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**Regatta Races
in Oyster Bay**



Oakcliff Sailing: Grade 3 Match Racing - Becca Hassel @hasselfreephoto

Local sailors had outstanding performances in the World Match Racing Tour Academy Grade 3 Regatta. Story on page 7.



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Oak Neck Teen Crew Sign for Colleges



(L-R) Julia Dimeo, Brett Beaman and Johnatan Andersson, along with thier parents, coach Amadeusz, and Oak Neck Athletic Directors Helen Piscitello and Al Staab.

Photo: Patricia Brexel

This past week Oak Neck Rowing, coached by Amadeusz Pietrzak and assisted by Jarak Szymczyk, Linda Poll, and Alexandra Weilert—wrapped up its season with a celebration to send this years seniors off the their respective colleges. Participants included:

- Jonathan Andersson (Cold Spring Harbor HS) Drexel University
- Brett Beaman (Friends Academy) Wesleyan University
- Julia Dimeo (Locust Valley HS) University of Pennsylvania
- Anthony Florence (Kent) Georgetown University

- Other graduating Seniors:
- Andrea Pantelias (Paul D. Schreiber HS) Boston University
 - Tristan Atreides (Great Neck South HS) Columbia University
 - Peter Racanello (Manhasset HS) Fairfield University

Adil Kadirov (Jericho HS) Fordham University

Oak Neck Rowing Summer Accomplishments at the National Level included seven state champions, which qualified those crews to compete on the national level at US Rowing Youth Nationals at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota Florida. Only crews that win first or second at their State or Regional Championship are qualified to participate at Youth Nationals, making it the most competitive national race of these juniors careers. While there, 2 boats made the grand finals: Catherine Barry, 2023 commit Princeton University, earned a silver medal in the women’s youth single category, and Ania Kelly & Deanna Besart finished 5th in their U17 women’s double category.

Next up was US Rowing Summer Nationals in Oak Ridge, Tennessee where 11 crews advanced to the grand finals, earning 7 medals and garnering the team a third place overall finished in the nation.

Earning gold medals are Brandon Fernandez, 2023 commit Yale University, and Brett Beaman’ 2022 commit Wesleyan college; in the men’s U19 double. Earning silver medals are Catherine Barry & Hanna Peters of Cambridge Boat Club, 2023 commit Stanford University, Ethan Seidner, 2023 commit Tufts University, in the men’s U19 single, and Chris Hom & Nick Cesario in the men’s U19 pair. Earning bronze medals are Deanna Besart & Ania Kelly in the U17 women’s double and Deanna Besart, Kira Davis, Sophia Sattar-Reiss, Ania Kelly in the U17 women’s quad.

Oak Neck Rowing Summer Accomplishments at the World Level:

This summer, 3 Oak Neck rowers earned spots to represent the USA on the international stage by winning their

respective world time trial and earning the chance to compete at the World Rowing U19 & U23 Championship being held in Varese, Italy at the end of July.

Catherine Barry & her partner Hannah Peters of Nobles/Cambridge Boat Club (Boston MA) who are both going into their senior year of high school raced in the U19 women’s double race and finished 15th in the world.

Ella Barry, the older sister of Cate Barry and going into her sophomore year at Princeton University, competed in the U23 women’s single and finished 15th in the world.

Nicholas Aronow, representing the US for a 3rd time this summer, also going into his Sophomore year at Princeton University, rowed in the U23 men’s light weight single and finished 8th in the world. This is Amadeusz’s 3rd consecutive year sending athletes to compete at the World Championship.

Oak Neck Rowing operates out of Centre Island Beach in Bayville.

Bizarre Accident in Bayville

Monday August 15, approximately 3:30 PM a vehicle crashed into a home on Godfrey Avenue, Bayville.

The driver of the vehicle was heading west up Godfrey Avenue, make a right turn onto Mountain Avenue, it kept going right, jumped the curb, just missing the guard rail, and hit the house.



Vehicle stuck inside a home, on Godfrey and Moutain Avenue.

Photo:Patricia Brexel

The home is across the street from the

Intermediate School, which is closed for summer break. Luckily no one was hurt in the vehicle or inside the house.

Crime Wave Hits Store Parking Lots

BY NIAL FITZGERALD

A summer crime wave of parking lot robberies is being conducted by a gang of four or five robbers at Costco parking lots.

The robbers - described as two women and two or three men - have hit cars at the Costco parking lots in Commack and Melville; and the Bed, Bath & Beyond in East Northport.

According to Suffolk Police, the robbers are breaking into cars, and taking newly-purchased merchandise from elderly shoppers. The robbers have stolen thousands of dollars in goods.

In some cases, there were two female suspects and a male suspect. One female suspect has been described as possibly pregnant. Another female was described as tall, thin, and nicely dressed.

One of the males was described as dark-skinned, between 5 feet 7 inches tall and 5 feet 8 inches tall.

The thefts occurred at the Costco at 125 Beacon Dr., Holbrook, on July 30 at 4PM; the Costco at 3000 Route 25, Nesconset, on July 30 at 2:33PM; the Costco at 10 Garrett Place, Commack, on

July 21 at 2:38PM; the Costco at 625 Broadhollow Road, Melville, on July 21 at 12:45PM; the Bed, Bath & Beyond at 3083 Jericho Turnpike, East Northport, on July 21 at 1:30PM; the Costco at 625 Broadhollow Road, Melville, July 16 at 2:15PM; the Costco at 10 Garrett Place, Commack, on July 16 at 2:30PM; the Costco at 10 Garrett Place, Commack, on July 14 at 4:25PM; and the Costco at 625 Broadhollow Road, Melville, on July 14 at 2:30PM.

