

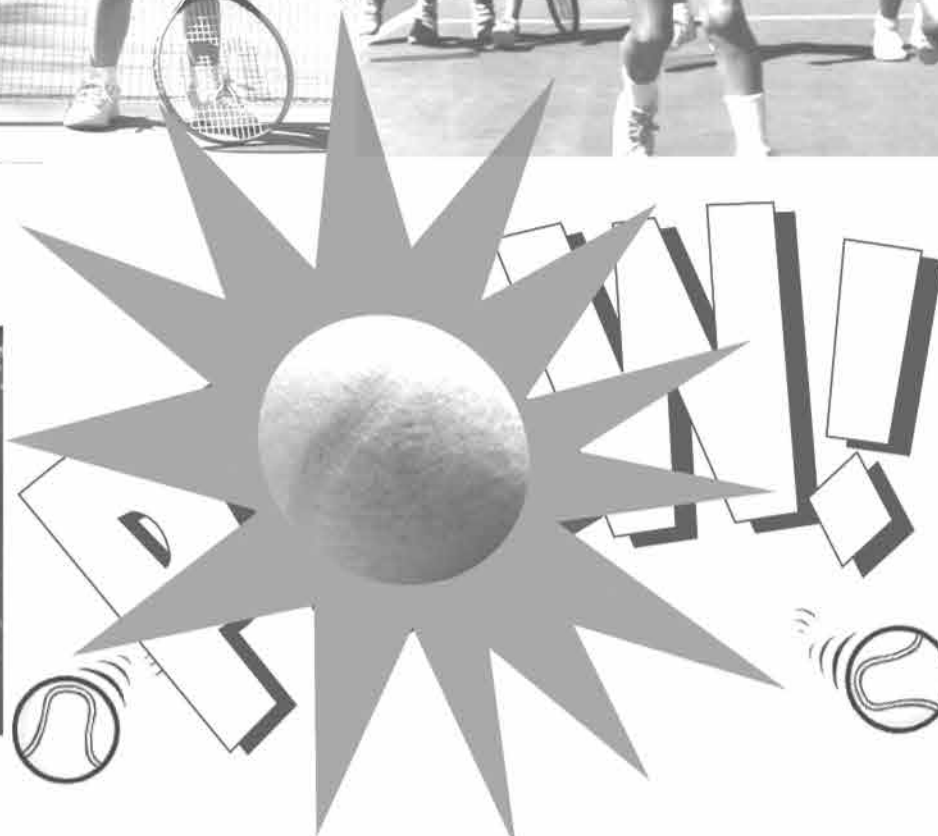
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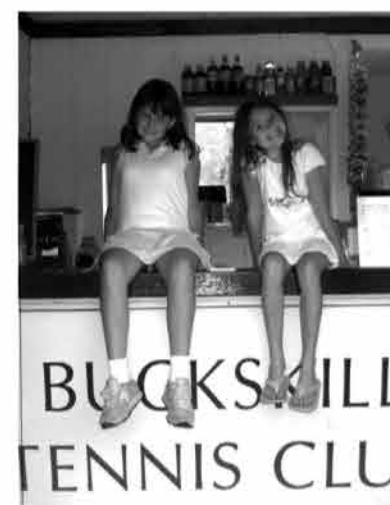
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