thought I was going to get a ticket," Jorge Jerome, 25, said last week. "I didn't know it was going to be a big deal."

Mr. Jerome's cab company, Airborne Taxi, now in its second year, owns two minivans and a big 2008 Ford Econoline 350. He was driving the Econoline when East Hampton Town detectives pulled him over on Davis Drive, minutes from the house in Hither Hills where he lives with his wife, Jordi, and their two sons. The license plate number on a town-issued taxi permit, the detectives said, had been changed.

It was true, said Mr. Jerome, who named his cab company in honor of the 82nd Airborne Division combat team he was part of, patrolling the Arghandab River Valley in Kandahar Province for one year. He explained on Friday that he had had a wedding party reservation for June 14, and that the two minivans were not large enough to hold all the guests. "I needed the big van."

He had bought it in February, he said, and obtained New York State livery plates and the required insurance policy to operate it as a taxi, which cost \$11,000. All that was missing was an East Hampton Town permit.



Jorge Jerome, 25, a Montauk resident and was arrested last week by East Hampton having a forged permit on his taxi.

getting a town taxi permit was a matter of two days, so there should have been plenty of time before the wedding. But a week went by with no word. He called the town clerk's office and was told it could be months before the permit was issued.

"This is the time of year where you have to make money. I have to provide for my family," he said. A few more days went by, and now the wedding, a job that was costing him \$700, was over.

Recorded Deeds

The prices below have been calculated from the county transfer tax. Unless otherwise noted, the parcels contain structures.

BRIDGEHAMPTON
Butter Lane Farm L.L.C. to Coppelia Rose Farmland, 9 Cody Way, 1.26 acres (vacant), April 24, \$1,000,000.
HDE Properties Inc. to M. Shulte, 49 Sunrise Avenue, .15 acre, April 28, \$1,035,000.
77 SCH Street L.L.C. to D. and A. Abrams, 77 School Street, .51 acre, April 24, \$2,700,000.

EAST HAMPTON

S. Leon (by devise) to Hampton Dream Properties, 15 Tib-Oarsman's Road, .09 acre, April 7, \$15,000.
Hampton Dream Properties to S. Jones, 128 Queen's Lane, .28 acre, April 10, \$160,000.
D. Garfein to V. Sampathkumar, 14 Dominy Court, 1.01 acres, April 30, \$930,000.
S. and N. Singer to 221 Pantigo Realty, 221 Pantigo Road and lot 12, .3 acre, April 28, \$1,100,000.
D. and K. Seeherman to D. and J. Roy, 12 Quarry Circle, 1.6 acres, April 21, \$3,160,000.
R. and K. Raidt to C. Yang and S. Pinkwater, 55 Red Fox Lane, .69 acre, April 18, \$740,000.

EAST HAMPTON VILLAGE

J. Zhukovsky and Benedek to 40 Fithian L.L.C., 40 Fithian Lane, .52 acre, April 29, \$3,375,000.

MONTAUK

M. Sullivan and M. Behan to J. and J. Streng, 89 Pinetree Drive, .17 acre, April 30, \$550,000.
P. Duryea III to Sunrise Tuthill I, 1.2 acres (bay bottom), March 31, \$40,720.
P. Duryea III to Sunrise Tuthill I, 3.3 acres (bay bottom), March 31, \$105,920.
P. Duryea III and W. Duryea to Sunrise Tuthill II, 66 Tuthill Road, 1.3 acres, March 31, \$2,500,000.
P. Duryea III to Sunrise Tuthill I, 65 and 61 Tuthill Road, 4.29

acres, March 31, \$3,703,360.
Duchess Partners L.L.C. to 44 Old Montauk Highway, 44 Old Montauk Highway, 11.13 acres, April 30, \$7,500,000.
J. Spiller and R. Sweeney to E. Mooney, 23 Fort Pond Road, May 1, \$410,000.
M. Wizbicki to S. and J. Rosina, 236 Edgemere Street, Unit 132, Jan. 10, \$150,000.
E. French to Kuhn/Darress Trust, 30 Sherman Road, .9 acre (vacant), April 10, \$860,000.
M. Finley to 381 OMH L.L.C., 381 Old Montauk Highway, .95 acre, March 17, \$1,575,000.

NOYAC

M. Sypher to J. and J. Todaro, 86 Old Noyack Path, 1.9 acres, April 21, \$2,665,320.
J. and P. Coby to C. Tagliasacchi, 35 Rosewood Drive, .42 acre, April 30, \$500,000.
P. and E. Kehoe to A. Rostron and N. Lane, 122 Wildwood Road, .52 acre, April 24, \$999,000.

