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The community newspaper - the glue that helps hold a community together, and the spur that helps keep it moving forward.



BEDELL BAYHOUSE was built circa 1948 by Mervin Bedell Sr. and Jr. The Bedell bay house is one of the houses featured in the exhibit "Living on the Bay" at the Freeport Memorial Library. photo by Andrew Greenberg

ROUNDABOUT FREEPORT

Important investments

This is the season for an important kind of investment. To get ready to make one, no one is busy perusing the Wall Street Journal, checking on bank rates or getting advice from the accountant. No one is fending off phone calls from firms interested in providing "helpful" information.

Most of us go it alone.

With "the season" starting, major purchases must be made, whether for a new pair of leather shoes and a woolen or leather coat or for dressy attire for services marking the Jewish New Year, for bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs, for weddings and other fall celebrations.

Because many will be spending large sums on these investments, they do a lot of comparison shopping. Usually, they will find that local merchants give the best value for their money and also provide much-needed advice and counsel, along with long-term service.

We're used to thinking of jewelry purchases in terms of investments. That engagement ring means a lifetime commitment. And many other jewelry items are passed down for generations. But there are other items we buy because we expect for them to serve us for years. Our best bet for a happy result is to buy them close to home from a trusted friend, a local merchant.

Fashion statements

That old refrain "baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and lemonade," is going to have to add one more especially American item, the tee shirt.

Why do young people all over the world scramble for tee shirts with anything in English on them? Because to them, tee shirts and their variety of messages symbolize that special freedom of expression we Americans have, that many of them can only wish for.

The variety in tee shirts is tremendous, from expensive to bargain, from Ivy League to tasteless, from satin to plain. Each has a message, or more often, a dream. After all, how many Harvard students have you actually seen wearing a Harvard tee shirt, especially one spelled "Herverd"? How many wearing skateboard motifs could really soar off a ramp? And how many tiny batmen can there be?

In America, it seems, everyone has a dream. And the tee shirts tell all.

A CONTINGENT from the Freeport Auxiliary of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children will be attending the AHRC's annual Luncheon and Fashion Show in early October, marking the fortieth anniversary of the organization's founding in October, 1949.

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LAZY DAYS of summer have given way to resumption of local club activities. Freeport's Exchange Club, meeting for the first time this Fall, last Wednesday heard Nassau County's Acting Commissioner of Commerce and Industry, Steven G. Latham, outline the functions of the Commission and express optimism about Long Island's economic situation despite slightly higher unemployment and slightly lower retail sales. Also visiting with the Club were County Executive Tom Gulotta and Town Clerk Daniel Fisher.

The Exchange Club will be starting a program to expose kids to the judicial system as a learning experience under the direction of Freeport's own Justice Mike Solomon.

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THE ATLANTIS Anglers will join forces with 7-11 of Roslyn on October 21 to sponsor a bluefish tournament at Guy Lombardo Marina to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This tournament, which will be the finale to the bluefish season, promises to be very exciting with \$10,000 in prizes being offered to the top catches of the day.

Boats will have a \$50 entry fee, and they will be eligible for the 25 prizes awarded to the boats with the top 25 heaviest bluefish. Ties will be broken by earliest weigh in

time.

The tournament itself will begin at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning, and boats can register up until 5 a.m. at Ronnie's at Hudson Point or Lou Charbin's. The location where the fishing will take place is east to Moriches inlet and west to the New Jersey line. Weigh in will start at 1 p.m., with up to three fish submitted per boat.

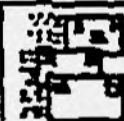
Awarded will be \$10,000 in prizes, and the club with the best total three fish weight from combined boats will also win a trophy.

For more information call MDA at 746-7403.

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A REPRESENTATIVE from the Department of Social Services will be certifying and recertifying eligible clients for food stamps on Monday, September 25, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Freeport Economic Opportunity Council, 404 North Main Street, Freeport.

The Freeport Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. is a not-for-profit antipoverty agency dedicated to serving the needs of the poor and disadvantaged residents of Freeport and its surrounding areas.



Letters to the editor

'Cooperation' praised

To The Leader:

Please allow me to use your paper to thank the residents and business owners of Freeport for their cooperation during the recent strike against the majority of private refuse carters on Long Island.

Once aware of the situation, of which we in Village government had little warning, a great many homeowners helped by taking their refuse off the curb. In addition, many of them, as well as business operators, took the trouble to haul their refuse to our Transfer Station. The Public Works Department manned that facility from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and later expanded it until 7 p.m.

All together, we nicely weathered what could have been a most unsightly, and potentially unhealthy situation. We certainly all appreciated the rapid cleanup that

was accomplished at the strike's conclusion.

A reminder to all that during such emergencies the Village government must rely on the electronic media to get information out immediately. Such announcements are carried by WBAB (1240 AM), WHLI (1100 AM) and Cablevision (Channel 12).

Yours for a finer Freeport,
Dorothy Storm, Mayor

Liked Message

To The Leader:

I commend you on your editorial in the August 17, Leader, entitled "Message to a young man". It was a breath of fresh air in a world filled with pollution.

It makes me feel hopeful for positive change in our moral values when the media prints a column such as this one.

Thank you. I look forward to reading more of the same in your publications. My husband and 15 year-old daughter concur with these views.

Phyllis S. Doyle