

The North Shore Over 76 Years!
Leader

The Leading News Source for Long Island's Gold Coast Communities.

Vol. 76 No. 1 September 28, 2022

Locust Valley, New York 11560

www.theleaderonline.com

\$1.00

Art & Autos in Glen Cove



The Coles House building at 149 Glen Street recently held a contemporary art exhibit and car show, presented by Joe LaPadula and Jon Holzer of Martino Auto Concepts and First City Project and curated by Cambridge Art and Framing.



**Locust Valley
Homecoming**

Page 6

**260 Apartments
in Huntington**

Page 3

**"Doc" Goes
Jail**

Page 3

**Keeping Oysters
in Oyster Bay**

Page 2

Environmental Groups Partner To 'Keep Oysters' In Oyster Bay

Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and Town Clerk Rich LaMarca joined with members of the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee to celebrate another successful oyster gardening program. In what is becoming an annual demonstration of another healthy and productive summer,

Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joseph Saladino said, "The Town of Oyster Bay is proud to work with our residents to keep the oyster in Oyster Bay, making sure our favorite shellfish is not just part of our storied history but a vital part of the Town's future. The Town of Oyster's own shellfish hatchery is adding to this effort by producing millions of clams and oysters annually to further protect and strengthen our waterways."

Engaging hundreds of residents in environmental stewardship and seeding 200,000 oysters is only part of the story. As a direct result of the North Shore Oyster Gardening program's efforts in the just the past year the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee, which sponsors this effort, has:

- Facilitated Long Island Sound Study funded research to monitor the spawner sanctuary and identify locations for additional sanctuaries in Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbor,
- Pinpointed and is addressing sources of pollution in Cold Spring Harbor, and;
- Inspired Hempstead Harbor to the west and the Huntington/Northport complex to the east to develop similar community oyster gardening programs.

Town of Oyster Bay Councilwoman Michele Johnson said, "The Town of Oyster's new shell recycling program



Placing the oysters in the the Cold Spring Harbor.

will provide another opportunity for local restaurants and residents to support the local environment. The recycled shell material will be used to enhance the aquaculture efforts like the North Shore Oyster Gardening program and prepare suitable bay bottom for natural recruitment of oysters while reducing waste going to our landfills."

Mayor of Laurel Hollow Daniel DeVita said, "The Village of Laurel Hollow is proud to have been a part of this program from the beginning. These oysters will immediately enhance the bottom habitat for other marine organisms and continue filtering the water. In a year or so they could be filtering up to 50 gallons of water each or millions of gallons per day in total. That is incredibly important to the quality of life of our residents who cherish the beach, boating and fishing to which water quality and healthy habitats are essential."

Heather Johnson, Executive Director of Friends of the Bay said, "Friends of the Bay is excited to be a part of the success of this program in generating more advocates for our local waters. We are also proud our water quality monitoring program can assist researchers in supporting the local oyster population."

Rob Crafa, Coordinator of the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee remarked, "It is inspiring to see the enthusiasm and dedication of so many members of the community tend to the oysters week after week and support the growth of this program over the last

six seasons! Their efforts have supported grants to monitor the existing spawner sanctuary and locate new ones, investigations to determine pollution sources impacting our beaches and shellfish beds and initiation of similar programs in Hempstead and Huntington/Northport harbors."

Since 2017 the North Shore Oyster Gardening program, a project led by the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee, has trained,



Barry Lamb with the gardening cages full of oysters.

equipped, and supported hundreds of volunteers raising oysters to enhance our local waters, not for consumption. Each volunteer, family, or organization sponsors and tends to one or more "oyster gardens" which are cages containing up to 1,000 oysters. The gardens are hung between buoys at one of four community gardens in Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbor. Volunteers support every aspect of the program from building the cages in April and May to bi-

weekly cleaning and measuring of the oysters from June – September. During this time under the care of the dedicated volunteers the oysters grow from 12-14 mm in size (about the size of your pinky nail) to over 70 mm (slightly less than three inches)!

Volunteers and organizations interested in becoming an oyster gardener or sponsoring oyster gardens in 2023 are encouraged to contact Rob Crafa, Coordinator of the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee at 631-848-2090 or rob@oysterbaycold-springharbor.org.



Collecting the cages from under the water.

Photos: Patricia Brexel



(l-r) Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and Town Clerk Rich LaMarca, Mayor of Laurel Hollow Daniel DeVita, Mayor of Oyster Bay Cove Charles R. Goulding.

officials from the Town of Oyster Bay, Village of Laurel Hollow and Village of Oyster Bay Cove joined with environmental groups and residents representing 150+ oyster gardens from the North Shore Oyster Gardening Program to clean and measure one final time before placing them in the nearby spawner sanctuary.



Locust Valley Library

October Adult Programs

REGISTER AT www.locustvalleylibrary.org

<p>From Italy with Love Sunday, October 2 at 2:30 PM Celebrate Italian Heritage month with tenor Salvatore Chiarelli.</p> <p>Nature Trail Club Sunday, October 9 at 9:15 AM Location: Shu Swamp Nature Preserve</p> <p>Friends' Magical History Tour Saturday, October 15 at 9:30 AM Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.</p> <p>The Evolution of Salsa Sunday, October 16 at 2 PM Performer Jose Obando. Co-sponsored by The Town of Oyster Bay.</p> <p>Archivist and Research Librarian's Approach to Genealogy: Zoom Tuesday, October 18 at 7 PM Brought to you courtesy of the Genealogy Collective. Sponsored by the Locust Valley Library</p> <p>A Night of Spooky Fiction Tuesday, October 25 at 7 PM Presented by Robert P. Ottone.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing Programs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MONDAYS Yoga with Morgan Rose 9 AM - 10 sessions for \$40</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tai Chi with Marvin German 5:30 PM - 10 sessions \$50</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAYS Yoga with Morgan Rose 5:30 PM - 10 sessions for \$40</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAYS Casual Books October 12 at 10 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOVIE THURSDAYS October 13 & 27 at 1 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAYS Valley Quilters & Knitters at 1 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAYS Dancercise with Carol 9:30 AM - 10 sessions for \$50</p>
---	--



Locust Valley Library
www.locustvalleylibrary.org
516-671-1837

Locust Valley Library
170 Buckram Road
Locust Valley, New York 11560 | 516-671-1837
www.locustvalleylibrary.org

260-Unit High Density Apartment Complex Coming to Huntington ?

BY NOLAN CLEARY

The apartment complex developer Engel Burman has filed plans to build a controversial 260 unit apartment complex in Greenlawn, on a 24 acre horse farm and equestrian center, currently zoned for no more than 19 single-family homes.

The controversial apartment complex proposal would be constructed at the current site of Greenlawn Equestrian Center, next to the Saint Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church off Pulaski Road.

Engel Burman has asked the Huntington Town Board to change the zoning from single-family homes, to high-density Garden Apartment Complex.

"This is so over the top," stated Huntington Town Councilman Gene Cook (R), who opposed any hearing on the proposal. "I think this is far beyond what is acceptable for the area."

But a bare majority of the Board approved the Public Hearing - with the Board's Democratic member, Joan Cergol (D-Halesite) casting the deciding vote to allow the apartment complex to

go forward.

Supervisor Ed Smyth (R) opposed the proposal, stating that Huntington already faced over-development, that the existing zoning was for 19 single family homes, and that the increased traffic would clog Pulaski Road..

Critics of the Engel-Burman proposal note that the site currently consists of horse stables and farmland, which is fast disappearing from Huntington.

