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It was a beautiful New Year's Day when Bayville residents took to the Long Island Sound for thier Annual Polar Swim. It was 40 degrees that day with the water temperature at 45 degrees. Afterwards they warmed themselves by the fire.



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Town of Oyster Bay Hosts 2024 Inauguration Ceremony



Supervisor Saladino, Councilman Labriola, Councilwoman Maier, Councilwoman Walsh, Town Clerk LaMarca & Receiver Pravato, sworn into office.

The Town of Oyster Bay recently hosted its 2024 Inauguration Ceremony with the swearing-in of Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilman Steve Labriola, Councilwoman Laura Maier, Councilwoman Vicki Walsh, Town Clerk Rich LaMarca and Receiver of Taxes Jeff Pravato. The event was held at Weldon E. Howitt Middle School in Farmingdale, with a special remembrance for victims and survivors of the Farmingdale Marching Band crash last fall.

Town Councilwoman Michele Johnson served as Master of Ceremonies for the event and Farmingdale Schools Superintendent Paul Defendini welcomed all in attendance. Remarks were

also given by New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, Nassau County Republican Chairman Joseph G. Cairo, Legislator Mazi Melesa Pilip and former Congressman Peter King. Officials were also joined by Tweed Roosevelt, the great grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt. Special performances were performed by the Farmingdale High School Vocal Jazz and Daler A Cappella.

“Today we embark on a new chapter in the history of our beloved Town. This victory is not just a personal achievement but a testament to the recognition of what we have accomplished in the Town of Oyster Bay,” Supervisor Saladino said. “We did not just win an

election, we have won the opportunity to shape the future of our Town, to build on our successes, and to overcome the challenges that lie ahead. As we look to the future, my focus remains steadfast on the values that make our Town the wonderful community it is today – values of community, safety and a high quality of life for all.”

Supervisor Saladino and the Town Board have returned fiscal stability and trust to the Town of Oyster Bay, turning a \$44 million deficit into a \$88 million surplus, all while cutting taxes. The Supervisor noted that debt is down 25 percent even while the Town has paved 35 percent of roadways, with more to come. The Town has also received 8 credit rating upgrades, and held the line on Town property taxes for six consecutive years after initially reducing them in 2018, resulting in over \$9 million being back in the pockets of homeowners rather than in the coffers of government.

“Our Town is made up of wonderful communities – a home for families, a haven for small businesses, and a place

where memories are made. It is that reason that this team works day and night to protect our quality of life,” continued Supervisor Saladino. “From improving sports fields to upgrading parks, repaving roads and working with police to keep you safe, we’re committed to you and your family.”

“I am also acutely aware of the financial burden that taxes can place on our residents and businesses. That is why we actively seek economic development projects that expand the tax base while



Supervisor Joseph Saladino is sworn into office.

benefitting our Town as a whole. We are a financially stable Town, and are better equipped than ever before to meet the needs of residents and address the challenges that may arise.”

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NHempstead “Un-Bans” *The Leader*

BY NIAL FITZGERALD

The first meeting of the new Republican-majority Town Board in North Hempstead saw the bipartisan reversal of a policy of attempting to “ban” and “censor” newspapers instituted by the prior Democratic-majority Board.

In the Spring of 2023, the then - Democratic majority Town Board took the extraordinary step of “banning” this newspaper - *The North Shore Leader* - in a partisan 4-3 vote. The “ban” prohibited the Town from doing any business or placing any legal notices in *The Leader*.

The Leader had earned the ire of several Democrats on the Town Board by publishing articles exposing the Democrats’ “Gerrymander” of North Hempstead’s Town Board districts, particularly the illegal effort to disenfranchise 30,000 minority voters in Great Neck - who now have not voted to elect any representative on the town board.

The Democrats did this by “switching the district numbers” of the North Great Neck-based district formerly represented by Veronica Lurvey; and the Lakeville-South Great Neck based district that elected Councilman David Adhami in 2021. Over 70% of the for-

mer Lurvey district voters - heavily Asian, Black and Hispanic - were “moved” to Adhami’s district, where they won’t get to vote again for six years - until 2025.

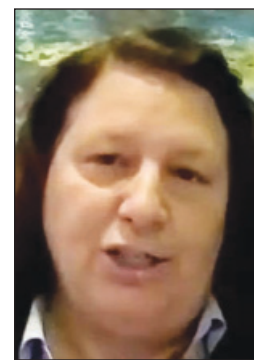
By contrast, over 70% of Adhami’s old district - the most Democratic districts of course - got to “vote twice” - in 2021 and 2023 - and elected Christine Liu (D) in last November’s election.

The Leader also published articles exposing corruption in the Town’s Building Department, where the Democratic Commissioner was suspended last year for misconduct.

The vote to “un-ban” *The Leader* was not without controversy.

Councilwoman Mariann Dalimonte (D) again made a fuss, demanding that the “ban” on *The Leader* be kept. But her Democratic colleague Robert Troiano joined the four Republicans in a 5-1 vote to “un-ban” *The Leader*.

We asked Dalimonte whether she admires Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping or Nicolas Maduro for their policy of “shutting down” a free press. And whether she has ever read the First Amendment to the US Constitution guaranteeing a “Freedom of the Press” Dalimonte has not responded as of press date.



Mariann Dalimonte

Laura Carey Named New Huntington Comptroller

By **SAMANTHA CAREY**

At its first meeting of 2024, the Huntington Town Board voted unanimously to appoint Laura Carey as the new Town Comptroller, effective January 3rd. Carey has been serving as Chief of Staff to Town Board member Dr. David Bennardo for the past two years.

Carey succeeds former "Acting Comptroller" Peggy Karayianakis, who resigned last summer. Carey is the first full Town Comptroller confirmed by the Town Board in over nine years.

"I am both excited and humbled by this appointment," said Carey. "The opportunity to serve, whether it be on the school board, in the town council office, or now comptroller, is a tremendous privilege and awesome responsibility. I plan on throwing every ounce of my energies into maintaining

the sound financial footing... for the Town of Huntington."

Carey has been a South Huntington resident for over 20 years with her family. Her two daughters attended school in the South Huntington School District.

During this time, Carey was a South Huntington Board of Education Trustee for a total of 10 years, with the last several serving as Vice President of the Board.

"Laura has been a priceless member of our team and is really the linchpin of our customer service work," said Councilman Dr. Bennardo. "We look forward to seeing Laura's trademark energy and work ethic put to important use in our Comptroller's Office."

Carey will bring over 20 years of financial experience to the table in her new position, including bookkeeping, accounting and business management.



Laura Carey

Roslyn Condo Fire Draws 100 Firefighters Dozens Left Homeless



Chestnut Hill Condos on Fire.

Photo courtesy Roslyn FD

By **MARK DEMETROPOULOS**

A tragic holiday season fire swept through the Acorn Ponds Condominium Complex on Chestnut Hill in Roslyn, leaving a dozen families homeless and drawing over 100 firefighters to the scene to douse the raging fire.

The fire broke-out in the early afternoon, several days after Christmas, and the very first responders arrived in time to save the many elderly residents. No one was killed in the fire, although several residents were sent to the hospital for smoke inhalation and other medical concerns.

The Manhasset Lakeville Fire Department was the first responder on the scene. They, along with the police, arrived on the scene roughly around 3PM. Two other local fire departments which – totaling nearly 100 firefighters – spent over two hours fighting the blazing flames as smoked poured out of the

ground floor garage.

"When you have a fire of this magnitude under occupied space, we're just very happy that nobody was hurt," stated Nassau County Fire Chief Marshal Michael Uttaro. "Property can be replaced, lives can't."

The firefighters went inside the building, from condo to condo, and to alert and lead the residents to safety.

The heroic efforts of the firefighters "kept the fire contained on the ground floor," according to Fire Chief Uttaro.

In addition to the Nassau County Fire Marshal's office, Nassau Arson and Bomb Squad detectives responded just to make sure that this fire was not a terror act. It was not – however, that is another example of Nassau's first responders going above and beyond the call of duty.

