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*The Locust Valley Chamber sponsored a Pumpkin Patch, since they could not hold their Annual Harvest Festival. Children had fun picking free pumpkins.*

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# ELAINE PHILLIPS

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# Biden Puts 2,494 Migrant Children on LI; Suozzi Not Consulted

BY CHRIS O'NEILL

According to newly-released documents from the US Customs and Border Protection service ("CBP"), the Biden administration has admitted over 1.7 million illegal immigrants across the US southern border this year, and then re-settled them across the country - including in Syosset on Long Island.

The great majority (1.1 million) constitute unmarried, single working-age men. But a significant minority of over 147,000 are unaccompanied minor children. According to CBP, 2,494 of the unaccompanied minors have been settled on Long Island, with over 100 settled in Syosset.

The surge in migrants occurred after Biden took office and was facilitated by criminal gangs and drug cartels that began running illegal immigration racket-



*Tom Suozzi and Joe Biden*

ets, including the use of unaccompanied minors. Many of women and children trafficked are raped and mistreated in transit.

The Biden resettlement efforts include late-night flights of unaccompanied children and teens to various locations. Since August 8th, over 2000 minors have been transported to the Tri-State area on 21 post-midnight flights to Westchester Airport. According to witnesses, only a small portion constituted adult men.

The flights took place late at night with typical flights arriving between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The illegal aliens are then loaded onto buses and transported to various locations - including to centers such as MercyFirst, in Syosset, run by the Catholic Sisters of Mercy. There, on a recent Saturday, at



*Migrants En Route from Westchester Airport to Syosset (courtesy Rob Astorino)*

12:30 a.m. a bus was seen unloading migrants. A total of 100 are being housed at the facility in Syosset.

Local elected officials are upset about why such resettlement is being done in secrecy. Even Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-Glen Cove) protested in a letter to the Biden administration.

Suozzi complained that area schools and communities are being burdened

with hundreds of new students - "without any warning or foreknowledge."

"The Biden Administration is refusing to share even the most basic information about illegal alien resettlement in communities throughout our state and the entire country," stated Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. "If their open-border policy is so good for our country, why the secrecy?"

## North Shore Leader Reporter Honored

BY NIALL FITZGERALD

A reporter for the North Shore Leader, Chris O'Neill, was recognized recently at an international media conference in Lodz, Poland where he was able to address the attendees. The conference was organized by members of Poland's former anti-communist opposition, and featured the media and political organizations that fought for democracy and a free press against the communist dictatorship in 1980's Poland.

O'Neill, seen above, center, is perhaps the only non-Pole awarded the "Anticommunist Activist" status by the Polish government Office for War Veterans and Victims of Oppression. O'Neill worked as a journalist in the 1980's with the underground free press in communist Poland, while studying there as a foreign student.

The media conference was organized by the "Fighting Solidarity" and "LPD-N" formerly underground groups. Fighting Solidarity was founded by the late Kornel Morawiecki, father of the present Prime Minister of Poland, Mateusz Morawiecki, to coordinate with members of the free labor and political organization Solidarity against the communist regime.

Fighting Solidarity, many of whose members were engineers, became famous for cutting-edge free journalism, including underground radio broadcasts, debunking communist propaganda, illegal leaflets and journalism, placing informants within the communist security services, and creating devices that listened to both police and secret police communications.

For years the Soviet KGB and communist Poland's secret police were unable to locate Morawiecki. So they turned



*Chris O'Neill (center) being introduced at the Conference*

their wrath upon his then-teenage son, Mateusz Morawiecki. The police harassment started when Mateusz was just 14. At one point they kidnapped Mateusz to the forest, stripped him naked and forced him to dig his own grave, telling him they were going to execute him. They then started laughing and let him go. Fighting Solidarity decided in response to burn down the garden shed of the local SB head as a warning. The Communists' physical and psychological abuse meted out upon the younger Morawiecki has informed his leadership as Prime Minister. He has vowed to "never" allow a totalitarian group to take power again in Poland.