"Are we really going to pave-over our precious farmland with an ugly concrete jungle of apartment boxes?" noted one Huntington resident. "This is bad for the environment."

Planning experts noted that the proposed 260-Unit Apartment Complex would be located over 1.5 miles from the nearest mass transportation hub - the Greenlawn LIRR station - and that residents would all need cars - and would not walk to the station. That violates every principle of urban planning, that calls for high-density housing to be placed close by transportation hubs, not miles away.

A spokesman for Engel Burman noted



Joan Cergol



Engel Burman Apartments

that the company does not yet own the land, but is "in contract" to purchase the land if the zoning changes are approved.

The special Town Board Hearing is

scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 at 7PM at the Jack Abrams STEM Magnet Intermediate School, 155 Lowndes Avenue in Huntington Station.

Suffolk Democrat "Doc" Spencer Headed to Jail



Spencer being arrested

BY NIAL FITZGERALD

William "Doc" Spencer, the former Suffolk County Legislator - and the Legislature's former Democratic Majority Leader - went to prison last Friday, after pleading guilty in a lurid felony sex-for-drugs crime.

Spencer, a 55-year-old Centerport resident, pled guilty to tampering with public records and patronizing a prostitute in a plea deal. Spencer represented Lloyd Harbor, Cold Spring Harbor, Huntington, Centerport and Northport in the Legislature.

Spencer was caught in a police sting operation, with Oxycodone pills stolen from Huntington Hospital, personal lubricant - and a loaded gun - behind the Dix Hills Goodwill shop, where he had arranged to meet the prostitute to swap drugs for sex.

Although arrested in 2020, Spencer refused to resign, and stayed in office for over a year - collecting over \$100,000 in salary and benefits from Suffolk County.

His last act as a Legislator was a New Year's Eve vote to ram-through an attempted Gerrymander of the Legislature's district lines - that was later vetoed by County Executive Steve Bellone (D-Babylon) as illegal.

The police sting operation was prompted by a police investigation into the drug overdose death of the prostitute.

Spencer's personal texts detailing prior drug rendezvous were found on the dead prostitute's mobile phone. The police then contacted Spencer, who did not know the prostitute was dead, for to arrange a new drugs-for-sex meeting.

Suffolk police could not confirm whether the drugs that killed the prostitute were supplied by Spencer or another person.

Spencer will serve a six-month jail sentence, and perform 420 hours of community service while on probation. He agreed that he will not be allowed ever again to hold a license to prescribe drugs.

Lafazan Facing Charges over Concealed \$100K Loan

BY MAUREEN DALY

Nassau Legislator Joshua Lafazan (D-Syosset) - who just last month lost a primary for US Congress - has been charged with lying in his financial disclosures. He has now "amended" his financial disclosure reports to reveal a \$100,000 "personal loan" he received from a billionaire financier from Centre Island.

Lafazan faces charges filed by several of his opponents in the recent federal primary, and only filed the amendments to his disclosures on September 7th - after he lost the August 23rd primary. His concealing the loans and making false filings is potentially chargeable both civilly and criminally.

According to the newly-disclosed filings, Lafazan took nearly \$100,000 from financier Bryan Lawrence of Centre Island. Shortly thereafter, he "loaned" his US congressional campaign \$166,000 - which he claimed came from "personal funds."

Lafazan has been an elected County Legislator since 2018, and was a candidate for US Congress from December, 2021 to August, 2022.



Joshua Lafazan

It is illegal while holding office, or while being a federal candidate to receive "gifts" or unsecured, non-commercial "loans" from other people. Those ethics rules are in place to prevent third parties from bribing officials or circumventing campaign finance laws.

If the funds received by Lafazan from Lawrence were filtered into Lafazan's federal campaign, that would constitute a "straw donation" - exceeding the \$5,000 per person donation limit - and be chargeable as a federal felony.

Conservative film producer Dinesh D'Souza was arrested, jailed and prosecuted in 2014 by the US Department of Justice for making "straw" donations of \$20,000 to help his former college roommate Wendy Long in her long-shot US Senate campaign.

Locally, former Nassau County Legislator Roger Corbin (D-Westbury) was charged in 2006 with failing to disclose debts and foreclosures. He was later charged with tax and bribery charges, and was sentenced to prison.

EDITORIAL

NO MORE RANDOM MEGA-APARTMENT COMPLEXES IN HUNTINGTON

During the final decade of the 24-year reign of former Supervisor Frank Petrone over the Town of Huntington, it seemed as though high-density apartment complexes were being approved right and left.

No location was too inappropriate. No already congested traffic pattern was an obstacle. No crony was left unrewarded.

Apartment complexes popped-up in stray parking lots. Beautiful farms and fields were plowed under and paved over with apartments. Traffic volume exploded. Huntington began to lose its rustic semi-rural character.

But a lot of developers and political cronies got rich - off the Town's "changing the zoning."

Huntington now faces a new round of apartment proposals that will - if approved and built - forever change the character of the community.

The "Matinecock Court" apartment complex being planned for the corner of Pulaski and Elwood Roads will add some 150 apartments to an otherwise quiet single-family home neighborhood. That is 500 new people and 300-plus cars in what has been bucolic woods and fields. This newspaper long opposed Matinecock Court - preferring that it remain woods and parkland. But that project is unfortunately going forward.

Now, the Engel-Burman construction firm wants to purchase a 24-acre horse and equestrian center and farm off Pulaski Road in Greenlawn - and develop it into 260 apartment units. Under current zoning, the area is zoned for no more than 19 single-family homes on one-acre lots.

The zoning change makes no sense. The property is located over 1.3 miles from the nearest town center - downtown Greenlawn - too far to walk. That violates every basic principle of sound urban planning - which directs that high density housing be sited within easy walking distance of mass transit - not plopped-down randomly - in the middle of nowhere - into semi-rural suburban neighborhoods.

And you would be looking at over 500 more cars driving through the quiet neighborhood - a traffic and child safety nightmare.

Both Supervisor Ed Smyth (R) and Councilman Gene Cook (R) have said "Enough" and voted to deny the Engel-Burman proposal. Let's hope that the other three members of the Board see the light.

The Publisher

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

news@theleaderonline.com
advertising@theleaderonline.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: We encourage our readers to express their view regardless of opinion, through the Letters to the Editor column. Letters published represent the viewpoint of our readers. *They do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Leader* and, in fact, may be of opposite viewpoint. Letters should be typed and mailed or emailed to the editor's attention. Letters will be edited for length, clarity and accuracy. All letters should be signed and contain author's address and telephone number for verification. Although it is discouraged, we will withhold an author's name if the subject matter is sensitive or the writer may be subject to intimidation or harassment. Letters that contain accusations or important "facts" must demonstrate knowledge in the area described or show evidence for their writing. *The Leader* will not return letters and reserves the right to publish them at a later time or not at all, due to lack of space or editor's discretion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Leader has received several unsigned letters to the editor. We will respect an author's request for anonymity, but must have your name, address, and phone number. We want to hear from you and publish your opinions, so in the future, kindly include the above requested information.

LEGISLATOR SEPHANIE BONTEMPI - SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON COINDRE HALL

Dear Editor:

We are fortunate to have two of the premier Suffolk County historic properties in Huntington, the Vanderbilt Museum and West Neck Farm, A.K.A. Coindre Hall. Both properties are owned by the County and listed on the National Register of Historic Places and dedicated to the Suffolk County Historic Trust. As such, they mandate protection and restoration.