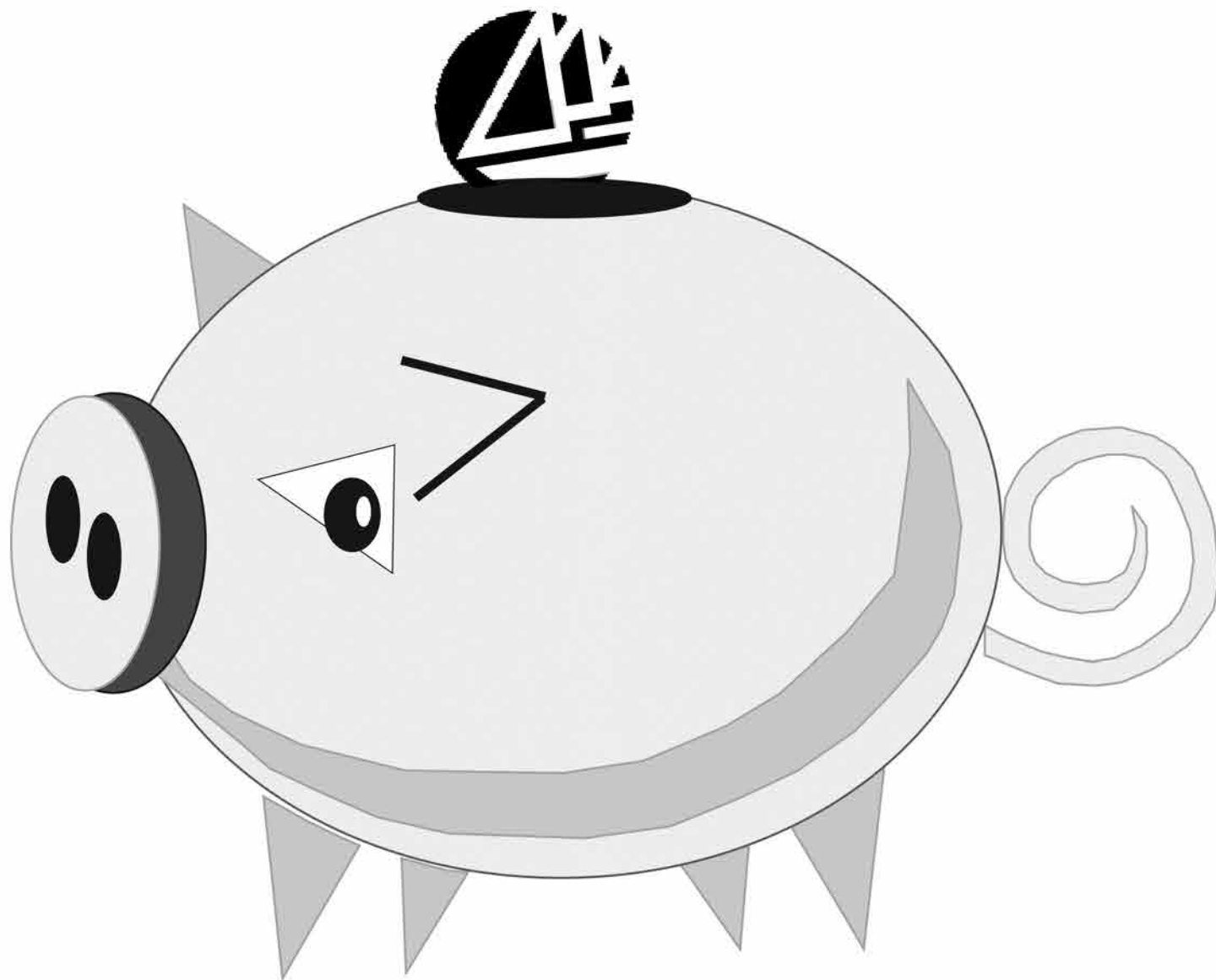
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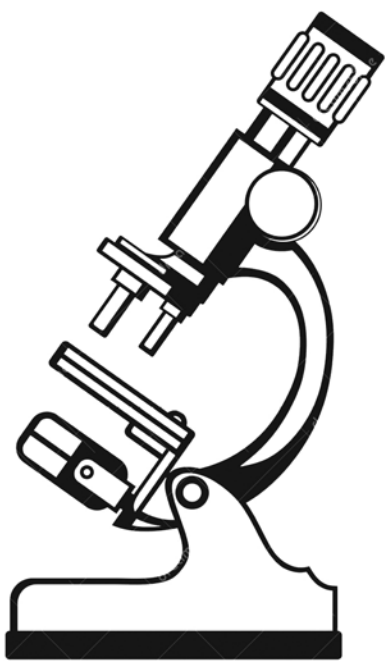
