

## POLICE BLOTTER

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Liquor Authority Investigator, Village of Lindenhurst Fire Marshal and Village of Lindenhurst Building Inspector, conducted an inspection at La Terraza Bar & Grill at 543 West Hoffman Ave. at 10:15 p.m.

The owner of the bar, Gustavo Diaz, 38, of Amityville, was charged with ABC Law: Disorderly Premise, an unclassified misdemeanor; Unlawfully Dealing with Fireworks and Dangerous Fireworks, a violation; two counts of NYS Executive Law: Employees Not Wearing Masks and Indoor Lack of Facial Covering by Patrons, both unclassified misdemeanors.

Miguel Pichardo-Sosa, 40, of Bay Shore, a security guard at the bar, was charged with NYS General Business Law: Unlicensed Security Guard, an unclassified misdemeanor and NYS Penal Law: Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th Degree, a class A misdemeanor.

The New York State Liquor Authority issued 24 SLA Violations. The Village of Lindenhurst issued 15 combined building, fire, and code violations to the owner, and the establishment was closed for the night.

The arrestees were arraigned at a later date.

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Babylon: Someone threw what appeared to be a brick through a front plate glass window of Romantic Fantasies Lingerie at 225 Deer Park Avenue. The incident occurred April 4, shortly before 3 p.m.

Copiague: Someone damaged tires on a 2008 Chevrolet while it was parked in front of 210 Ferndale Court April 4. The owner reported the incident shortly after 8 a.m.

### ARRESTS

The following individuals have been arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated/Impaired: None listed this week.

Petit Larceny: Joseph Matos, 2 Dewberry Pl., Hauppauge; Rebecca Browell, 43, of 93 Penataquit Ave., Bay Shore; Maurice Saylor, 44, 181 Parkway Blvd., Wyandanch; Shaheim Johnson, 20, of 87 Oakland Ave., Deer Park; Kayla Hasty, 18, of 485 Sleepy Hollow Dr., Shirley; Hope Hysen, 35, of 815 Howard Ave., Copiague;

Leaving the Scene of Accident (With Property Damage): Luis Garcia, 19, of 55 Grand Blvd., Wyandanch; Abdul Nadeen, 24, 777 S. Drive, Baldwin;

Criminal Possession of a Weapon: James Aripotch, 55, of 32 Midway St., Babylon; Kimberly Gonzalez, 18, of 391 Beebe Ct., North Babylon (loaded firearm); Braylan Medrano, 18, of 29 Erna Dr., Coram (loaded firearm); Jihad Alexander, 30, of 160 Pacific St., Copiague (loaded firearm); Kylil Freeman, 25, of 1620 Straight Path, Wyandanch;

Assault: Amanda Dixon, 487 Leonard Ct., North Lindenhurst (With Intent to Cause Physical Injury With a Weapon); Neil Hall, 40, of North Babylon;

Menacing With a Weapon: Steven Herrmann, 60, of 22 Old Country Rd., Deer Park;

Criminal Mischief: Neil Hall, 40, of 33 Mulholland Dr., North Babylon; Jonathan Rocker, 38, of 20 Croydon Rd., North Amityville;

Fleeing Officer in Motor Vehicle: Andy Collado, 29, of 1195 Great Neck Rd., Copiague;

*The charges against those listed are allegations and the cases are still pending in the courts. Individuals charged and whose names appear in this column may submit documentation to us at a later date that the charges have been dismissed or that they have been found innocent and we will include that information in this space in a timely manner.*

## Local students take part in PSEG-LI 'I AM EM-Powered' contest

By Carolyn James

Fourth-, fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders on Long Island, including many from North Babylon, West Islip and Wyandanch, are vying for a chance to win prizes as they learn. The students are participating in the PSEG Long Island I AM EM-Powered Program and Student Challenge for Earth Day. The students are being challenged to produce a public service announcement (PSA) video on energy efficiency topics. More than 200 videos were submitted.