Suffolk Police have asked the public to call their Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-220-TIPS (8477).



The robbery suspects.

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Critical US Congress Races Blasted by “Cryptocurrency” Millions

By CHRIS O’NEILL
Two critical local primaries for US Congress – for Republicans in Huntington, Smithtown, and north shore Brookhaven (District 1); and for Democrats in Oyster Bay, Glen Cove and North Hempstead (District 3) - are being held this week on the North Shore.

In both races, opportunists who changed their party registration only a few months ago – to run for Congress – are being backed by millions in “Cryptocurrency” money.

In District 1, Nick LaLota, the Republican Party choice – who is Chief of Staff to the Republican majority in the Suffolk Legislature, a Navy veteran, and former Amityville Village Trustee – is being attacked by a longtime Democrat and former Obama staffer, Michelle “Bond” of Maryland - who only changed her registration from Democrat to Republican in June. She also moved her voter registration from the Washington DC area, and rented a local short-term garden apartment, in June.

“Bond” has been blasted by most of the local media – including the Leader – as a total fraud - whose real name is not even “Bond” - but “Bogoja.”

Her real home is a \$4 million mansion in Potomac, Maryland, where she lives with her boyfriend, and where her children attend school.

Regardless, the Washington DC Cryptocurrency Lobby – with close ties to the Democrats – is spending over \$1 million to promote “Bond” and try to snatch the Republican nomination from LaLota.

In District 3, Robert Zimmerman, the Democratic National Committeeman and Democratic Party choice – endorsed by Hillary Clinton and all the Democratic Party leaders – is being challenged by four challengers, most notably by Joshua Lafazan, a Nassau Legislator who ran last year as the Conservative Party nominee for Nassau Legislature, and only switched his registration to Democrat early in 2022, just to run for Congress.

The other Democrats running in District 3 include former North



Nick LaLota

Hempstead official Jon Kaiman; and community activists Melanie D’Arrigo and Reena Rasool.

In the District 3 race, a Cryptocurrency billionaire, Samuel Bankman-Fried, who was actively courted by Lafazan, is now spending \$500,000 to promote Lafazan against Zimmerman in the primary.

Zimmerman is supported by the AFL-CIO, most of the local labor unions, and Hillary Clinton, as well as the LGBTQ Victory Fund. He has raised \$1.2 million.

Lafazan, with the support of the Washington Cryptocurrency Lobby, has now raised \$1.5 million. The other three Democrats are all lagging far behind on fundraising.

All the Democratic candidates claim to be anti-gun, pro-abortion and climate sensitive. However, Lafazan used to frequent an all-male Gun Club in Glen Cove, where he made statements against gun control and for militias and gun rights. He also ran last year as the nominee of the anti-abortion Conservative Party.

The influx of millions of dollars in Cryptocurrency Lobby money is a new wild card that threatens to overwhelm the local political parties, and promote the opportunists.

A young cryptocurrency Billionaire named Samuel Bankman-Fried, age 30 - who lives in the Bahamas where the part of his business that is not legal in the US is based - and who donated \$10 million to Joe Biden’s campaign - is personally funneling millions of dollars into New York Democratic primaries.

Bankman-Fried has pledged \$500,000 to support Lafazan, and is also backing former Democratic Town Supervisor of Hempstead Laura Gillam in the Democratic primary in District 4 (mostly the Town of Hempstead in Nassau County).

In District 1, a cryptocurrency multi-millionaire named Ryan Salame - age 29 - a partner of Bankman-Fried’s and a fellow resident of the Bahamas – and a sometime boyfriend of “Bond’s” - is pouring over a million dollars into the “Bond” campaign.

Bankman-Fried, who made his money in promoting gambling, believes in what he calls “effective altruism” practiced via the “maximization of good through use of a cost-per-life-saved formula”. He has already donated \$40 million – nearly all to Democrats - in this election cycle.

A strange ally of the Cryptocurrency billionaires is Texas Senator Ted Cruz, who came to Smithtown this week to campaign for “Bond” – the only elected official to support her. Cruz holds Bitcoin and has become a political ally of the Cryptocurrency Lobby. He calls for Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies to not be subject to currency regulations, which many economists see as a ploy to undermine the US Dollar and supplant it with a private cryptocurrency like Bitcoin.

In District 1, the Democratic candidate, Suffolk County Legislator Bridget



Ryan Salame

Fleming, is unopposed, however many local Democrats are supporting the “Bond” candidacy, on the theory that if they can defeat LaLota in the Republican primary, then the Democrat Fleming will have an easy path to election.

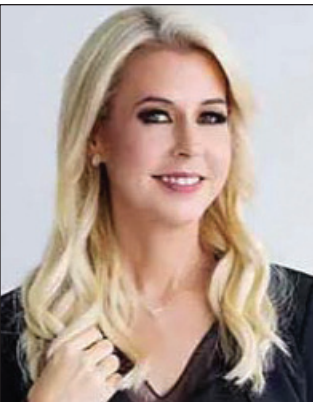
The Democratic Party strategy of secretly backing, financing and supporting fake candidates in Republican primaries is called the “Pied Piper” strategy – and was adopted by the Democratic National Committee in 2015 from a Memo written by the Hillary Clinton for President campaign.

The Democrats’ Pied Piper strategy calls for Democrats to promote fake and fringe candidates in Republican primaries to both waste the leading Republican’s money and resources, and try to force the Republicans to adopt extreme positions to hurt their chances with moderates and independents – helping more Democrats to win.

The primary election is next Tuesday, August 23rd.