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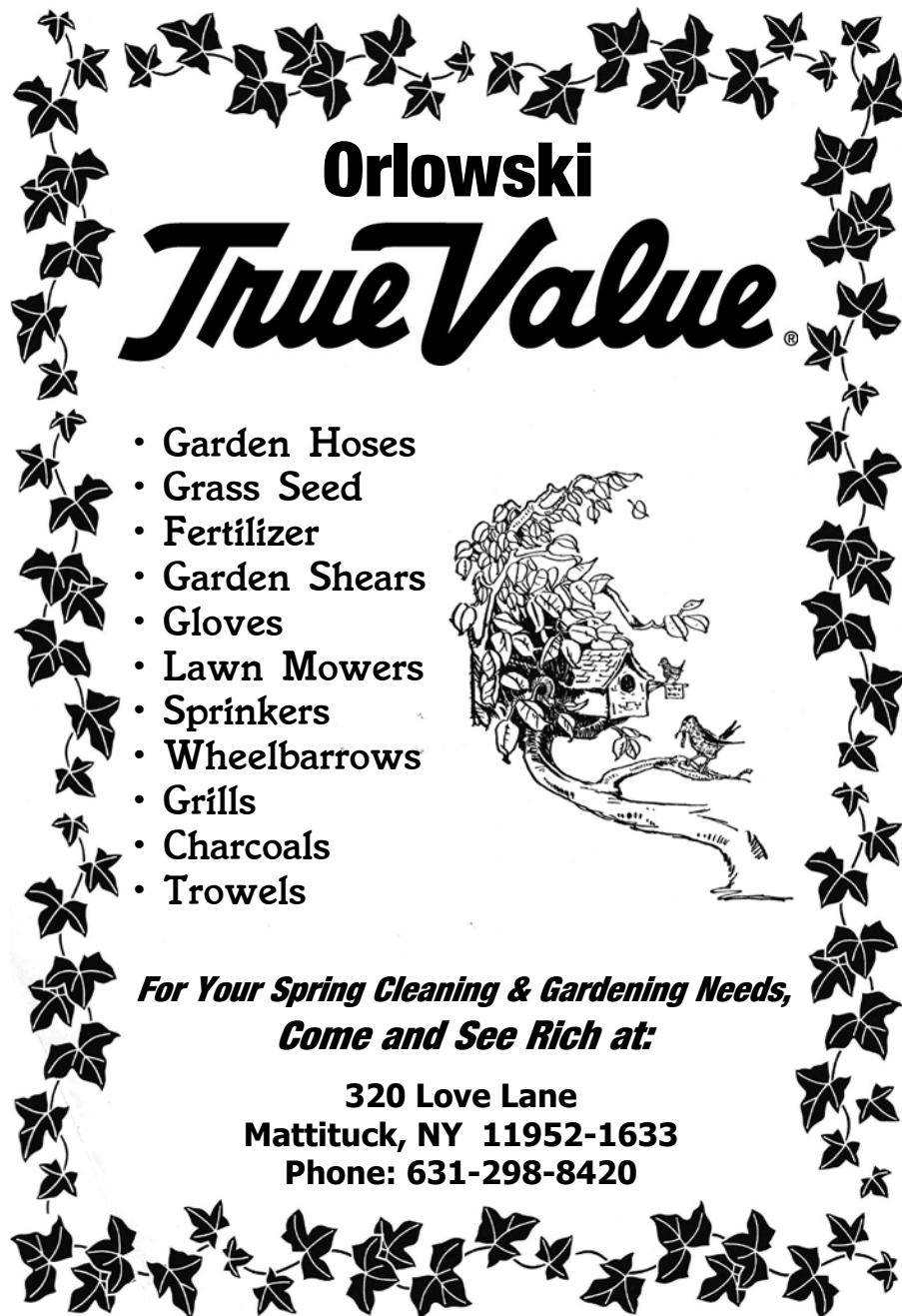
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Sincerely,
Eric Wald