In 2019, the former legislator in the district created the Coindre Hall Advisory Board with the purpose of restoring and preserving the historic site, which had fallen into despair due to a lack of funding over the years. The Board has no legislative power. It is purely advisory in nature, which means that suggestions are presented to the Parks Department, which in turn determines the viability and feasibility of these suggestions, and then presents these to the County Legislature for a vote. The Town of Huntington does not make these decisions because Coindre Hall is a COUNTY PROPERTY, under the County's purview, to be enjoyed by ALL OF THE RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF SUFFOLK COUNTY.

The Board is entirely made up of volunteers - all either working full-time, or retirees. In addition, they are all from the community. One member lives a stone's throw away from the park, others a few blocks away, and the rest within the community at large. A few of the members went to school at Coindre Hall and the majority have lived in Huntington for many decades while enjoying the park. All members bring their own unique insights to the table, and at least one member to date has a technical background with a degree and experience in marine engineering. Needless to say, all of the

members care deeply about this historic property.

Unfortunately, a lot of misinformation and plain out lies have been circulated on social media about the Board's work, its goal, and its members. Even the Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society has been dragged into this, with its director being pulled through the mud online. The most vicious things have been said about her and some of our board members. I find this fascinating, as the Board has been nothing but transparent; all meetings have been open to the public and since I took over from the former legislator, all updates on the work being

done have been posted online. No one is being compensated for the work they are doing and no one has or will enter into a contract with the County for any proposed work. In addition, upon the request to change the meeting time to accommodate more people, the last board meeting took place in the evening rather than in the afternoon. When my office received a request for a virtual option to attend the board meetings, I immediately contacted the IT department at the County and was informed that this would not be possible since the County does not have the necessary technical setup at Coindre Hall. This was shared with the community at the following board meeting, where it was explained that we would be more than happy to offer a virtual option. However, the meetings would then have to be moved to the Legislature in Hauppauge, which is equipped to handle virtual meetings and where all other advisory boards that offer this option are held. The community chose not to go with this option.

What is truly mind boggling is that some of the people who attend the advisory board meetings on a regular basis are the very same people who spread misinformation. Some do it overtly by plain out lying or accusing Board members of being "corrupt," while others do it more discreetly by

making innuendos about nefarious activities. And despite the Board members repeated attempts at addressing the misinformation, the same few responsible for said misinformation keep pushing it. Why? That is the big question, why? In the end, everyone wants the same thing - to preserve the park. Is it politically motivated? Is it personal? Is it because of a lack of anything else productive to do? Or is it because we have chosen not to appoint one of the bullies to the Advisory Board??? A bully will never be appointed. Due to the lies and misinformation circulating even today, let me provide some much-needed clarification on some important issues:

1) The proposed landscape plan, that was so generously prepared and drafted at no cost by one of the Board members, has not been adopted by the County.

2) All the proper and necessary permits to commence the restoration of the Boathouse complex are in place. Since the actual redrawing of wetland maps can take up to 10 years, it is not necessary to wait for the completion of the new maps. Under the DEC's watchful eyes, sensitive areas have been marked and fenced off.

3) While it is true that there was some cutting on the property (in 2021 - before I took office) that should not have taken place, this issue has been addressed and the flora will be replaced as appropriate. 4) There are no plans for a private yacht club, a restaurant, a party venue, or anything else of a commercial nature. No ferry to Connecticut. Final plans for the usage of the restored boathouse complex have not been decided yet, but they will be educational in nature. Suffolk County Marine Bureau Police will most likely keep a boat at the restored dock for quick access out to the sound in the case of an emergency.

5) The removal of the granite seawall in order to create a natural shoreline is out of the question. If the seawall is removed, the boathouse will eventually fall into the water.

Furthermore, the removal of the

(Continued on page 6)



Legislator Stephanie Bontempi

The North Shore Leader

TEL: 516-676-1434
FAX: 516-676-1414
news@theleaderonline.com

Lally Communications, Inc.
Publisher

TIM MAGUIRE <i>Editor</i>	MAUREEN DALY <i>Managing Editor</i>	PATRICIA BREXEL <i>Copy Editor</i>	ORIT KEMPNER <i>Copy Subscription</i>	MAGGIE PARKER <i>Advertising Director</i>
Reporter VICTORIA CROSBY	Reporter NOLAN CLEARY	Reporter CHRIS O'NEILL	Reporter ORIN FINKLE	Reporter VICTORIA SIEGEL

Copyright© 2018 Lally Communications, Inc. All rights reserved. Material appearing herein may not be published, broadcast, rewritten, or redistributed in any form. Copying part or all of the editorial or graphic arts in any machine readable form, making multiple printouts thereof or other uses of the work product contained herein is expressly prohibited and is inconsistent with all applicable copyright laws. Advertisers purchase space and circulation only. All property rights to any advertisements produced for the advertisers by Lally Communications, Inc. using art work and/or typography furnished or arranged by Lally Communications, Inc. shall be the property of Lally Communications, Inc. No such ad or any part thereof may be reproduced or assigned without the express written consent of Lally Communications, Inc. Lally Communications, Inc. assumes no financial responsibility for errors beyond the cost of the actual space occupied by the error. Entered as Periodical postage matter paid at the U.S. Post Office at Locust Valley, NY. September 12, 1946 under the Act of March 3, 1879. Subscription \$40 per yr. \$65 - 2 yrs. POSTMASTER: Send changes to P.O. Box 468, Locust Valley, NY 11560. The Leader, 336 Forest Avenue, Locust Valley, NY 11560

Op-Ed: We Should be Concerned about Electronic Voting Machines

BY STEVE LEVY

How many times have we heard it: If you ask questions about the integrity of the electoral process in 2020, you are somehow participating in the "Big Lie."

At the same time, the media will publish stories about fears officials have about the integrity of the electronic voting machines, and the potential for them to be hacked. The media can't have it both ways.

Just because there hasn't been a prime example of hacking that has tilted an election thus far, that doesn't mean it can't happen. There wasn't a hacking of Suffolk County's computers...until there was this month.



Steve Levy

If the owner of a bank leaves the bank's vault and front door open every night after the employees leave, does that mean we should continue with this reckless policy, even though no one has stolen the loot yet?

It's just a matter of time before you get fleeced. That's why it's so important that we be extra vigilant

about these electronic machines. Many officials objected to the transfer over to electronic machines after the 2000 butterfly ballot debacle in Broward County, Florida.

But in that case, Congress was prescribing chemotherapy to deal with a simple cold. There was no need to go so extravagant in getting rid of our tried-and-true lever machines and paper ballots that worked just fine for centuries without fraud.

When you inject electronic machines into the equation, you are playing with fire. Someone has to create the software. Can it be tampered with? Of course, it can. Simply because it hasn't happened yet doesn't mean it can't be in the future.

Could there be innocent mix-ups? Of course, there can.

We never thought we would see the day when we would be calling upon American officials to emulate Europe. But in the case of elections, they have it right and we're getting it more wrong by the day.

Almost all of our fellow western democracies in Europe require voter ID, reject mail-in voting, and stick to old fashion paper ballots. They get their

results on election day itself, not two months after, as is often the case here. No one is questioning the integrity of their elections. Why can't we go back to that simple process?

We are a very divided nation. After an election, we must be able to say that it was fair, and if our side loses, we accept it and will win the next time.

Instead, we had Democrats challenging the 2016 election and Republicans challenging the 2020 election. Our elections are too important not to get the process right.

