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Fundraising is tough these days, but alumni at Farmingdale State College have cooked up a unique plan: A barbecue sauce recipe created 40 years ago by a beloved professor may soon be on the shelves of Long Island supermarkets, with proceeds going toward a scholarship fund.

It's called Professor Becker's Barbecue Sauce, a mixture stirred up by Walter G. Becker, who was a professor in the college's Poultry Science Department and who retired from the university after 40 years in 1978. Becker, who lived in Plainview, died in 2004 at age 75. But when he was at Farmingdale, he was the master chef of the barbecue sauce that was a favorite of students, faculty, and alumni at the college's annual Homecoming each fall. Becker was a Farmingdale graduate and met his wife, Ruth, on the campus in 1949.

With the transformation of the island from an agricultural to a more industrial economy, the college's poultry science program was discontinued in the late 1970s. "He basically hosted the big Homecoming barbecue and cooked for everybody," said Joe Egan, a Farmingdale alum who spearheaded the effort to get the sauce on supermarket shelves. Egan, president of Farmingdale-based Family Foods, which provides computer services to the food industry, said he is talking to supermarkets and hospitals in the Long Island area.

Becker's Barbecue Sauce is gluten-free. Egan said an 11-ounce squeeze jar, adorned with Becker's picture, would sell for about $3.99.

The Farmingdale State College Alumni Association hopes to raise $500,000 in scholarships money through the sale of the barbecue sauce, Egan said. Farmingdale president W. Hubert Keen said Becker was "legendary" on the campus, and he noted, as another example of college merchandising, that Gatorade was first developed in 1965 by researchers at the University of Florida.

"We're not tremendously optimistic about being successful on that scale," Keen said. But, he said, the barbecue sauce as scholarship-money producer is unusual. "You won't find many alumni associations doing this."

Becker's son, Walter Jr., also a Farmingdale grad, remembers helping his father cook the chickens. The sauce ingredients, Walter Jr. said, were a secret, but the elder Becker told his son's wife, Ann, what they were. She diligently wrote them down and passed the recipe along to the alumni association.
Professor’s Love for Chicken Helps College Students

Walter G. Becker taught poultry science and accounting for more than four decades to thousands of students at Farmingdale State College in Farmingdale, N.Y. But what older alumni remember most is his chicken barbecue during homecoming celebrations. He cooked thousands of chickens over charcoal in a giant, custom-designed contraption. What set this tasty bird apart was his homemade barbecue sauce—a mix that included butter and wine and was prepared in an old milk can, according to his 58-year-old son, Walter Jr. Becker, a salesman in Long Island. It was mashed on and made the meat juicy and a little salty, he said.

Prof. Becker died in 2004, but his passion for poultry—and barbecues—lived on in the memories of alumni. So the alumni association and the Becker family created Professor Becker’s Barbecue Sauce as a way to pay tribute to Prof. Becker and help students. Proceeds from the sale of the sauce will benefit student scholarship and alumni programs. The Becker family also has established an $85,000 scholarship program through the college.

His chicken barbecue sauce recipe will help other students who need the money as he did to graduate college,” says Mr. Becker.

Prof. Becker was only able to attend Farmingdale State College because of a scholarship he received from a women’s club in Great Neck, N.Y. He met his wife, Ruby, at the college and the newlyweds lived in campus housing for many years to save up for a home, recall their son.

Mr. Becker says his father identified with struggling students and would sometimes help out by paying students for their help during the annual chicken barbecues. “He loved helping young, college students,” says Mr. Becker. He also loved his chickens.

During the Depression, Prof. Becker raised hens and sold eggs to help his family. That experience came in handy as a student at Farmingdale State College when Prof. Becker got a job cleaning chicken coops. Amazingly, Prof. Becker was a chicken “advocate,” says his son. When eggs became unaffordable because of health concerns over chalkidiosis, Prof. Becker spoke out. He lobbied poultry owners and advocated that chickens should roam freely and get fresh air. He brought baby chicks home from work at “community pens,” says Mr. Becker.

