

BLOTTER

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Brookhaven

Someone cut the battery wires on a boat engine located at Squassux Landing boat yard, causing damages, on July 8 on Beaver Dam Marina Road.

Center Moriches

Someone cut open a chain link fence and cut locks to a shed at a residence located on Orchard Neck Road on July 7. Police say nothing was taken.

Mastic Beach

Someone entered a residence located on Washington Avenue on July 7 and stole copper piping.

An unknown person pushed in an air conditioner at a residence located on Alder Drive on July 8. Police say a 50-inch television and a Sony PlayStation were stolen.

Someone threw a large rock at an unoccupied 2005 Honda Accord parked on Forest Road West on July 6. Police say the rear window was broken.

Mastic

Someone broke the driver's side mirror of a 2015 Ford Fusion parked at a residence located on Weeks Avenue on

July 6.

An unknown person broke a window in the rear of a residence located on Babylon Street on July 3. Police say there was no entry.

Someone entered Foodway Market on Mastic Road on July 5 and demanded money. Police say the person fled with cash.

North Bellport

An unknown person smashed the rear windshield of a 2008 Toyota Forerunner parked outside a residence on Sawgrass Drive on July 5.

East Patchogue

Someone smashed the window of a 2007 Honda CRV at a residence located on Lillian Place on July 4. Police say nothing was taken.

North Patchogue

Someone took a wallet out of a cart at Pathmark on July 7. Police say the wallet contained money and credit cards.

Shirley

Alexander Reyes, 24, from Shirley was arrested in Shirley for assault in the third degree with intention to cause physical injury. Police say on June 14 on Waverly Avenue in North Patchogue he punched someone in the face, causing a fracture in their mouth, which had to be treated.

Marco Vazquez, 23, from Mastic Beach was arrested in Shirley for assault with intention to cause physical injury with a weapon. Police say he punched another male in the face on July 4, requiring the victim to get stitches in his lip.

An unknown person entered a vehicle parked on Sherwood Drive on July 7 through an unlocked door. Police say the

person damaged the radio and air vent.

Police responded to a rear parking lot at Kohl's located on Montauk Highway some time between 4 a.m. and 7 a.m. on July 5. Police say someone struck a male numerous times in the head with an unknown object, causing injury to his head. The victim was transported to Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center for treatment, where they also discovered his wallet and cash were stolen.

A passenger in a taxi displayed a handgun and demanded money on July 5 on Floyd Road. Police say the victim gave their wallet and phone.

Someone keyed the driver's side of a 2013 Honda Accord located outside a residence on Sweetbriar Drive on July 5.

On July 5 sometime between 8:10 and 9:54 p.m., a man walking in front of Wendy's was approached by a group of males. Police say one male in the group punched the victim and took his wallet containing cash and identification.

Man robs Bellport bank

BY NICOLE ALLEGREZZA

Suffolk County Police Pattern Crime Unit detectives are investigating a bank robbery that occurred on July 1 at about 5:30 p.m. in Bellport.

Police say a man entered the Chase Bank, located at 32 Station Road, approached a teller and presented a note demanding cash. The teller complied and the man fled on foot through the parking lot in a westerly direction.

The suspect is being described as black, between 25 and 30 years old, approximately 5 feet 7 inches tall to 5 feet 9 inches tall with a medium build.

He was wearing a light-colored baseball cap, sunglasses, a white T-shirt and jeans at the time of the incident.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-220-TIPS. All calls will remain confidential. ■