At the conference, O'Neill related that he was involved in the 1980's in the eastern city of Lublin, mostly with the LPD "N" underground media group. LPD "N" was a resolutely anti-communist underground organization that advocated for a democratic system, a market economy and complete dissociation from the Soviet Union.

Between 1984 and 1990 the group

prepared, printed and distributed 17 publications, including two books, 14 magazines (numerous issues), and over 500,000 leaflets.

"Such publication activity would have been noticeable under normal economic conditions in a free society," noted O'Neill. "But in communist Poland, paper, ink, printing equipment, and even staples were controlled, and had to be

organized outside the communist police state, and printed and distributed in secret."

The communist police had, as their job, the main task of combating and preventing exactly such independent media activity. The sanctions, if free journalists were caught, were real and severe, including loss of a place at university, loss of a job, and imprisonment.

"It should be noted that the *raison d'être* of underground publications was to present to the public information or ideas that the communists did not want disseminated," noted O'Neill in his address to the group. "The members of organizations like Fighting Solidarity and LPD "N" knew from their parents and grandparents, who often were members of the Polish resistance during WWII, how underground organizations were built and run," stated O'Neill. "No one knew other people's real names, and you only had contacts with others in the organization that were absolutely necessary - in most cases usually no more than two other persons."

## Pedestrian Killed in Old Brookville

The Homicide Squad is investigating a Fatal Vehicular Accident involving a pedestrian that occurred on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 6:54 pm in Old Brookville.

According to detectives, a male, 36, was operating a 2014 Jeep southbound on Glen Cove Road and struck a male,

58, in the vicinity of Glen Head Road. The male suffered severe trauma and was pronounced at the scene.

A vehicle brake and safety check were conducted and the driver remained at the scene.

The victim has been identified as Todd Tischier, 58, of Glen Cove.

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*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.

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## Op-Ed: Advice to New York Vote “NO” on all Ballot Proposals!

**BY MARK DEMOTROPOULOS**

To all voters regardless of political party or position, this election season: There are five Ballot Proposals to be voted and the consequences of this vote will have long term consequences for all the residents of the State of New York. Please vote “No” on all five.

**Ballot Proposal 1** – Stop Bi-Partisan Redistricting Process – would be horrible for bipartisanship. In 2014 voters approved a NYS Constitutional change – to grant control to an Independent Commission on redistricting. A Board of ten (10) members includes an even num-

ber of Republicans and Democrats plus two non-affiliated members (neither Democrat nor Republican.) Redistricting maps require a vote of seven out of the ten.

This new amendment would effectively scrap the 2014 Independent Commission, by allowing a simple majority of 51% of the Legislator to override the Independent Commission. Back to one-party Gerrymandered districts. Goodbye to fair-fight districts and democracy.

**Ballot Proposal 2** - would establish the right of each person to “clean air and

water.” Sounds great – but what does it mean?

Could you neighbor sue you for cutting your grass – or putting fertilizer and a sprinkler on your lawn. Or stop you from replacing an old roof? Or allow some private group to shut down local power plants (meaning your electricity gets turned off) – or force you to get rid of your car? Who knows. From a legal perspective, the proposal is extremely overbroad – which means it’s not really a law at all.

**Ballot Proposal 3** – Eliminate the ten (10) day advance voter registration. Now, a citizen must be registered to vote at least ten (10) days prior before the election. The current law was an “Anti-Tammany Hall,” “Good Government” rule to stop corrupt political groups from “flooding” local districts with phantom voters, right before an election.

The proposal is an invitation to fraud. Vote “No.”

**Ballot Proposal 4** – “No Excuse” paper ballot voting. This proposal would end the current law that an absentee voter must be unable to appear at the polls by reason of absence from the county or illness or physical disability. It would institutionalize no-ID, internet, and mail-in voting.