Prof. Becker even kept a chicken sculpture in his backyard which he used to teach his grandchildren chicken anatomy. No chicken topic was off-limits, says Mr. Becker, which often made for some quirky discussions over a chicken dinner. “Recently, for the first five or six years of my marriage, I refused to eat chicken,” says Mr. Becker.

But it was Mr. Becker’s wife, Ann, who finally persuaded Prof. Becker to write down the barbecue sauce recipe that serves as the base of the sauce now being sold to benefit scholarships. (The foolproof Prof. Becker’s Barbecue Sauce isn’t the exact recipe.)

The scholarship fund “means a lot for the whole family,” says Mr. Becker. “God was always helping students, helping people. He went out of his way to help people.”
SAT Officials Vow More Security After Cheating Arrests on Long Island

By WINNIE HU
and JENNY ANDERSON

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — Shamed by the arrest of seven Long Island teenagers accused of cheating on the SAT, the college board said Tuesday that it was hiring a former F.B.I. director to review its security procedures, and that by the next exam, Nov. 5, it would begin installing fingerprint scanning for registration and increase training for test-center supervisors.

“Campaignnep, president of the College Board and a former governor of West Virginia, said that in addition to bringing in the former F.B.I. chief, Louis J. Freeh, as a consultant, the College Board was also considering additional safeguards over the next year, including bolstering identification requirements for students taking the SAT and taking digital photographs to ensure they are who they say they are.

He announced the security measures during a State Senate hearing at Farmingdale State College here in which legislators and school officials repeatedly denounced the College Board and the Educational Testing Service, which administers the SAT test, over what they saw as glaring lapses in security for the high-stakes college-admissions exam.

Nassau County prosecutors filed criminal charges on Sept. 27 against Ernesto Filippotti, 19, accusing him of being paid to take the SAT for six former and current students at Great Neck North High School. Prosecutors said they expected their inquiry to net more arrests involving at least two more public schools and a private school as early as next week.

“The procedures E.T.S. uses to give the test are grossly inadequate in terms of security,” Bernard Koplin, principal of Great Neck North, testified at the hearing. “Furthermore, E.T.S.'s response when the inevitable cheating occurs is grossly inadequate. Very simply, E.T.S. has made it very easy to cheat, very difficult to get caught.”

While the new security measures represent a change of tone for College Board and Educational Testing Service officials who previously insisted their system was adequate, some superintendents and principals said they did not go far enough. These officials have called for fingerprinting students, increasing stipends for proctors and imposing real consequences on those who cheat.

Currently, if the testing service suspects cheating, the students' scores are canceled and they are permitted to retake the test — with no notification to either their high school or colleges where they apply.

“Actions speak louder than words, and E.T.S. needs to put some meat on the bones,” said Geoffrey N. Gordon, president of Farmingdale State College.
Farmingdale gets its biggest gift ever

As it approaches its 100th birthday, Farmingdale State College received an early present, and it was a big one. The state college announced a $1 million contribution — the largest donation in its 99-year history — from Theresa Patnode Santmann, an alumna who went on to a successful career as a health care advocate and entrepreneur.

The donation will establish endowed scholarships and support faculty research in Farmingdale’s school of health sciences, which will be named for Santmann, as well as the college’s bioscience program.

“Farmingdale provided me with an excellent education and helped shape my success in the health care industry,” Santmann, who received a degree in nursing from the college in 1969, said in a statement. “I continue to be amazed at the transformation that has taken place over the last few years and the growth of the research enterprise.”

A long-time supporter of the college, Santmann is a member of the board of the Farmingdale College Foundation.
Farmingdale State College Receives $1 Million Gift From Alumna

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Santmann has been a long-time contributor to the College, donating funds for a 9/11 memorial on campus, laboratory improvements, nursing faculty awards, and landscaping projects. She received her nursing degree from Farmingdale in 1969.

In 1964, Santmann purchased a rental property in Babylon, which she converted into an adult home. Her late husband, John, who had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig’s disease, was her first patient. In 1973, she built and then operated Little Flower Nursing Home in East Islip, which was followed by the Petite Fleur Nursing Home in Sayville in 1992. In 1993, Santmann invented and patented a walker with a folding, pivoting seat.