Robert Zimmerman



Michelle “Bond” Bogoja



Joshua Lafazan



Samuel Bankman-Fried

Moody's Upgrades Glen Cove Bonds



Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck

By NIAL FITZGERALD

Glen Cove's bond ratings are improving under its new Mayor Pam Panzenbeck (R), saving taxpayers millions in lower interest and finance costs.

Moody’s Investors Service has upgraded the City of Glen Cove’s Public Improvement Serial Bonds, 2022 Series A, to a strong “Baa2” rating.

“Bond ratings are essential tools which alert investors to the quality and stability of a particular bond. These ratings consequently highly influence interest rates, investment desires and bond pricing,” stated Moody’s, adding that

Glen Cove’s “Improved governance is a key driver of the rating given the significant improvement made in budgeting.”

The City of Glen Cove’s credit strengths include large-scale construction projects such as RXR Garvies Point Development and the Livingston (Villa) Project which will eventually add to the Glen Cove tax base.

According to Mayor Panzenbeck, one factor that may lead to future upgrades is improvements in reserves and liquidity.

Another credit strength is the available capacity to generate revenue. This is being addressed by revising stagnant department fees to make them comparable with market and neighboring municipalities.

Panzenbeck pledges that her administration will continue the process of developing long-term planning initiatives, addressing the excessively low-fund balances with the intent of growing reserves, stabilizing taxes for future budgets, maintaining services, eliminating non-essential and wasteful spending and implementing new sources of revenue.

“We are dedicated to improving our standing,” stated Panzenbeck. We work extremely hard to ensure that we stay within the confines of a budget and strive for continuing positive results.”

ENDORSEMENT

ROBERT ZIMMERMAN FOR
US CONGRESS

Six years ago this newspaper endorsed Tom Suozzi in the Democratic primary for the open seat for US Congress. We chose well.

This year, the choice is also clear: Robert Zimmerman, New York's Democratic National Committeeman, close ally of President Joe Biden, and the endorsed candidate of all the Democratic Party committees in the new 3rd District (Towns of Oyster Bay, North Hempstead and NE Queens).

Zimmerman is a lifelong progressive Democrat - holding presidential appointments from Presidents Obama and Clinton, and receiving the endorsement of the AFL-CIO, Hillary Clinton, all the local labor unions, and the LGBTQ Victory Fund.

This newspaper will likely differ with Zimmerman on many policies - just as we often differed with Tom Suozzi - but Zimmerman has a well-earned reputation for honesty, integrity, and holding to his liberal and progressive positions. His positions are backed by his progressive beliefs, and he's not for sale.

The same can not be said of his leading rival in the Democratic primary, the slippery 28-year-old Joshua Lafazan, a Nassau County Legislator. Lafazan changes his political principles like someone changes their dirty socks.

Lafazan was re-elected last year as the nominee of the anti-abortion - and pro-Trump - Conservative Party. Two months later, Lafazan changed his registration to Democrat - just to run for Congress. Now Lafazan claims that he "was always" anti-Trump and supported "women's right to choose." A blatant lie.

Lafazan used to hang-out at the all-male Matinecock Rod & Gun Club in Glen Cove, socializing with the NRA, and talking about how "pro-Second Amendment" and "pro gun rights" he was. Now he claims the opposite, and says he "was always" for gun control. Another blatant lie.

During the Trump administration - Lafazan told this newspaper that he was considering re-registering as a Republican. And he attended Republican fund-raisers. Now Lafazan claims he "was always" a progressive Democrat. Yet another lie.

In 2020, Lafazan sucked-up to progressive groups protesting the George Floyd murder. But in 2021, Lafazan flipped 180 degrees, and tried to court the police. He even sponsored an anti-civil rights, Nazi-era law to allow the police to arrest or sue the George Floyd protesters - for "annoying" or "discriminating" against the police. The NAACP was outraged and came to the Nassau Legislature - with 300 protestors - to stop Lafazan, calling him a "Liar," a "Racist," and a "Fascist."

Lafazan cried like a baby in front of the 300 protestors, but then mopped his tears and joined the Republicans to push through his anti-civil rights Police bill. The NAACP, former Councilwoman Tracey Edwards, Congressman Tom Suozzi and NY Attorney General Letitia James all denounced Lafazan's bill, and County Executive Laura Curran vetoed the bill - killing it.

Do Democrats really want such an embarrassing and unprincipled operative like Lafazan for US Congress ?

Thankfully, Democrats have a real Democrat in Robert Zimmerman - a lifelong Democrat - who has been there with Presidents Barack Obama, Joe Biden and Bill Clinton. *The Leader* endorses Robert Zimmerman.

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THE FREE ENTERPRISE PROJECT
EXPOSES MARXIST 'WOKE' COMPANIES

To the Editor;

Marxist elements seek to brainwash our next generations of citizens using the Critical Race Theory [CRT]. They're using a similar strategy to upend the cornerstone of American democracy — the free enterprise that has given us, as a nation, economic freedom. The focus of the National Center for Public Policy Research's Free Enterprise Project [FEP] is to expose them.

"We essentially buy shares in 'woke' corporations to use our influence as shareholders to combat a lot of [those] woke policies. The whole idea is, instead of just giving up on American business and our institutions, we take the same strategies that the left used to corrupt them and then implement them to kind of bring them back to neutral," says FEP associate Ethan Peck.

Peck recently joined Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens, on her Better for America podcast for an in-depth discussion of how the Left seeks to infiltrate corporate America.

Peck explained that FEP uses shareholder activism to challenge corporations that have gone astray, com-

panies such as Twitter, Amazon, Exxon, and Chevron. "We go to [shareholder meetings], we hold these corporations accountable. We talk to CEOs, we question them, we ask them, we put the spotlight on them, and we push them into a corner. And it works, slowly. But the idea is that if we educate the public, we can have the same sort of success in the boardrooms as we had in the classrooms in Virginia, when parents stood up at school boards [to protest the socialist Critical Race Theory] we need investors to stand up to corporate boards."