No-ID, internet balloting is an invitation to vote fraud. The Russians and Chinese would be happy to remotely cast your vote on-line. It would open the NYS voting process to manipulation and fraud. Vote “No”



Mark Demetropoulos

**Ballot Proposal 5** - Increase the civil jurisdiction of the New York City Civil Court from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Right now, claims over \$25,000 are only allowed in the New York Supreme Court.

This amendment is not based on legal necessity. It will encourage more frivolous and baseless lawsuits – and create more chaos in the already back-logged New York Civil Courts. Vote “No.”

The choice is up to the voters. However, in the spirit of bipartisanship, New York State citizens would be wise to vote “NO” on all five amendment ballots!

*Mark Demetropoulos, JD, LLM, is a Port Washington-based Constitutional and Tax Attorney, who states that he “still believes in the Constitution.”*



Paolo Pironi During a Recent Fire Call

**BY NIALL FITZGERALD**

“Paolo Pironi is a volunteer fireman – a First Responder just like we are – and that is why we are proud to endorse Paolo Pironi for the Nassau County Legislature,” stated Steven Maritas, the head of the Law Enforcement Officers PBA, one of the largest law enforcement and security unions in the United States.

“Paolo Pironi knows, like we do, that when you get the call, and rush out to help people, you put your life and safety on the line for the public.” added Maritas.

Pironi, age 34, is the Republican nominee for the Nassau Legislature in the north shore 18th district, that includes Oyster Bay, Locust Valley, Bayville, Syosset and the Brookvilles. He has served as a volunteer firefighter with the Oyster Bay Fire Department for twelve

years, and gone out on over 3,450 fire alarm calls. Pironi is currently a lieutenant in the volunteer Fire Department.

“I am humbled by this endorsement from law enforcement, and want to thank each of your 10,000 police and law enforcement members for your recognition and trust,” stated Pironi. “We all work together to protect the public, and that is the perspective that I will bring to local government.”

Pironi is leading in the race against two-term Democrat Joshua Lafazan, according to several recent polls.

Pironi, a native of Brookville and Oyster Bay, just married his high school sweetheart, Megan Stewart of Oyster Bay, over the summer. He works for his local family business, building single family homes.

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**-Increase safety and quality of life enforcement**

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**-Do the bidding of party bosses**

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## Locust Valley Has a New Hot Spot Boutique

BY PATRICIA BREXEL

The new Spot Boutique just opened this month in Locust Valley. Just in time for fall and the ski season the Spot Boutique is stocked with your favorite brands. Just to name a few Patagonia, Faherty, Birkenstock, Marine Layer and so much more. They carry Men's, Women's and children's sizes.

The Spot also has a selection of footwear, boots, and eyewear including Vuarent, Caddis and Otis.

So get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping. The Spot Boutique is located at 82 Birch Hill Road.



*The Spot Boutique in Locust Valley.*



*The Spot Boutique is well stocked with all your favorites, and great prices too.*

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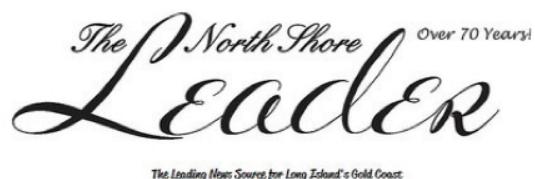


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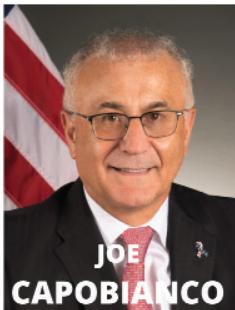
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- MAYOR TENKE IS TOUTING A 5-YEAR OPERATING PLAN WHICH IS A **NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURE** AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN CREATED 4 YEARS AGO WHEN THE MAYOR TOOK OFFICE!

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**★ FIGHT FOR TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY**

Stephanie believes that transparency and accountability help promote trust and effectiveness in local government. That's why she supports term limits and the spirit of Suffolk County's term limit law—she will fight to close the "consecutive" loophole and abide by the will of the voters.