SAG HARBOR

S. and N. Antonakos to R. Vela and M. Julian, 60 Hempstead Street, April 18, \$875,000.

SAGAPONACK

P. and S. Sayles to K. and A. Custer, 37 Sagaponack Main Street, 1.47 acres, April 24, \$4,300,000.
M. Murray to 62 Farmview Drive Realty, 62 Farmview Drive, 1.59 acres, April 24, \$5,550,000.

WAINSCOTT

F. Camerlingo to P. Persico and Silvestri, 5 East Gate Road, April 29, \$755,000.
B. Bantry and R. Felner to Goosecreek NMJ L.L.C., 30 Wainscott Stone Highway, 5.29 acres, April 22, \$10,550,000.

WATER MILL

T. and B. Clarkin to K. Chan and E. Soikal, 328 Hayground Road, 1.4 acres, April 24, \$2,350,000.

Data provided by Suffolk Research Service of Southampton



Tina the Store sells a mix of home goods and clothing, including leather sandals, hand-woven rugs, and fashions from Tokyo. *Tina Laakkonen*

TIINA THE STORE Quality and Timeless Appeal

By LUCIA AKARD

In a town where it sometimes seems that every new store is a one-summer pop-up, Tina Laakkonen, owner of Tina the Store in Amagansett, is not interested in "fast food or fast fashion." She just wants to sell clothes. Not fashion, just clothes.

"Fashion is fickle," she said recently, "and it ages very fast. I like things that are more permanent." She chooses her merchandise for its quality and timeless appeal. Many garments are handmade, including pricey cashmere sweaters from the luxury brand The Elder Statesman, and hand-knit rugs.

Ms. Laakkonen believes that high-quality clothing "becomes more beautiful the more you wear it, the more you use it." She herself owns and wears dresses for 15 or more years, and wants her customers to "buy and wear the things they can use for the rest of their lives."

Ms. Laakkonen believes not only in permanent clothing but also in permanent locale. Staying open year round has helped her build a loyal customer base, she said. "I feel like once our customers discover us and once they start shopping here, I feel like I owe it to them to be open and be here." She does not respect pop-up stores, which she called "opportunistic."

Unlike many of the pop-ups, Tina the Store has no branch in New York City. Its fans can, however, shop online at tjinastore.com.

Ms. Laakkonen started out as a model and fashion-design student in Paris, went on to work for Chanel and L'Oréal, and then was hired as a stylist at British Vogue. Continuing to work as a

magazine and celebrity stylist, she has many connections to the world of high fashion, which allows her to bring designers and their clothing to Amagansett. Every summer she features a different designer. This summer's special guests are Christina Kim, founder and designer of the Dosa line, whom she has known for about 20 years. At a small cocktail reception at the store on Saturday, customers and fans of Ms. Kim got the chance to meet her and shop her newest collection.

Ms. Laakkonen said this was "a way of introducing designers on a more deep and individual level to our customers... I think it's really nice to see the person and to meet the person behind the things you enjoy."

Tina the Store's aesthetic is heavily influenced by the owner's Finnish roots and experiences in Paris and London. While most of the store is devoted to clothing, furniture and decorative items that mirror the interior design of Ms. Laakkonen's Amagansett house are also present. The palette, neutrals and deep blues, seems instantly applicable to anyone's "Hamptons" style. "The store has always been a dream of mine," said Ms. Laakkonen, "and the things in it are all things that I love."

Many of the clothes she sells are unisex. "I like wearing men's clothes, and women love to buy men's shirts and sweaters," she said. "I think it's very old-fashioned, thinking that things are either gender-specific or season-specific. I just think it's nice to offer things that are up to anyone's interpretation."



The modest houses on Huntington Crossway in Bridgehampton stand in stark contrast to much of the hamlet, where the average house price is \$2.3 million, according to the real estate website Trulia. *Debra Scott*

Portrait of a Bridgehampton Neighborhood

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former residence, which is cut off from its disheveled neighbors by hedges. Lawns are overgrown and appear to be mowed irregularly. A truck or two sits on lawns. One car has been raised above the grass to be worked on, in a front yard. Helter-skelter scraggly bushes form the only attempt at prettification.

But when, about halfway down the Crossway, Mr. Burnside turned west on to Caldwell Road, we suddenly entered a different world. This could be a street in upscale suburbia. Anywhere, U.S.A. Houses are beautifully landscaped with a variety of shade trees, attractive fencing, and the ubiquitous seaside hydrangea. They are two-story, gabled, and clad in cedar shingle.