He says that socialist teachers use the Critical Race Theory in the classroom to brainwash our children. Woke executives use radical notions of diversity, equity, and inclusion "to push their woke social norms on hiring policies."

Peck explains that as a shareholder if you own \$2,000 or more of a public company's stock, you are entitled to file a proposal asking the company to run a nondiscrimination audit of its DEI policies. Thus, you can challenge these companies by asking them to prove that their diversity, equity, and inclusion policies are not discriminatory. If a company refuses your request, it proves they know what they are doing is wrong. "They know these hiring policies, hiring people by skin color, hiring people by gender identity

and sexual orientation, that these things are against the law, and that they violate the Civil Rights Act of 1964. And so, they're trying to have it both ways. They're trying to break the law in secret and kind of push this woke ideology."

He said that anybody can challenge a company that seems dodgy when it comes to DEI policies. "I can't tell you how many times somebody has come up to me and said, I'm very bothered by Amazon and then you do a little digging, and they own Amazon. So, if you're an owner of Amazon, it's your fault. Take some personal responsibility. Don't just blame the world. Go to the shareholder meetings. Ask the CEO questions. You can buy one share in a company and attend the shareholder meeting. For example, this year I attended the American Airlines meeting, and I asked them if their DEI policies apply to hiring pilots. You would hope that when they hire pilots, they just hire by competence because you don't want the plane crashing. And so, he said, 'Yeah, absolutely. We definitely apply diversity, equity, and inclusion when we hire pilots.' It got a lot of media attention. And so, all you need is one share to go into the meeting and pose a question to the CEO."

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Op-Ed: Quick Takes on Issues in the News

By STEVE LEVY

1) Much Ado About Tacos and Fist Bumps

While the left-wing media often wallows in exaggeration and fake news.

The right wing media sometimes does the same. When they do, they need to be called out as well.

A perfect example was the inaccurate reporting that the First Lady, Jill Biden, called Hispanic-Americans “tacos.”

What she actually said was that the “diversity of the Hispanic community is as unique as the breakfast tacos here in San Antonio.”

Big deal. It was meant to be complementary. Should Italians be offended if someone references their outstanding meatballs, or the Germans offended by praising an amazing sauerbraten dish? Chill out.

And what of the so-called scandal of Biden fist pumping the Saudi prince. If you blow off a handshake it’s deemed rude. If you bow, as Obama sometimes did, it’s a form of subordinating our nation.

The problem wasn’t the fist pump, but rather that Biden put himself in a position of having to grovel to these corrupt foreign leaders because he refused to allow America to tap its own natural oil, coal and gas resources. That’s the problem!

2) Why the Surprise that Military Recruitment is Sinking ?

The military is having trouble recruiting new members. Why is this a surprise?

The woke attack on so-called “toxic masculinity”, coupled with a propaganda program highlighting how racist, sexist and homophobic our country is, leaves



Steve Levy

fewer young people willing to want to fight to defend the nation.

If you want to have more people willing to fight for the nation, then stop disparaging it at every turn, and stop belittling those young Americans who are willing to serve.

3) Don't put that cable here

First environmentalists are opposed to Long Island’s LI’s utility, PSEG,

for erecting needed power cables above ground - because they “are an eyesore.”

So, PSEG agreed to spend more money and started burying the cables underground

Immediately thereafter conservationists came out opposing burying the power lines - because the digging will be “disruptive” to the local animals.

4) And Why Do We have an Energy Crisis ?

Prior to the extreme green agenda taking off in New York during then Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s third term, the downstate region, depended upon fossil fuels for supplying 77% of our energy needs.

Then New York’s government prohibited new natural gas pipelines and shut down the Indian Point nuclear power plant.

As a result – downstate New York’s reliance on fossil fuels - including much dirtier oil - has now increased to 89% !

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Oyster Bay Hosts 11th India Day Parade



The 11th Annual India Day Parade.

(Photos courtesy IDP USA)

By PRIYA PERSAUD

The 11th India Day Parade of Long Island was held last Sunday, on a blazingly hot day, but with thousands of people cheerfully manning the parade route.

The Parade marked the celebration of India’s milestone 75th anniversary of independence.

The festivities began at the Hicksville Community Center. Numerous marching groups, decorated floats, vibrant flags, and patriotic songs were distinctly featured throughout the parade.

The Parade leaders were India Day Parade founder Bobby Kalotee; Chairperson Indu Jaiswal; President Vimal Goyal; and Vice Chair Mukesh Modi.

Dr. Varun Jeph, India’s Deputy Consul General in New York, served as the Grand Marshal of the parade. Jeph had thoughtfully implored the parade-goers to exhibit India’s Tricolor Flag, in their homes.

The Celebrity Grand Marshal - sports and film star Prachi Tehlan - expressed her amazement at the love for India displayed throughout the parade route.

Guests of honor included Shibani Kashyap, a famous singer, Prashant Guptha, a popular Bollywood/Hollywood actor and writer, and Navika Capital Group’s

Naveen Shah.

Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino; North Hempstead Supervisor Jenr DeSena; and Nassau legislator Rose Walker all spoke at the celebration of India’s independence.

The parade route ended by the Hicksville LIRR station, where over 30 booths featured activities and products - and an entertainment stage.

Kashyap sang various Indian cultural songs. Many dance groups performed on the entertainment stage.

Over the next year, India – with 1.4 billion people - will become the most populous country in the world, as India surpasses China in population.