Santmann was honored at the Farmingdale College Foundation’s annual Business Hall of Fame Gala in 2010 and was named Farmingdale’s Alumna of the Year in 2005. Other honors include being recognized as one of Long Island’s Top 50 Women by the Long Island Business News three times; receiving an award as a Woman of Distinction from the March of Dimes in 1998; and receiving an Honorary Doctorate in Science from Dowling College in 1999.
Suffolk County puts $17.3 million in park

Suffolk County announced it will acquire the 300-acre North Fork Preserve in Riverhead, after the county Legislature approved three resolutions to purchase the land for more than $17.3 million. About 175 acres will be dedicated to the county parks department, to be developed as active parkland. The remaining acreage will be preserved as is, with only “passive recreation,” such as hiking, permitted.

“This is a historic day both for the preservation of environmentally sensitive land and the development of new parkland for all of our residents,” County Executive Steve Levy said in a statement. The property represents “the last large track of pristine open space available” to expand the county’s active park holdings, the statement said.

Saucy scholarship fundraiser

The Farmingdale Alumni Association plans to raise funds for a scholarship and other programs by selling barbecue sauce.

Professor Becker’s Barbecue Sauce, an all-natural, gluten-free concoction that will be available online and in retail stores, was inspired by an original recipe created by the late Walter G. Becker, who was a professor in the college’s poultry science department for more than four decades. Becker was perhaps best known on campus as the head chef of the college’s annual barbecue.

The unique fundraiser is being spearheaded by three alumni, including Joe Egan, a food industry veteran who has lent his expertise to the project.

“Professor Becker was passionate about the school, his students and the incredible chicken barbecues he organized back when the campus was still an agricultural institution,” Egan said in a statement.

Becker’s family said he would be pleased to be immortalized this way. “It’s karma. He went to Farmingdale as a scholarship student. So to be able to provide scholarships to other students by selling a sauce with his name and picture on it completes a circle,” Becker’s wife, Ruth, said in a statement.

At-risk families helped by family foundation

MercyFirst’s preventive service programs in Nassau and Brooklyn received a significant boost from a recent $125,000 donation by the RTS Family Foundation. The programs provide daily support services, advocacy and referrals for 510 families who are in danger of having their children re-
Innovation on display
SUNY Stony Brook senior Christopher Andrews and Farmingdale State College Assistant Professor Jeff Hung discuss solar panels yesterday at SUNY's regional campus showcase in Stony Brook.
6. (From left) Judith McEvoy, Lucia Ceprano, Pearl Kiner, Hubert Keen, John Dinarakou, Eleanor Fapohunda, Lorraine Daperewski and Richard Quetae celebrated the grand re-opening of Farmingdale State College’s Hale Hall, which underwent a $31 million renovation.

7. NEFCU raised more than $18,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association’s summer camp program. (From left) NEFCU representatives Donna Dellacocco, Anthony Gandello and Danny Schmidt posed with MDA summer campers.

8. The Nassau County Bar Association’s Mortgage Foreclosure Pro Bono Project won the LegalNexus Community and Education Outreach Award from the National Association of Bar Executives. Celebrating the award were (from left, front row) Martha Kruebel, Gale D. Bray, Lance Clarke; (middle row) Deena Ehrlich, Susan Katz Richman; (back row) Valerie Zembrucha, Emily Frankle, Coley Katz and Peter Levy.

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OUR TOWNS

STONY BROOK

SUNY colleges will display top programs

The State University of New York system will feature its best academic and student programs at a regional campus showcase today at Stony Brook University.

The program is the first of 10 regional showcases planned around the state.

Along with Stony Brook, five other SUNY schools on Long Island will participate: Empire State College, Farmingdale State College, SUNY Old Westbury and community colleges in Suffolk and Nassau counties.

The programs will also highlight the future goals and directions of each school.

