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(Top) The Locust Valley Fire Department; (L-R) Ceremonies in Bayville; placing the wreaths in Oyster Bay; playing Taps in Glen Cove, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in Huntington; The Marines and Navy service members at the village green in Bayville. Stories on page 2, 13, and 15.

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Memorial Day Celebrations on The North Shore



Tony Jimenez in Glen Cove. Photo: GSM Communications



Children enjoying the parade. Photo by Peter M. Budraitis



The Finley Middle School Band. Photo: GSM Communications



Grand Marshal David Hubbard. Photos by Peter M. Budraitis

THE GLEN COVE
BY VICTORIA CROSBY
The Glen Cove Memorial Day Parade began on Forest Avenue, down School Street to Pratt Park next to the Glen Cove Firehouse. This year's Grand Marshal was David Hubbard. The Grand Marshal is chosen each year by one of the city's four military organization which include,

Veterans of Foreign Wars 347, The Marine Corps League Detachment 22, The American Legion Post 76, The American Legion Young-Simmons Post 1765. These rotate each year with input from the general public. Michael Napoli and Michael Mienko were the co-chairs of the Memorial Day Parade Committee. The Honoree was Pvt. James E. Donohue, US Army. The parade features the Veterans organizations, Fire Department and EMS, School cheerleaders and Sports teams, marching bands; including the Finley Middle School, and Glen Cove High School, The Gordon Highlanders Bagpipe Band among others. Many Glen Cove organizations participated carrying

banners, including the Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, The Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club, The Glen Cove Youth Bureau, The Sons of Italy, Kiwanis, and many more, with elected officials who marched alongside. Spectators lined the streets to cheer as they passed, with many waving American flags and wearing patriotic outfits.

OYSTER BAY
North Shore Veterans Memorial Post #21 in Oyster Bay hosted the Memorial Day parade and Remembrance Ceremony. The parade coordinator this year was Bob Selby, Parade Chairman and AMVETS Vice Commander.

The Oyster Bay Memorial Day parade started at 10:00 a.m., at South Street and Adams Street. They marched into town, then to Ships Point Lane where our veterans held a brief Memorial Ceremony with our theme for this remembrance: "For all of those – who were lost at sea".

The parade resumed after a brief "break" and marched back into town to the Oyster Bay Town Hall, where our Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony took place at the gazebo. Featured as part of our ceremony, was the Oyster Bay High School Band – led by Mr. Matthew Sisia – providing patriotic tunes for our holiday.

Proud participants included our Oyster Bay AMVETS and American Legion Veterans Posts, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, our Chamber of Commerce, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, Oyster Bay Little League teams, Friends of the Bay, Rayner Hall Historical site and the Oyster Bay Historical Society, Sagamore Hill Historical site, our Catholic Daughters, the Italian – American Citizens Club, Knights of Columbus, Matinecock Mason Lodge, the Oyster Bay Lions Club. Providing our marching music – was the Oyster Bay High School and Middle School Bands.

Also contributing to our community spirit & entertainment – will be our 3 – local fire companies. Oyster Bay Fire Company #1 – led by Chief Anthony DeCarlos. Oyster Bay's Atlantic Steamer Fire Company – led by Chief

Rob Knickman. East Norwich Fire Company #1 – led by Chief Wayne Placella. All 3 fire companies provided a band to lead their fire companies.



The AMVETS.



The Scouts.



The Oyster Bay Lions Club



Thanking our service members.



The Oyster Bay Fire Company #1
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Bontempi: We Need Real Term Limits

BY NOLAN CLEARY
Back in 1993, Suffolk County voters overwhelmingly passed a Referendum imposing term limits of no more than 12 years on county legislators.

Then one of them, Democrat Kate Browning - after being a Legislator for 12 years - “skipped a term” and then ran again, claiming the term limit was “only for successive terms.” A local Court agreed with her and let her run, but the voters last fall had had enough, and voted against Browning in the November election.

Browning invoked what critics called the “Putin Loophole” - after Russia's Vladimir Putin, who used the same trick to evade Russia's three term limit for President. Putin “swapped” jobs with his flunky Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, for one term.

Then, four years later, Putin swapped jobs with Medvedev again, to return himself as President. It was the recipe that Putin used to make himself a dictator for life.

To end the antics of Browning and those self-serving politicians seeking to exploit the “Putin Loophole,” Suffolk County Legislators have unveiled legislation to solidify real term limits for all



Legislator Stephanie Bontempi

positions in the county. The legislation, proposed by Legislator Stephanie Bontempi (R-Centerport), would limit all elected officials to a total of 12 years in any one position. No “skipping” or “swapping” with fellow party cronies, like Browning tried to do.

“In 1993 Suffolk County voters went to the polls and approved term limits,” said Bontempi. “The goal was to provide Suffolk County voters with new candidates who can bring new ideas and new perspectives to their offices. Our communities are ever changing, and leadership should reflect those changes.”

The law would include county executive, comptroller and legislators. A loophole allowing more than 12 years would also be prohibited.

“In 1993 the voters overwhelmingly approved and passed term-limit laws,” said Presiding Officer Kevin McCaffrey. “Their intent, as was our intent, was to make it a 12-year term. We are going to put it up a referendum for the voters after this resolution is passed, and we expect them to overwhelmingly support this referendum.”

A vote before the Legislature to call the Referendum is expected in June.

Centre Island's Bruderman "In" as NUMC Chair

BY PRIYA PERSAUD
Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman is moving fast to replace old officials and bring in some new talent to the county - with a renewed focus on the previously fiscally-troubled Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC).