India is already the sixth-largest economy in the world, and is the major global power of the Indian Ocean.



(R) Jeff Pravato - Town of Oyster Bay Receiver of Taxes, was the guest of honor.

Cavan’s Walk & Fun Day



Cavan McGovern cuts the ribbon to start the event.

Photos: Patricia Brexel



Family friend, and supporter Helen Piscitello, Cavan and his parents Loretta and Dave.

Cavan’s Walk and Family Fun Day was held on Saturday, August 13th, in Locust Valley. This event raised funds to benefit research for the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation.

Cavan McGovern was diagnosed with this rare, progressive, potentially fatal mitochondrial disease called Kearns-Sayre Syndrome (KSS). People with mitochondrial diseases can lose their eyesight, hearing, motor and pulmonary function, and the ability to control their heart rhythms. There is no cure, or treatment.

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Reflections of a Bygone Era

Winfield Hall and Restoration (Part Two)



BY: ORIN Z. FINKLE

Hoping that you enjoyed reading part 1 of this article some weeks back. Well, let's now return to the history of this beautiful property which is in the process of being restored.

Frank Woolworth was very proud of his 1917 creation. Since money appeared to be of no object, Winfield Hall at Glen Cove, was to utilize the finest materials and most talented labor available. Local media was certainly made aware of all the time, effort and funds spent on his country house project. He wanted it to be a relatively unique, luxury compound for Long Island.

Woolworth, in his quite eccentric way, arranged, as was disclosed by the media, for the facial features of his daughters and wife to be hand carved into this huge entry hall marble mantelpiece. Jennie, it seems however, was displayed wearing a helmet to obscure her features. Strangely, happenings occurred shortly after the family moved into their new palace. During a party, a bright bolt of lightning, it had been described, struck the house causing a vertical crack to appear through Edna's face upon the entry mantel. This remarkable phenomenon happening to an indoor structure, appeared quite unlikely, but over the decades it made for an unnerving story. Shortly thereafter, it was mentioned, that Woolworth's daughter Edna passed away within the mansion. Thereafter, ghostly presences and bizarre auras were reported to be appearing. These occurrences were described in detail by some that possessed direct access to the manor.

Unfortunately, Frank Woolworth passed away of septic blood poisoning during April of 1919, just a few days before his sixty seventh birthday, after refusing to seek out vital medical or dental help. After so much effort expended that went into great detail forming the country estate, he was able to derive its true pleasures for just a few years.

Woolworth was laid to rest at the four hundred acre Woodlawn Cemetery in the

upper Bronx. These days, noted cemetery tours depicting its once "well-known" residents are provided within this expansive and scenic venue. The remainder of the Woolworth family continued on at Winfield Hall through mid-1920 until a time when the property was eventually advertised for sale and finally sold.

The actual text of the 1925 afore mentioned announcement continued, "Winfield Hall, a unique palatial country house in an exclusive colony at Glen Cove, for sale at a fraction of its cost to settle an estate. It is a fireproof residence of solid white marble and stone with period furnishings. Included are greenhouses, tennis courts, a private nine hole golf course nearby, extensive garage and service apartments and complete in appointments. An achievement of which great architect Mr. C.P.H. Gilbert may well be proud. Inspection by arrangement."

If the walls could hear and Woolworth's mansion was actually able to express historical events, Winfield Hall would most likely scream volumes of stories. Who knows what fascinating secrets continue to lay dormant upon the property awaiting discovery by present concerned occupants? The former Frank Woolworth estate, although not occupied for decades by his family, contains some of the most fascinating period happenings upon Long Island.

My passion for Long Islands' magnificent estate history, envisions a time when there will hopefully arise a version of a unique "Gold Coast Historic Center and Gallery", similar to an important library or museum. This facility will hopefully be dedicated to the preservation of rare period photos, magazines, books, post cards, old realty brochures and high society media clippings. It would depict realistic venue scenes from those stunning Gatsby days of yore. However, much of this enchanting histo-



Circa 1915. Originally Woolworth Masion purchased from Emmet Queen. One year prior to fire which totaled the structure.

ry could simply vanish during the next few decades if prompt action is not taken by those people who are truly dedicated to the preservation of Long Island's, exceptional, glorious past.

There is a need for firmly devoted educational or historic establishments to step up and support salvaging this gradually vanishing era. When will the time arrive to actively publicize the significance of the prominent, short lived period that existed on Long Island.? The sooner the better. Yes, prior to current noisy expressways, highways, parkways, shopping malls, loud airlines above and ever expanding population growth, existed a pristine, charming surrounding landscape.

Possessing a rare private period archive, with a bit of providence can openly provide a perfect basis for an historic project. I'm certainly agreeable with utilizing the entire collection to assist local residents who have a desire to comprehend

this bygone era. Alas, I may have to end up marketing it all in pieces, the way that it originally was gathered together over years of amassing. Significant thoughts on this topic come to mind daily but with no certain outcome or conclusion. So, we'll see what the future brings. Meanwhile the beautiful, former Woolworth estate continues on in marvelous tradition. May it continue to thrive for another hundred years.

Stay safe until the next time that we get together to share another thought-provoking fragment of Long Island's unique past.

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Circa 1915. Frank Winfield Woolworth



Circa 1920. Interior view of entrance hall, marble staircase and walls.



Circa 1980. Rare ariel view of the former Woolworth Mansion and surroundings in winter.



Circa 1920. Formal gardens on the Woolworth estate facing rear of the mansion.

Oakcliff Sailing Hosts Match Race Regatta



The Oakcliff Sailing Team.

