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April 11-14, 2024

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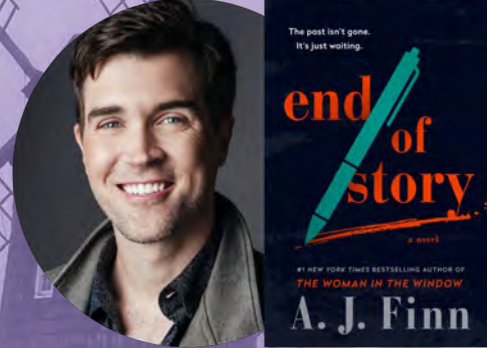
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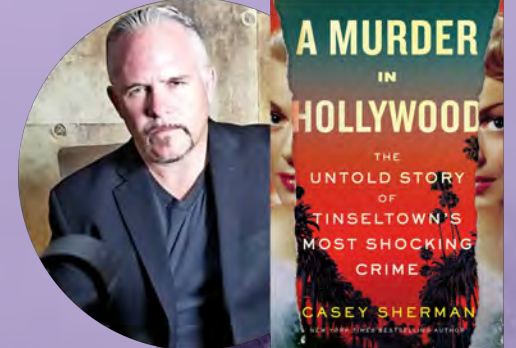
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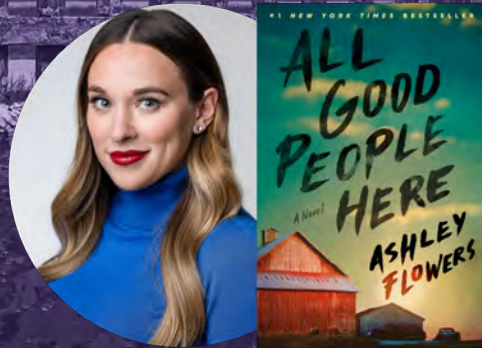
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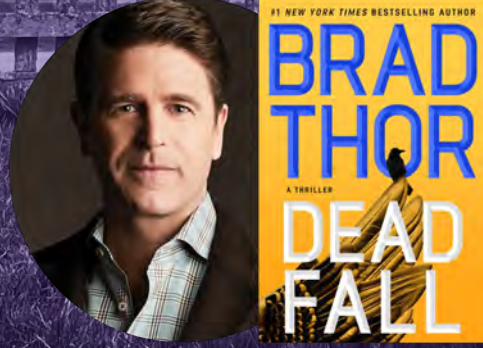
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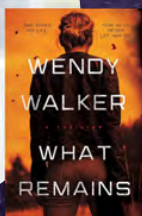
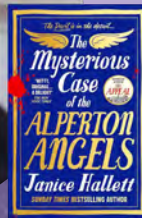


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340
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18 FORENSICS WORLD SESSIONS

AT SEA SPRAY COTTAGES

216
PEOPLE
[SOLD
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Our CSI Crime Scene Challenge is an interactive event led by former police officers. It was staged at cottages that were open to the public for the first time in 40 years!



The Dead Man and the Sea

THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

After gathering his thoughts while on the beach, Detective Butz headed back toward the cottages to begin processing the crime scenes. As he entered the Mobile Command Post, which was parked near the Sea Spray Cottages, to discuss the case with a few of his colleagues, one of the detectives inside held up an iPad which displayed the online article that had just been posted by The Hampton Buzz. Detective Butz grabbed the iPad and read Lou Minate's article with unbridled curiosity.

FIRST TO REPORT

Newspaper: The Hampton Buzz
Title: Man Unalived at Sea Spray Cottage and Human Remains Found Nearby
Reporter: Lou Minate

Last night the quiet calm of East Hampton Village was disrupted by the likes of two formidable forces - Evil and Erosion. First, inexplicable evil violently claimed the life of an unidentified male at the Sea Spray Cottages. Second, beach erosion, caused by recent tropical storms, unearthed what appears to be human bones, seemingly tucked away for years in the nearby dunes. Police claim to have not yet identified either victim as they had just begun to process the crime scenes at the time of this article.