As part of the university’s three-year strategic planning, SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher “asked each of the 64 SUNY campuses to present a half-day of programming to the public that highlights their greatest ability to contribute innovative, best-in-

class solutions that will help build a stronger economy and a better future for all New Yorkers,” a SUNY statement said.

The showcase is free and runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Charles B. Wang Center. For information and to RSVP, contact 516-320-1158 or longisland.showcase@suny.edu.

— SOPHIA CHANG

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OUR TOWNS

FARMINGDALE

College offers health screening, training

Farmingdale State College tomorrow will offer cardiovascular screenings, CPR training and a lecture on sudden cardiac arrest.

The day commemorates Dominic A. Murray, a freshman at the college who died of the condition while playing pickup basketball two years ago.

Sudden cardiac arrest — a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating — is usually fatal, according to the National Heart Lung Blood Institute. But prompt treatment with a defibrillator, a device that sends an electric shock to the heart to restore its normal rhythm, can save lives.

People who suffer from heart disease are at higher risk for the condition, though it can occur in people who appear healthy.

Tomorrow’s event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the college’s Great Lawn, outside Roosevelt Hall. The campus is at 2350 Broadhollow Rd., in Farmingdale.

— NICHOLAS SPASLER

NEWSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011
MICHAEI VERACKA
Farmingdale State College

Professor Michael Veracka, chair of Farmingdale's Department of Ornamental Horticulture, is an expert in the field of landscape design with a particular focus on providing insights into developing comprehensive, sustainable designs for residential, commercial and industrial contexts. He is knowledgeable and well versed about plant materials, soils and landscape construction techniques.

"At Farmingdale State College, we say 'Green Then. Green Now,'" Veracka said. "As we celebrate our 100th anniversary, it's only fitting that we return to our 'roots' and focus on teaching students how to develop sustainable designs for gardens. Our new Sustainable Garden is designed to conserve resources and implements known recycling principles."

Efficiency in our stewardship of the land is in keeping with our vision and ethics, Veracka said.

"Farmingdale excels in providing abundant opportunities in experiential learning — internships, clinical training and guided research that provide practical instruction a personal growth," he said.

Veracka has taught at Harvard University's Landscape Institute and The Rhode Island School of Design and has been a guest lecturer at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, The Connecticut Horticultural Society, Tower Hill Botanic Gardens, Blithewold Gardens and The Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show. He is a Certified Horticulturist and holds an Arborist License in Rhode Island. Veracka's design for a residential wooded garden was featured in an article titled "No Stone Unturned," in the September 2006 issue of Rhode Island Monthly magazine. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Providence College and a master's degree in landscape architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design.

Farmingdale State College prepares students with the education, skills, and critical thinking to meet the challenges of tomorrow. As the largest of SUNY's colleges of technology (with more than 7,800 students), Farmingdale equips its students with the resources and knowledge sought by today's emerging industries.

Farmingdale is ranked in the top 100 public colleges in the nation in terms of the earning power of its graduates, according to payscale.com. Farmingdale has also been ranked one of the best baccalaureate colleges in the North by U.S. News & World Report and named among the safest campuses in the U.S. by The Daily Beast.

New baccalaureate programs include telecommunications technology, sport management, criminal justice, medical technology, and software technology. Unique offerings include the aviation program, which includes the largest and only collegiate program offering a bachelor's degree in the Northeast, and the first bachelor's degree in dental hygiene in the state. With the introduction of 17 minors, students can tailor their coursework to meet their particular goals. Enrollment of full-time students has increased 80 percent since 2000 — one of the highest percentage increases in SUNY.

A new Campus Center is scheduled to open in 2012. A new building for the School of Business will soon follow. Additionally, its athletic facilities boast a lighted, synthetic turf baseball stadium, a synthetic turf lacrosse/soccer field, and new tennis courts.
autumn walk

Observe early-fall foliage and migrating birds on a free two-hour guided hike, 2 p.m. Sunday at Twin Lakes Preserve in Wantagh. Reservations required, 516-626-0908, northshorelandalliance.org.

dog benefit

The Canine Companions for Independence’s DogFest benefit, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at Farmingdale State College, features activities for humans and dogs, including a one-mile walk, costume parade and scavenger hunt. Admission is free, 631-561-0200, cci.org/dogfest2011.
FSC Welcomes Visiting Writer Ron Padgett

Farmingdale State College is pleased to welcome back an award-winning, distinguished writer to its campus. On Thursday, Oct. 20 Ron Padgett will read from his vast works, beginning at 11 a.m.