By THOMAS NOTHEL

Local sailors had outstanding performances in the World Match Racing Tour Academy Grade 3 Regatta hosted by Oakcliff Sailing of Oyster Bay on August 4-7.

Cormac Murphy and his Waterfront Center team, an Oyster Bay community sailing organization, won the Regatta defeating Alfonso Garcia Bringasut of Mexico in the finals. The team of Doug Shannon, Lindsey Winter and Anne Corvi finished third. Winter and Corvi are Oakcliff Sailing Graduates.

Located in Oyster Bay and founded in 2010, the goal of Oakcliff Sailing is to “raise the caliber of sailing in the United States...Oakcliff offers trainees a prov-

Photo: Oakcliff

ing ground to develop their skill set in the three big areas of competitive sailing: the America’s Cup, the Olympics, and The Ocean Race”.

Oakcliff is an “adult and youth training center for athletes who have progressed beyond traditional coaching methods and want to explore the next steps in their sailing and professional careers”.

The WaterFront Center offers Adult and youth instructional sailing programs for abilities from beginner to experienced racer. Additionally they provide marine education programs, paddleboard, kayak, sailboat rentals, and harbor tours.

The next two match races in Oyster Bay are the “Oakcliff International” on August 25-29; and the “Thompson Cup” on August 30 – September 3, hosted by the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club.

These Races are the third and fourth stops in 2022 Grand Slam series, which is part of the 2022 World Match Racing Tour. Oakcliff Sailing and the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club will be hosting additional Races in September and October. Follow our coverage in *The North Shore Leader*.

Special Events at St. John’s of Lattingtown



(L-R) Nancy Polk, Rita Cleary, Nancy Roenfeldt and JoAnn Browne

By VICTORIA CROSBY

St. John’s of Lattingtown Episcopal Church, recently held a fundraising cocktail party, a Summer Soiree, at a local country club. Guests, who were parishioners and their families, sipped cocktails and nibbled on delicious hors d’oeuvres, while enjoying the beautiful evening and each other’s fellowship.

The co-chairs of the event were Allison Aston, Stephanie Clark, Maria Corigliano, Kate Doerge, Paron E. Edwards-Stimola, Fiona Elliot, Aileen Gumprecht, Parker Larson and Ashley Miles.

Several recent fundraising events were held at St. John’s, including a bake sale, with proceeds donated to St. Philips Episcopal Church in Uvalde, Texas, and

anIce Cream Parlor on the Patio event, which was chaired by Allison Aston and Julie Zarou, which helped raise funds for the Episcopal Churches serving the people of Highland Park, in order to aid communities devastated by gun violence by providing funds for healing and prevention.

An emotional farewell service was held in July for the Music Director Chris Brayne, who after five years at St. John’s has moved with his wife Jenny to be closer to his daughter and her family, especially their grandson Henry, in North Carolina. A new music director will arrive in due course, watch for the formal announcement in *The Leader*, but in the meantime the interim music director is Dr. Moon.

The Bayville Free Library is Going Fine Free



At the Board of Trustee’s July meeting, it was established that the Library would forgo fines beginning on August 1st for most materials, and eliminate fines on all existing accounts. “The goal of fine amnesty is twofold: to bring back patrons to the library and to try to get some of our outstanding materials back. The goal of the library has always been to provide equitable access for all and eliminating fines is more in alignment with this mission” says Library Director Ashley Birbal. “The charging and collecting of fines for late book returns puts us and our patrons into the wrong kind of relationship. We are here to serve their needs in, we hope, the most convenient and efficient way possible. To fine them when their pace of life and ours are temporarily out of sync is to lose sight of who is here for whose benefit. Our pleasant and dedicated staff should not have to play the “scolding parent” simply because we are not all on the same timetable. Everyone’s time is better spent in other ways. Glad to see the fines go!” says Tom Tini, Trustee of the Bayville Free Library.

There are a few exceptions. The Library will continue to collect fines on overdue Museum Passes and on the newly established Library of Things. Patrons would still be responsible for lost or damaged materials.

If you have library materials out way past their due date, don’t fret! Return them to the library or leave them in the book drop and all fines will be waived. Make sure you stop in when convenient and update your library card too. Help spread the word that the Library is as free as we can be!

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More Than Just Books: The Library of Things.

Free to residents of Bayville, The Library of Things is a collection of fun and educational items for children, teens and adults to borrow with their library card. Items in the collection include Virtual Reality googles, Cricut, microscope, coding robot, metal detector and Magna Tiles. Stop by the Library and you might just go home with a tabletop railroad or a pair of night vision goggles!



(L-R) Rev. Mark Fitzhugh, Harold Bollaci and Ian Gumprecht

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Obituaries

ALTER, Dorothy - a lifelong resident of Glen Cove, NY on August 8th, 2022 at the age of 62. Beloved wife of the late Steve. Loving mother of Aja. Devoted daughter of Sophia and the late Ziggy. Dear sister of Carol Graber. Fond sister-in-law of Kevin and Lori Alter. Also survived by loving nephews: Brendan, Dillon, Jon and Jason. Interment private. www.dodgethomas.com

ANSBRO, John Patrick , 83 of Locust Valley, passed away on August 9th, 2022, in Glen Cove. John is survived by his three sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren. John was an electrician by trade for over forty years at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan. He was also a volunteer fireman for several years in Locust Valley, and Captain of the Hook and Ladder for a number of years. He was honorary Santa at Locust Valley tree lighting ceremonies for many years and took great pride in the lighting of the Christmas tree. Anyone who knew Poppy loved his contagious personality and his wit. He will be sorely missed by family and friends who cherished him. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org) in John's name. "May the road rise to meet you, and may the wind be always at your back." www.Whitting.com