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Coast Guard Station Shinnecock

written by Debbie Tuma

photo courtesy of Coast Guard Station Shinnecock

Coast Guard Station Shinnecock, located at 100 Foster Avenue, near the Ponquogue Bridge in Hampton Bays, covers a very large area of waterways. It covers the Peconic Bays, western Shinnecock Bay, Flinders, the coves of Tiana Bay, Moriches Bay, different canals, parts of Sag Harbor and Shelter Island, plus 50 miles offshore in the ocean.

In order to do this large task, they have two, 47-foot motor lifeboats, plus two, 29-foot response boats, and they train with the Air National Guard from Gabreski Airport in Westhampton Beach, in helicopters from Atlantic City and Cape Cod. There are 30 men and women stationed at Coast Guard Shinnecock. This station was built in 1924. It is open all year, on call 24 hours a day, and their mission is law enforcement of commercial and recreational fishing boats, plus boating safety, search and rescue to save lives, and protecting property.

Petty Officer Alexander Hamad is a boatswain's mate at Coast Guard Station Shinnecock. He said the importance of his station is "covering a rough inlet."

"Our boats are capable of transiting through the treacherous Shinnecock and Moriches Inlets," he explained. "The most challenging thing is working under high stress and tight

timelines....operating the boats and taking care of the crew and having good communication with the station."

Petty Officer Hamad said he has many jobs at the station, such as leading the crew, driving the boats, doing deckwork, navigating, dealing with anchors and deckwork, and training people how to tie knots and lines, work with charts, and organize search patterns in search-and-rescue areas.

He said in the past year, his station did over 1,400 vessel boardings, where they inspected the boats for safety, and that "it was the most of all Long Island Coast Guard stations."

"We are Federal law enforcement officers," said Hamad. "We train with firearms, we enforce drunk boating, and we carry guns." He said his crew responds to flare sightings on the water, and they try to rescue the people from distressed boats and from the water, often aided by helicopters.

Coast Guard Shinnecock does an open house once a year, where they invite kids from grade school and high school to come see the station. They invite them to learn life-saving CPR, they teach them how to throw the life ring, tie knots, and operate the firefighting equipment. This station also offers tours to the public in certain areas.

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Emily's Post

written by Emily Post

Semper Paratus - that is the motto of the US Coast Guard - which means "always ready." Do you know who founded the U.S. Coast Guard? Alexander Hamilton, the same guy that the musical *Hamilton* is written about. He was a founding father, but was never a President.

I was lucky to get an interview with Chief Petty Officer Joshua Delveccio at the New York-Eastern Headquarters of the U.S. Coast Guard. He has been in the USCG for 16 years and has served on a cutter (small-medium sized ship built for speed), so he had the experience to give me and now you, insight into serving.

So what is the day of a Coast Guardsman all about when serving? You get up, go chow at 6:30 a.m., then you are assigned to a work list, depending upon your specialty. Included in your day is to stand watch for four hours, and in the case of CPO Delveccio, he is an engineer so his special duties are in that field. At 4 p.m., his day is complete, and he can do personal things. They live on the cutter, and are then docked for two months. They can go home when the cutter is in port.



Some of the things the USCG does is search and rescue, preventing drug smuggling, and protecting our coasts. They protect our fishing laws and help the environment at sea. That could be bringing sea turtles back to the sea, so there is a soft side as well. One story Joshua told me was when they rescue a small ship carrying 60 to 80 Haitians trying to get to the U.S. The homemade ship would never have made it to here, so they rescued it outside of Cuba and had to send the Haitians home.

I asked whether the CG pays for college if you enlist, and he said that they will pay for the last two years of college including room and board, if you go into Officer Training - OCS. When you graduate, you go to boot camp and then are assigned, and then later become an officer.

CPO Delveccio helps make the Coast Guard a caring service, but it is lesser known than other services like the Army, Navy and Marines.