Also assisting the effort was the American Red Cross who arrived to tend to the distraught and displaced families.

14-Year Old Girl Naked on Woodbury Street Escapes Pedophile Rapist

By **RUPERT DEEDES**

A 14-year-old girl escaped a raging pedophile by running naked into the street out of a dilapidated house in Woodbury, after she spotted police cars parked nearby. The incident happened shortly before Christmas in Woodbury.

Arrested is Adrees Omar, age 25, of 26 Roseanne Drive in Woodbury. The Town of Oyster Bay has now condemned and sealed off the run-down house, to prevent the pedophile or his associates from re-occupying the property.

Neighbors in Woodbury have complained for years about suspected squatters living there, loud parties, with the house and the fence surrounding it falling into disrepair.

Nassau Police were on the block in response to an unrelated burglar alarm when they saw the 14-year-old girl running naked out of the house, crying.

"She pointed that out a subject then was chasing her. We then gave chase to him, and he ran inside the residence," stated Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder.

Omar then barricaded himself inside his house for more than eight hours. Police smashed their way in later with a

warrant, and Omar was injured in a violent struggle with the police officers.

At a hospital arraignment, Omar was charged with rape, obstructing breathing, and unlawful imprisonment.

Prosecutors said Omar had an ongoing "sexual relationship" with the girl since she was 13 years old. It is still not clear why, when she arrived at his house, he choked, restrained, and cut her.

Omar was already facing criminal charges for assaulting his own father.

A neighbor told CBS News that at least three very young and partially-clad women have recently

run terrified out of Omar's house, pleading with the neighbors for help.

The judge ordered Omar to stay away from the teen victim - and to stay away from his own father. Omar is also charged with injuring police officers during his arrest.

The Town of Oyster Bay says that there have been a total of six complaints over the last three years about the same home on Roseanne Drive. Town inspectors have now shuttered the house so no one can re-occupy it, citing building violations, including electrical issues, plumbing leaks, and un-permitted gas equipment.



Adrees Omar

Glen Cove Swears-in a New Detective



(L-R) Deputy Mayor Donna McNaughton, Mayor Pam Pazenbeck, Lieutenant Pietro DiMaggio, Chief William Whitton, Detective Gregory Denk, Detective Lieutenant John Nagle, Detective Theodore Karousos, Lieutenant Patrick Wright.

On Tuesday December 19th, Glen Cove Police Chief William Whitton promoted officer Gregory Denk to detective.

Officer Denk was hired by the Glen Cove Police Department in January 2018 and was assigned to the patrol division. Officer Denk excelled during his time on patrol and made numerous arrests and participated in multiple criminal investigations.

Prior to being hired by the Glen Cove

Police Department Officer Denk worked in the NYPD for 9 years. During his time there, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and supervised an Anti-Crime Unit.

According to Police Chief William Whitton, "Officer Gregory Denk has proven he has the motivation and the necessary skills to become an outstanding addition to the Glen Cove Police Detective Division."

EDITORIAL

DON'T GIVE UP ON UKRAINE

Two years ago, Russia under its dictator President Vladimir Putin invaded the neighboring Ukraine - with the intention of conquering the smaller democratic nation, incorporating it under Russia, and rebuilding his dream of "reuniting the Slavic core of the old Soviet Union" (Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Kazakhstan) into a new superpower.

Putin's scheme is a direct threat to America and the West's NATO alliance. Putin's objective to gather enough people and power to again directly threaten America. He aims to re-create a rival superpower to challenge America. To reverse the end of the Cold War - and launch a new one.

Putin's 2022 invasion was the first ground invasion by a major power in Europe, since Hitler launched World War II. And only by sheer luck - and the determination of the Ukrainians not to be subjugated - have Putin's plans been thwarted. The lifeline of weapons and supplies from NATO countries to Ukraine has been essential to stopping the invasion.

So far the value of the aid delivered is over \$200 billion, with the US at \$70 billion, and the EU states nearly double that. That might seem like a lot of money, but its dwarfed by the \$1.4 trillion annual US Defense budget. In other words, the US has spent barely 3% of US Defense expenditures on providing aid to Ukraine,

And even those numbers are deceptive. The US supplies Ukraine with mostly "surplus" American weapons - retired fighter jets; old de-commissioned battle tanks; rifles that are warehoused and no longer in use; last-generation artillery and combat missiles. The "price" of those items is illusory: they are already "junk" waiting to be scrapped for the cost of their metal.

In many, very real ways, Ukraine is fighting America's war. The Ukrainians are fighting and dying to keep Russia from becoming the direct threat to America that Putin openly wants. Ukrainian soldiers are fighting - and dying - so that young Americans - and Germans, French and British - don't have to.

After a disastrous invasion - Putin is regrouping and re-arming. Soon Putin will hit the exhausted Ukraine with new offensives.

NATO's "front line" states - Germany, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia - are all planning for Putin to launch attacks on them in 2-4 years - if he conquers Ukraine.

The Biden administration has proposed another \$60 billion in military and economic assistance for Ukraine. Its seems a "no-brainer." give Ukraine the weapons it needs to drive out Russia; and stop Putin from seizing the territory and subject people he needs to relaunch the Soviet Empire.

Unfortunately a faction of Republicans in Congress has fastened on the Ukraine aid package as a wedge against Biden. It is a foolish and dangerous position to take: imperiling America's national security to score political points. The Republican leadership is talking with the White House about passing the Ukraine aid.

Let's not "snatch defeat from the jaws of victory." Let's please pass the Ukraine aid package and help both the people of Ukraine - and ourselves.

The Publisher

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WILL YOU FACE 2024 WITH FEAR OR FEARLESSNESS?

To the Editor,

Wages are not keeping up with the cost of living. The cost of groceries, fast food, building materials, and most anything you can name has increased dramatically.

Millions of Americans are Social Security recipients. The modest increase coming in January will feel like a drop in the bucket. Every little bit helps and it will truly be a little bit compared to the financial needs of senior adult Americans.

Almost every day we see the national reports of the thousands of undocumented immigrants flooding our country, This does not make us feel very secure. Our government could stop this but they don't. We have the ability to stop this insane invasion of America but for some reason our leaders obviously want the masses to keep coming. This is fearful. How will these people survive in America? Where will they live? Are there jobs for all these people? Is this really fair and helping them when so many of them will have to sleep on the streets of our major cities? I don't see how. Will this invasion become the eventual end of the America we have enjoyed, without a shot being fired?

Politics is not comforting to most Americans. Who can we trust? Is anybody telling the truth? Are all politicians liars and thieves? Do they all have nasty baggage in the closet? Are there any real leaders that we can respect and admire without having to look down or look away when we mention their names? Yes, there are those we believe in but none of them are perfect and most are far from perfect. Of course, no one is perfect. This is nerve wracking for Americans, especially in such a crucial election year.

We are constantly bombarded with pleas for support. Currently it's Ukraine. Ukraine obviously needs

help. It's difficult for us to fathom billions of dollars for Ukraine when we won't secure our own borders and protect our own citizens. How does this make sense?

Interest rates may come down in 2024 but will they come down enough? A seven percent rate on a \$40,000 car is a tough payment for many Americans. The housing market is struggling. Who can afford a \$350,000 house along with a seven or eight percent loan? Obviously not many as home sales are badly slumping right now.

There is a lot to scare us in this world. Cancer, diabetes, neurological diseases, and more. When we do get sick there is the price tag that comes with waging a medical war to survive. So often, people postpone going to the doctor because they don't want to see

the medial bills and this ends up being a very unhealthy and often deadly decision. The whole scenario is fearful.

However, life is not to be lived in fear. Fear freezes us, paralyzes us, and overcomes us. We seldom move forward when frozen by fear. My hope for all of us is that we might overcome fear in our lives and dethrone the beast from ruling over us in 2024. My hope for you is that you might have the power of God in your life in such a way, that his presence will be greater in you than all the fears we are facing in the world. May you have this power in you in such a way that you will face this next year with strength and fearlessness.