Last month, Blakeman named Matthew Bruderman, a Centre Island resident, finance expert, and chairman of the wealth management firms of Bruderman Brothers and Bruderman Asset Management, as the new Chairman of the Board of Nassau University Medical Center.

Bruderman replaced Democrat appointee Edward Farbenblum - an appointee of former Democrat County Executive Laura Curran - as Chairman. But then Farbenblum refused to leave and relinquish the Chairman's position.

So Blakeman's office, earlier this month, filed charges to remove



Matthew Bruderman

Farbenblum from the NUMC Board. The charges stated that Farbenblum had violated his fiduciary duties while serving on the board of NUMC and had failed to report the necessary financial disclosure forms.

In response to the seven-page complaint detailing Farbenblum's dereliction of duty, conflicts of interest, and refusal to comply with the state's disclosure laws, Farbenblum chose not to fight any longer, gave in his resignation as a trustee.

“I look forward to using my extensive experience in business and health care to restore NUMC to sound fiscal footing,” stated Blakeman. “We must ensure the county's critical safety net hospital serve Nassau residents for decades to come.”

The appointment of Bruderman to the NUMC board will last until February 28, 2027.

Glen Cove High School Locked Down



Glen Cove High School

On June 3rd at approximately 11:28 A.M. the Glen Cove Police Department was notified that the Emergency lock down alarm was activated at the Glen Cove High School. Upon the alarm activation, the High School executed their lockdown procedures and immediately began collaborating with responding officers of the Glen Cove Police Department. After an investigation by members of the police department and school officials it was determined that the alarm was intentionally activated by a 15-year-old student. That student was quickly identified and arrested at the scene. The juvenile

was charged with Falsely Reporting an Incident in the Third Degree. The juvenile was processed by the Glen Cove Police Department and released to the custody of the parents. The juvenile has a pending Family Court date later this month.

“The behavior of this student placed the entire High School student population as well as their parents in an emotional and panicked state. This false alarm also placed responding officers and civilians in danger especially while officers were quickly responding to the scene to help the students.”

Man Arrested for “Lewd” Conduct at Lloyd Harbor Beach



West Neck Beach Entry

By Niall Fitzgerald
A drunken man - with no pants on - was arrested by police at West Neck Beach in Lloyd Harbor, after witnesses saw the man publicly masturbating in his car.

Arrested is Donald Weir Jr., age 53, of Northport.

As police approached Weir, he began driving erratically in his 2012 Hyundai Accent in the parking lot of West Neck Beach in Lloyd Harbor. He was driving without his headlights on at 8:30 PM, according to police.

The police stopped Weir, and alleged that Weir was masturbating while not wearing pants or underwear.

Weir failed a field sobriety test, according to police. He was arrested and charged with Lewdness: exposing body in public; and DWI: first offense.

Weir was arraigned and released without bail, according to police.

West Neck Beach Park is a Town of Huntington Park. Although it is located in Lloyd Harbor, the Town is responsible for maintaining it and providing a secure place for children and families.

**ENDORSEMENT: VINCENT PULEO
FOR SUFFOLK CLERK**



Vincent Puleo

Republicans in Suffolk are facing a primary against their chosen nominee, Vincent Puleo. It is being choreographed and run by the Democrats. Republicans should not be fooled.

Four years ago, the incumbent County Clerk, Judy Pasquale faced certain defeat - from a coalition of minor parties and the Democrats. Instead, Republican leaders went to work. An alternate deal was worked-out, between the Republicans and the minor parties, where Pasquale - already 73 years old - would get another four year term, and then retire, in favor of Smithtown Town Clerk, Vincent Puleo.

Pasquale took her four year term - earning over \$1.2 million in public salary and pension payments. Now - age 76 - she decided to go back on the deal. She reached-out to the Democrats to help her run a primary. She hired Democratic attorneys. And she decided to become a re-born "woke" progressive, spouting leftist nonsense, like calling Latinos the condescending leftist term "Latinex."

Vincent Puleo is an honorable man. He is the unanimous designee of the Republican convention, and already the nominee of the Conservative Party. He has been an innovative and user-friendly Town Clerk in Smithtown. But most importantly, he doesn't just abandon his dignity and principles - and he keeps his word. He will be a capable and competent County Clerk.

The Leader endorses Vincent Puleo for Suffolk Clerk.

**ENDORSEMENT: TOM SUOZZI
FOR GOVERNOR**



Tom Suozzi

US Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-Glen Cove) should be a shoo-in for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

A common-sense pragmatic Democrat, who was a highly-successful Mayor of Glen Cove, a two-term County Executive of Nassau County, and a three-term leader in the US Congress - co-founder of the bi-partisan "Problem Solvers Caucus." Suozzi blends the best of progressive values with a hard-headed practical approach to keeping people safe, fighting for good jobs, and promoting independent small businesses.

Sadly, Suozzi is facing a political monster - the "accidental" Governor Kathy Hochul. There is no payoff too big, no bribe too trivial, and no civil right too sacred that can deter Hochul from trampling over ordinary people in her pursuit of money and power. Just last week, Hochul bundled \$1 billion in taxpayer money into a private Buffalo Stadium deal where her casino lobbyist husband and his firm stand to pocket tens of millions. A deal so corrupt it would make Boss Tweed blush.