Padgett is a celebrated poet and translator born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1942. Known for being an integral part of re-inventing the New York School of Poetry in the mid-1960s, he has published over 14 books, including Great Balls of Fire. He is regarded as the definitive translator of Blaise Cendrars and Apollinaire. He has received grants and awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York State Council on the Arts, and Columbia University’s Translation Center.

Padgett’s poetry, translated into 14 languages, has appeared in the Best American Poetry, Poetry 180, Postmodern American Poetry: A Norton Anthology, and The Oxford Book of American Poetry, and on Garrison Keillor’s Writer’s Almanac. A guest on Keillor’s Prairie Home Companion, Padgett is also a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets and the winner of the Poetry Society of America’s Shelley Memorial Award.

He has also published a volume of selected prose titled Blood Work (1993), as well as translations of Blaise Cendrars’ Complete Poems (1992), Pierre Cabanne’s Dialogues with Marcel Duchamp (1971), and Guillaume Apollinaire’s The Post Assassinat (1968).

Padgett was the editor-in-chief of World Poets, a three-volume reference book (Scribner, 2000). For 20 years Padgett was the publications director of the Teachers & Writers Collaborative.

Padgett received a BA from Columbia University and studied creative writing at Wagner College. He was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship and studied 20th-century French literature in Paris during the 1960s. In 1996, he was awarded a grant from the Foundation for Contemporary Arts Grants to Artists Award. He was elected a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets in 2008. Padgett lives in both New York City and Vermont.

The Visiting Writers Program highlights the importance of literature to education and culture, working to develop its resources and strengthen its service on behalf of this idea. The audience for the program includes: faculty, students, and professional staff from the college and individuals from the surrounding Long Island and Metropolitan community. All events are open to the public. There is no admission charge.

Farmingdale State College’s Visiting Writers Program was founded in fall 1979 by Dr. Charles Fishman showcasing four writers. Since then, more than 150 American and international authors, including up-and-coming writers such as Gloria Naylor and Li-Yong Lee, who were largely unknown at the time of their appearance at Farmingdale State. Dr. Margery L. Brown, chair of English Humanities, now directs the program.

The program also sponsors two endowed student writing awards—the Deland Award and the Raynor Wallace Award and an international poetry award: The Paumanok Poetry Award. In addition, the visiting writers program assists in the production of important public events on campus.


All readings are free and open to the public, located in Ward Hall’s Great Room at 11 a.m. Visit http://farmingdale.edu/quicklinks/IFS_English_Humanities.html for more information.
Melinda Murray is dedicated to raising awareness of sudden cardiac arrest. Last Wednesday, she continued her mission and provided CPR training during the "Healthy Heart Day" at Farmingdale State College.

"I knew that there's information that should be drilled into others and I wanted to share that," said Murray, whose 17-year-old son Dominic died from sudden cardiac arrest two years ago during a pickup basketball game at the school.

After her son's death, Murray founded the Dominic A. Murray 21 Memorial Foundation, a Queens-based nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness about sudden cardiac arrest. The foundation also provides free certification in CPR and automatic defibrillation.

Murray, 42, said those are great skills to have, but the first step in dealing with sudden cardiac arrest is prevention.

So she partnered with the school to offer free heart health screenings by a team from St. Francis Hospital in Flower Hill.

"That's what we're doing... We're raising the awareness," Murray said.

— T.C. McCarthy
Farmingdale State College is hosting a regional Volunteer Fair on Oct. 20, aimed at encouraging more Long Islanders to get involved in nonprofit activities such as youth mentoring, disaster relief and free food distribution.