Steve Levy is President of Common Sense Strategies, a political consulting firm. He served as Suffolk County Executive, as a NYS Assemblyman, and host of "The Steve Levy Radio Show." He is the author of "Solutions to America's Problems" and "Bias in the Media." www.SteveLevy.info, Twitter @SteveLevyNY, steve@commonsenses-strategies.com

Op-Ed: Isn't it Time to Help our Veterans

BY MARK DEMETROPOULOS

Last year, our nation's leaders completely withdrew from military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. American forces had been there for nearly 20 years - after the 9-11 terror attacks were organized from Afghanistan under the protection of the Taliban government.

In the 20 years since 9-11, over 30,177 active-duty personnel and veterans of American military service have died by suicide.

By comparison 7,057 military service members have been killed in combat during that same 20-year time span.

It's time we as Americans do more to prevent veteran suicide. We owe it to our Veterans who have put their lives on the line to persevere our freedom and liberty.

Veterans make up roughly seven (7%) of the US Population. According to a recent news article, "Suicide rates among active-duty military members are currently at an all-time high since record-keeping began after 9/11 and have been increasing over the past five years at an alarmingly steady pace."

The Veterans Administration ("VA") was established to assist our Veterans, however, many of these Veterans desperately need more financial and emotional support.

Too many of these veterans are disabled and struggle to do the basic task of being able to freely maneuver in their own home. Therefore it is up to us private average citizens to do all we can to help them.

One person who has stood up and accepted the challenge of caring for Veterans is a young woman named Francesca DiPaola, who is the Chair and CEO of a group that supports and helps Veterans called "Homes for Veterans."

Homes for Veterans was started by her late father, Doug DiPaola, and does wonders for Veterans, which includes installing fixtures in veteran's homes, widening doorways, installing ramps,

modifying kitchens and creating roll-in showers.

Homes for Veterans provides the funds for these necessary installations. These installations and fixtures makes the lives of the Veterans more pleasant and enjoyable.

In addition, Homes of Veterans, provides assistance to all Veterans young and old as well as veterans who did not serve in combat zones. This is important because many veterans are in need of assistance and if they did not serve in a combat zone, many do not get financial assistance from the US Government.

Francesca's father Doug DiPaola started this organization in 2009 when our nation was in a severe recession and he learned that a friend of his who was a Veteran became homeless. Mr. DiPaola, a construction manager, channeled his love of construction and ability to fix anything with his passion for veterans, thus creating the "Homes for Veterans" organization.

Today, Francesca is an experienced fundraiser and business sales woman, who uses her knowledge to continue helping our Veterans, by running this organization. The contact information to donate to her group can be found at: www.HomesForVeterans.us ; [facebook.com/HomesForVeteransUS](https://www.facebook.com/HomesForVeteransUS) and at [@Homes4Veterans](https://twitter.com/Homes4Veterans). Francesca DiPaola can be contacted at: Francesca@homesforveterans.us and (201) 660-8364.

It is up to us American public to spend our time and efforts to help private veteran support programs and veteran fundraisers. Also, it's up to us the general American public to put pressure on our elected representatives both state and federal to help the lives of those veterans who sacrificed so much for all of us.

Mark Demetropoulos, JD, LL.M., a Long Island native, is a prominent tax attorney. He heads a boutique New York tax firm, and serves on several corporate and civic boards in New York and Long Island. He describes himself as "someone who still believes in the US."



Mark Demetropoulos

Leader Reporter Priya Persaud - Wins National Merit Semi-Finals



Priya Persaud (center) with other National Merit Semi-Finalists

BY NIALL FITZGERALD

A leading student-reporter of the North Shore Leader newspaper has won the semi-finalist round in the National Merit Scholarship program.

Persaud is a Senior at New Hyde Park High School, and has been a reporter and writer for the Leader for over two years.

"We are so proud of Priya," stated assistant editor Chris O'Neill. "She is a great writer, has an inquiring mind, and will be going on to do great things following her graduation."

The National Merit Scholarship

Corporation announced 16,000 semi-finalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

The semi-finalists will be eligible to compete for some 7,250 National Merit scholarships worth nearly \$28 million. Nearly 95 percent of the semi-finalists are expected to reach finalist standing, and approximately 50% of the finalists will then win a National Merit scholarship.

Persaud does not yet know where she will be attending college, but has already been interviewed at several of the top Ivy League universities.

Established 1936

DANIELLO & SON SANITATION

Sanitation Removal • Container Service
Bulk Rubbish Jobs • Estate Containers
Roll-off Dumpsters • Recycling Service



LOCUST VALLEY, NY 11560
(516) 671-4780 • (516) 671-4655
WDANDSON@OPTONLINE.NET



Voodoo in Huntington: Decapitated Animal Corpses

BY PRIYA PERSAUD

The decapitated bodies of goats and chickens sacrificed in a ritual of animal sacrifice, have been discovered stuffed into black plastic garbage bags dumped into the roadside brush in Huntington, along the Nassau border.

Within the black garbage bags were the headless, partially decomposed, remains of two goats and five chickens.

According to the Suffolk County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("SPCA") the bags were found approximately 100 feet south of exit 39 of the Northern State Parkway, on the side of Round Swamp Road.

Upon the initial discovery of the bags on the parkway, the Suffolk County police notified the Suffolk County SPCA officials.

According to the Suffolk County SPCA Chief Roy Gross, vegetables and fruits were discovered to be near the garbage bags. The Suffolk County SPCA concluded that that is a case of animal sacrifice.

The ritual beheading and sacrifice of goats and chickens is part of syncretic religious practices called "Voodoo" in Haiti, and "Santaria" in Cuba. The practices were brought over by slaves to the



A Voodoo shrine.

New Work from West Africa, and are now common in certain Caribbean communities in New York.

The Suffolk County SPCA offered a \$2,000 reward for any information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the party, or parties, accountable for this case. Gross also reported that the New York State Humane Society put up an extra \$1,000 for any information regarding this case.

Gross concluded by stating that Suffolk County will not tolerate animal cruelty. The Suffolk County SPCA wrote, "if you witness any incident of animal cruelty or neglect in Suffolk County, please contact the Suffolk County SPCA at 631-382-772

Falcons Win Big at Homecoming

After a week of homecoming festivities, the Locust Valley Falcons soared to a 35-7 win over Lawrence on Sept. 17 at the newly rededicated Fred Smith Field. It was the Falcons' first game on the new, turf field and new head coach Michael Gilbert's first win.

Running backs Charlie Pisciotta and Michael Dilorenzo each had a long touchdown rumble, quarterback Christian Corey tossed a score of his own, and the defense and special teams each had a takeaway against the Golden Tornadoes. Both units had a takeaway in the first few plays of the game with special teams recovering a muffed catch on the opening kickoff and the defense stripping Lawrence of the ball on their first drive.

The Falcons never looked back after Pisciotta's 83-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and took a commanding 28-0 lead into the half. The defense bent but did not break, causing a turnover on downs with the Golden Tornadoes in the red zone on their opening drive of the second half.



Falcons running back Michael Dilorenzo takes a long run to the endzone in the 35-7 win.



The Falcon Cheerleaders were on point!

Photos: LVCS



The Senior Class of 2023 float was just one of four in the homecoming parade.

Photo: Patricia Brexel

Letters to the Editor (cont'd)

(Continued from page 4)

granite blocks would cost a fortune, not to mention all the work that has already been done on the wall and the money spent. Do we want to throw taxpayer dollars in the water (no pun intended)? I think not.