Suozzi's tenure in Nassau and Glen Cove was marked by dramatic quality of life initiatives. The Glen Cove downtown and Garvies Point developments. The re-habilitation of the Nassau County Legislative Building - formerly a dilapidated mess with grass growing on the domed roof - into a beautifully-restored historical jewel.

For Democratic voters, there is a clear choice.

The Leader proudly endorses Tom Suozzi for Governor.

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SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS FIRST

To the Editor;

As was described by a Village of Matinecock resident in an April edition of the LEADER, the Portledge School, where I serve as Head of School, recently completed a perimeter roadway and is now applying for a building permit to construct a new Athletic Wellness Center (AWC).

The education of children is, perhaps, the most important of all responsibilities we have as adults. In particular, the physical and mental health and safety of our youth is critical to their well being and development and-I dare say-the future of our communities and world. Portledge strives in all of its work and efforts as an educational community to play a dynamic role in ensuring this healthy development. Both the new roadway and the new AWC help us to fulfill that mission.

In constructing the new roadway, completed after many years of study and significant expense, we were able to exponentially increase the safety of our students. In what were thousands of daily crossings of our roads by our 500 students there are now almost none!. Our children can freely walk around the entire campus without concern for cars and buses arriving for pick up and dismissal, as their paths no longer cross.

The AWC allows us to address the growing need of children for guidance in all areas of health.

The creation of classrooms devoted to yoga, movement and instruction in "wellness" and health ,coupled with an additional gym so that all students can participate in physical education and sports daily is a promise we must keep if we are to do our best for the children.

We are fully cognizant that "it takes a Village" to raise children and we are working earnestly to be the best of neighbors in order to join together to help the next generation. In that regard we have worked very closely with the Village of

Matinecock officials and engineers and a team of architects to minimize as fully as we can any impact on our neighbors. For example, our new building will be set back much further than the allowable set-backs and the height has been lowered with our surrounding community top of mind. Parking, lighting and landscaping have been designed to eliminate noise and visibility to the fullest degree possible. The guidelines and protocols we have been required to follow have been extensive but we have followed them to the letter and spirit of the law, knowing that in so doing all are protected and honored.

Our entire community of students, trustees, teachers, parents and administrators feels incredibly fortunate to live and work in the Village of Matinecock. We will do all we can as a school community now and in the future to keep it the special place that it is.

Simon Owen-Williams
Head of School

HAPPENINGS AT PLANTING FIELDS

To the Editor;

Have you visited the Margaret Sullivan Heather Garden yet? We are proud of the work that was completed by the talented Planting Fields team and want to make sure you experience it soon! The garden is emblematic of Frederick Law Olmsted's design principle "genius of place," which considers the natural characteristic of a site when creating a designed landscape. It is evident how the existing topography directly influenced the design of the space, and after years of being indiscernible, that effect has now been recaptured.

With so many challenging facets of our collective daily life, access to Planting Fields offers a singular counterpoint to today's complexities and the harrowing stories impacting our world. Spending time in and with nature is critical to the human experience. Building access to Planting

Fields and offering stimulating encounters with the site is at the core of our work. W.R. Coe, who together with his wife Mai Coe, created the Planting Fields we know today, donated the site to "The People of the State of New York" and so our mission is only fulfilled when the site is impacting as broad an audience as possible. Help us spread the word and make sure everyone in your circle knows that Planting Fields is a resource for them and a treasure to be explored.

When you drive into Planting Fields you will notice that work is underway on the main entrance landscape. You can learn more about this project here. We are working with various experts in the field to learn more about Beech Leaf Disease (BLD), which is affecting many of the beech trees on the property. In anticipation of their continued and accelerated decline, 20-25 beech trees on the Main Entrance Drive will be removed. By spring 2023, 90 native white oak trees will be planted in place of these. Tripling the number of trees with a native species will be critical for carbon sequestration and biodiversity. Major improvements to the visitor experience are also underway at the Main Entrance Drive including ADA accessible pathways, a new visitor pavilion, and multilingual sitewide signage.

We look forward to hosting our first ever Pride Festival on June 10 and 11. Read on to learn more about this trailblazing event!

Also happening this month is A Moveable Feast on June 18. Limited tickets are available for the program, which serves as a key annual fundraiser for Planting Fields. During the dynamic evening guests will move through garden spaces that will be activated for a unique dining experience.

I look forward to seeing you at Planting Fields this summer!

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Op-Ed: Repealing Title 42 is Only Part of The Immigration Problem

By STEVE LEVY

If you were to listen to politicians and pundits pontificating on the illegal immigration disaster we have at our southern border, you would think that the issue’s success or failure hinges solely on the continuation of Title 42, which allows border agents to reject would-be unvaccinated border crossers.

While most common sense Americans would want to maintain this tool to help mitigate the onslaught of humanity pouring over our border, it is a red herring to suggest that simply extending Title 42 provisions will somehow cure the illegal immigration crisis we’ve been experiencing since Joe Biden took the helm in January 2021.

The flow of hundreds of thousands of immigrants illegally crossing the border has been occurring while Title 42 exclu-



Steve Levy

sions exist at this very moment.

While the situation can certainly get even worse were Title 42 removed, we would still be stuck with a status quo that has allowed 2 million illegal immigrants to filter into our nation.

Many members of Congress, fearing for their political lives, are all of a sudden making Title 42

the litmus test as to whether one supports chaos at the border. That’s nonsense. Where were these officials for the last two years as Joe Biden reversed the previous administration’s successful “Remain in Mexico” policy?