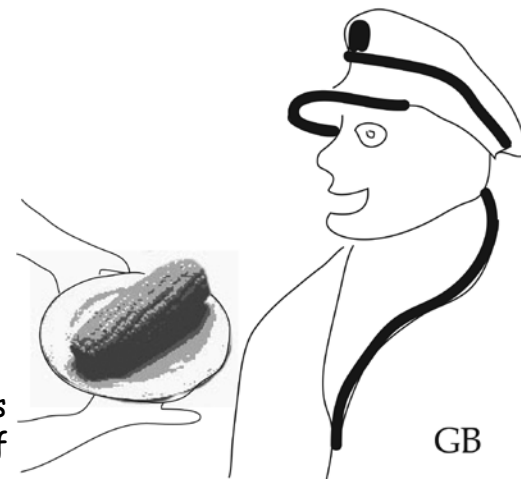
Coast Guard Jokes

written and illustrated by Greg Bullock

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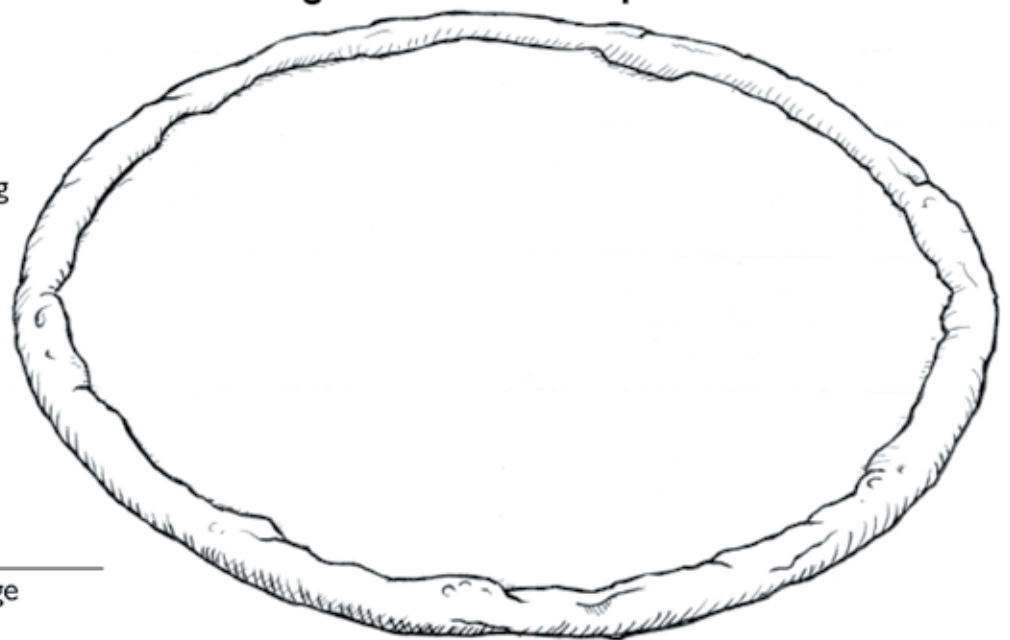
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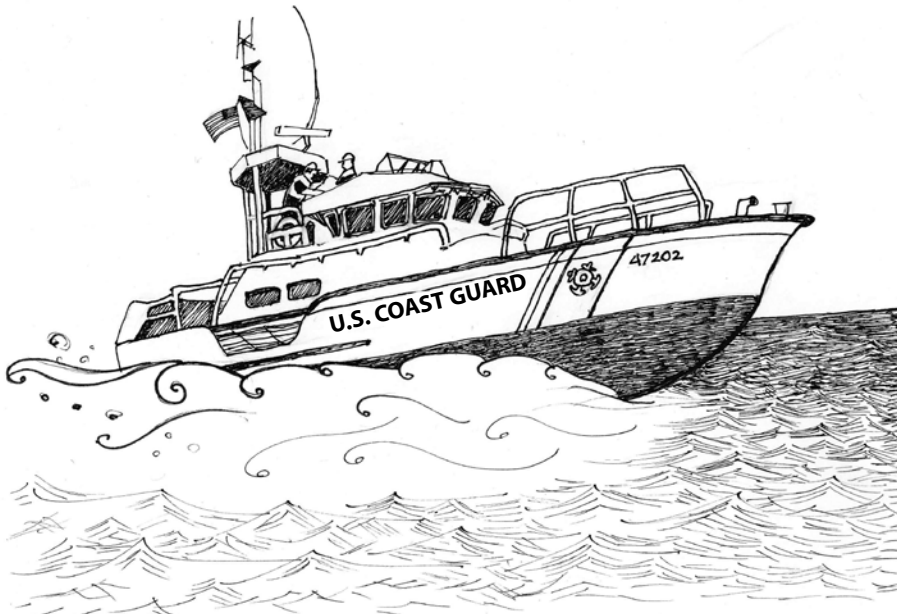


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The U.S. Coast Guard Past to Present

written by Paula Timpson
illustration by Mary Delaney

The United States Coast Guard was founded on August 4, 1790 by Alexander Hamilton. It is now part of the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard saves 13 lives a day on average, helps prevent smuggling, and assists ships or people in danger on the sea. It is one of our nation's military services.