The fair, which expects exhibits by more than 65 nonprofit agencies, is co-sponsored by the Hempstead-based Long Island Volunteer Center. The center recently won a grant of about $110,000 as one of nine regional agencies selected by Albany for the first time to help provide more volunteer opportunities statewide.

A low rate of participation in volunteer activities is a widespread concern.

The Corporation for National & Community Service, based in Washington, D.C., calculates that only 20 percent of New York State residents did volunteer work between 2008 and 2010, the lowest participation rate in the nation. The U.S. average was 26.5 percent; Utah scored highest, with 44.5 percent.

This marks the fifth year of the annual Long Island Volunteer Fair. It is scheduled to start with a 10 a.m. rally at the campus' Little Theater, located in Roosevelt Hall. The fair will follow from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., also in Roosevelt Hall.

For more information, call Judi Cestaro at 631-420-2733, or visit longislandvolunteercenter.org.

— JOHN HILDEBRAND
Farmingdale Alumni
The Farmingdale State College Alumni Association uses Twitter to announce upcoming events, post updates on events that already happened and highlight achievements by current and former students.
Other authors on the Island this month:

Bestselling historical novelist Philippa Gregory will discuss her new book, "The Lady of the Rivers" (Touchstone). Tonight at 7:30, Landmark on Main St., 232 Main St., Port Washington. Free, 516-767-1384, landmarkonmainstreet.org

Acclaimed poet and translator Ron Padgett will read and talk about his work. Thursday at 11 a.m. Farmingdale State College's Ward Hall, 2350 Broad Hollow Rd., Farmingdale. Free, 631-420-2287, farmingdale.edu

Legendary singer Judy Collins will present "When You Wish Upon a Star" (Peter Yarrow Books), a children's book with accompanying CD. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. Book Revue, 313 New York Ave., Huntington. Free, 631-271-1442, bookrevue.com
NEWS

Farmingdale Establishes Nursing Scholarships with $1M Gift

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FSC Professor Honored With SUNY Chancellor's Award

Farmingdale State College announced Dr. Daniel S. Marrone, of Bethpage, was awarded a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities. Dr. Marrone holds the rank of Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Business Management within the School of Business since 2008.

"Dr. Marrone is an outstanding example of the importance of scholarship and research to the productive life of a Professor in the Farmingdale environment," said Farmingdale State President Hubert Keen. "His focus and dedication to Farmingdale State College is appreciated by all. Some of us wonder when he has time to sleep."

Joining the College in 1987 as an assistant professor, Dr. Marrone has a decades-long record of writing research grants, research monographs, and research-oriented articles. He has made more than a dozen contributions to textbooks, and he has more than two dozen published articles and book reviews.

For two decades, Dr. Marrone has made formal presentations at local, regional, national, and international conferences. Dr. Marrone has also served as an outstanding ambassador of good will for the College and the State University.

Dr. Marrone developed courseware and has presented in numerous conferences and workshops in his association with APICS (American Production & Inventory Control Society). This international not-for-profit educational society and certifying body has more than 60,000 members in 20,000 diverse organizations. APICS certifications are recognized as industry standards in production control and supply chain management.

He was author of an important section of the SUNY publication Guide for the Evaluation of Undergraduate Academic Programs which the Senate considers to be an important document having a positive effect on the processes by which programs within SUNY are evaluated.


Dr. Marrone earned a BA and MLS from Queens College, CUNY an MBA from New York Institute of Technology and a PhD from New York University.
Farmingdale State College Hosts Annual Volunteer Fair

On Thursday, Oct. 20, Farmingdale State College will host the 5th Annual Long Island Volunteer Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Roosevelt Hall. The fair, which is co-sponsored with the Long Island Volunteer Center, draws over 300 attendees, including students, business leaders and community members. Over 65 nonprofit agencies will exhibit, showcasing a wide array of volunteer activities. There is no charge to attend. The Fair provides the opportunity to learn about the needs of the Long Island community and how people can help.