Two nearly identical cul-de-sacs branch out from Caldwell. Houses in this neighborhood, many of them abutting the backyards of the Crossway's houses, are valued in the high ones: \$1.8 to \$1.9 million.

One of these streets, Birchwood Lane, leads to a wooded six-acre area. Well, it won't be wooded for long. On Monday, Greg Konner of Konner Development, which is developing 7 of the 11 lots, was overseeing his crew as a backhoe carved out a deep recession.

"We're digging the first hole!" he said, clearly excited at the prospect. When finished, his seven houses will ask \$1.9 million each.

His company has been instrumental in gentrifying other parts of Bridgehampton. After building houses on Nor-

ris and Narrow Lanes, he said, those neighborhoods rose in value.

The asking price is solid, according to Mr. Burnside. "They're selling close to what it would cost to build."

If you were to drive through this new development you would end up at another subdivision in progress, Barn and Vine. Instead, we took another route to this 50-acre parcel, which will contain 37 houses, bordering Channing Daughters Winery on the west and the houses of the leafy suburban grid on the east — by taking Meadows East, a new road just to the west of the Crossway off Scuttlehole, to Barn Lane. Between 5,800 and 7,200 square feet, these future abodes mark another rung up the price ladder. All are asking circa \$3 million.

If sold now, the half-acre lots on the Crossway, with all houses considered teardowns, would go for between \$400,000 and \$450,000 apiece. A deal? Perhaps. Along with the houses on the turnpike south of Scuttlehole, these are some of the last true Hamptons bargains. But no one seems willing, yet, to take the plunge.

Would Mr. Burnside, who is also a builder and currently finishing a \$5 million house about a half-mile away, consider building on the Crossway?

"I'm a location snob," he said. He prefers to build big, beautiful, sustainable houses with all the amenities on untouched land. But, he acknowledged, the street would serve customers looking for a "starter home" very well.

Connections

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district also has an elementary and a middle school-high school principal. And in Amagansett, where an interim principal is being paid \$300 a day, the superintendent, Eleanor Tritt, is to receive \$188,000 next year. If we were going to make our calculations according to the logic applied by the New York Post, any other monetary benefits each of these administrators receives would have to be added.

One supposes that these salaries are governed by all sorts of variables, including educational degrees, training, and experience, but there has to be more to the story. Because the money schools spend comes primarily from property taxes, and because communities here contain some of the most expensive real estate in the country, our districts are rich and residents are quiescent. There have been no taxpayer revolts in recent years, but you never know. *Helen S. Rattray*

Relay

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could get along.

Will my puffball be able to wear my glasses so I can recognize others? If not, the spirit puffs will have to come nose to nose with me so I'll know who they are. But will our spirits even have a nose? And will all our earthly ailments disappear? God that would be nice.

You may think this is crazy thinking, but with popular books on the best-seller list and movies being made about people who died and followed the light and then returned to earth, heaven may really exist.

If it's as perfect a place as religious leaders lead us to believe, I probably wouldn't even need my glasses or medications. I would no longer need glasses to see people puffs, and my cellulite

would disappear. Unless my spirit puff is dimpled with those annoying blotches of fat that most women sport on their thighs.

I wonder at what age our spirits will appear to be. If we look too young, other spirit puffs will not recognize our older selves. If I could choose the age I'd like my spirit to be, I think I'd go for 40. My three children had been born and I was in pretty good shape, considering I had expelled those three children from my earthly self. Of course, it's been all downhill since then.

Recently, while talking to my hairdresser, the body of all knowledge, she mentioned that a person who supposedly died and went to heaven sought out an old friend and was told he was on a higher level in heaven and unreachable.

Wow, now that sounds great. I'd love to be in a place where no one could bother me, especially in my business as a newspaper reporter who often gets called to task for other writers' stories or editors' mistakes. (Yes, they do make them too.)

I wonder if we would have a space to call our own, like a private cloud. It must be awfully crowded up there, and I've always been a bit of a loner, which makes some of my loved ones uncomfortable — they hate to think of me being, by myself, when my husband goes out night-fishing. But I love it. As long as my cloud has magazines and a few good books I'd be a happy spirit.

If heaven is as grand as they say, whoever they are, I imagine we can also choose the name we'd like to be called. I've always hated my name, so I would no longer wish to be called the spirit Janis. If we're allowed by the Great One to choose our own names, I'm thinking Mother Moonlight Montauk.

And as nice as it's supposed to be up there, I plan on staying close to home on weekends — heaven can wait.

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