Of note, the locations of both the apparent homicide as well as the unearthed Both ma





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WITH TOWN CRIER
AND HISTORIAN
HUGH KING

120
PEOPLE
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NIGHT
AT HEDGES INN

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The Case





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Joseph Scott Morgan



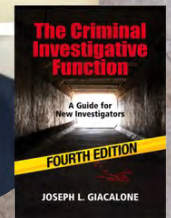
Barbara Butcher

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**TRUE CRIME
LUNCH**
AT KUMISO

20
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Sheryl McCollum



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AT SEA SPRAY COTTAGES

“The inclusion of outside evidence added an extra layer of intrigue, challenging us to consider multiple perspectives and potential leads.” – Pema, Grade 10

“I got to feel like I was a detective investigating a REAL case. The activities I partook in were nothing less than amazing and realistic.” – Cody, Grade 11

“...an unforgettable adventure that sparked our curiosity and brought out the detective in all of us.” – Joey, Grade 10



A nighttime photograph of a street in East Hampton Village. The street is lined with trees and buildings, illuminated by streetlights. A purple circular overlay is centered on the image, containing white text. On the left, a street sign on a lamp post reads "EAST HAMPTON VILLAGE HAMPTONS WHODUNT" and "APRIL 11-14".

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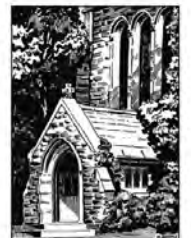
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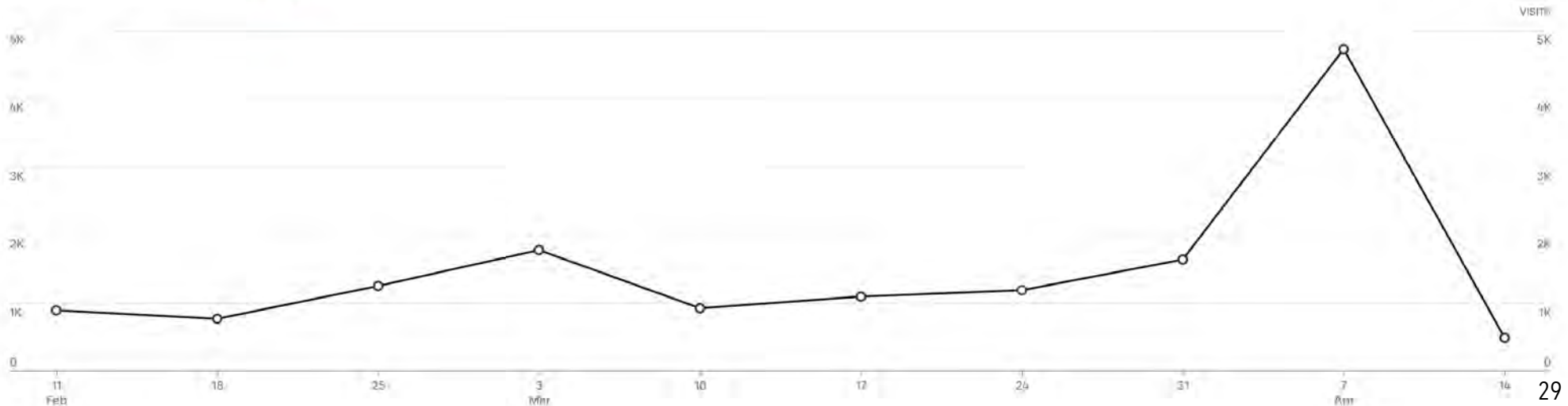
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1.5k VIEWS



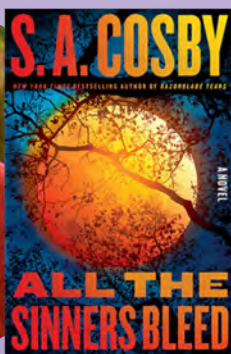
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Bookstagrammers at the festival generated a lot of organic content

Thanks to East 27 Creative for sharing everyone's photos almost in real time. The images quickly appeared on multiple platforms, building buzz and driving awareness.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING



"I'd love to come back!"



"I'm in awe that you've created everyone's new favorite crime fiction festival in only two years!"



"This might have been my favorite book event ever. Every single author friend I got to see said the exact same thing."



"I've heard from so many readers and author friends about all the fun they saw us having, so I hope the word continues to spread about this fantastic festival you all have created!"