Where were they when candidate Biden was telling the world he wanted to see a “surge” at the border?

Where have they been when various border security Congress members were

introducing legislation to change the Unaccompanied Minors Act that has handcuffed border officials in their attempt to turn away underage border crossers?

At almost every turn, these weak members of Congress have looked the other way as this massive wave of trespassers crushed American sovereignty.

It’s no secret why some have been giving a wink and a nod to this reckless policy. It’s all a master plan to dramatically increase the number of new arrivals and thereafter provide amnesty, citizenship and voting privileges. In some cases, such as in New York City, they’re not even waiting for the citizenship stage; they are simply providing voting rights for non-citizens.

These vulnerable officials are now asking voters to forgive them for their lapses over the last year and a half, after having turned the nation upside down. They’re trying to hoodwink the voters into believing that their sudden opposi-

tion to revoking Title 42 is somehow an indication that they’ve gotten religion on the illegal immigration crisis.

Don’t fall for it. Unless they are willing to support bringing back the Remain in Mexico policy and revoking the Unaccompanied Minors Act, they will be showing their true colors.

They’re not entitled to a free pass this coming November after they’ve given a free pass to anyone in the hemisphere who wants to just waltz over our border and become a resident of the United States without waiting on line.

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Op-Ed: NY Must Drop the Remaining Forced Mask Mandates

By MARK DEMETROPOULOS

Except for New York, virtually the whole world has dropped mask mandates. In New York, trains, buses, toddlers’ and pre-K children’s schools, Courts, and government buildings are all still under forced mask orders.

Masking did nothing to stop the transmission of Covid. But it has caused a massive mental and physical health crisis. Forcing people breathe through cheap plastic masks for 8-12 hours a day - for over two years - has caused millions of respiratory infections, created elevated CO2 levels in the blood, retarded children’s normal social and physical development, and deterred tens of millions of people from normal exercise – causing an explosion of adult obesity.

Earlier this year, under Court Order, NY Governor Kathy Hochul finally rescinded her sweeping indoor mandatory mask order. However, masks are still

mandatory and required in government institutions, pre-K schools, healthcare facilities, and non-interstate transportation.

By contrast, the federal government has lifted the mask mandate on air and train travel, interstate transportation, and in government buildings.

Through a combination of natural immunity from the 65% of the population who have now had Covid, mass vaccination of the most vulnerable, and the natural mutation of the virus to a less lethal form, Covid has been reduced to the status of the common cold or the flu. Deaths are now well below ordinary “flu” levels.

It is time for NY to “follow the science.” Masks are not useful, nor needed. A recent Dutch medical study in the “Annals of Internal Medicine” shows that flimsy face coverings – like the common plastic blue surgical masks – are totally ineffective in limiting the spread of Covid.

The few studies that showed that some mask coverings had an effect – such as an often-cited Mayo Clinic study – analyzed the whole-face-covering N-95 “biohazard masks.” The vast majority of people do not wear N-95 biohazard masks, and if they do, they almost never wear them properly.

Another issue is mask mandates in schools. Medical reports have concluded that otherwise healthy persons 18 years or younger (the majority of school students) chances of catching and dying from Covid is virtually zero. Much less dangerous than taking a school bus to school.

Other studies have should that forcing kids under 8 to mask may have led to long lasting psychological damage to those children.

According to study by the University of Southern California, “The long-term harm to kids from masking is potentially enormous. Masking is a psychological stressor for children and disrupts learning.”

A Johns Hopkins University study concluded that masking and lock downs caused psychological and developmental damage to children under 7 that was so severe that it exceeded any actual threat of Covid.

Mask mandates are more about politicians seeking to control people, than any medical necessity. Forced masking serves no medical, scientific or logical purpose. People should be able to wear masks – or not wear masks - at their own discretion.

No one should be forced to wear masks - or face, fines, penalties and possible loss of their employment. It is time for NY to follow the science - and the rest of the country – and end all forced masking in NY.

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Mark Demetropoulos

Jenna Bush Hager in Locust Valley



Author Jenna Bush Hager along with her daughter Poppy Louise were at the Locust Valley Book Store, on Saturday May 28th. Jenna (President Bush’s daughter) was there signing her books. Photo: Patricia Brexel

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Roosevelt Statue Unveiled in Sainte-Mère-Église, France



Sign in Locust Valley

By CHRIS O'NEILL

On June 6th, 2022 - the 78th anniversary of D Day - a statue of Teddy Roosevelt, Jr. was unveiled in Sainte-Mère-Église, the sister city of Locust Valley since 1956, when then-US President Dwight Eisenhower first created the "Sister City" program. Brigadier General Teddy Roosevelt Jr., was the eldest son of former President Theodore Roosevelt. He was an assistant Commander of the 4th Infantry Division, and led the first wave of troops ashore at Utah Beach on D Day.

Roosevelt died in France the following month of a heart attack. He later received, posthumously, the Medal of Honor for his heroism at Normandy.



Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

Teddy Roosevelt Jr. also took part in WWI and, after his return, founded the American Legion in 1919.

Because of its location astride a key road that was meant to be used by the Germans to counterattack and force the Americans off the beaches, including Utah Beach, Sainte-Mère-Église played a key role during the Normandy landings.

A powerful German counterattack was foiled by the 101st and 83rd Airborne Divisions that took the town during the night parachute combat assault known as "Mission Boston."