6) There will be no paved access road to the boathouse, nor a huge parking lot. It is true that things may not have been as transparent under the former legislator.

However, the Board and I have done 6) There will be no paved access road to the boathouse, nor a huge parking lot.

It is true that things may not have been as transparent under the former legislator. However, the Board and I have done nothing but been completely open about the restoration and preservation efforts at Coindre Hall; in addition to having held more meetings than required to ensure that the public was kept in the loop about the progress made, a Coindre Hall

Updates page was created so everyone

around the County could stay informed about the latest progress; again Coindre Hall is COUNTY PARK for all residents to enjoy. I have reached out to several members of the community and invited them to my office to discuss the plans for the property. I sponsored a resolution to appoint an environmental expert to the board. The list goes on and on. Despite this, the bullies continue their vicious attacks and lies - the bullies will not prevail. In addition, I want to express my gratitude to the Advisory Board members and the Parks Department for their efforts in preserving and restoring this historical gem for generations to come.

Lastly, our obligations and facts matter - not bullies.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Bontempi
Suffolk County Legislator
18th District

Oak Neck Holds Food Drive



The Oak Neck Rowing Team held a food drive last Saturday for a Ukrainian family that is staying at the Tides Motel. For more information and to donate call 516-624-0608.

LV Student Named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

Locust Valley senior Katherine Gu was announced as a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist on September 14. Gu is one of 16,000 students from across the country to continue in the competition for 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a merit scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of semifinalists are expected to attain finalist level, and approximately half of the finalists will win a scholarship, earning the merit scholar title.

To become a finalist, Gu and other semifinalists must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about their academic record, participation in school and community activities, leadership abilities,

employment, and honors and awards received.

Gu writes for the school newspaper The Spectrum, participates in the Mock Trial Global Students Society clubs, plays the violin, piano, and saxophone in the orchestra and even founded the Asian Achievement and Culture Club during her junior year.

"I'm proud of it because my culture is important to me and last year for lunar new year we were able to decorate the school," Gu said. "It was nice to be able to do that and you feel good about what you can do in the school community."

Gu has not chosen a college yet, but hopes to continue developing her writing and musical skills in the fall.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2023 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join nearly 368,000 other Merit Scholars.



Katherine Gu
Photo: LVCS

Greek Fest at St Paraskevi's Orthodox Church



Dancers at the Greek Fest.

By CHRIS O'NEILL

The annual Greek Fest at St. Paraskevi's Greek Orthodox Church in Greenlawn, Huntington, was held last week, drawing thousands.

The Festival featured Greek food, Greek music and Greek dancing. Vendors and rides were also provided to entertain families and children.

The Festival also highlighted the Saint Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church, and the church's service to the local community.

Several local officials, including Suffolk County Legislator Stephanie Bontempi, Huntington Town

Clerk Andy Raia, and Huntington Town Attorney Deborah Misir enjoyed the hospitality and camaraderie of the Festival.

The church is named after Saint Paraskevi, a Greek woman martyred by the Romans around 180 AD. By her great faith and example she converted many to the Christian faith, including a Roman emperor.

Father John Vlahos, pastor of the Church, told the story of Saint Paraskevi:

"Saint Paraskevi was born to Greek Christians living outside Rome on a Friday. Her name in Greek literally means 'preparation for the sabbath'. Indeed, she went through a crucible of fire. When her parents died, Paraskevi gave away her belongings and led a community of young virgins and widows."

"Arrested by the Romans she was brought to the Emperor, Antonius Pius. When she refused to renounce her faith, she was brutally tortured but appeared unscathed, causing many to convert. Seeing this, Antonius Pius had her put into a boiling vat of oil and tar. She emerged intact. When he accused her of magic, she throw the liquid into his face, blinding him. He desperately asked for her help and she helped him regain his sight. He then converted - and the persecution of Christians ceased."



Legislator Stephanie Bontempi, Town Clerk Andrew Raia, and Town Attorney Deborah Misir

"Persecution, however, resumed under Emperor Marcus Aurelius. Arrested again, she was brought to the Temple of Apollo, where she again made the sign of the cross and the idols crumbled. This time, however, she was beheaded."

The feast day of Saint Paraskevi is July 26th, and she is considered the Healer of the Blind.

CSH announces National Merit Semifinalist



*Annabelle Coles
Photo: CSHCSD*

Officials of the National Merit Scholarship Program have announced that Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School senior Annabelle Coles has qualified as a 2023 National Merit Semifinalist. This prestigious honor is awarded to students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Anabelle entered the competition by taking the 2021

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test which served as an initial screening of program entrants. Nationwide, semifinalists represent less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors and includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

In each annual National Merit Scholarship Program, about 50,000 academically talented high school students are honored, but only some 16,000 of them are named semifinalists. Students who qualify as semifinalists based on their performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) are the only program participants who have an opportunity to advance to the finalist level and compete for National Merit Scholarships. To become a finalist in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, the semifinalist must submit a detailed scholarship application including an outstanding academic record throughout high school, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership skills, employment, and a list of honors and awards received. The semifinalist must be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm earlier performance on the qualifying test. Semifinalists advancing to the finalist level will be announced in February 2023. The National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in spring 2023.

The Cold Spring Harbor Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Jill M. Gierasch, Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School Principal Dan Danbusky, administrators and staff congratulate Anabelle on her prestigious academic achievement and wish her continued success in the competition.



North Shore Wildlife Sanctuary Founded 1929

Please join us for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and music

Friday, September 30th
6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.
Mill River Rod and Gun Club
5 West Harbor Drive, Bayville, NY 11709

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE

ALL AGES WELCOME – SORRY - NO PETS

We will recognize prominent Patrons.

We will express our appreciation for the volunteers who continue to help NSWS.

We will share experiences as neighbors and patrons.

Attendees will learn more about this unique organization, its work and priorities, and ways to support and contribute and participate in that work.

There will be raffles and items for silent auction in addition to the food, beverages and music

*Directions to the Mill River Rod and Gun Club

From Locust Valley:

Bayville Road to Bayville Avenue. Follow Bayville Avenue to Ludlum Avenue. Turn right onto Ludlum Avenue, then left at the blinking light before the drawbridge onto West Harbor Drive. The Club is approximately 3-tenths of a mile on the right – just after the West Harbor Beach ballfields.

From Oyster Bay:

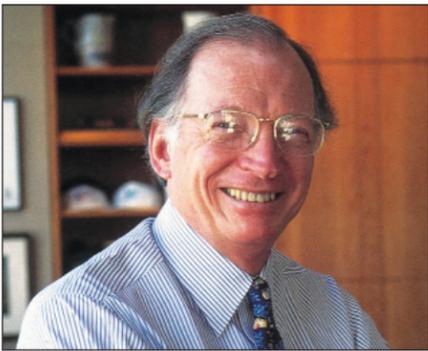
West Shore Road over the drawbridge. Make a left at the blinking light onto West Harbor Drive. The Club is approximately 3-tenths of a mile on the right – just after the West Harbor Beach ballfields.

Donations are appreciated

P.O. Box 214 Mill Neck, New York 11765
www.nswildlifesanctuary.org

The North Shore Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc. is a 501(c)3 corporation.

Obituaries



SAUNDERS, Thomas Alonza III, 86, a long-time resident of Locust Valley, died peacefully in his home in Palm Beach on September 9, 2022. Tom was a Wall Street innovator, nationally recognized conservative leader, philanthropist, Virginian and proud American patriot.