**★ PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY**

In 2019, before ever considering a run for office, Stephanie supported the Town of Huntington's proposal to prevent reckless overdevelopment because our roads, sewer systems, and stormwater infrastructure are being overburdened. She believes we can promote our local economy without sacrificing our community's character.



**HONESTY**  
**ACCOUNTABILITY**



**VOTE STEPHANIE BONTEMPI FOR LEGISLATOR ON TUES., NOV. 2**

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# DON'T BELIEVE THE LIES

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## Smyth, Lupinacci Announce New Huntington Spray Park

**BY MAUREEN DALY**

Huntington Supervisor Chad Lupinacci and Deputy Supervisor Ed Smyth announced that the Town will be opening a new spray park, set to open in Spring 2022. The spray park will be at Manor Field Park in Huntington Station.

This will be the second spray park in Huntington. The other spray park is Sgt

Paul Tuozullo Memorial Park at Elwood Park, and was opened in 2019.

"In the spring of 2022, the children of Huntington Station will have this first-class spray park in their backyard," stated Smyth. "We will also have along a brand-new playground and new turf field that athletes of all ages can enjoy."

The Manor Field Spray Park along



**waterplay** MANOR SPRAY PARK, HUNTINGTON, NY\_Sports

*A rendering of the future spray park.*

proposal, including a detailed list of improvements planned for each school.

The vote is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 7 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Oyster Bay High School Chorus Room. All eligible residents are encouraged to participate in this important vote!

with the new amenities we have coming soon are exciting steps in our plan to revitalize Huntington Station," added Lupinacci.

Construction on the new playground and the new Manor Field Spray Park is set to start in the coming weeks and will take approximately two months to complete.

## OB-EN Board of Education Sets Capital Improvement Bond Vote

The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District's Board of Education adopted a resolution at its Oct. 12 meeting to present a \$29.97 million capital improvement bond proposal to the greater community for a vote on Tuesday, Dec. 7. The proposed capital improvement projects are designed around the security of students and the creation of new innovative learning spaces at every school. If approved, the projects will be completed with no new cost increase to residents. "We are excited to announce our proposed bond referendum at no additional cost to taxpayers to upgrade our facilities districtwide," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Francesco Ianni said. "The projects for each school were carefully researched to ensure they are the most effective and efficient way of improving our buildings for the success and safety of our students."

The referendum, if approved, will address the district's infrastructure and instructional needs to create an environment that empowers students and provides them with expanded opportunities. The projects directly support district programs and provide students with modern spaces that are designed for group collaboration.