Mayor Jean Quetier, the former Mayor of Sainte-Mère-Église, and Susan Eisenhower, the granddaughter of President Dwight Eisenhower tasked the organization Operation Democracy (dedicated to the remembrance of D Day and its connection with Long Island) with the creation of a statue of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

The network of veterans groups came to the rescue - with the American Legion, the American Veterans Association, and the

Friends of American Veterans - all raising funds and coordinating the creation of the statue.

The statue itself was designed and created by sculptor Pablo Eduardo in his Gloucester, Massachusetts studios.

Eduardo is a talented Bolivian/American artist, also known for his statue of Darwin situated at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

The D-day anniversary dedication was led by the present Mayor of Sainte-Mère-Église, Alain Holley; the National Commander of the American Legion, Paul Dillard; veteran, historian and author Colonel Keith Nightingale, and Locust Valley's own Cathy Cyphers Soref, Honorary President of Operation Democracy.

The ceremony was attended by five American Generals, including Generals Milley, Townsend, Donahue, Cavoli, and LaNeve. Also participating was General Tramond of France.

"I am certain that Teddy Roosevelt Jr. would be smiling during this dedication, with his clear blue eyes tinted with the sadness of the soldier," stated Cathy Cyphers Soref. "He would be pleased to be a symbol, for generations to come; a symbol of courage, self-sacrifice, discipline and commitment to the idea that is America, articulated in our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution, which has given, despite flaws, more freedom and opportunity to more people than any other. Whilst others are tearing down statues.....We are building them up."



Statue of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.



The Roosevelt Statue arriving in France.

Minuteman Press Celebrates 40 Years in Glen Cove

Almost 50 years ago, Alan Goldberg came to Glen Cove from the Bronx, in search of a new home and a new neighborhood -- and with no idea that he would become a community fixture.

"I'm a carpetbagger for native Glen Covians," Goldberg said. "We saw new homes in the Levitt community on Branding Iron Lane. My wife's mother and brother both lived in Hicksville, and she wanted to live close by."

It would not take Goldberg long to learn that Glen Cove was different than other communities, when the mayor came to call to welcome him and his wife to the neighborhood.

"Vincent Suozzi was the mayor when we first moved to the neighborhood," Goldberg recalled. "He knocked on the door and introduced himself. After growing up in New York City, meeting the mayor made me nervous! I called to my wife, 'You're not going to believe this, but the mayor is knocking on our door!'"

With time, the Goldbergs built a life to be proud of in Glen Cove, which included the purchase of a Minuteman Press franchise in 1981.

"I was a school administrator," Goldberg explained. "I was not happy with the politics. This popped up and I decided to make a change."



Alan Goldberg

With his additional education experience as an industrial arts teacher, Goldberg was able to parlay that work into his new career at Minuteman Press. The franchise originally opened in 1979, but Goldberg took it over in 1981.

While Goldberg utilized his own industry arts training on the printing end, he needed to learn the logistics of owning a Minuteman Press franchise. The central offices provided him with training and assistance initially, and then, the business was up and running.

The printing industry has changed drastically since the opening of Goldberg's franchise in 1981.

"We started out with offset lithographic printing presses," Goldberg said. "We don't have those anymore and are now strictly digital. You could not walk up to a machine and make a full color copy when we started, and we originally advertised in the Yellow Pages. We had the first computer, the 'TRS-90,' which you can now find in the Smithsonian!"

Today, Minuteman Press of Glen Cove can print on, as Goldberg explains, "virtually any type of substance." While black and white as well as color copies are offered, Minuteman Press also prints promotional items, including mugs and magnets. Additionally, more traditional promotional items as well.



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Locust Valley Seniors Unite for Patriotic Memorial Day Program

Seniors from Locust Valley High School in the Locust Valley Central School District gathered in the high school auditorium for the school's annual Flags for Freedom ceremony on May 31. The special event is held around Memorial Day each year and is presented by Operation Democracy and the Locust Valley social studies department.

Veterans from the Locust Valley American Legion Howard Van Wagner Post 962 and Bayville American Legion Robert H. Spittel Post 1285 served as honorable guests and were seated on stage.

At the start of the ceremony, Bryan Sarandrea, social studies coordinator, welcomed and thanked each of the veterans. He also shared the importance of the ceremony.

"This unique assembly allows our students to understand and appreciate the efforts of the veterans sitting here before



Locust Valley High School hosted its annual Flags for Freedom event on May 31.

them, as well as those who gave their lives to protect our freedoms," he said.

Kaye Weninger, the president of Operation Democracy, spoke about the history of Operation Democracy and introduced Michael Sniffen, a director of Operation Democracy and Locust Valley High School graduate. Mr. Sniffen shared his experience as a student in Locust Valley and how he got involved in the military later in life. He expressed to the seniors that there are many ways to give back to the country.

Lt. Col. Jack Buttine was another source of encouragement for the students. As guest speaker, the retired U.S. army lieutenant colonel and Locust Valley graduate, shared his story with the students of how he got involved in the military and gave students a glimpse into his career.

"Give it 100% and you will be successful in whatever you do," he told them. "Nothing is more valuable than persistence."

Locust Valley band members performed "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the students watched as a ceremonial folding of the American Flag took place. Each member of the Class of 2022 received an American Flag from one of the veterans, along with a copy of the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence. In addition, five seniors who plan to pursue military careers after high school graduation, were recognized.

Locust Valley High School Principal Patrick DiClemente concluded the ceremony and introduced senior Jackson Palmer who ended the special event on a high note by performing "God Bless the USA."