He was born on June 1, 1936, in Ivor, VA, and earned a BSEE from Virginia Military Institute, where he served on its Board of Visitors. He was a maverick, and Brother Rats can attest to the penalty tours Tom walked for clever pranks he pulled. VMI instilled in Tom a sense of honor, duty, and discipline.

After serving in the Army, he worked at Allis-Chalmers developing and selling fuel cells to NASA. He received his MBA from the University of Virginia and began a storied career at Morgan Stanley, a firm so young, that Tom was keeping track of its entire \$8 million position on a legal pad.

Tom became a Partner and Managing Director during a golden era on Wall Street. He was a leader and pioneer whose innovations still resound. He ran the biggest equity financings of the day for AT&T, GE, IBM, DuPont, Exxon, General Motors, and Apple, and led advisory teams that privatized Conrail, British Telecom and British Petroleum. Tom served as Chairman of Morgan Stanley's \$2.2 billion leveraged buyout fund and founded Saunders Karp & Megrue, which invested in Dollar Tree, where Tom was Lead Director for thirty years. Tom's colleagues and friends loved his good humor and southern charm, and knew him as a

genius processor with iron will and unmatched work ethic.

Tom made transformative contributions to the University of Virginia. He was Chairman of the Darden Business School, donated the lead gift for Saunders Hall, endowed Jefferson Scholar Professorships, served on the University's Board of Visitors, and spearheaded moving the endowment away from Virginia's political appointees by creating the independent University of Virginia Investment Management Company (UVIMCO). Tom's push for "privatization" was hugely unpopular but ultimately his persuasiveness prevailed.

As Chairman of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Tom facilitated the purchase of Montalto, adjacent to Monticello, and permanently spared this important vista from development. He was a founding donor in preserving the papers of Thomas Jefferson, built the Saunders Bridge and Saunders-Monticello Trail. He was on the National Gallery of Art Trustees Council, and loaned the Saunders Collection, an exceptional group of European Old Master paintings, to the world's most prominent museums.

President George W. Bush named Tom and his wife, Jordan, the first joint-recipients of the National Humanities Medal for their non-profit service and philanthropy in public policy, higher education, historic preservation, and the arts. Tom was Chairman of the Heritage Foundation, the country's leading conservative think tank. He served on and led many boards including: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Old Westbury Gardens, New-York Historical Society, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Marine Corps University Foundation, American Civil War Museum and Norton Museum of Art.

Tom was a member of the Bohemian Club (Cave Man Camp), Everglades Club, Piping Rock Club, The Links, and The River Club. He was also a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, The Mayflower Society, Order of First Families of Virginia, and The Huguenot

Society of America, and the Steering Committee for the 400th Commemoration of Jamestown.

Tom's curiosity was insatiable. Whether he was talking to Margaret Thatcher or an acquaintance, Tom had a gift for connecting with people. He was a Renaissance man: a passionate runner, cyclist, sailor, hiker, tennis player, traveler, art collector, ornithologist, and witty dinner companion. Life with Tom was never dull. His integrity, tenacity, and generosity will echo for generations.

He was devoted to his family and is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jordan, his daughter Calvert, son Taz, and four grandchildren.

BALDENKO, Cherie E. on September 22, 2022 at the age of 61, after a long battle with cancer. Of Oyster Bay, NY. Loving mother of Kelly. Beloved daughter of Suzanne and the late Arthur Bohner. Dear sister of Suzanne, Artie, Andree, Jennifer and Peter. Also survived by her many nieces and nephews. Cherie loved and was loved by her daughter Kelly. She cherished her many friends. Cherie loved spending time with her family, loved to travel, was an avid reader, and loved her walks. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her. Funeral Mass Friday 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic's R.C. Chapel. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

BARNES, Nadine Y. of Glen Cove, NY on September 20th, 2022 at age 54. Beloved mother of Nasean and Shaney. Loving daughter of Gussie and the late Norman "Soupy". Dear sister of Norma, Gloria, Alan, Mary, Nora, Natalie,

Athena, Charles, Noretta and Natasha. Proud grandmother of Nasean Jr., Lundyann, Tristian, and Arianna. Also survived by loving cousins, nieces and nephews. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Visitation and service at First Baptist Church of Glen Cove. Interment private. www.DodgeThomas.com

MCKEY, Geraldine W. of Locust Valley and East Hampton, NY, died on September 16, 2022, at the age of 92. Born in 1929 in New York City, Gerry married Walter McKey in 1950. With their two young children, Scott and Carol, they settled in Locust Valley in 1965. After their divorce in 1984, Geraldine married Howard Crofoot of Glen Cove, NY in 1985.

While raising her young family, Geraldine earned a BS from Adelphi University and an MA from NYU. She taught Home Economics and Science for 25 years in the Glen Cove Schools and Yoga at the Locust Valley Library. Her students remember her emphasis on health and nutrition, as she inspired many to work in the food industry. The tragic deaths of her two sons, David in 1952 and Scott in 1967 led her to become a therapist and grief counselor, an advocate for MADD, and a lecturer on self-care and mental health.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and David Harrington of Locust Valley; her grandchildren Natalie Harrington (Reid Pauly) of Rhode Island, Hayley Harrington of Locust Valley; and Samuel Harrington of New York City, great-granddaughter Winifred Pauly of Rhode Island, and

(Continued on page 12)




516-922-7442

Oyster Bay Funeral Home

Family Owned & Operated
Traditional Funeral & Cremation Services
Competitive Pricing & Pre-Planning Available
Largest Chapel on the North Shore

LOUIS G. PILLARI
Owner & Funeral Director
Licensed in New York & Florida

261 South Street
Oyster Bay, New York
www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

NORTH SHORE MONUMENTS

Plaques & Sandblasting
Quality Workmanship for Four Generations
Servicing All Cemeteries

• Monuments • Plaques • Pet Memorials • Statues •
• Repairs • Eternal Candles • Vases •

Lettering Done In The Cemetery Without Disturbing The Grave Site

In-Door Showroom 100 Stones on Display
667 Cedar Swamp Road, Old Brookville

759-2156



WHITTING FUNERAL HOME

Family Owned & Operated Since 1940

300 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Head, New York 11545

Tel: (516) 671-0807 • Fax: (516) 676-4783

www.whitting.com • whitting.funeralhome@gmail.com

Hablamos Español 

Dodge-Thomas

Funeral Home



Gregg Minutoli, Blake Sand, Jeanine Minutoli-Sand, & Guy Minutoli

Family Owned
Family Traditions
Personalized Service
with
Attention to Details

~
Combining Quality
and cost is
one of the
things we do best.