Woman dies in car crash, two more injured

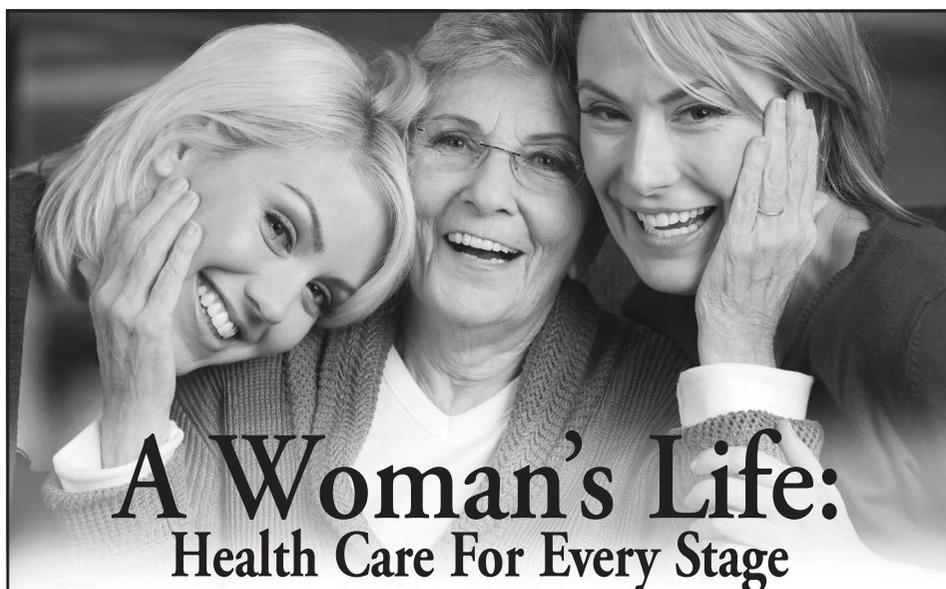
BY NICOLE ALLEGREZZA

Suffolk County Police Fifth Squad detectives are investigating a two-vehicle crash that killed a woman and injured several others in Brookhaven on July 7.

Police say a woman driving a van carrying eight passengers was traveling westbound on Montauk Highway near Smith Road, when a truck traveling eastbound swerved into her lane and struck her. The hit caused the van to flip over at about 4:55 p.m.

Sandra Leon, 46, of Hempstead, a passenger in the van, was pronounced dead at the scene by a physician assistant from the Office of the Suffolk County Medical Examiner. The driver of the truck, Gerard Demelfi, 28, of Shirley, and the driver of the van, Nieves Rivera, 37, of Patchogue, along with the other surviving passengers in the van, were taken to Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center in East Patchogue and Stony Brook University Hospital with varying degrees of injuries. Police say a young boy was critically injured and all the other injuries were nonlife-threatening.

The vehicles were impounded for a safety check. The investigation is continuing. ■



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New charity that assists orphans fundraiser

Christopher P. McGuire, Esq. and James T. Bopp, MD, have announced their formation of HALO (Health and Learning for Orphans) Missions Inc., a nonprofit charity created to provide medical care and educational assistance to orphans in developing countries. McGuire is a local attorney and former Patchogue Village Justice. Bopp is an emergency room and internal medicine physician. He is the former director of Brookhaven Hospital's emergency room and is currently a partner and treating physician at Stat Health in Sayville.

There are more than 132 million orphans living in the world's developing countries and more than 13 million orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa alone. Many of these children live without adult supervision, are in need of medical attention and cannot attend school because they cannot afford the necessary uniforms and supplies. HALO Missions will work with Teen Missions International this upcoming September to provide a mission to Ndola, Zambia. Together they anticipate providing enhanced medical care for at least 500 orphans and will make a donation for the children to attend school.

Others traveling on the mission will include Patchogue Deacon Marty McIndoe of St. Francis de Sales R.C. Church and Brother James Maloney, a Franciscan friar who previously worked at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital. HALO Missions is having a fundraiser on Tuesday, July 28 from 6-8 p.m. at the Law Offices of McGiff & Halverson LLP, at 96 South Ocean Avenue, Patchogue. The suggested donation is \$100. The mission is run by volunteers and all expenses are paid by mission founders. One hundred percent of donations go to medical and educational supplies for the children. HALO Missions is an approved IRC§501C charity. Doctors and nurses and individuals wishing to volunteer or contribute should visit www.halomissions.org. Pictured, left to right: Christopher P. McGuire, Esq.; Robert Bland, director Teen Missions; Dr. James T. Bopp; Thomas Kabwata, Teen Missions Zambia, at Teen Missions headquarters, Merritt Island, Fla.