Glenn Mollette

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Op-Ed: Some Friendly Advice for the Romaine Administration

BY STEVE LEVY

Newly sworn-in Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine gave a rousing inaugural speech to kick off his incoming administration. His success will be ours.

Incoming executives at the town and county levels today have the good fortune of taking the helm when local governments are flush with money, thanks to hundreds of millions of dollars given nearly unconditionally from the federal government to localities during Covid.

But Mr. Romaine wisely noted that, in the year prior to Covid, Suffolk was ranked as the most fiscally stressed county in the state. His predecessor inherited a balanced budget (contrary to the claims that there was a deficit) and a record-high bond rating, but faced an economic storm due to a crippling recession. The national economic downturn, coupled with a huge police contract and use of one-shots such as selling the fully paid-off Dennison building (only to lease it back), led to numerous rating agency downgrades that Mr. Romaine has referenced.

As noted by local economist Martin Cantor, the county's likely fiscal Armageddon was avoided thanks to the feds pumping in over \$500 million in grants. Moreover, the supercharging of the economy with \$6 trillion in federal checks sent to the public caused hyperinflation and unprecedented spending that brought in hundreds of millions in unanticipated sales tax dollars to the county coffers.

Those one-shots will run out, so implementing efficiencies is essential.

Mr. Romaine wisely stressed the building of sewers, supporting economic development and cleaning our environ-



Steve Levy

ment. Good priorities, but let's hope these measures could be pursued without seeking a sales tax increase when so many hundreds of millions of dollars are available in the present budget due to COVID surpluses.

The best thing to spend one-shot revenues on is a one-time, non-recurring expenditure such as constructing a sewer. That's preferable to adding positions or programs that will have to be supported every year thereafter.

The executive chose wisely in placing my former chief deputy county executive, Kevin Law, and Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter to guide his transition.

Hopefully, the team can share with the executive the success we had in 2004 in creating a Workforce Housing Department that provided grants for municipalities willing to build up their housing stock in downtown corridors. It was remarkably successful, as witnessed with Patchogue's renaissance, and dovetails nicely with Mr. Romaine's housing policies.

It's also hoped that the new executive can implement efficiencies by reconstituting The Long Island Purchasing Consortium, which was discontinued after my tenure. It brought together the two counties, as well as towns, fire departments and schools to coordinate their high-volume purchases. Having different jurisdictions buy 1,000 cars at one time gets you a much better discount than buying ten at a time.

We're also happy to see the search for a qualified police commissioner. We cannot have a repeat of a rogue police leader being allowed to dismantle the FBI task

force I created. Kicking out the feds led to a slowdown in the Gilgo search and a reconstituting of MS-13 throughout the county (which led to the murders of dozens of Suffolk youth).

And to build on his goal to further protect our children, the new executive can reinstate my policy of requiring automatic backfills for vacancies in Child Protective Services.

Finally, it is hoped the new executive will be an ardent advocate for Suffolk residents. There was a dire need to push back against Governor Hochul's contentious plans to overrule local zoning, impose an MTA tax on Suffolk businesses and enact congestion pricing fees. Hopefully, Mr. Romaine will lead that charge. He can start by replacing Suffolk's present rep on the MTA board who, remarkably, voted in favor of con-

gestion pricing that will crush Suffolk commuters.

As noted above, there's a lot of breathing room for executives when so much federal money is sitting in reserves. But that luxury will be short-lived. Hopefully, Mr. Romaine's intentions to pursue structural efficiencies will come to fruition.

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Finance Op-Ed: The Advantages of an LLC Structure for Your Small Business

BY AMAN VERMA

If you operate your small business as a sole proprietorship, you may have thought about forming a limited liability company (LLC) to protect your assets. Or maybe you're launching a new business and want to know the options for setting it up.

Here are the basics of operating as an LLC and why it might be a good choice for your business.

An LLC is a bit of a hybrid entity because it can be structured to resemble a corporation for owner liability purposes and a partnership for federal tax purposes. This duality may provide owners with the best of both worlds.

1) Protect Your Personal Assets

Like the shareholders of a corporation, the owners of an LLC (called "members" rather than "shareholders" or "partners") generally aren't liable for the debts of the business except to the extent of their investment.

Thus, the owners can operate the business with the security of knowing that their personal assets are generally protected from the entity's creditors.

This protection is much greater than that afforded by partnerships. In a partnership, the general partners are personally liable for the debts of the business. Even limited partners, if they actively participate in managing their businesses, can have personal liability.

2) Enjoy Partnership Tax Benefits

The owners of an LLC can elect under the "check-the-box" rules to have the entity treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes.

This can provide a number of benefits to owners. For example, partnership earnings aren't subject to an entity-level tax. Instead, they flow through to the owners, are reported on the owners' individual returns and are taxed only once.

To the extent the income passed

through to you is qualified business income (QBI), you'll be eligible to take the Section 199A QBI deduction, subject to various limitations. However, keep in mind that this deduction is temporary. It's available only through 2025, unless Congress acts to extend it.

In addition, because you're actively managing the business, you can deduct on your individual tax return your ratable shares of any losses the business generates. This, in effect, allows you to shelter other income that you (and your spouse, if you're married) may have. (Limits on the business loss deduction do apply.)

An LLC that's taxable as a partnership also can provide special allocations of tax benefits to

specific partners. This can be a notable reason for using an LLC over an S corporation (a business structure that provides pass-through tax treatment similar to a partnership). Another reason for using an LLC rather than an S corporation is that LLCs aren't subject to the restrictions the federal tax code imposes on S corporations regarding the number of owners and the types of ownership interests that may be issued.

3) Consider All The Advantages

An LLC can give you corporate-like protection from creditors while providing the benefits of taxation as a partnership.

For these reasons, you may want to consider operating your business as an LLC. Contact the office to discuss in more detail how an LLC might be an appropriate choice for you and any other owners.

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Aman Verma

Bayville Bridge Set to Close Again



The Leader photo from the November 2016 bridge closure. Photo: Patricia Brexel

The Bayville Bridge Rehabilitation Project will enter its second and final phase a full closure to roadway traffic, commencing on February 22, 2024. The necessary closure is expected to last 35 days.

While closed critical mechanical and electrical works on the south leaf, alongside minor painting and other tasks.

These steps are a part of the final phase, leading to the overall project completion June 11, 2024.

Many Bayville residents are up in arms about driving thru Mill Neck in the winter. There is a lot of black ice on the roads in Mill Neck due to underground springs that run on to the roads.

The Bayville Bridge has been closed on and off since Super Storm Sandy in 2012. Business both in Oyster Bay and Bayville are hurt by all these closures.

The Empire State building only took 18 months to build back in 1931, why is this project taking so long?

Bomb Threat at Trump Case Judge Great Neck Home

By **MIKE O'REILLY**

False bomb threats and shootings at the homes of public figures have surged recently, including the most recent threat aimed at the Great Neck home of Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Arthur Engoron, this past Thursday morning.

Engoron is presiding over the New York fraud case lodged by New York Attorney General Letitia James (D), against former President Donald Trump and his businesses.

Multiple political figures from both the Republican and Democratic party have recently been targeted by false threats of bombs or shootings at their homes. In fact, it has become so widespread that it



Judge Arthur Engoron

is commonly referred to as "Swatting".

Swatting involves calling in fraudulent threats or crimes being committed at the home of public or political figures, with the goal of having the SWAT team show up. Fortunately, no explosives were found in any of these cases and no one has been injured. To date, no arrests have been made in connection with any of these "swatting" incidents.

The bomb threat made at the home of Engoron came one day after the judge refused to allow President Trump to speak on his own behalf during closing statements in the fraud case against him. Whether the two incidents were related or not is not clear.

Planting "Oyster Gardens" in Oyster Bay, Manhasset Bay and Cold Spring Harbor



TOB's Joe Saladino, Thomas Hand, Lou Imbroto and Michele Johnson with Oysters

By **THOMAS NOTHEL**

A series of grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will be used by local universities to replenish and improve the oyster reefs on the North Shore of Long Island.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County received a grant of \$250,000 to build a volunteer driven oyster restoration on Long Island Sound. They will also receive matching funds of \$115,000.