Locust Valley senior Elisabeth Dunne (left) received a folded American Flag from her father, veteran Christopher Dunne.



The Locust Valley High School Band performed "The Star-Spangled Banner"



Locust Valley seniors with their American Flags.



Members of Locust Valley High School's Class of 2022 received a folded American Flag from local veterans during the Flags for Freedom event. Photos courtesy of the Locust Valley Central School District

Locust Valley's Spelling Champ – Foiled by “Psephomancy”

BY PRIYA PERSAUD

Locust Valley's Safi Sajid made it all the way to the national quarterfinals of the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition, before crashing last Wednesday over the obscure word "psephomancy." Safi, a seventh-grader who attends Locust Valley Middle School, was among 234 spellers to gather in Maryland's National Harbor Center to compete in the national spelling bee. On Tuesday, May 31st, 2022, he successfully answered three rounds of questions in the preliminary rounds, which allowed him to progress to the competition's quarterfinals.

In approximately two minutes, Sajid had accurately spelled "corsair" (a kind of pirate) – and "benet" (a European herb with yellow flowers and pinnately-divided leaves).

He was also able to correctly answer a multiple-choice question about the meaning of the word "promontory" (a high point of land that extends out and over a large body of water).

Around two-thirds of the spellers were eliminated during Tuesday's preliminary competition - but Safi made it to the quarterfinals.

However, the spelling bee sadly ended for him the next day, on Wednesday, when he misspelled the word "psephomancy." The word was his first-round word during Wednesday's quarterfinals.

Merriam-Webster defines the word "Psephomancy" - which can also be



Safi Sajid

written as "Pessomancy" - as a term describing the supernatural prediction of the future or events by examining pebbles taken from a stream or a container. "Divination by pebbles."

Head Judge Mary Brooks encouraged 13-year-old Sajid to not forget how far he had come by saying, "Safi, congratulations on making it to the quarterfinals. You were very impressive yesterday in those three rounds. And again, who knows - we may see you next year."

Safi told Newsday, "I feel fine because I tried my hardest and the rest is up to luck. I want to try to come back next year. I'm going to keep studying."

After Wednesday's quarterfinals, only 48 of the 88 spellers advanced to the semifinals. The finals were set for Thursday, June 2nd, 2022, with the spelling bee champion receiving a \$50,000 cash prize.

Raynham Hall Museum’s Spectacular Love in Springtime Ball

By VICTORIA CROSBY

This year’s Raynham Hall fundraiser, the Love in Springtime Ball, honoring Richard and Paula Youngs Wier, was the first for several years due to COVID, and was a spectacular success. Held at The Muttontown Country Club in East Norwich, the event, according to author Monica Randall, who has written many books on the Gold Coast, was reminiscent of the great parties she has written about, especially the one held in 1924 at Harbor Hill in Roslyn by Clarence Mackie for the Prince of Wales. “The dining room was a sensory overload,” she commented. Every table in the dining room had a theme. The table where Randall was sitting had a theme of the Great Yachts of the Gold Coast. Other themes were Alice in Wonderland, Passage to India, and many others. Each table centerpiece was a large object, including a spinning carousel on one and a large bear on another. The tables were decorated by sixteen local designers, including and co-chairs Jamie and Harriet Gerard Clark. “It really makes the party, and we are truly grateful for their willingness to play along with us!” There was both a silent auction during the cocktail hour and a live auction during the dinner. The silent auction included a Halloween party at Highwood, the fabulous home of Connie Cincotta, which sold out quickly, as it does every year.



Board member Jamie Arty and Harriet Gerard Clark. Photos by Ann Balderston-Glynn

Planners & Productions, NT Designs with Elite Tent & Party Rentals, Sanctuary Home & Patio, Tré LaVoûx and David Arazio Ganci, artist Rebecca Bahr, and artist Rebecca Lawton Flatters on behalf of luxury handbag company Saint Botolph. There was also a roulette wheel of wine bottles for a “Spin-the-Bottle” game created by Jonathan Grimm, and music by the legendary Lester Lanin Orchestra as guests

danced the night away. “These people are all so immensely talented, and we love seeing all the beautiful but incredibly different looks they come up with,” said Harriet Gerard Clark, the museum’s executive director. “It really makes the party, and we are truly grateful for their willingness to play along with us!” There was both a silent auction during the cocktail hour and a live auction during the dinner. The silent auction included a Halloween party at Highwood, the fabulous home of Connie Cincotta, which sold out quickly, as it does every year.



(L to R) Councilperson Michele M. Johnson, Sarah Fletcher and guest, Henry Clark, and Executive Director Harriet Gerard-Clark.

Amazing auction items, with auctioneer Russell Koster, included a golf outing at The Creek Club and/or The Old Westbury Country Club, dinner for thirty to forty people at 2 Spring Restaurant, four box seats to The American Ballet Theatre performing Swan Lake at The Met, followed by dinner at The Grand Tier Restaurant, four orchestra seats to Plaza Suite, a consultation with Richard Weir, celebrated horticulturalist and arborist, which also included a stone Urn and English gardening tools from Miller Nurseries, a week’s stay at a house on Fire Island for four, pizza and wine for twenty to thirty friends at IT Bagel & Pizza in Oyster Bay, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the US Capital Building for six people by former congressman Steve Israel, including breakfast at the Congressional Dining Room.