26 Franklin Avenue, Glen Cove 516-676-1180
www.DodgeThomas.com

Obituaries

(Continued from page 9)

siblings Sharon Fortune, Frank Latino, Lillian Miracolo and Mary Ann Lillian Miracolo and Mary Ann Morrissey. She is predeceased by her sons David and Scott McKey, her first husband Walter McKey and her second husband Howard Crofoot.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Locust Valley Reformed Church, 115 Ryefield Road, Locust Valley, NY, at 11 am on Saturday, October 1. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to the Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. www.DodgeThomas.com

SERIO, Dean William, on Sep. 13, 2022, age 58, of New York, NY, formerly of Bayville. Beloved son of Barbara and James. Loving brother of Robert, Jamie Murray (Sean), and Nicole (Louis Evangelista). Cherished uncle of Elizabeth, Matthew, Kevin Murray, Roxanne Murray, Louis Evangelista and Nicholas Evangelista. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to either www.encoreny.org or

www.cancercare.org. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

WELDEN, Roger, 90, passed away on Wednesday September 14th. Roger leaves behind his three daughters Marlene Hill (Keith) Shirley Vetrone, and Kathy Deecken (Robert), nine grandchildren, Kyle, Erin, Brittany, Jillian, Peter, Blake, Corey, Jared, Haley great-granddaughter Mackenzie. Roger also leaves behind his devoted and beloved partner of 22 years, Janice Deegan. Roger devoted nearly his entire life to public service which began when left high school early to enlist in the U.S. Navy in 1950. He completed his service in 1954 as a 2nd Class Petty Officer Engineman. Roger returned home and continued his life of service by joining the Glen Cove Police Department and was on the force from 1957-1975. Upon his retirement from the GCPD, Roger joined the U.S. Coast Guard as a reservist from 1972-1992. Throughout his life, Roger was also an active volunteer with the Glen Cove Fire Department for 67 years from 1955 until his passing. In 2017, the the City of Glen Cove recognized Roger as the Veterans Day honoree. www.Whitting.com

Sullivan County Property
Homes, Vacant Land, Seasonal & Commercial Property
Tax Foreclosures, 2 Day Auction:
Wednesday, September 21 & Thursday, September 22 @ 9:30AM
ONLINE AUCTION
FREE Brochure, visit web site or call
ABSOLUTE AUCTIONS & REALTY, Inc. | (800) 243-0061



NYS Auctions.com

24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICE
REMOVAL • EXTRACTION & RESTORATION SERVICES
Commercial & Residential
FLOODS, WATER, SEWAGE, BIO-HAZARD, FIRE, SMOKE
www.1800waterdamage.com
Restoring What Matters Most™
1-800-928-3732



A BELFOR COMPANY

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET
CALENDAR YEAR 2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, at the August 16, 2022, regular meeting, approved a RESOLUTION authorizing a PUBLIC HEARING to be held on the PROPOSED BUDGET for the calendar year 2023. The hearing will take place at the Fire District Headquarters, 228 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, New York on October 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm for public comment and discussion of the proposed budget of the LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the 2022 Proposed Budget will be made available to the General Public for inspection at Fire District Headquarters, 228 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, New York (Dispatch Office) on and after October 12, 2022.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
James Bonislawski
Secretary

Dated: September 12, 2022

Exxon Valdez's Cpt. Joseph Hazelwood Dead

By RUPERT DEEDES

Joseph Hazelwood, who was the captain of the tanker Exxon Valdez, has died at the age of 75 from the combined effects of cancer and COVID-19. Hazelwood lived in Huntington.

Hazelwood was the captain of the Exxon Valdez, which ran aground on 24 March 1989 in the waters of Alaska's Prince William Sound, dumping nearly 11 million gallons of crude oil in one of the U.S. worst environmental disasters.

A jury in Captain Hazelwood's trial acquitted him of a felony charge of operating a vessel while intoxicated, but convicted him on a misdemeanor charge of negligently discharging oil. Hazelwood was not on the bridge when the accident occurred.

According to the National Transportation Safety Board



Captain Joseph Hazelwood

(NTSB), the ship's third mate had failed to maneuver the vessel properly owing to fatigue and excessive workload,

Hazelwood was ordered to pay a \$50,000 fine and 1,000 hours of community service.

The Coast Guard also suspended his license for nine months, but he never returned to the seas.

Hazelwood graduated from Huntington High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in marine transportation from the State University of New York Maritime College in the Bronx in 1968.

In 1992, the State University of New York ("SUNY") Maritime College hired Hazelwood as a Professor. He also worked as a paralegal and maritime consultant for Chalos & Brown, which had represented him in his legal cases. Hazelwood took full responsibility for the Exxon Valdez grounding - as its Captain - and offered a "heartfelt apology" to the people of Alaska.

Classifieds

The Leader Classifieds

\$22 for the first 15 words, then 30 cents each additional word.
516-676-1434 advertising@theleaderonline.com

AUTO DONATIONS

DRIVE OUT BREAST CANCER: Donate A Car Today! The benefits of donating your car or boat: Fast Free Pickup - 24hr Response Tax Deduction - Easy To Do!
Call 24/7: 855-905-4755

Wheels For Wishes benefiting Make-A-Wish® Northeast New York. Your Car Donations Matter NOW More Than Ever! Free Vehicle Pick Up ANYWHERE. We Accept Most Vehicles Running or Not. 100% Tax Deductible. Minimal To No Human Contact. Call: (877) 798-9474. Car Donation Foundation d/b/a Wheels For Wishes. www.wheelsforwishes.org.

AUTO BUYERS

***AAA**AUTO BUYERS \$Highest\$ Ca\$h Paid\$. All Years/ Conditions! WE VISIT YOU! Or Donate, Tax Deduct + Ca\$h. DMV ID#1303199. Call LUKE 516- VAN-CARS. 516-297-2277

HOME IMPROVEMENT

NEVER PAY For Covered Home Repairs Again! Complete Care Home Warranty COVERS ALL MAJOR SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES. 30 DAY RISK FREE. \$200.00 OFF + 2 FREE Months! 866-440-6501

BATH & SHOWER UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Affordable prices - No payments for 18 months! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. Call: 866-393-3636

HOME IMPROVEMENT

JOHNS PAINTING & FULL SERVICE CONTRACTING

Interior / Exterior Painting
Rubbish / Junk Removal
Power Washing and Much More.
Residential & Commercial.
Licensed & Insured.
Senior Citizen Discount
516-252-7964

WIREMAN/CABLEMAN Flat TVs mounted, Phone, TVs & Computer wiring installed & serviced, camera & stereos, HDTV- Antennas- FREE TV www.davewireman.com Call Dave 516-433-WIRE (9473) 631-667-WIRE (9473) or Text 516-353-1118

ED. / CAREER TRAINING

TRAIN ONLINE TO DO MEDICAL BILLING! Become a Medical Office Professional online at CTI! Get Trained, Certified & ready to work in months! Call 855-543-6440. (M-F 8am-6pm ET). Computer with internet is required.

COMPUTER & IT TRAINING PROGRAM! Train ONLINE to get the skills to become a Computer & Help Desk Professional now! Now offering a \$10,000 scholarship for qualified applicants. Call CTI for details! (844) 947- 0192 (M-F 8am-6pm ET)

INTERNET / TV

BEST SATELLITE TV with 2 Year Price Guarantee! \$59.99/mo with 190 channels and 3 months free premium movie channels! Free next day installation! Call 888-508-5313

DISH TV \$64.99 For 190 Channels + \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Promo Expires 1/21/23. 1-866-595-6967

DIRECTV for \$79.99/mo for 12 months with CHOICE Package. Watch your favorite live sports, news & entertainment anywhere. First 3 months of HBO Max, Cinemax, Showtime, Starz and Epix included! Directv is #1 in Customer Satisfaction (JD Power & Assoc.) Some restrictions apply. Call 1-888-534-6918

FINANCE

ARE YOU BEHIND \$10k OR MORE ON YOUR TAXES? Stop wage & bank levies, liens & audits, unfiled tax returns, payroll issues, & resolve tax debt FAST. Call 888-869-5361 (Hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm PST)

HEALTH

ATTENTION VIAGRA USERS: Generic 100mg blue pills or generic 20mg yellow pills. Get 45 plus 5 free \$99 + S/H. Call Today. 877-707-5523

HOME FOR RENT

HOME FOR RENT 'A TRANQUIL HIDEAWAY' Newly Renovated Sun Filled Ranch 3/4 Bedroom With 2.5 Baths, Fdr, Den W/Wood Burning Fireplace, Eik With Stainless Steel Appliances, Pot Filler Butcher Block Counters, Hardwood Floors, Master Suite With Fireplace, Full Finished Basement With Media Room Home Office Laundry, 1 Car Garage, Patio Cac Set On Manicured Property With Mature Plantings And Trees Fenced In Yard, Walk To Famed Glen Cove Marina Boating Beaches Railroad Parks Shops And Village Of Sea Cliff. Available Beginning November 1.
BROKER 516-238-7924.