The Town of Oyster Bay has been a leader in breeding baby oysters for "seeding" in the oyster beds in Oyster Bay, Cold Spring Harbor and Hempstead Harbor. TOB Supervisor Joe Saladino has personally seeded hundreds of thousands of "spat" - the name for baby oysters.

The grant's goal is to develop a volunteer training program to cultivate oyster gardens for reef restoration; source and procure spat-on-shell oysters for gardening; conduct a pilot project in Manhasset Bay; and teach 500 residents at 15 events about shellfish restoration in Manhasset Bay, in the Town of North Hempstead, New York.

The project will provide a framework to contribute to restoration of the oyster reefs as an Important Coastal Habitat of

Long Island Sound. Each mature oyster filters between 25 to 50 gallons of seawater clean each day.

A grant in the amount of \$477,200 was awarded to Stony Brook University. It will include collaboration from Adelphi University and the nonprofit Friends of the Bay. The grant will also include an additional \$308,500.00 in matching funds.

The funds will "develop a plan including hydrodynamic modeling of larval transport; refine habitat suitability maps and create maps of oyster recruitment; and work with local partners to foster rebuilding of oyster populations in Oyster Bay / Cold Spring Harbor, New York."

"The project will synthesize this information to support enhanced oyster growth and establish a pathway to create shellfish reefs."

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Long Island Sound Futures Fund supports projects to fully restore the health and living resources of Long Island Sound. It operates within a partnership of federal and state agencies, foundations, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions, user groups, and individuals dedicated to r

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Councilman Sal Ferro Welcomes Marianne Iannaccone, Leonard Urban and Tamar Sherman of Huntington's Disability Advisory Committee, to the newly-repaired LIRR north Elevator

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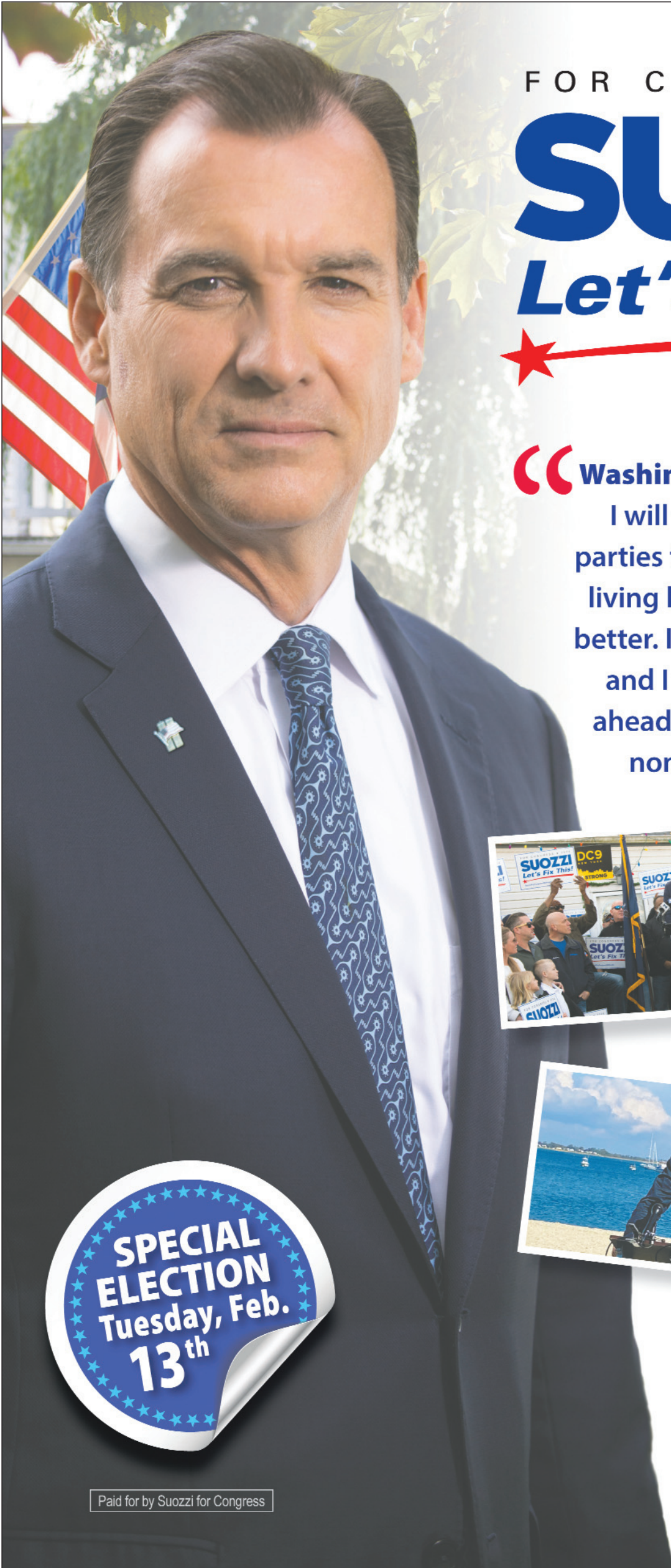
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Brookville Police Department's First Annual Awards Ceremony

Wednesday evening, December 20th the Brookville Police Department held its first Awards Ceremony. The Ceremony took place at the beautiful Mill Neck Manor School for the deaf.

The Brookville Police Department proudly serves the Incorporated Villages of Brookville, Cove Neck, Matinecock and Mill Neck. Over the past year they have responded to the following Assignments:

- 554 Alarm Calls
- 182 Auto Accidents
- 227 Aided Cases
- 855 Traffic Tickets Issued
- 12 Arrests
- 40 Unregisterd And Uninsured Cars Impounded.

The ceremony recognized three members of the departments who have performed their assignments in an exemplary manor.

Sergeant Frank Cacioli; recieved a lifesaving award and a meritorius police service award.

Sergeant Frank Cacioli, on Febuary 12, 2023 at 7:44 PM b.p.d was dispatched to an aided case at 3 brookville lane, brookville for a 56-year-old person not breathing and no pulse. Upon arrival cpr was already in progress when sgt cacioli arrived. sgt cacioli brought in his automatic defibulator and b.v.m. Sgt. Cacioli set up the a.e.d. and delived one shock, after a few more minutes of cpr, the aided statrted briething on his own and was even talking in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. Sgt. cacioli's immediate medical intervention certainly saved this person's life. The aided was a retired police officer from the NYPD.

Then on 11/29/23 at 9:50 PM Sgt. Cacioli observed the defendant sitting in the driver's seat of the above listed vehicle. The vehicle was parked facing East bound on Fruitledge Rd in front of the Tam O'Shanter golf course in the village of Brookville.

The vehicle was partially in the roadway and the vehicles lights and engine were off. Sgt. Cacioli activated his emergency lights in order to prevent any motorists from rear-ending the vehicle. The Sgt. Cacioli approached the defendant and asked for an explanation of why the vehicle was in the roadway.

The defendant stated he ran out of gas and that's why the vehicle was parked partially in the roadway. The defendant was then asked for his driver's license and the documents for the involved vehicle. The defendant produced a valid NYS identification card. The defendant when asked, stated that he was the registered owner of the vehicle. When the defendant produced the vehicles registration and insurance card, he was not listed as the registered owner. When the defendant was asked who Victor, the registered owner was, he stated it was his father. When asked where Victor lived, the defendant stated Levittown.

According to the registration, the registered owner Victor Naranjo lives in New Hyde Park.

Sgt. Cacioli then returned to his RMP to conduct a routine check of the defendants' driver's license and the vehicles status. When Sgt. Cacioli ran the vehicles registration in E-Justice the vehicle came back as stolen.

Sgt. Cacioli requested additional units and requested C.B. to run the plate to confirm. He then observed the defendant rapidly exit the vehicle and jump over the fence to the Tam O'Shanter golf course.

Sgt. Cacioli advised over department radio that he was in a foot pursuit of defendant on the golf course. The defendant tripped while attempting to flee and was placed into custody with the assistance of PO Coyle.