The annual event supports the nearly 300-year-old Townsend family home, bringing to life the history of Revolutionary War espionage, domestic life, and decorative arts. Contributions enable the museum to give back to Long Island school children with field trips and scholarships, educational programs, and exhibits, as well as preservation of the house, its vast and intriguing collections, and other operational support. A recent dynamic addition to the museum is an Augmented Reality experience supported by the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.

For further information on past and upcoming events, contact Raynham Hall Museum, located at 30 West Main Street in Oyster Bay, 516-922-6808 or check the website at www.raynhamhallmuseum.org.



Silent auction wizards Elaine Palmer, Joan Adomsky, and Taryn Peel.



Denise Evans-Sheppard, Jamie Arty, and Ali Mazzara



Richard-Lael Lillard (“The Gentleman Psychic”) at the “Spin-the-Bottle” roulette table.

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Town of Oyster Bay Honors ‘Women Of Distinction’



Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and members of the Town Board, with the 11 Honorees from Bethpage, Farmingdale, East Norwich, Massapequa, Bayville, Locust Valley and Plainview Communities. Photos: TOB

Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and members of the Town Board hosted a special ceremony to recognize exceptional women who have significantly given back to our communities. This year’s ceremony recognized 11 ‘Women of Distinction’ who live and work throughout the Town of Oyster Bay.

Supervisor Saladino stated, “These extraordinary women all have outstanding qualities and have truly made our Town a better place. Together with my colleagues on the Town Board, we salute these outstanding residents for giving back to the charities, our hometown and the neighbors they love so much.”

Councilwoman Johnson, Chairperson of the Women of Distinction Committee, added “All of our honorees went above and beyond in their communities. Even with the crazy times that have been upon us with the onset of the COVID pandemic, these women went even farther above and beyond. The honorees selected should take pride in their great achievements as they are true role models in their various fields and communities.”

2022 HONOREES

ELSA VASSALLO of Bayville.



Woman of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award
If you’ve ever visited the Bayville Meat Market, you know this woman needs no introduction. Elsa Vassallo has been working at the establishment since she and her husband opened its doors in 1976. The couple had met at a supermarket, where he was a butcher and she was a meat wrapper. Elsa’s husband Pasquale passed away in 1989, leaving her a young widow with four children. She and her son Eddie kept the business going. Elsa worked pretty much every day since, until the start of the pandemic. She is now 85 years old. Elsa is someone who everyone knows – and someone who knows everybody. Her family laughs when they recall how she knows everybody’s business and is not shy to give her opinion. To say she is a beloved member of the community is an understatement. She loves her neighborhood, never wanted to go anywhere else, and displays an unwavering com-

mitment to her work, her family and her community. Although her family advises her not to come in everyday for her own health, she would rather be at the market than be home. She has seen three generations of her family come through the market, which remains and will remain a family run business and staple in the community. The business is now run by her son Eddie and her grandson, Michael. Elsa and her late husband had four children: Eddie, Kurt (who also works at the market), Rita and Nina.

MARGARET MARCHAND of Locust Valley.



M a r g a r e t Marchand has been described as a warrior when it comes to defending the rights of children, both in her role as a school board member and parent in her community. She was particularly active at the height of the COVID pandemic, when she helped countless children not only in her hometown, but across Long Island. Margaret worked tirelessly to help maintain some level of normalcy for all students and worked to make sure students didn’t miss out on once in a lifetime opportunities such as sporting activities and graduation ceremonies.

KATHRYN NASTRI of East Norwich.



Kathy Nastri is a lifelong resident of East Norwich who has given her heart and soul to the community. Kathy serves as E x e c u t i v e Director of Harmony Heights, a nonprofit which provides mental health and educational support services to struggling young people. She joined the staff over 30 years ago as a clinical social worker, and is currently executive director. Kathy has made a concerted effort to forge a bond between her organization and the surrounding community, feeling it was important for both groups to become more connected and to help alleviate misconceptions with mental health.

North Shore HS Celebrates ‘Moving Up Day’



Principal Conteras at the Moving-Up ceremony Photo courtesy NSHS

BY MAUREEN DALY

On June 3, 2022, Principal Eric Conteras led the 80th "Moving Up Day" ceremony at North Shore High School. The ceremony has been a North Shore tradition since 1941 – and celebrates the rising classes as they advance to the next grade.

Over 800 students, teachers, administrators and staff attended the event held in the North Shore High School gymnasium. Students from each grade participated.

Mr. Conteras congratulated the school Valedictorian, Kate Gilliam and

Salutatorian Emma Nelson - who are best friends.

During the ceremony, the rising juniors performed their musical tribute followed by the senior response.

The traditional Weaving Ceremony followed as seniors made their way to the front of the gymnasium (dressed in all white) while the juniors (in yellow), sophomores (in blue), and the freshman (in green) “weaved their way up through the rows in front of them to move up.”

The seniors then formed the line to walk the gauntlet for the annual Tapping Ceremony.

Silver and Gold at NYSSMA Majors for North Shore!



Congratulations to all! Photo provided by Caitlin Mallon

Congratulations to our North Shore musicians! Ms. Dalia Rodriguez, Director of Fine and Performing Arts said, “North Shore’s ensembles did very well at the NYSSMA Majors! Strings brought home silver and our band and chorus’ brought home golds. I am super proud of their accomplishments given the restrictions placed upon them during the height of the pandemic. Thank you to everyone for supporting the program and making this possible.”