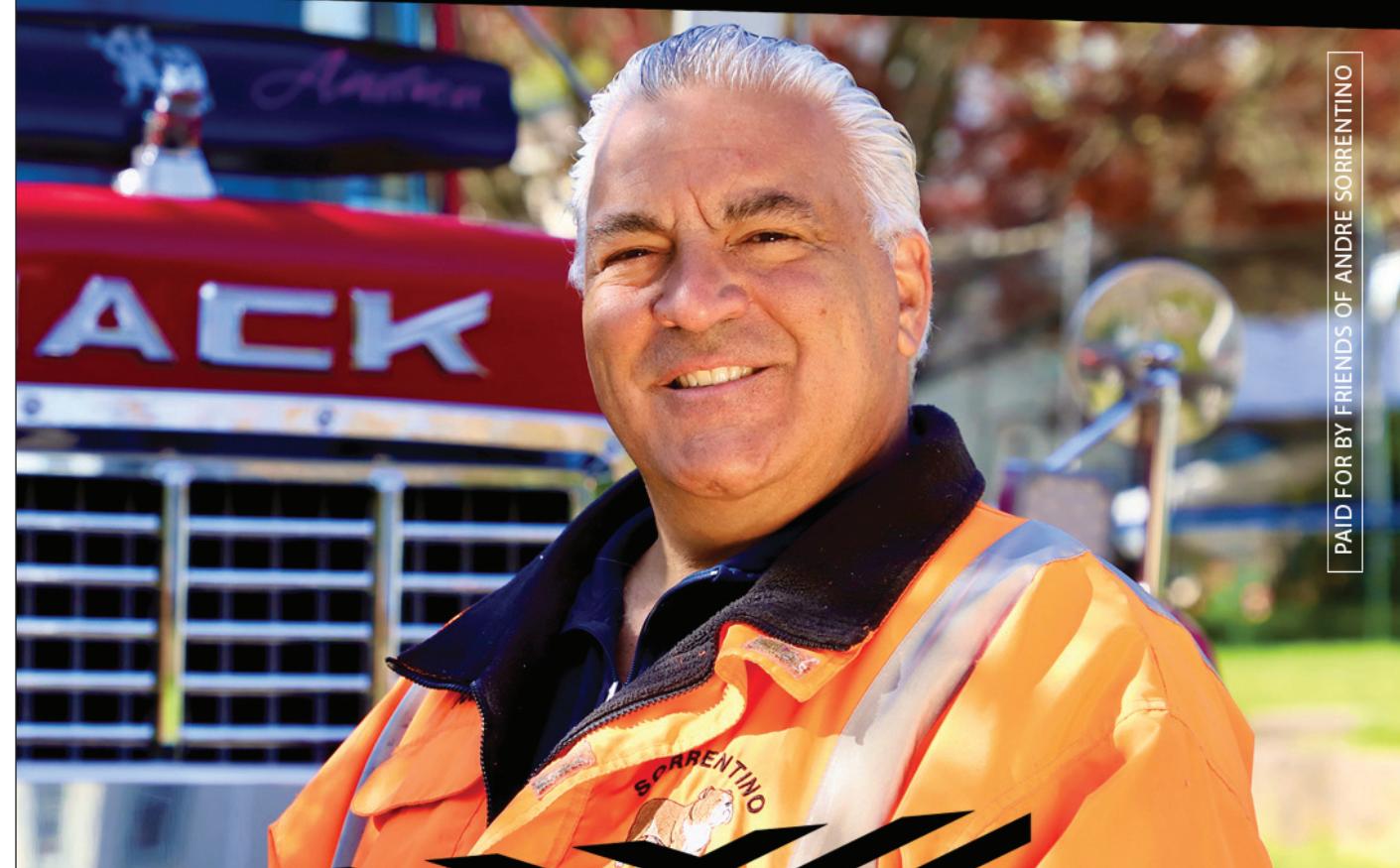
At Oyster Bay High School, the proposal includes the creation of an innovation lab by the library, the renovation of 21st century classrooms, the installation of a new turf field and the renovation of the school's front entrance. Among the projects included at James H. Vernon are the renovation of the music wing and current music classrooms, as well as the renovations of the cafeteria, Butler building and the addition of ground storage. The project also includes the construction of a building extension at the Theodore Roosevelt School and enhanced security features at the administration building.

In addition to the projects noted above, the proposal calls for a number of other improvements as identified in the district's Building Condition Survey, such as window repairs, emergency security and lighting upgrades, door hardware replacement, and HVAC repairs.

The "new debt" from the proposed bond referendum will essentially "replace" a portion of expiring debt from an earlier bond, which will retire in 2023. The timing of replacing this debt is important to avoid any additional property tax growth for residents, due to fluctuation in the tax levy.

District residents are encouraged to visit the district's website, [www.ob-en-schools.org](http://www.ob-en-schools.org), for more information on the

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# Dr. Dave Bennardo and Sal Ferro

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### Dr. Dave Bennardo

As an educator for more than 30 years, Dave has committed his life to preparing the next generation of leaders and helping the families in our communities succeed. As Superintendent of South Huntington schools, he took learning to the next level and upgraded facilities and technology for our students to excel. Newsday profiled him as one of the strongest educators on Long Island, noting his work to bring normalcy to our children and teachers throughout the pandemic.