The defendant did actively resist arrest by flailing his arms and legs, and refusing to comply with commands. Police communications operators confirmed that the vehicle was involved was indeed stolen. The deft complained of difficulty breathing. PO Mulligan and PO



Sgt. Frank Cacioli, with his mother, and daughter.

Coyle along with Police Medic Metskas transported the deft to Nassau County Medical center in ambulance 2352 for evaluation. The vehicle was impounded by NCPD ESU

The defendant Ryan Bounauro (26) of Levittown was charged with 2 felonies and a misd; Grand larceny of a motor vehicle 3rd degree, Criminal possession of stolen property 3rd degree and resisting arrest.

For these two events Sgt Frank Cacioli was awarded a "Recognition for Life Saving Award" and a "Meritorius Police Service Award".

The second member to be recognized is Sergeant Dennis O'Connell, who will be receiving an "excellent police duty award". This award is given to an officer who performs (3) three exemplary tasks.

On November 14, 2022 at 1:00 PM Sgt O'Connell responded to investigate an identity theft at 6 Woods Crossing in



(L-R) Matinecock Mayor Kenneth Goodman, Mill Neck Mayor Peter Quick, Brookville Mayor Daniel Serota, Police Officer Vasilios Rabie, Mill Neck Deputy Mayor John Colgate, Cove Neck Mayor Thomas Zoller, Chief of Police Kenneth Lack, Brookville Police Department.

Photos: Patricia Brexel

Brookville. The complainant stated an unknown person was attempting to use his personal information to purchase a Maserati valued at \$143,000.00 dollars. Sgt O'Connell investigation included going to Gold Coast Maserati and obtaining all the fake documents used, securing video of the suspect, and video of the car the suspect used, With the assistance of NCPD second squad detectives a stake out of the dealership was set up with the intent the suspect to return to obtain the vehicle he was attempting to fraudulently purchase.

The stakeout was unsuccessful, however the suspect was arrested later and linked to other grand larcenies using a similar M.O.

The suspect was charged with grand larceny in the 2nd degree, a class C felony.

On December 16, 2022 at 5:31 PM Sgt O'Connell was on routine patrol in the backstreets of Brookville. He observed an illegally parked rental vehicle with a temporary plate on Emerson Road.

Upon further investigation he discovered the plate did not match the car. After a Vin check and contacting the Connecticut State troopers and enterprise rent-a-car it was discovered the person who rented the car had an extensive burglary history. It was strongly suspected the suspect was in the process of committing a burglary when he was interrupted by Sgt O'Connell. After an extensive search with additional Brookville police officers and NCPD Canine the search for a suspect was negative. The suspect was on probation for Burglary and his probation officer was notified of his possible criminal behavior.

On October 5, 2023 at 4:00 AM

Sgt O'Connell was on routine patrol when he observed two males on bicycles on Cleft Road in Mill Neck, blocking the roadway. Both males matched the description of suspects in the surrounding area that were committing larcenies from Mailboxes. Upon further investigation it

was discovered the two suspects were in possession of mail from 18 different residences in Mill Neck. The arrests of these two defendants stopped a continuing crime pattern of mail larceny. One of the



Sgt. Dennis O'Connell with his two sons, and his Mother.

defendants was a wanted fugitive from Florida and was extradited back to the sunshine state.

For these three events Sgt. Dennis O'Connell was awarded a an "excellent police duty" award.

Police Officer Vasilios Rabie was awarded with the "Recognition for Life Saving" award.

On September 24, 2023 at 5:02 PM BPD was dispatched for an aided case, an unresponsive male at 11 Meadowood lane in Brookville. PO Rabie Found the male aided on his couch not breathing and without a pulse. PO Rabie removed the aided from the couch and began CPR.

CPR was performed for about 4 minutes. The aided began gasping and regained a pulse. PO Rabie assisted the aided to breath using a BVM and provided supplemental oxygen. Care was transferred to Jericho Fire Department and the aided was transported to Syosset Hospital, where his prognosis was positive.

Police Officer Rabie's immediate action and medical intervention certainly saved this person's life.

Police Chief Kenneth Lack closed the ceremony by thanking the officers, and the Mill Neck manor Family of organizations particulally Tim. "They have been great, and good community partners with the Brookville Police Department."



PO Vasilios Rabie with his family.

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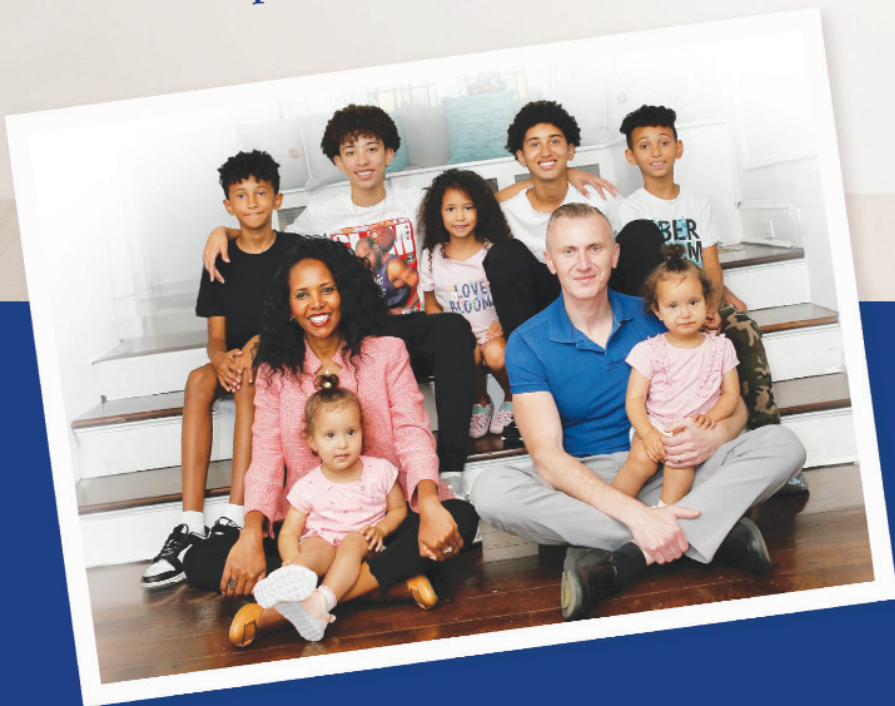
Born in Ethiopia, Mazi was evacuated to Israel as part of an Israeli/U.S. mission, which provided sanctuary to people like Mazi, who lived in fear of antisemitism. This experience gave her a passion to serve in an Israel Defense Forces Paratrooper Brigade. She legally immigrated to the U.S. in pursuit of the American Dream. Mazi and her husband now live in Great Neck where they are raising their 7 children.

In 2021, Mazi was elected to the Nassau County Legislature, where she added cops to the streets, held the line on property taxes, and stopped New York City from sending unvetted migrants to Nassau. Mazi is a national leader in the fight against antisemitism and Jew hatred.

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North Shore Regeneron Scholars Named

By **SAMANTHA CAREY**

The top 300 scholars were announced in the 102nd Regeneron Science Talent Search 2024 this week, and 38 students from Long Island's north shore (13% of the national total) dominated the awards.

The Regeneron Science Talent Search by the Society of Science is the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors, according to their press release. Students are provided a national stage to present their original research, empowering young scientists to generate innovative solutions to global challenges and provide a new perspective.

"Congratulations to the top 300 scholars in this year's Regeneron Science Talent Search," said Maya Ajmera, Publisher, Science News. "We received a record-breaking number of applications this year; interest in this prestigious competition is at an all-time high. I am truly impressed by the quality of the projects and the ingenuity that each student brings to the competition. Their diligence, passion, and perseverance should be celebrated."

The top scholars were selected from 2,162 applications from 712 high schools across 46 states including Guam, Puerto Rico and 10 other countries. The list of 300 were chosen from 196 American and international high schools and home schools in 36 states and China. Each of these scholars will receive \$2,000 each and their schools will receive \$2,000 each per enrolled scholar.

