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It looks pretty quiet in this year's races for the Bayport-Blue Point school board. None of them are contested.

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#### Historic business

At 136 years old, A.C. Edwards Insurance Agency is the oldest business in Sayville.

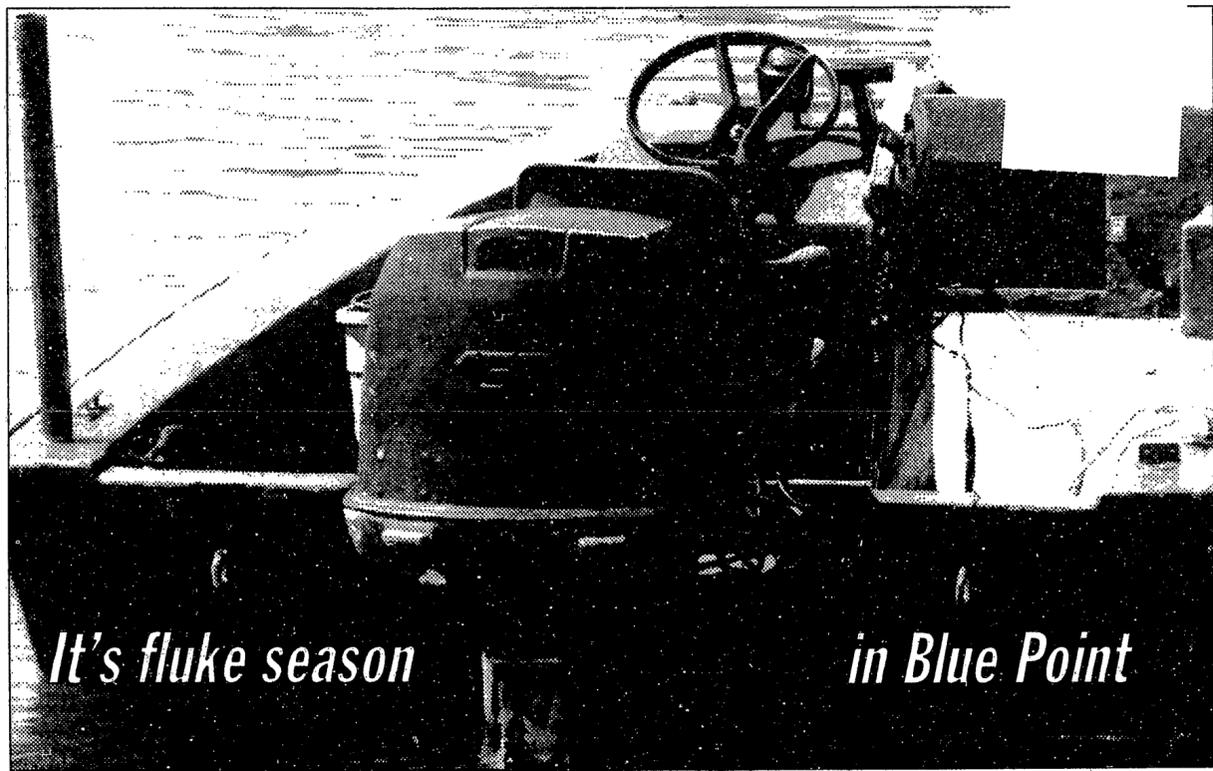
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### Sports

#### Flashes drop one to unbeaten Patchogue

Sayville's softball team loses a non-league game to Red Raiders, but remain in the hunt for the league title.

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*It's fluke season*

*in Blue Point*

This dinghy needs a little work to get it ready for fluke season, which began yesterday in the Great South Bay. Don't bet on catching any of the tasty flatfish until the water temperature warms up a bit. Stick to flounder for a while.

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## Rescue at sea

### Daring good Samaritan saves trio of floundering fishermen

"This is it, I can't talk anymore, we're under, we're under!" For a few moments that seemed like years, Middle Island's Frank Napolitano thought those would be his last words. Shouting over the VHF radio as his 21-foot Bayliner sank beneath the pounding waves off Heckscher Park, Napolitano, his father Ralph and friend Jimmy Alfano thought they would be the latest casualty of Nicoll Bay.

Even though it is almost May, in the morning the water temperature is still in the mid-40s. "The police said we would have lasted about 15 minutes," Napolitano said.

Fortunately for Alfano and the Napolitanos, they were not alone on the bay.

"As we were going under, we started shouting at another

fisherman, but at first he thought we were horsing around," he said. "Then my dad started waving a life preserver around and he picked up anchor and came over."

"I was out there flounder fishing and I had caught a few, but it was getting slow and I was getting ready to go when I thought I heard someone shouting," said the other fisherman, Steven Diminich of Smithtown.

Diminich tried to pull the Bayliner toward shore, but unbeknownst to anyone, Napolitano's boat was still anchored as the line was wound tightly around the prop. As he began hauling Napolitano's boat toward the shallows, the tension pulled Diminich's cleat right off the deck of his Bowrider.

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## Regents raise grad requirements

In the near future, high school students may have to sign up for extra help if they want to earn their diploma.

Last week, the New York State Board of Regents voted to eliminate competency tests and mandated that all high

school seniors must pass tougher Regents examinations to graduate.

When this year's crop of fifth graders enters their freshman year in September 1999, there will no longer be a two-level diploma system, and

they will be required to pass Regents examinations in English, math, social studies, and science before they can

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