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Playoff Bound

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Sag Harbor American Music Festival fosters young talent.

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Celebrating Freedom On Juneteenth

Second annual celebration slated for Saturday in Southampton.

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The Healing Powers Of Cannabis

Healers are touting the benefits of cannabis and CBD products.

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High Cost, Little Return In Primaries

Many party regulars are complaining about the irregular upcoming vote on Tuesday.

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ON THE SCREEN

SAG HARBOR CINEMA

SHOWING THIS WEEK:

In the Heights (PG-13)
Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go for It (PG-13)

A Celebration of

Latin American Cinema:

Amores Perros (R)

Aquarius (NR)

El Planeta (NR)

Ema (R)

La Ciénaga (NR)

Sagharborcinema.org

WEEKEND WEATHER



Thursday, June 17
Mostly Sunny
Temps in the low 70s



Friday, June 18
Sunny
Temps in the mid 70s



Larocca In A Squeaker

Trustees easily reelected

BY STEPHEN J. KOTZ

Trustee James Larocca ousted incumbent Mayor Kathleen Mulcahy in Sag Harbor Village voting on Tuesday. Mr. Larocca received 379 votes to Ms. Mulcahy's 357 after a bitter campaign in which Mr. Larocca attacked the incumbent's performance on an almost daily basis, while Ms. Mulcahy sought to reassure voters progress was being made on a number of key issues despite the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Trustee Aidan Corish, who was seeking his third term, led all candidates with 572 votes, while incumbent Trustee Robert Plumb received 497 votes to win his second two-year term. Challenger Bayard

Fenwick received 250 votes. About 30 people gathered in the Sag Harbor Firehouse after the polls closed. There was a muted response as poll worker Diane Schiavoni silently filled in the results on a white board, showing that Mr. Larocca, who has previously served as trustee for six years, had bested his rival by just 22 votes. Ms. Mulcahy's supporters gasped, while Mr. Larocca's applauded softly.

Mr. Larocca kissed his wife, Dale, on the cheek and hugged Mayor Mulcahy when she came over to congratulate him.

Mr. Larocca acknowledged that it was a tight race and thanked his supporters for their votes. In an interview

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Mayor-elect James Larocca kisses his wife, Dale, on Tuesday night after the vote count.

STEPHEN J. KOTZ

One Vote Passes Budget

Voters OK spending plan

BY STEPHEN J. KOTZ

The Bridgehampton School District has been living close to the edge. A month after its proposed \$20.66 million budget fell by a handful of votes, it was approved by a one-vote margin in a revote on Tuesday.

Because the budget pierced the New York State tax cap in both cases, a super majority of 60 percent of voters was needed. The district achieved that threshold with a 101-120 tally.



Thank You For Your Service!

The Long Island ABATE 2021 Veterans Appreciation Run on the Lance Corporal Jordan Haerter Veterans Memorial Bridge on Sunday.

MICHAEL HELLER



Frederico Azevedo's North Haven garden.



The Azevedo garden.

Sag Harbor Historical Society Garden Tour Is Saturday

Six private gardens around Sag Harbor Village will be open to the public for the Sag Harbor Historical Society Garden Tour on Saturday, June 19. "Small city gardens, large country gardens, herb gardens and gardens with special species of plants — we think the variety will entertain you and we hope you join us," the society states. In addition to the gardens, the tour will include a stop at The Church, April Gornik and Eric Fischl's new arts center. In recognition of Juneteenth celebrated that day, the garden guide will include an insert on some of the contributions of African Americans to gardening and farming practices. The tour runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and begins at the Annie Cooper Boyd House at 174 Main Street, where a map will be provided. Tickets are \$60 in advance or \$65 on the day of. For ages 7 to 17, the price is \$30 in advance or \$35 on the day, and children 6 and younger are admitted free. Visit sagharborhistorical.org or call 631-725-5092.

DANA SHAW PHOTOS



Cathleen Civalé and Joe Fisher's Sag Harbor garden.



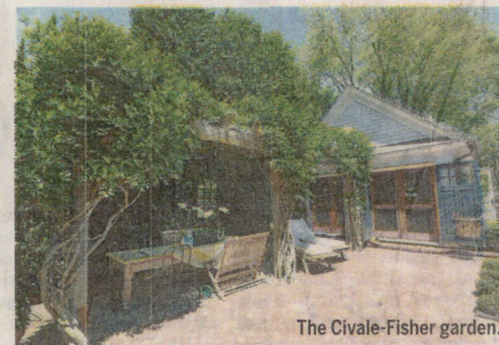
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