Projects cover a variety of topics, with the top five categories this year including environmental science, medicine and health, cellular and molecular biology, computational biology and behavior and social sciences.

The 38 local scholars come from schools, including Roslyn, Syosset, South Huntington, Port Washington, Great Neck, and more.

Here are the 38 north shore Long Island scholars:

Rebecca Bover, Herricks High School, New Hyde Park, NY. Project Title: The Novel Effect of Rosuvastatin on Cholesterol 25-Hydroxylase (Ch25h) Oxysterol Metabolism and IL-6 in Response to LPS and ssRNA40 Stimulation

Aidan Cazalet, Saint Anthony's High School, South Huntington, NY. Project Title: Examination of the Effects by a Salinity and Temperature Gradient on *Microcystis aeruginosa* Morphology: A Keyence Fluorescence Microscope Analysis

Alex Chen, Syosset High School, NY. Project Title: Evaluating the Neuroprotective Effects of Spearmint Oil in the *Caenorhabditis elegans* Model of Alzheimer's Disease

Hiuyi Cheng, Herricks High School, NY. Project Title: Evaluating Border Associated Macrophages: A Novel Approach to Investigating Cerebral Blood Flow Dysregulation in ApoE4 Mice

Benjamin Gordon, Schreiber High School, Port Washington, NY. Project Title: Impact of Cannabinoids on Prostaglandin Synthesis in Activated Inflammatory Cells

Jacob Gross, Roslyn High School, NY. Project Title: Investigating Synergistic Interactions Among SARS-CoV-2 Neutralizing Antibodies

Griffin Hon, Syosset High School, NY. Project Title: Evaluating Differential



Great Neck South High School's Regeneron Science Scholars

Nutritional Regulation of Stem Cell Plasticity

Luke Huang, Great Neck South High School, NY. Project Title: Multiscale Analysis of the Hubble Tension in an Evaluation of the Λ CDM Model

Vincent Weisi Huang, Syosset High School, NY. Project Title: A Smart Computer Program LauePt4 for Recognizing and Simulating Laue Patterns and Its Applications

Brandon Kim, Great Neck South High School, NY. Project Title: Deciphering Receptor-Ligand Connectomes in Models of Lung Adenocarcinoma

Natasha Kulviwat, Jericho Senior High School, NY. Project Title: The Neurobiology of Suicide: Blood-Brain Barrier Breakdown as a Novel Suicide-Risk Biomarker

Katherine Liang, Ward Melville High School, NY. Project Title: Differentially Private Deep Learning in Biomedical Research

Brian Zhou Liu, Great Neck South High School, NY. Project Title: Evaluating the Applied Effectiveness of ECG Compression Algorithms for Myocardial Infarction Detection

Sadie Rain Muller, Schreiber High School, Port Washington, NY. Project Title: Inside the Echo Chamber: A Closer Look at Climate Change Discourse on Twitter (X) and Political Correlates of Affective Polarization

Christina Pan, Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School, NY. Project Title: A Novel Application of the Fenton Reaction in the Chemical Upcycling of Polystyrene

Tej Parekh, Schreiber High School, Port Washington, NY. Project Title: Utilizing Artificial Intelligence for Categorizing Wildfire Origins Through Satellite Image Analysis

Daniela Parmigiani, Saint Anthony's High School, Huntington, NY. Project Title: The Optimization of the MS2/MCP-GFP Live Transcriptional Imaging Platform in *Caenorhabditis elegans*

Heemali Patel, Herricks High School, NY. Project Title: Visualizing Correlational Trends Between Average Monthly Temperature and Total Monthly Precipitation With Amphibian Populations in Canadian National Parks: A Linear Regression Approach

Aayush Prakash, Half Hollow Hills High School, NY. Project Title: Understanding the Cis-Regulatory Code of Mammary Epithelial Cells

Ankur Raghavan, Bethpage High School, NY. Project Title: The Reduction of Agricultural Water Consumption Through the Utilization of Wireless Sensor Arrays

Hannah Rosenberg, Schreiber High School, Port Washington, NY. Project Title: Christian Nationalism, Antisemitism and Attitudes Toward the War in Ukraine

Harrison Roth, Schreiber High School, Port Washington, NY. Project Title: Quantitative Implications of Nesting in State Legislatures

Luigi Sartori, Mineola High School, NY. Project Title: A Proposed Method for Measurement of Oil Spill Bioremediation Enhancement

Aryan Shah, Syosset High School, NY. Project Title: Analyzing the Effects of Different Types of Gerrymandering on Congressional Representation Across the 2010 Redistricting Cycle

Kishan Shanmugananthan, Herricks High School, NY. Project Title: Investigating the MSI2 Germline Variance Effects on Clonal Hematopoiesis of Indeterminate Potential (CHIP)

Cayden Shen, Roslyn High School, NY. Project Title: Using an Inexpensive Night Vision Camera as a Novel Detector in NIR Spectroscopy

Dylan Shen, Smithtown High School, NY. Project Title: A Novel Algorithm for Measuring Forest Incursions Using Pixelated Remote Sensing Data

Samantha Stewart, Mineola High School, NY. Project Title: The Use of Perfluorooctyl Bromide as an Oxygen Diffuser To Treat Chronic Lung Diseases

Victoria Tan, Jericho Senior High School, NY. Project Title: Frontiers in Exoplanetary Science: Novel Approaches to Temperature Prediction and Habitability Assessment

Helen Tang, Great Neck South High School, NY. Project Title: Impact of Unmet Social Needs on Acute and Long-Term Outcomes in COVID-19 Patients

Claire Tao, North Shore High School, NY. Project Title: TIGIT is Highly Expressed Across Various Types of Immunosuppressive Myeloid Cells Induced

by Glioblastoma Extracellular Vesicles

Jack Voelker, Manhasset High School. Project Title: The Effect of Anthropogenic Sound on the Reproductive Success of *Tigriopus californicus*

Richard Wong, Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School. Project Title: Temporal Phage Therapy: A Strategy for Managing MRSA Resistance Utilizing Bacteriophage Sb-1

Maggie Wu, Great Neck South High School, NY. Project Title: Effects of Dissolved Oxygen Levels on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Denitrification Performance of Woodchip Bioreactors Treating Onsite Wastewater

Alexander Xu, Great Neck South High School, NY. Project Title: CARE-BERT: BERT-Powered Graph Augmentation for Context-Aware Radiology Report Retrieval

Michelle Yu, North Shore High School, NY. Project Title: *Salvia hispanica* L. Ameliorates the Effects of Alzheimer's Disease in *Drosophila melanogaster*

Jonathan Zhang, Commack HS, Project Title: Efficient Differentiation of Sleep-Related Hypermotor Epilepsy and REM-Sleep Behavior Disorder via Neural Aperiodic Components

Tiffany Zhang, Great Neck South High School, NY. Project Title: Resolving the Constraints Imposed by Chiral Effective Field Theory and Perturbative Quantum Chromodynamics on the Neutron Star Equation of State

Shayla Zheng, Roslyn High School, NY. Project Title: Cell Fusion as a Novel Mechanism Behind JQ1 Resistance in Triple Negative Breast Cancer

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The Suffolk County Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management, Department of Economic Development and Planning, has received deeds from the Suffolk County Comptroller's Office for parcels of land acquired by the County of Suffolk as the result of non-payment of taxes.

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Only the former owner or someone with a legal interest in the property may file a redemption application.

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Applications to reacquire may be obtained from:

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Acquisition and Management
H. Lee Dennison Bldg.
100 Veterans Memorial Hwy.
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Hauppauge, New York 11788-0099
Redemption Unit – 2nd Floor
(631) 853-5909

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Annual Life Enrichment Center of Oyster Bay Gala



(L-R) Ed Mohlenhoff, Judy Palumbo, Mary Frignan, Dottie Simons, Rob Brusca, and Oyster Bay Town Clerk Richard LaMarca.