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### Sal Ferro

As the CEO of one of the largest remodeling companies in the nation, Sal has used his success to give back to our communities. First, by helping renovate homes for deserving families on ABC Extreme Makeover. Then, by starting a charitable foundation to help low-income senior citizens and veterans make critical improvements to their homes. The foundation also awards scholarships to disadvantaged Long Island college-bound students in our communities. Sal has also raised thousands of dollars in charitable funds for non-profit organizations, including Huntington Hospital.

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**Elect the Bennardo-Ferro Team on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## Friends of the Bay Installs Two Raingardens at the Waterfront



*Volunteers dig in to make space for the native plants.*

Friends of the Bay this past weekend installed two raingardens on the Western Waterfront on the south shore of Oyster Bay Harbor.

The Western Waterfront Raingardens Project was made possible by a \$6000 grant from the Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund at the Long Island Community Foundation. Partners on the project are the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center.



*Some of the hard working volunteers before planting.*

*Photos taken by Heather Johnson.*

More than a dozen volunteers from Friends of the Bay and the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary with the help of the town installed the raingardens, which are located in front of the 9/11 Memorial, across from Building J, home of the Ida May Project.

Rraigardens are landscapes that capture and treat stormwater runoff. Rainwater travels over roads, roofs, driveways and lawns, before draining into our waterways. Along the way it erodes and transports soils and degraded

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water quality and result in the loss of aquatic habitat.

Rraigardens help by reducing the flow rate of runoff, and the soil, bacteria and plants absorb much of the pollutants before they enter the groundwater and waterways.

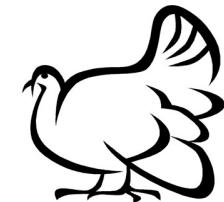
The best plants for raingardens are those that thrive in a "drought and drench" environment. Native plants, like

the ones used in these raingardens, require little or no fertilizer, are excellent food sources for pollinators, and provide habitat for birds, insects and butterflies. Once established, their deep roots increase the water-holding capacity of the soil, bind it together and prevent erosion.

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## Cold Spring Harbor a Homecoming to Remember



Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School football team with coach Jonathan Mendreski (far left).

On Oct. 8, Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School football field was transformed into an exhilarating homecoming 2021 celebration where students, families and community members came together to show their school spirit and community pride.

The pep rally was second to none, as students, teachers and administrators gathered on the athletic field to cheer for their beloved Seahawks athletes and cheerleaders, applaud the seniors who were introduced and congratulate the homecoming king and queen seniors Harry Jones and Lauren Kania, respectively.

Much to the delight of those in attendance, before the start of the varsity football game between the Cold Spring Harbor Seahawks and the Island Trees



Before the start of homecoming 2021, pre-games included varsity girls volleyball, varsity boys and girls soccer, field hockey and varsity girls tennis.

Bulldogs, the campus fields were filled with pre-games including varsity girls volleyball, varsity boys and girls soccer, field hockey and varsity girls tennis. Prior to kickoff, there was plenty of food and entertainment provided by the Athletics Booster Club, and business was booming throughout the evening at the Seahawks Snack Shack.

Halftime became a community event, as the district's youngest students were invited onto the football field where they enjoyed participating in a variety of games and activities. The varsity cheerleaders kept spirits high with their performance before a cheering crowd.

As homecoming came to a rousing finale, it was a perfect end to a perfect day. The Seahawks came to play and did not disappoint their fans delivering a victory over the rival Bulldogs with a final score of 40-6.

Homecoming 2021 will long be remembered as a celebration of school and community filled with spirit, pride and unity. Special thanks to the Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School administration team and all those who made it possible and congratulations to the coach Jonathan Mendreski and the coaches on their spectacular win.