Locally, students from Bayview Elementary School in West Islip, Martin Luther King Elementary School and Milton Olive Middle School in Wyandanch entered the contest, with the support of their teachers.

"I really liked the program because it inspired my students to learn about science content in a real-world way," said Leona Dushnick, a 4th grade teacher at Martin Luther King Elementary School in Wyandanch. "I love project-based learning, and the PSA was a great motivation to my students."

"This competition allowed my students to expand their knowledge base of issues beyond the classroom," said Dr. Rafika C. Soaries of Milton L. Olive Middle School, Wyandanch.

Justin DeMaio, a fifth grade teacher at Bayview Elementary School said competition is important because "it encourages children to think about problems that are faced in our local communities and in the world and creating ways to help solve them at the least, seeing what others are doing to rectify these problems."

Students offered a variety of reasons for undertaking the work associated with entering the contest.

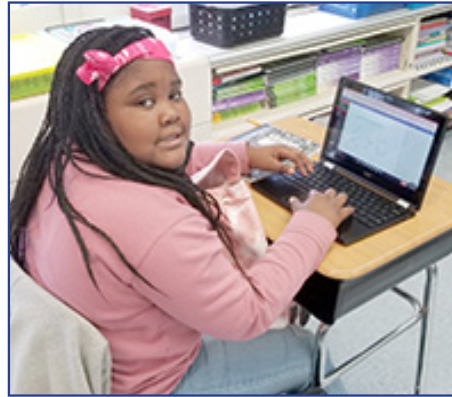
"The contest was worth doing because it will help our community," said Klara Rubano, a fifth grader in DeMaio's class whose project was about cleaning our beaches and the importance of doing that.

Other students working on the project in DeMaio's class were Layla Kelly, Leno Okurowski, and Sophia Lastorino.

Milton L. Olive school student, Tori Legros, said she was inspired by the contest. "I like to let people in the world know how to save energy," she said. "My favorite part was meeting new people."

"I wanted to tell people that it is best to save energy and not have a big bill to pay," said Bryan Chacon, a 4th grade student in Ms. Saravia's class at MLK Jr. Elementary School.

Makailyn Johnson of Desire Thompson's 4th grade class at MLK Jr. Elementary School said it was the



Students who worked on projects that were entered in the PSEG-LI I AM EM-Powered contest: Tori Legros and Bryan Chacon.

"power of science" that made her enter the contest. "The title of our project was 'Sea Creatures' and we got to talk about all of the creatures in the oceans and on the beaches. I liked how (the project) came out."

Her classmate, Matthew Escalante, said the project not only provided him with a chance to become more aware of pollution, but also to develop new relationships. "Working on the PSA brought me and my group together as best friends," he said.

"What I liked about the program was that I am helping people," said Lenworth Scott of Milton Olive Middle School, Wyandanch.

The program included curriculum and was hands-on. The students worked with teachers who then submitted the PSAs that are then judged by experts in the field.

Lessons were aligned to science and engineering practices from the Next

Generation Science Standards, the Ten Themes of Social Studies from the National Council for Social Studies and the Core SeL Competencies from the Collaborative for Social, Academic and Social Learning (CASEL).

The PSA had to include compelling research-based facts about these topics and a call-to-action to protect the environment and promote energy efficiency in recognition of Earth Day—they were judged by a strict criteria rubric and the lessons are meant to inspire others and empower students to work in teams to share a message through a PSA.

PSEG Long Island has a robust Community Partnership Program that includes bringing several educational programs into schools, after-school and camp programs to educate tens of thousands of students each year about energy conservation, electric safety and preparing for an emergency.

"We are very pleased with the positive feedback from students and teachers about our new I AM EM-Powered Program and Student Challenge for Earth Day," said Suzanne Brienza, PSEG Long Island's director of Customer Experience and Utility Marketing.



West Islip students Lena Okurowski, Sophia Lastorino, and Layla Kelly working on their project.