CALO, Vita, of Glen Cove, on August 16th, at age 85. Beloved wife of the late Oliano. Loving mother of Rosa, Antonio, Sara and Nick. Dear sister of Vincent. Proud grandmother of Frank, Bettina, Nicolas, Natalia, Nicolas, Jonathan, Michael, Andrew and Sara. Visiting and Service held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Interment private. www.DodgeThomas.com



HALE, Hollis H. on August 10, 2022, of Aquebogue, formerly of Oyster Bay, NY. Beloved husband of the late Monica. Loving father of Robyn (John Walsh), Hollis H. Jr., (Joni), Julie (Dan) Brown, and the late Loretta Burns. Cherished grandfather of Dylan (Gina), Chelsea (Kenneth), Colin, Logan, Jonathon, Samantha. Dear brother of Miriam Gilbert. Ex-Chief and over 65 Year Member of the Oyster Bay Fire Co., #1. Former Superintendent of the Oyster Bay Water District. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



JOHNSTON, John Falconer, 2nd, a partner retired from the Debevoise & Plimpton law firm and former Village of Matinecock mayor, passed peacefully at his home surrounded by family on August 9th. He was 89.

Mr. Johnston graduated from Williams College in 1954 and Harvard Law School in 1957. He joined the Debevoise & Plimpton Trusts and Estates practice group upon graduation and remained there until his retirement in 1993. Professionally, he had the pleasure of assisting some of the pre-eminent families in the region plan for future generations. Outside of work, he was active on many boards including Auburn Theological Seminary and the Roslyn and Locust Valley libraries. In 1998, he was elected mayor the Village of Matinecock where he helped lead the village for over a decade.

An avid student all of his life, Mr. Johnston filled his life with art, music, travel and books, delighting in historical accounts of artists and politicians, among other things. Devoted to his family, Mr. Johnston liked nothing better than to spend time with Carol, his wife of 68 years, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchild. A perfect Saturday always included the Metropolitan opera broadcast and a book. He was also active in the Presbyterian church, having served as a Council Member for the Presbytery of Long Island and an Elder in the Glen Cove Presbyterian Church.

He was predeceased by his sister Sandra and his son Duncan. He is survived by his wife, Carol, daughters Marcia and Lydia, grandchildren Daniel, Rebecca, Emma and Jeremy and great-grandchild, Tully. All will miss his quick wit and turn of a phrase. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to the American Civil Liberties Union (www.aclu.org/action/) or Literary Arts (www.literary-arts.org/product/donate/). www.DodgeThomas.com

LOCURTO, Joseph M., age 74, passed away on August 12, 2022. Born in Brooklyn NY to Madeline and Dominic LoCurto, brother of Maria and Vera. Joseph is survived by his wife Kathy, daughter and son-in-law, Nicole & Harlan, his son, and daughter-in-law Neal & Stephanie and his five wonderful

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Martin Dreiwitz Founder of the Long Island Youth Orchestra 1931-2022

By OLIVIA EVERETT

Martin Dreiwitz, who passed away at the age of 91, had a much more of an impact on the community than was included in the brief obituary in The Leader June 29. He lived for many years in Sea Cliff, then in Oyster Bay in more recent years, and was able to combine his love of music and travel. In 1962 he founded the Long Island Youth Orchestra, a group of talented Long Island students who performed both locally, at



Martin Dreiwitz

Tilles Center in Brookville, and all over the world. They were the first orchestra, even before the NY Philharmonic, to perform in countries such as Cuba and China. Over the years many talented students had the opportunity to perform in different countries, often while hosted by families and getting a glimpse of the culture of that particular country.

Martin Dreiwitz was a travel agent, but he was trained as a musician and played the clarinet. In 2012 he retired as conductor, although he remained as emeritus, and a former student, Scott Dunn, became the conductor of LIYO.

Thousands of young High School students have many fond memories and exciting stories to tell of their travels with Dreiwitz. Many became professional musicians, others used their music and

experiences to enhance their career in other fields.

Darryl Gugig played trumpet in the orchestra while attending High School in Roslyn, said "Through his Youth Orchestra, Mr. Dreiwitz gave me a greater appreciation of classical music, the opportunity to see many parts of the globe and a broader perspective on the world and my place in it." His younger brother, Jason Crosby, who grew up in Glen Cove, is a multi-instrumentalist who played viola, violin, percussion and piano with the orchestra, and traveled

during his high school summer years with LIYO to Asia, South America, Europe and the South Pacific. Jason now lives in California and performs with many well know musicians, including Jackson Browne, Phil Lesh and others, said, "Playing and touring with the Long Island Youth Orchestra led by Martin Dreiwitz was truly a life shaping experience for thousands of young musicians, including myself. For me personally these experiences have shown to be a prelude to what has become life on the road playing music, and I will always cherish those memories and opportunities provide by Mr. D."

Martin Dreiwitz's legacy lives on though the many lives he touched while he was living, and though the continued success of the LIYO.



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grandchildren, Emma, Isabel, Sam, Max & Sophie. Joe was dedicated to his family, friends and to his career of over 50 years, in the New York Construction Industry. He will be missed by all who loved him so much. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. The family requests that those who wish to express sympathy consider making a donation to the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org) www.Whitting.com



LATHAM, John R. (Jack), long-time resident of Locust Valley passed away peacefully on July 1, 2022, age 88. A gentleman and a gentle man, he will be warmly remembered by many.He was a devoted and loving husband and father. He was a dedicated educator,dedicating37 years to Jericho Public Schools and, as an administrator, helping to build the school system into one of the country’s finest. Kind, deeply principled and determined to see the good in people, he set a wonderful example for those around him. He is survived by his loving daughter Kimberly, son-in-law Jeff Bullwinkel, and daughter-in-law Ami Latham. He is preceded in passing by his beloved wife of 54 years, Mercedes, and his son, John. He is also survived by three grandchildren Blake, Avery and Jack, whom he adored and who adored him in return. John’s life will be celebrated in a private family ceremony.