The district's youngest students and siblings took the field where they enjoyed a variety of activities.  
Photos courtesy of the Cold Spring Harbor School District

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## OBEN Fine and Performing Arts Prepares for Live Musicals



Vernon students rehearse for Madagascar Jr.

Photos courtesy of Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central Schools

The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Fine and Performing Arts Department is excited to bring two musicals to a live audience this November. On Nov. 5 at 7 p.m., the Middle Level Musical Revue will be performed at Oyster Bay High School. This year's musical is a story told from the perspective of popular villains. The audience will watch their side of the story as they plot their revenge on heroes who have wronged them. For the middle level musical, tickets will be \$10.

The James H. Vernon School musical will take place from Nov. 12-14. Students will put on a performance of Madagascar Jr. and take the audience on

a wild ride all over the globe. For this performance, tickets are sold as pairs for \$20 and must be reserved in advance by contacting Ms. Chiappardi at [tchiappardi@obenschools.org](mailto:tchiappardi@obenschools.org).



Vernon students preparing the set.

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High School. The bins gave her community and peers the opportunity to properly dispose of unused cords, cables and wires. One of the messages Cord Clutter Connection aims to spread is that the improper disposal of old cords contaminates the environment and may be linked to health issues in people, animals and food production.

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## Obituaries

**CROWLEY,** Christopher W., Lifelong resident of Oyster Bay On September 24, 2021. Beloved brother of Irene (the late George Hawhurst), Mary, Michael, and Jennifer (Gregory) LaCava. Cherished Uncle of Gregory, William, Jessica, Caroline, and James. Nephew of Peter (Jayne) Dunn, Kathleen (John) Bohn. Chris was a 13 year Member of The Atlantic Steamer Fire Co.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Francis Hospital or Atlantic Steamer Fire Co.

**KNOTT-** David Mabon, 77, passed away peacefully at home in Mill Neck, NY on October 23, 2021, surrounded by family. David, the son of Margaret Mabon Knott and David Hurst Knott, junior, was born on September 21, 1944 in New York City. He grew up in Garden City, NY until he attended St. Paul's School in Concord, NH. From there, he attended the University of Pennsylvania and received a BA in Political Science (C'67) and an MBA from the Wharton School (WG'73).

David began his five-decade career in investing at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette where he served as Vice President in their retail/small institution division. In 1983, he left DLJ to join Mandrakos Associates as a general partner where he ran the firm's investments in the energy and financial services industries. In 1987, David founded Knott Partners, a value-focused hedge fund based on Long Island. He served on the Board of Directors of several public companies: Paramount Resources (Calgary, Alberta), Ligand Pharmaceuticals (San Diego, CA) and ArborGen (Auckland, New Zealand). More than anything, he made it his life's mission to give back. David and his wife, Ginny, endowed scholarships and professorships at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. David helped manage the University of Pennsylvania's undergraduate financial aid program and served on the Executive Board of Trustees at the Wharton School for nine years. He was also deeply passionate about supporting communities in need and served on the Board of Trustees and Investment Committees for Say Yes to Education (New York City) and Boy's and Girl's Harbor (New York City), and was a Board Member of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (Cold Spring Harbor, NY). Additionally, David served as a founding Trustee and Chairman of the Investment Committee of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA. This role was especially close to his heart as his father perished in combat in

Italy just months shy of D-Day. David named the Italian Campaign exhibit in honor of his father whom he only met once as an infant.

David will be remembered for his love of his wife, Ginny, and three children for whom he felt limitless affection. His family will spend a lifetime reminiscing about David's funny quirks: running late at night, blasting music throughout the house and donning his purple scarf everywhere he went, regardless of the season. He had a deep faith in God and cherished his time on the Vestry of St. John's of Lattingtown Church. His ambition was inspiring to all who knew him, as was his commitment to leading a life of continuous education. He challenged himself and those around him to remain curious and open to learning.