Photo by Ann Balderston-Glynn

BY VICTORIA CROSBY

The 9th annual gala of the Life Enrichment Center of Oyster Bay held a fundraiser at Brookville Country Club, with the theme “Fly Me to the Moon.” The event honored three individuals who have supported and contributed to the local community over many years. Dottie Simons, Rob Brusca, and John Specce, who are board members of LECOB as well as local business owners. A special tribute and recognition was also given to Mary Frignani, who is retiring after thirty years as LECOB’s Program Manager.

Several hundred guests enjoyed cocktails as they perused the more than seven-

ty auction items donated by local business and generous individuals. There was also a wonderful raffle prize of a dinner for twelve people with wine pairings at Gioia, donated by the owners of the restaurant 2 Spring in Oyster Bay.

LECOB offers many wellness programs to seniors, including nutrition, social services, transportation, fitness classes, a food pantry, trips and tours, medical screening and consultation, library and computer stations, programs for memory impaired, and a much more.

LECOB is located at 45 East Main Street in Oyster Bay. For further information visit www.lifeenrichmentcenterofosterbay.com

Friends of the Bay Holds Duck Talk and Walk

Friends of the Bay, an environmental conservation and advocacy organization located in Oyster Bay, will hold its first Speaker Series event of the year, “Winter Ducks of Oyster Bay - A Duck Talk and Walk” with Interim Executive Director Christine Suter on Saturday, February 17 beginning at 10 am. Rain date will be Sunday, February 18 at 10 am. The event will be co-hosted by the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center and the Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society.

The presentation will commence with a lecture at Friends of the Bay’s office (111 South Street, Suite 210, Oyster Bay) followed by a guided duck walk along



Christine Suter

Beekman Beach and West Shore Rd. Binoculars will be provided by the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary for those who need them. Participants must be able to walk or have transportation to Beekman Beach after the lecture.

Free, but registration is required and space is limited. Visit www.friendsofthebay.org/sign-up-for-event.html.

The mission of Friends of the Bay is to preserve, protect and restore the ecological integrity and productivity of the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Estuary and the surrounding watershed.

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Pianist Sofya Gulyak
Photo: Anastasya Chernyavsky

Millie DeRiggi’s Beautiful Life in Paintings

BY VICTORIA CROSBY

There was a recent opening of an art exhibit titled A Beautiful Life in Paintings, by Historian Dr. Mildred (Millie) DeRiggi at the Sea Cliff Arts Council. A reception was held early in January; however, the artist was unable to attend due to illness, but participated via Zoom. Her husband, former Glen Cove Mayor Don DeRiggi, was there with daughter Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Nassau County Legislator. When Millie was feeling better she attended to greet people, who all seemed surprised by her obvious artistic talent, as she is mostly known for her talks on the history of the North Shore of



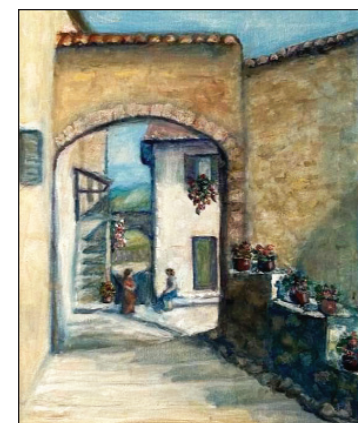
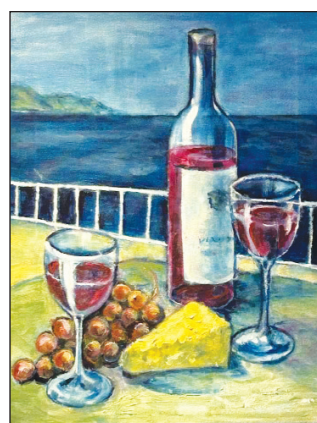
Dr. Mildred (Millie) DeRiggi

Long Island, and her book on the history of Glen Cove. She has given lectures for the North Shore Historical Museum, local colleges, universities, and other venues. Millie DeRiggi earned her PhD in history at the State University of New York in Stony Brook. With her knowledge of history Millie was one of the few people who wrote the questions and answers for the TV

show Jeopardy, not Alec Trebec! Millie’ is mostly self-taught and her artwork is an artistic journey, as many of the paintings are of places she and her husband travelled to over the years, many

in Italy. Be sure to stop by to view these wonderful paintings by a multi-talented artist.

The Sea Cliff Arts Council is located at 86 Roslyn Avenue in Sea Cliff. For further information visit www.seacliffartsCouncil.org



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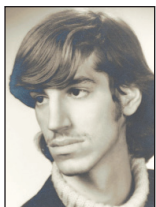
Obituaries



BOHNER, Suzanne B. of Glen Cove, NY formerly of Muttontown, NY on January 10, 2024 in her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Arthur F. for 65 years. Loving mother of Suzanne (Tom), Arthur F. Jr. (Sue), Andree (the late Rudolfo), Jennifer (the late Peter), Peter (Kimberly) and the late Cherie (the late Kenny). Dear sister of the late Monas Shellenberger. Proud grandmother of 13 and great-grandmother of 6.

Suzanne was a graduate of Marymount College in Tarrytown, NY. She was employed as a Realtor for many years with Daniel Gale Sothebys Glen Head Office, long time member of the Westhampton Country Club where she was an avid tennis player. She loved her family deeply and will be greatly missed. Interment at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, NY. www.dodge-thomas.com

CRAFT, Robert M., on Jan. 10, 2024, age 89, of Oyster Bay, NY. Beloved husband of the late Jane. Loving father of Robert T., Thomas (Patricia), Stephen (Kristin) and Matthew. Cherished grandfather of Thomas (Sammy), Lauren Bazzini (Michael), Jessica (Chad), Danielle, Valerie, Shannen, Michael, Isabella, and Gianna. Proud great-grandfather of Teo, and Maxwell Bazzini. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Interment. at Locust Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to the Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club, 135 Forest Avenue Locust Valley, NY 11560. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



DRIVAS, Perry J. of Glen Cove, NY on January 11, 2024 at Age 70. Beloved son of Anna (the late John). Dear brother of Antonia Woodman (the late Charles). Loving uncle of Anastasia (Diego) and Elizabeth (Matthew). Adored great-uncle of Charlie and Nicholas. Perry was an avid musician and scientist. Interment is Private. www.dodge-thomas.com

FERRADA, Luis, on Jan. 6, 2024, age 91, of Syosset, NY. Beloved husband of Lidia. Loving father of Jean-Pierre Ferrada (Gregor Weber), Brigitte Ferrada-Stetson (David Stetson). Also survived by loving family and friends. Entombment Queen Of Peace Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



GRELLA, Pasquale "Pat" of Glen Cove on January 15th, 2024 at age 55. Beloved son of Giuseppe and Costantina. Loving brother of Michele "Mike". Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. Pat worked as an electrician for many years, he enjoyed boating and was a dog lover, especially his dogs Zoey, Sammy, Luna and Emma.

Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9pm. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco on Saturday at 10am. Interment to follow at East Hillside Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



MANGIARACINA, Edward J. of Glen Cove, NY on January 15, 2024 at Age 77. Beloved husband of the late Paula. Loving father of Charles (Jenny) and Michael.

Dear brother of Frank. Adored grandfather of Avery and Van. Edward graduated from The Juilliard School in New York City, he was a professional musician. Mr. Mangiaracina was a longtime Music Teacher in the Locust Valley School District. He was also a member of the U.S. Air Force National Guard Band. Interment at St. John's Cemetery. www.dodge-thomas.com

MIHAILESCU, Sabrina Gabrielle of Glen Cove, NY on January 9, 2024 at Age 27. Beloved daughter of Christine and Anthony. Dear sister of Mateo and Luca. Loving granddaughter of the late Hope and Carl Naro, Rodica and Gigi. Also survived by loving aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends. Visitation of Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove on Friday 2-4pm and 7-9pm. Prayers at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home on Friday at 2:30pm. Interment is Private.