MCCUE, Frank J., of Bethel, CT, and formerly of Glen Head, passed away at the age of 63 on August 10, 2022. Graduate of Nassau Community College and North Shore High School. Devoted and Loving Father and Confidant of Micki, John, Daniel, and Ryleigh. Beloved Brother of Gregory J. (Cindy), and Nancy Hennessy (Donal). Proud Uncle of Nicole Cummings, Emily Westerlind (Wayne), Gregory E. (Marisa), and Great-Uncle of Alicia Mercedes, A. Rocco Ganim, Lucas and Ella Westerlind, and Eve McCue. Best Friend and Partner of Maria Cacciola. Frank gave his all to his children, as a confidant and proud Hockey and Lacrosse Dad. His children were his greatest source of joy. He will be remembered by all for his kindness and thought-

fulness, always ready to offer a helping hand and empathetic ear. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org) or Regional Hospice (regionalhospicect.org/) at 30 Milestone Road Danbury, CT 06810. www.Whitting.com

MINICOZZI, Robert P. Sr., on August 15, of Brookhaven formerly of Oyster Bay. Beloved husband of Elaine. Loving father of Rob Minicozzi Jr. (Keri), and Claire (Derek). Loving son of Madeline and the late John. Dear brother of Lynn, John, and Peg. Uncle of Dan Herschlein, Allison, and Sienna. Also survived my many loving relatives and friends. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. Lvcemetery.com

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Preservation Long Island at Peacock Point

By VICTORIA CROSBY
Preservation Long Island formally known as SPLIA, always holds their fundraising Country House Benefits at spectacular locations, and the most recent



2022 Preservation Award Honorees for Project Excellence: Webb Institute and Bentel & Bentel Architects, Paul Bentel, Carol Bentel, and Keith Michel



Kristina Davison, Henry P. Davison III, and Henry Davison II



Honorees holding a citation from the New York State Assembly in recognition of the Jupiter Hammon Project, Georgette Grier-Key, Lauren Brincat, Sarah Kautz, and Alexandra Wolfe
Photo credit: Sean Zanni for Patrick McMullan/Getty images.

one was no exception as it was held at the Davison property, Peacock Point, overlooking Long Island Sound.

Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while enjoying the music of Ray's No Quitter Band and the fabulous views.

The 2022 Preservation Awards were presented by Sarah Kautz, Director of Preservation, to Bentel & Bentel Architects and Webb Institute for Project Excellence. The awards are presented every other year to organizations, individuals and projects which demonstrate extraordinary achievement in fields related to historic preservation on Long Island.

PLI president Henry C. Clark and Executive Director Alexandra Parsons Clark, both gave updates on the work being done by the organization, and Harry Davison gave a brief history of Peacock Point, which witnessed the founding of the Naval Air Reserve, the Federal Reserve and the International Red Cross. He also spoke about the restoration plans for the sunken garden, which was designed by the Olmstead Brothers, followed by a tour of the property. Davison has been a long time supporter of historic preservation, and is aware of the importance that historic properties such as these, are preserved for future generations.

If the surrounding communities support all efforts by organizations such as Preservation Long Island, and enact a provision for zoning laws, it will ensure that there are no more demolitions of historic properties such as Peacock Point, the nearby St. Josephat's Monastery and the many Pratt Mansions in Glen Cove, as so many historic properties on the North Shore have already been lost to the wrecking ball.

In April Preservation Long Island was the recipient of the Engaging



Howard Kroplick, Roslyn Kroplick, Bob MacKay, Suzie and Dustin Chase

Communities Award of Merit from the Museum Association of New York and was recognized by New York State Assembly, for their Jupiter Hammon project. Jupiter Hammon was one of the first published African American writers. He was born in 1711 at the Henry Lloyd Manor House on Lloyd Neck, and as an adult was enslaved at Joseph Lloyd Manor in Lloyd Harbor.

According to Lauren Brincat, Curator of Preservation Long Island, whereas most enslavers deprived enslaved people of an education, Mary Lloyd, Henry's wife, taught Bible lessons on Sundays to everyone in her household which is likely how Jupiter learned to read and write. A school was also erected on the plantation in 1722, where Jupiter may have also been educated alongside the Lloyd children. Nevertheless, the exact circumstances of his education remain uncertain.



Dr. Eve Lupenco Ferrante, Susan Perrone

During the revolutionary war Joseph Lloyd fled to Connecticut taking Jupiter Hammon with him, as Joseph Lloyd Manor was occupied by the British army.

Preservation Long Island is committed to working with Long Islanders to celebrate and preserve our diverse cultural and architectural heritage through education, advocacy and the stewardship of historic sites and collections.

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DCAL Quintet Rocks Bayville



DCAL Quintet takes the stage at West Harbor Beach Bayville.

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It was a beautiful Friday evening August 12th, under a full moon at West Harbor Beach in Bayville. The band DCAL took to the stage and rocked the crowd.

DCAL Quinter was created at Purchase College with five very talented music majors. Founded by Jorge Portero, and Cameran Carella, who is from

Bayville. DCAL is an acronym which stands for the Devils Cabbage Angels Lettuce. The band played a good mixture of rock, blues, punk, latin and hip hop.

Besides covering hits, they played some of their original pieces. Thier original songs were very inspirational and full of heart felt feelings from the inner soul. This band will be going places!



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