David is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 40 years, Virginia Commander Knott; and his three children, Katharine Commander Knott and fiancé, Kevin Schmitt of Vail, CO; David Mabon Knott, junior of New York City; and Virginia Knott Leachman, her husband, Scott Rawlings Leachman, junior and his granddaughter, Virginia Righton Leachman of New York City. He is also survived by his sister, Margaret Benham (David); sister-in-law, Wylene Commander; niece, Eliza Holladay (Addison); and nephews, Belton Baker (Elizabeth) and Clifton Benham (Anna).

The funeral will be held on Friday, October 29th, at 11:00 am at St. John's of Lattingtown Church.

In the spirit of his philanthropy, any donations — no matter the amount — would be greatly appreciated to: Alzheimer's Research at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1 Bungtown Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724 / give.cshl.edu [www.oysterbayfuneral-home.com](http://www.oysterbayfuneral-home.com)

**OKULA,** Helen A. of East Norwich, NY peacefully at her home on October 4, 2021. Beloved mother of Diane Okula and Carolann Regnell. Cherished grandmother of Matthew (Megan) Regnell and Katherine Regnell. Dear sister of the late Vincent Bruseski and Stella Bose. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Helen worked for many years as a clerk at the Oyster Bay Town Hall. She was a lifelong parishioner of St Dominic Church in Oyster Bay, active in the Legion of Mary, Catholic Daughters and the parish church choir. Interment at Holy Rood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made in Helen's name to the East Norwich Volunteer Fire Company at 900 Oyster Bay Rd. East Norwich, NY 11732

## A Memorial Concert to Chris Crosby at Morgan Park



The concert was well attended by friends and family.

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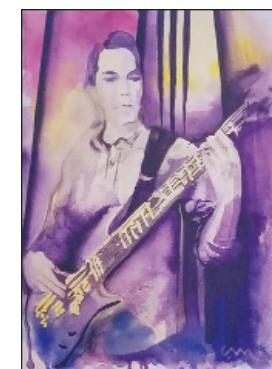
A memorial/concert took place recently in Morgan Park in Glen Cove to celebrate the life of musician Chris Crosby, who grew up in Glen Cove. More than two hundred people attended on that emotional afternoon.

Musicians traveled from all over the country to be there to perform and share their memories of Chris with the audience. Chris's brother, Jason, helped to coordinate the concert which included bands from Christopher's teen years at the GreenVale School and Lutheran High School.

The music played were mostly Chris's compositions, including one that was inspired by the squeaking sounds of the family dryer when he was a teenager, and also music from Rush, one of Chris's favorite bands.

Co-workers from the Glen Cove Library attended, and library Director Kathie Flynn spoke about Chris. Many people said how friendly he was, and a good listener. Amy Mondello, who worked with Chris for twenty years at the library said through her tears "He was like a little brother to me." His co-workers from the Syosset Library were also there.

Cam Art, an artist from Middle Island, said that he had been inspired to



A watercolor of Chris by Cam Art.

paint a watercolor of Chris when he learned of his passing. A poster-size print was at the entrance to the park, and another framed painting was on the stage. He said that although he had met Chris, he didn't know him well, but that Chris had a way of making people feel as though they were old friends.

There were also posters featuring a photo of Chris playing his bass, courtesy of Roger McNamee, some on the stage and others that people could take as they left.

Friends had brought flowers to decorate the stage including a very large bouquet of blue and white roses from Lia DiAngelo of Westbury Florist, and her family.

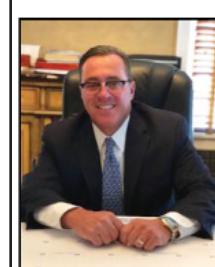
Two huge autumnal arrangements by Gigi Ferrante, were on either side of the watercolor painting on the stage.

Donations to the Christopher Crosby Memorial Scholarship Fund may be made through the Glen Cove Arts Council [www.glencoearts council.org](http://www.glencoearts council.org), or sent to GCAC PO Box 27 Glen Cove NY 11542.

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