It is very hard to become a Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer. More than half who try fail. Alex Haley, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of the bestselling novel *Roots*, was the Coast Guard's first journalist. In 1918, Genevieve and Lucille Baker, two sisters, were the first uniformed women to serve in the Coast Guard. To be on the Coast Guard is an honor and it is fulfilling.

During WWII, Walt Disney created a special Donald Duck logo for Guard Corsair fleet in WWII. In 1967, the red slash design on its boats started and is memorable. *Semper Paratus* is the Coast Guard's

motto. In Latin, it means "Always Ready". The Coast Guard is always ready to help others and perform marine and boating safety. In modern naval terms, a boat is called a vessel. It is small and is carried aboard another vessel. This is called a ship. The Coast Guard values are honor, respect, and devotion to duty. The first Coast Guard station was in Cape May, New Jersey, in 1926. Over the years, the Coast Guard has served to save many lives. It is America's oldest maritime protector. The U.S. Coast Guard is a fine tradition for America. Without the Coast Guard, the seas would be more dangerous.



In the photo above is a Coast Guard Station motor life boat.

Coast Guard Station Montauk

written by Debbie Tuma
photo courtesy of Coast Guard Station Montauk

The Montauk Coast Guard Station is very interesting, because Montauk has the largest fleet of fishing boats on the East End, and this keeps the Coast Guard very busy. Besides watching over Montauk, this station also oversees Greenport, Sag Harbor, Shelter Island, Springs, Amagansett, and the western waters off Block Island.

The Montauk Coast Guard Station has been located on Star Island Road, just past the Montauk Yacht Club and Star Island Marina, since the 1950s. This station used to be located in Napeague, but it was moved. Montauk Coast Guard Station has 30 people working there, and right now they are all men, although they have also had women in the past. They also have several boats—including a big, long ship called *The Bonito*, and two, 47-foot motor life boats that can go in seas up to 20 feet high, with winds over 50 mph. If these boats were to capsize, they could right themselves back up.

Have you ever wondered what a Coast Guard station does? They each do somewhat the same things, but they also do things specific to the area. Because Montauk has a lot of boats, their Coast Guard does many vessel inspections to prevent the loss of lives at sea.

"We're like a fire station---we have crews 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ready to launch a boat on a moment's notice to respond to a rescue," said Eric Best, Officer in Charge of Station Montauk, who is originally from Mobile, Alabama. He said this station also enforces fishing regulations; they do checks to ensure the safety of waterways (such as checking buoys and lighthouses); they respond to calls to help protected marine species, like some turtles, seals and whales; and they take care of National Defense, making sure there is no suspicious activity on the waterways.

"Montauk is a unique community, with many fishermen and boats, and it is my pleasure to ensure that the commercial and recreational fishermen are safe on the water," said Officer Best.

He said the Montauk Coast Guard also hosts school field trips, to allow kids to practice with the safety gear, put on life jackets, and teaching them about lines. School kids can see demonstrations of water rescues, and also fire pumps. The Coast Guard also shows kids instructional videos, and shows them the radio room, where emergency calls are taken. You can say that a lot happens at the Montauk Coast Guard Station, especially in summer!



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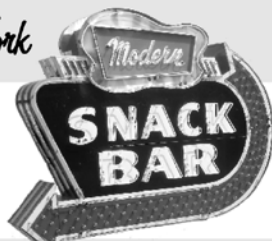


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The History of Our Coast Guard

written by Jerry Cimisi

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The Coast Guard protects the shores and coastlines of America. In August 1790, President George Washington created the Revenue Cutter Service with 10 ships patrolling the shores of the new nation. It would be known as the Cutter Service until the 20th century. The president authorized the construction of 10 vessels, referred to as "cutters," to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and prevent smuggling. A tariff is a fee that countries must pay that want to bring their products into another country. With no one to patrol the coastline of the new nation of the United States, it would be easy for another country to bring in their goods without paying a tariff.