OLSEN, Warren of Bayville passed away on June 3, 2023, at the age of 94. He died of old age. Loving husband of Annaliese Kunert Olsen for 65 years. Beloved father of Kristian (Christine), Stephen (Cristina), Richard (Zerla), and Charles (Linda). Cherished Grandpa of Heather, Erik, Gregory, Frederick August, Allie, Kurt, Aubrey and eight great-grandchildren. Son of the late Clarence and Astrid Sundstrom Olsen, Warren was born in Richmond Hill, Queens on April 25, 1929 and grew up in

Jamaica Estates and Flushing, attending P.S. 51 and Jamaica High School. After enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1950 and passing basic training at Paris Island, South Carolina, he shipped out from San Francisco, serving for two years in the Korean War, and receiving battle field commendations for his service. Upon returning stateside, Warren returned to working as a carpenter for his father's construction company, married the love of his life, and built his first home in Merrick, Long Island. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Nassau County Police Department serving as a Patrolman and working undercover in the 3rd Precinct for 35 years. With a growing family, Warren and Ann moved to their dream town of Bayville in 1960 after he completed construction of their second home. Like his wife, Warren was very involved in the community, including: coaching his sons team sports at the Grenville Baker Boys Club; swimming, boating and fishing in Oyster Bay and the Long Island Sound; playing tennis at the Locust Valley Library and playing golf at the local municipal golf courses. One of Warren's favorite memories was helping the Boys Club's Director, Woody Lewis, and the Canadian Camp staff when his sons were campers in the 1970's. He'd assist as a counselor on fishing trips to the Little SW Miramichi River and driving the bus up to New Brunswick from Long Island. Additional activities he enjoyed included skiing with family and friends and tending to his garden. Following Ann's death in 2019, Warren spent the last four years of his life at the Benton House Senior Living Facility in Charleston, SC. He is survived by all of his sons and grandchildren. His ashes will be returned to Long Island and placed in the ground next to Ann's grave in the Locust Valley Cemetery on Rye Field Road. A Memorial Service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Glen Cove, NY on Sunday January 21, 2024 at 1 p.m. Warren and Ann were always generous in giving to Trinity Lutheran Church in Glen Cove and numerous not-for-profit organizations in Bayville and Locust Valley. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Warren's name to the Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

ROONEY, Robbie, on Jan. 8, 2024, age 63, of Lattingtown, NY, formerly of Dublin, Ireland. Beloved husband of Lori. Loving father of Catriona Meyer (Billy), Ellie, Eva, Dillon, and the late David. Proud grandfather of Conor, Mackenzie, and Reilly Meyer Cherished son of Rita and the late Terence. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Interment at the Huntington Rural Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneral-home.com



TERMINI, Joseph of Locust Valley, on January 15th, 2024 age 87. Beloved husband of Mary Jo and the late Patricia. Loving father of Susan (Marco), Pauline (Ken), Joe (Jill), Pam (Phil) and Jennifer. Proud grandfather of 13 and great-grandfather of 10. Joseph was a practicing Attorney for over 40 years. Former Special Deputy Superintendent in charge of the New York Liquidation Bureau. Proud graduate of the Citadel, Class of '58. Retired Officer of the US Army. He loved his dogs Sachi and Dakota.

Entombment at St. John's Cemetery, Middle Village, NY. www.DodgeThomas.com

TRIMBLE, John T., of Glen Head, NY, passed away on January 10, 2024, at the age of 89. Loving husband of the late Janice. Beloved mother of Keith (Patricia) and Bruce (Terri). Cherished grandfather of Ryan, Meghan, Amanda, Olivia, and Eva. Treasured brother of Jimmy (Odette).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ducks Unlimited Memorial Contribution, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120. 1-800-453-8257

Visitation on Saturday, January 20th, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Whitting Funeral Home, 300 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, NY 11545.

Funeral Service on Saturday, January 20th, at 3:00 PM at Whitting Funeral Home. Private interment. www.Whitting.com



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In 2021, Mazi was elected to the Nassau County Legislature, where she added cops to the streets, held the line on property taxes, and stopped New York City from sending unvetted migrants to Nassau. Mazi is a national leader in the fight against antisemitism and Jew hatred.

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Holiday Concert at North Shore Historical Museum



DeRock, Guy Valic, Paul Errico, Shawn Murray, and Elysa Sunshine.

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The Quartet DeRock performed an amazing holiday show at the North Shore Historical Museum sponsored by the Pistilli Metro Center. The quartet includes Elysa Sunshine on bass guitar and vocals, Paul Errico on keyboards and

vocals, Shawn Murry on drums, and Guy (Guitano) Valic on guitar and vocals. The band members are all from the North Shore of Long Island.

The audience was welcomed by museum president Georgie Connett and board member Linda Darby, who was

responsible for organizing the event, introduced the musicians. They performed many well know songs for the holidays and included other traditions, including Feliz Navidad, the Dreidel Song, and What a Wonderful World, which Guy Valic sang, saying that “it’s an all year long holiday song.” There was even an audience sing along with some tunes.

Delicious refreshments donated by board members of NSHM were enjoyed before and after the concert.

The mission of NSHM is to preserve the history of the North Shore of Long Island through the stewardship of its collections and historic structure—the 1907 Justices Court Building – to engage the public, and to interpret the history of the North Shore, in particular the area once known as The Gold Coast, through exhibits lectures and programs.



The event was well attended.

For further information visit www.northshorehistoricalmuseum.org.

Raise a Glass for a Cause: Guest Bartending Night to Benefit Grenville Baker B&GC



Two25 Restaurant in Locust Valley

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club will be shaking and stirring up some fun, all for a good cause at its 2nd Annual “Guest Bartender Night” to be held on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:15 pm at Two 25 Restaurant in Locust Valley. We are pleased to welcome the following guest

bartending teams: Eric Carlstrom, Tim Mangan and Kerrill O’Mahony, Adam and Ian Siegel, and Daniell Smith and Krystina Tomlinson. Each team will bring their unique flair and expertise to raise money and create an unforgettable experience. All cash tips will be donated to Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club. The event promises to be a fun and competitive evening where friends from the community enjoy cocktails, light bites, raffle prizes and more.

Each day Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club welcomes 200 members K-12 into its after-school enrichment program and more than 1000 members annually participate in any one of the Club’s other programs such as basketball, summer camp, sports camp, dance, gymnastics, flag football, soccer, baseball, Torch Club, Keystone Club and so much more.

For more information about Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club visit its website www.GBBGC.org or call Christine Thomaidis at 516-759-5437 Ext. 211.

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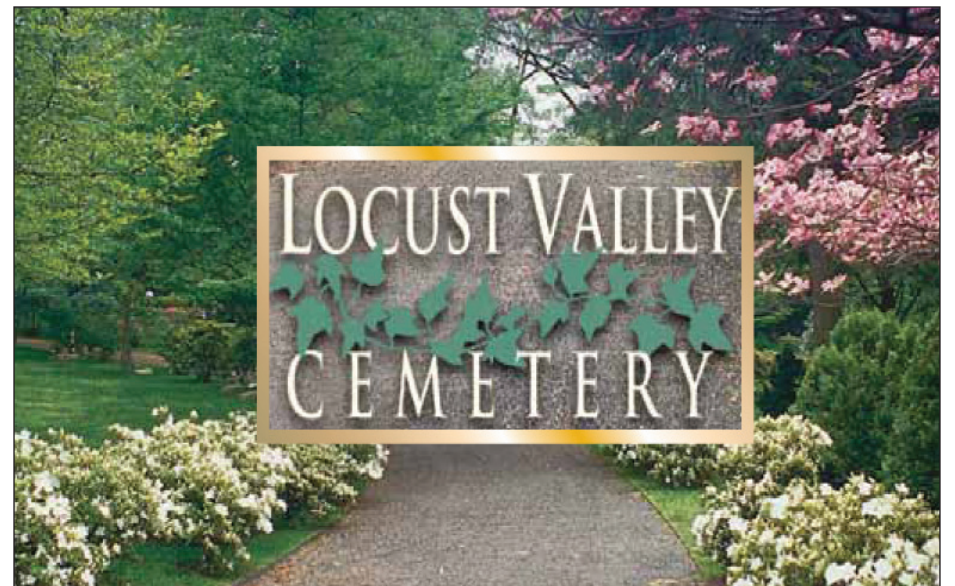
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