"I think the best thing about the event was the connection with people, telling my stories and hearing theirs."



"I swear the entire crime writing community is talking about the Hamptons Whodunit!"



"I absolutely loved the event."

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Fans of mysteries and true-crime stories descended upon the village over the weekend for the second annual Hamptons Whodunit Festival, which included panel discussions with authors and experts in the law enforcement and forensics fields and events like a cemetery tour. At left, led by Hugh King. At right, Kristen Gibbons Feden, called by 'The New York Times' "the prosecutor who stared down Bill Cosby," posed with Carrie Doyle, right, a founder of the festival. *Darrell Godfrey Photos*

Twice Scored, Built Anyway

By CHRISTOPHER GANGEMI
It might have been easy to overlook an application in front of the East Hampton Village Zoning Board of Appeals on Friday to legalize a patio that was built within a setback. However, it came with history, the flouting of both Z.B.A. and court decisions, and allegations of influence by a recused member of the board. Suddenly, a simple brick patio was intriguing.
Linda Margolin, speaking for 25 Cross Highway, a limited liability company that owns 25 Privet Lane, acknowledged that her client built the patio despite a previous denial from the zoning board and despite the fact that the denial, when challenged, was upheld by an appeals court. She said the new application was different enough from the last that it deserved to be heard.
"It's not a good look for an applicant to say I already built it, but we also know that's the meat and potatoes of this board. It happens very often," she said.
"The applicant shows almost incredible effrontery in resubmitting an application which, in its essentials, is fundamentally the same as that denied by the board in 2021," the attorney Rich Whalen wrote to the board on behalf of Bonacker Property, L.L.C., which controlled by Joe Rose, a board member, who recused himself from the deliberations. "The existing brick patio built in blatant defiance of the zoning board's July 14, 2021, determination. Today the applicant offers to cut off corners of the brick patio in order to slightly improve its front yard setback."

on one side, and 21.4 feet from the road on the other (35 feet is the required setback on the other side, which is not visible from the road.)

FREE! TAKE ONE WITH YOU!

NUMBERS:
A series victory over ISM has East Hampton baseball a step closer to the postseason. **A16**

TWISTED TALE:
Martin McDonagh's 'The Pillowman' comes to the stage at LTV Studios. **B1**

OUTSTANDING:
AMA Previews presents design awards for feats of architecture. **R1**

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EAST HAMPTON, NEW YORK THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 27/EASTCOT



A Murder Mystery, Just for Fun
Top and below right photos: amateur forensic scientists try to figure out "Who Killed the Mayor?" as part of the Hamptons Whodunit Festival held this past weekend. The exercise included a realistic simulated crime scene containing real physical evidence, an elaborate murder-mystery scenario (dodged with clues, and a cast of suspicious characters who interacted with participants. Below left, in another activity, East Hampton Mayor Czer and historian Hugh King gives a tour of the South End Burial Ground outlining the plight of Gussy Garlic, who was accused of witchcraft in East Hampton. *PHOTOS BY MICHAEL WRIGHT*

Town Starts Using CHF Revenues

Housing programs about to begin
By MICHAEL WRIGHT
East Hampton Town plans to begin offering up to \$30,000 in down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers this year and up to \$10,000 in no-interest construction loans to homeowners who want to add an affordable accessory apartment to their property.
The town also plans to begin accepting applications in May for other affordable housing project proposals that could receive grant support from the town, including building new affordable housing developments.
The grant programs are the first steps in the effort to boost housing for middle-income residents using money from the Community Housing Fund, the dedicated housing fund created in 2022 and put into effect one year ago. The fund draws revenues from a half-percent tax on most local real estate sales.
One year into the program, East Hampton Town has \$4.2 million on hand for the fund and will hold a public hearing on the fund's use in May or June, so that they can be in place by early summer.
Down payment assistance and funding for the construction of affordable accessory apartments have been talked about as immediately impactful.
See TOWN, Page A8



Warming Waters Bring New Pathogens
By MICHAEL WRIGHT
There are four times more severe outbreaks on the waiting list for a living unit in one of the seven remote-only housing developments in East Hampton Town than there are units in those developments.
In the hope of obviating away at that disparity, the town will propose increasing the density of development allowed on a property for senior housing.

Proposal Would Expand Senior Housing Units

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