The Revenue Cutter Service expanded, and so did its duties as America grew from the 1790s through the 1800s. In 1799 the Cutter Service was charged with enforcing quarantine laws in America's ports and on the sea. In 1808, the slave trade from Africa was declared illegal and the Cutter Service was also charged with enforcing that law. In 1820, the Service captured a ship off the coast of Florida with 280 slaves. In 1822, the Service captured three slave ships.

The Cutter Service would also be involved in the War of 1812, as well as capturing pirate ships in the early 1800s. During this time, the Service was also assigned to search the coast for those in distress.

In 1849, the *C.W. Lawrence* was the first ship to patrol the west coast. In 1857 the Cutter Service began building its first steam ship. The Cutter Service aided Union troops in the Civil War, 1861 to 1865. And in 1867, when the U.S. purchased Alaska, the Cutter Service was sent there to survey its vast coastline. In 1873, the Army Signal Corps, in partnership with the Service, established a storm signal service for seafarers at several life-saving stations and constructed telegraph lines to communicate between the stations. In 1877, the first Native Americans joined the Cutter Service. In 1896, the African-American crew of the Pea Island, North Carolina Life-Saving Station rescued nine people from the wrecked schooner *E.S. Newman*.

In the 20th century, the Revenue Cutter Service underwent major changes in how it was overseen. In 1915, it merged with the U.S. Life Saving Service and was called the Coast Guard, becoming the one service whose mission was to both save life at sea and enforce the maritime laws of America. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt transferred the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard, and in 1946, Congress transferred the Commerce Department's Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard,

putting merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety in its control.

In 1967, the Coast Guard went under the direction of the Department of Transportation. And in 2003, it was once more transferred, to the oversight to the Department of Homeland Security.

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Dear Ms. Spiral Notebook,

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is almost done with sixth grade. She does struggle in this subject, so I am curious to see if this is a contributing factor.

Often, students who are anxious about an assessment are overly focused on their achievement and spend too much time on each individual problem resulting in the students not completing their test. The key is to find out why she is taking more time before just providing her an accommodation she may not require. Was she adequately prepared? Was this test longer in format than others? Did she have trouble reading or understanding what the question was asking? Her teacher and perhaps an observation by special education teacher could provide more insight.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS: Have a question about your child's or student's education or learning? You may contact Ms. Spiral Notebook at waldoandtulip@optonline.net, with "Ms. Spiral Notebook" in the subject line. You may also fax your question to us at 631-808-3248, or mail it to her c/o The Waldo Tribune, P.O. Box 2587, Sag Harbor, NY 11963.



Pictured above is curling athlete Liu Wei, from China, pushing the stone in a round robin session against South Korea at the 2018 Winter Paralympics.

Winter Paralympic Games


written by Chris Clark, age 12, Waldo Tribune Junior Sports Columnist
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This past March, the whole world came together to celebrate the gift of athleticism and play, no matter how one may appear to others on the outside. Over those nine days in Pyeongchang, there were 80 events from six sports and 569 athletes from almost 50 countries. This year, the world celebrated its 12th winter Paralympic games, and in the end, the U.S. athletes made all of us proud. The U.S. team finished with 13 gold medals, 15 silver medals, and eight bronze medals, finishing in first place!

One big storyline coming out from the Paralympic games this year was Mike Shultz. Mike was a snowboard cross and slalom banked star who competed using prosthetics that he designed and manufactured at his home in Minnesota. Yet he didn't only compete, he won two medals, one silver and one gold. His prosthetics were used by 30 other athletes as well, including reigning World Cup champion and two-time gold medalist Brenna Huckaby who has a purple prosthetic leg to match her trademark purple hair.

Another amazing story is that of Eui Hyun Sin, who won the first ever Paralympic gold medal for the Republic of South Korea. Sin originally participated in para ice hockey and para cycling until his friend suggested that he try out Nordic skiing, where he would be excited to compete in his home country and where he would eventually win one bronze medal and one gold medal.

In the end, I think that these athletes show what determination and perseverance really means. Anyone who not only won a medal but competed at that level worked hard and through adversity to get there. This year, the world took a break from the normal everyday life to watch something truly amazing take place; overcoming adversity to take part in one of the most fun things ever, sports.




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A place for children and adults of all ages to discover, explore, learn, and engage, the South Fork Natural History Museum & Nature Center is open seven days a week, except on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is open until 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year (September to mid-June) for free admission.