Saving a Life EVERY 11 MINUTES

I'm never alone

Life Alert® is always here for me.

One touch of a button sends help fast, 24/7.



Life Alert® Batteries Never Need Charging.

For a FREE brochure call:
1-800-404-9776

Kiki Orski is Smashing Silos



The lecture and book signing was well attended.

Photos: Patricia Brexel

BY VICTORIA SIEGEL

Kiki Orski, from Bayville, held a lecture and book signing in Oyster Bay for her very first published book “Smash the Silos!” Kiki is the President of Peak Performance Consulting. Her book *Smash the Silos* will teach companies a surprisingly easy way to enhance collaboration, boost productivity and improve organizational results. She helps shatter the invisible barriers that prevent organizations from achieving next level success! Silos are those ever-present invisible barriers that silently prevent organizations from achieving their maximum capabilities. Silos prevent the transfer of mission critical information, skill, resources and talent from



Kiki Orski

passing from person to person, discipline to discipline, or department to department. Those barriers are exclusionary and inefficient, and they hinder communication, connection, and collaboration. Silos exist when any person or group of people willingly withhold information from others. Silos flourish when employees have an allegiance to their own group or team rather than to all of your stakeholders combined.

To find those disconnections in your organization, look for the symptoms. If you detect bottlenecks, redundancies, turf wars, or ongoing conflicts, you’re getting warm. The goal of Kiki’s book is to help leaders widen their apertures so they can succeed across teams, departments, disciplines, and organizations. That requires emerging from a solo-thinking mindset, for it is that very leadership perspective that leads to building and reinforcing silos.

Silos have been mistakenly thought of as an unavoidable part of an organization’s formal structure. That no longer needs to be your reality. Now you have the Silo Solution™!

If you would like more information, you can contact Kiki Orski at Kiki@PeakPerformanceLeader.com



Author Kiki Orski, Sheri Dvorak and Patti Craft the operations manager at Daniel Gale Sotheby’s Locust Valley office

2022 Hope Walk/Ride in Bayville

Oyster Bay Town Councilwoman Michele Johnson invites residents to take part in the 2022 HOPE Walk/Ride, organized to help break the cycle of human trafficking. The event takes place on Saturday, October 1st at West Harbor Beach located at 10 West Harbor Drive in Bayville. Activities run between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with a special ceremony commencing at 11:00 a.m.

“The HOPE Walk/Ride is a great way to rally the community together to encourage advocacy and change with the issue of human trafficking,” said Councilwoman Johnson. “Local organizations from all over Long Island who work with survivors of human trafficking will be on hand to give informative presentations and let participants know how they can help others.”

Each year, cycling4change holds a variety of events with the goal of bring-



Come join the fun for a good cause!

ing awareness to human trafficking and to offer hope to those who are vulnerable and marginalized in society. Their mission is to raise awareness and funds to support organizations on the front lines of battling human trafficking. Residents interested in participating and helping to spread awareness are invited to walk, run or bike, with options available for various course lengths and abilities. For more information on the Hope Walk, visit cycling4change.org.

Bob Minkin at Bahr Galley

BY VICTORIA CROSBY

A recent gathering at the Bahr Gallery in Oyster Bay was a meet and greet with author and photographer Bob Minkin, who over more than thirty years has photographed many members of the Grateful Dead, and other musicians in the jam band genre. Minkin has several books of these photo collections. His latest photography book about Grateful Dead band members is titled “Just Bobby” featuring Bob Wier, and his previous book was “Just Jerry” which featured Jerry Garcia.

The guests mingled and viewed the many framed concert posters, as they enjoyed the refreshments served. Bob Minkinspoke of some of his many experiences photographing these musicians, and autographed copies of his books.

Among the many people attending were Jeff and Randi Mattson. Jeff Mattson is the lead guitarist with the Dark Star Orchestra, a band tours internationally and has been celebrating the Grateful Dead concert experience performing around the world.

Also in attendance was Beau Carino, founder and owner of Beau’s Bar in Greenlawn, Long Island’s only Grateful Dead themed bar and popular live music venue.

Minkin’s previous book, *The Music Never Stopped*, featured Phil Lesh, a for-



(L-R) Author Bob Minkin, Ted Bahr, and Beau Carino, owner of Grateful Dead-themed Beau’s Bar.

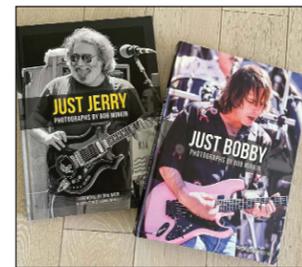
mer Grateful Dead guitarist, and Bob Weir on the cover, with profiles of many other musicians, including my son Jason Crosby, who has performed with both Bob Wier and Phil Lesh, and is now on the road with Jackson Browne.

These coffee table size books are also available through Minkin’s website.

Minkin has been a pilot since the 1990s and has wonderful aerial view photographs of the Bay area on his website.

The Bahr Gallery is dedicated to the psychedelic rock poster art from the 1960s, which served as an appropriate backdrop to this event. The gallery is located at 95 Audrey Avenue in Oyster Bay and is open from 1pm-5pm Friday to Sunday and by appointment. For more information visit bahrgallery.com

For further information on Bob Minkin’s books visit minkinphotography.com



Bob Minkin’s books.



LALLY & MISIR, LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW - SOLICITORS

516-741-2666

www.lallymisir.com

Wills and Trusts
Employment
Immigration
Family Law
Real Estate

Over
50 years
Serving Long Island
Top AV Rated Firm

220 Old Country Road
Mineola, NY 11501



LexisNexis | Martindale-Hubbell
Peer Review Rated

9 WAYS TO MAKE A HOUSE A HOME



1

Display Pictures

Hanging pictures of friends, family, and places you've visited throughout your home creates a feeling of belonging and is a great way to relive happy memories with the people you love the most.



2

Deck the Walls

Add some personality and dimension into your home whether it's bright and bold or subtle and understated.



3

Cut Fresh Flowers

The added color and sweet smell of fresh flowers can help brighten a room and your mood.



4

Display Pottery

Pottery seems to be all the rage right now and understandably so. This decorative clayware can really shake up your décor as it comes in multiple shapes, sizes, colors, and designs.



5

Display Decorative Pillows

Not only are they comfortable, but throw pillows are the perfect way to add a pop of color or bring a room together.



6

Wrap Yourself in a Comfy Throw

Whether you're trying to keep warm or just snuggling up to watch a movie, a throw blanket adds the perfect cozy touch.



7

Make Landscaping a Priority

Create an inviting atmosphere with seasonal plants and flowers.



8

Light Some Candles

Calm your mind and transform your space through the relaxing ambiance and scent created by your favorite candles.



9

Hang Curtains

Not only do curtains provide privacy and the ability to block light, but they add color, texture, and a bit of drama to any room.