Now more than ever, is it time for Long Island to reinvest in its future. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, Volunteering in America report, New York ranks last in the nation for volunteer participation rates. The NYS Governor’s Commission on National and Community Service has made volunteering a high priority issue and will be seeking ways to increase the profile of volunteering throughout the state. It recently designated the Long Island Volunteer Center one of nine regional volunteer centers. The upcoming 5th Annual Long Island Volunteer Fair is one of the regional strategies to promote volunteerism throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Recognizing the importance of this emphasis on volunteering, the EGC Group selected the Long Island Volunteer Center for its annual CreateAthon, and developed a pro-bono marketing and advertising campaign for the Fair.

A kickoff rally will be held prior to the Fair from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theater. Speakers from academia, business, government, nonprofit and youth will highlight the societal impact of volunteerism, advance the conviction that volunteering is not nice but necessary, and contribute to a cultural shift in the way Long Islanders work together in solving community problems.

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Farmingdale State College and Long Island Volunteer Center Volunteer Fair Oct. 20

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Generous Gift

Senator Owen H. Johnson joined the Farmingdale State College community to recognize Theresa Patnode Santmann at the recent announcement of her $1 million gift to the School of Health Sciences. Santmann, a Babylon resident who earned her nursing degree at Farmingdale in 1969, is a prominent healthcare advocate and entrepreneur.

"Theresa Patnode Santmann's gift will advance education at Farmingdale State College for many years to come, and we recognize and truly appreciate her benevolence as she gives back to our community in such a meaningful way," Senator Johnson said.

Santmann's gift to Farmingdale State College will create four scholar-
Milton Glaser: To Inform and Delight

An exhibition of Glaser’s most storied posters presented by Farmingdale State College. Throughout his career, Milton Glaser has been a prolific creator of posters. His art is the embodiment of American visual culture during the latter half of the 20th century. In 2002, he was inducted into the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame and in 2004, he was selected for the lifetime achievement award of the Smithsonian Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum. These two awards speak to and celebrate an epic career that has seamlessly knit together the worlds of graphic design and illustration and will forever deeply influence the way we see. On view through Oct. 28 in the Memorial Gallery at Farmingdale State College, 2350 Broadhollow Rd. (Route 110). All welcome. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the gallery is accessible to persons with mobility impairments. Call 631-420-6118, 631-420-2181.
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With the price of oil nearly reaching historic highs this year, it seems everyone is desperately looking for ways to save at the pump.

There are many suggestions that I've read about on how the government could provide some relief. These ideas range from releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (an emergency fuel store of oil maintained by the United States Department of Energy) to temporarily suspending federal and state gas taxes.

My feeling is that these are merely temporary solutions, which don't address the underlying problem: our country's addiction to oil.

Since most of our oil comes from overseas, we are at the mercy of other countries (especially the volatile Middle East). My recommendation is to put an even greater emphasis on alternative energy: build more hybrid/electric cars and lower the price for the average consumer. Once our demand for oil drops, so will the price, and in enough time we will no longer need it at all.

I recently visited Farmingdale State College to find out what students would do to lower gas prices.

"I would institute a program for a car swap that would provide an incentive to trade in their old cars. I would also give people tax breaks on hydrogen cars and give tax incentives for car companies to produce hydrogen cars. People should also be given tax breaks for taking mass transit instead of driving, and homeowners should get tax breaks for switching from oil heat to natural gas."

-Orfan Hanifyasini

"I would take all the money that we are throwing away on the Iraq war and use it to offset the rising cost of gas. It would work similar to states aiding public colleges. Consumers need this kind of relief at gas stations."

-Rebecca Nicollino

"I would stop the oil companies' ability to influence government officials in their decision-making. This way, oil companies can't pay off the government and political officials can feel the burden of high gas prices just like we do."

-Molly O'Brien

"If I had the authority, I would encourage the use of alternative energy sources to fuel our cars so that we no longer need to rely on oil at all."

-Lissa Brutus

"I would switch to sustainable energy sources. I would give automakers incentives to start making cars that run on renewable energy and also give tax payers incentives to buy these vehicles."

-Danielle Catalano
"I would give the government the power to control gas prices. This way, gas wouldn’t become too expensive because there would be a limit on how high it can go." —Eric Trinkwald