Visitors are accompanied by the museum's expert nature educators as they experience the museum's scientifically accurate galleries, featuring live and recreated natural habitat exhibits; colorful floor-to-ceiling photo murals of forests, ponds, and ocean landscapes; a marine touch tank where visitors can, in the water, hold sea stars, crabs, urchins, and whelks; and terrariums and aquariums with local wildlife, all of which engage the senses, bringing the outdoors in.

The magic continues outside with SoFo's native butterfly garden, native wildflower garden, educational pond, purple martin nesting gourd site and more. Visitors can take nature walks through the 40-acre Vineyard Field Preserve bordering the museum, and explore the six-mile trail system of the Long Pond Greenbelt, which features an expanse of interconnected ponds, woods and wetlands abounding with rare plants, animals, and ecological communities.

The museum is dedicated to teaching and inspiring families to become engaged and responsible caretakers of our planet now and for generations to come.

Harry the Handsome Duck

A Make-Believe Story by Waldo the Clown
illustration by Rosemary Szczygiel

Well, Harry wasn't the most good-looking duck, but he was smart. He could do calculus in his mind. He could do long division; he could do anything. Well, it was time for the big duck gala in the Hamptons. All the beautiful ducks in the town would be there. Harry had nothing to wear, so he went to Tony the Tailor's store and rented a beautiful tuxedo.

Tony was having problems with his taxes; he couldn't figure them out! So Harry, who was a mathematician, did it for him. Tony was so appreciative that he let Harry rent the tux for free.

Well, to keep things short, Harry was in love. There was a lady mallard named Betty Small that he was madly in love with, but she wouldn't give him the time of day. But on the gala night, when she saw Harry in his exquisite tuxedo, she fell madly in love with him at first sight.

And so this is the make-believe story of Harry the duck, who rented a beautiful tux, and got the girl he was madly in love with at the same time.



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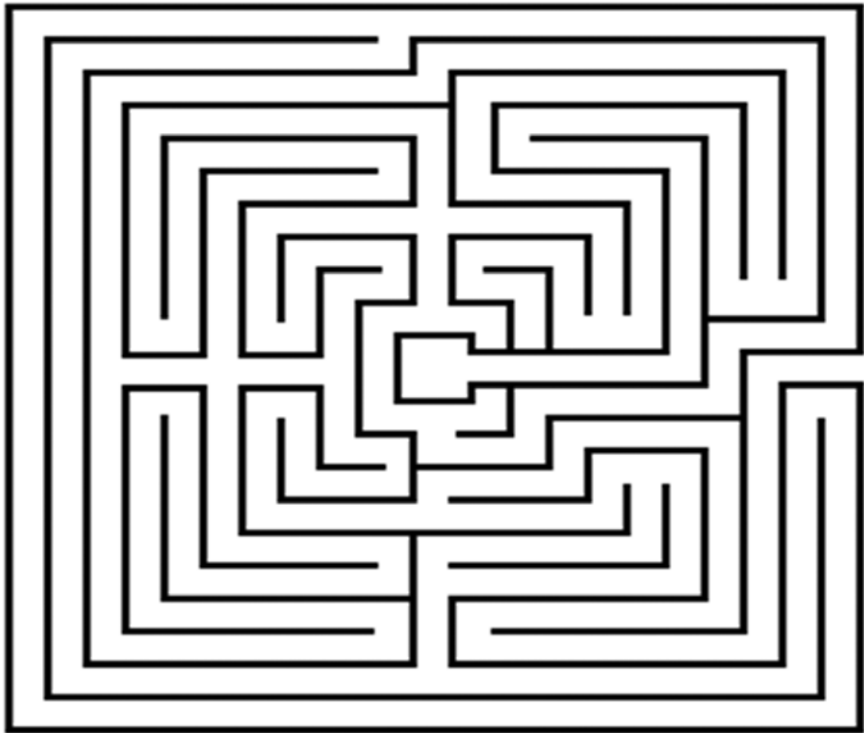
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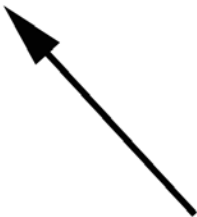
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