The students from the high school Concert Chorale and Madrigal singers include Emma Bajdechi, Kevin Becker, Gianna Bertolini, Ella Blumenthal, Nathaniel Brower, Kaitlyn Correa, Mia Crocco, Norah Davison, Emerson Drew,

John Drew, Neda Fellows, Elena Frangos, Veronica Frank, Alison Friedman, Maiko Giannakis, Axel Glatt, Christopher Goslin, Anhe Janelidze, Trevor Janusas, Alonzo Marte, Bella Martocci, Gabby Mehraban, Liam Nacinovich, Loretta Nester, Madison O'Donnell, Polina Oleynikova, Melissa Palmetto, Cristina Patetsios, John Rasizzi, Summer Rice, Ryaan Sabooni, Madelyn Samtani, Ginger Sanborn, Gregory Saridakis, Erin Schoenhofen, Oliver Schweiger, Henry Spina, Aidan Tandy, Liam Tandy, Parker Trager, Norimi Truskinovsky, Isabella Visintainer, Mia Wasniewski, Caroline Winchester, Ava Winter, Jojo Winter, Ian Zhan, and Connie Zhang.

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Obituaries



CARR, Randy of Locust Valley passed suddenly on June 3, 2022. Beloved husband of Holly and proud, loving father of Meredith and soon to be father-in-law of Kendall Brown. Devoted son of Donna Conz and brother of Tammy Bordner (late Bill), Kendall (Michelle) and Matt (Kelly), as well as his nieces, nephews, and his many friends privileged to know him.

Randy would go to the end of the Earth for his family and friends. His contagious smile and giant hugs were enough to solve any problem. He was Holly and Meredith's biggest cheerleader in every aspect of life.

Randy's love for Locust Valley and its people is evidenced throughout this community. As a recipient of the coveted Paul Harris Award and past President of the Locust Valley Rotary Club, Randy was hugely instrumental in making sure the Oktoberfest went off without a hitch each year; he helped spearhead the installation, ongoing maintenance and recent refurbishment of the Centennial Clock in town; and through the Gift of Life International program, Randy accompanied many children and their families to and from medical treatments (with a few pit stops at the Bronx Zoo!).

When the gazebo in Thomas Park was destroyed by Hurricane Isaias, Randy played an active role in the rebuilding of the gazebo and surrounding landscape.

Pride of where he lived and his experience as the owner/operator of Miller Nurseries led Randy to being an active member in the Matinecock Neighborhood Association. Randy was responsible for creating and maintaining the Village pocket park on Forest Ave., to planting many trees throughout the community, most noticeably the Locust tree one sees upon entering the Village, as well as the holiday trees in Thomas Park and on the front lawn of the Library.

Randy brought the magic of the holiday season to Locust Valley by making sure these trees were beautifully lit, and in his role as Santa Clause at the Annual Tree Lighting, he brought excitement and joy to all the children who came to see Santa!

Randy Carr will be best remembered as a person who was willing to do anything for anyone; and if he couldn't help you, he knew someone who could.

If Randy wasn't hanging by his pool with family and friends or busy beautifying Locust Valley, he would be riding in his white Jeep with his four legged pal, Barney, or headed to his second favorite

place on earth, St. John U.S.V.I.

His passing leaves a huge void in many hearts but he will be fondly remembered by all those whose lives he touched.

To honor this, donations can be made in his name to the Animal Care Center of St. John (stjohnanimalcarecenter.com).

DEROKO, Nicholas George, was born July 17, 1931 in New York City the first of two children to Sam and Antoinette Deroko. Nicholas was drafted into the United States Army and proudly served active duty in the Korean War. His endless charity work and his relentless work ethic were his lifelong passion. Nicholas was a devoted and active member of St. Dominic, R.C. Church and a proud member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a man of honor, generosity, devotion, and a lover of all things Notre Dame. Most importantly, he adored his family.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his beloved sister, Catherine and his wife, Barbara. Survivors include his daughters, Laura Bergano (Steve), and Linda O'Connor (Peter), his son, Joseph Deroko (Renee), ten grandchildren, Steven Bergano, CJ Starkman(Brian), Michael Bergano, Christopher DeMaria (Alexis), Nicholas DeMaria (Kristen), Kiley O'Connor, Christian O'Connor, Rhian Deroko, Joey Deroko, and Jesse Deroko, three great-grandchildren, Nathan, Grayson, and Steven; they were the absolute joy of his life. He is also survived by many loving cousins, relatives and friends. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

FLEISCHMANN III, Theodore William, passed away on June 2, 2022 at the age of 57. Teddy was a hard working man that lived for his children Paige and Varick. He had a great sense of humor and would lend a hand to anyone in need. He loved fishing and being on the boat. Teddy enjoyed cooking for his children and spending time at home. Teddy is survived by his wife Jody, his children Paige and Varick. His mother Helen Kehoe and his sister's Florence Rizzo and Kristine Ingoglia. Teddy will be missed beyond words but will forever live in our hearts. www.Whitting.com

HOWELL, Charles, on May 23, 2022, age 71, of Hicksville, NY. Loving son of the late Roy and Clara Howell. Beloved uncle of Bill Poynter (Tammy), Jim Poynter (Sundae), Sharon and Tammy. Cherished great uncle of Virginia Poynter, Brittany, Brianna, and Cheyenne. Also survived by many loving

relatives and friends. Funeral Services are private. Interment Roslyn Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



LUGONES, Rolando E. Jr. of Glen Cove, NY on May 11, 2022 at Age 70. Beloved husband of Brenda. Adored son of Edith and the Late Rolando. Loving father of Joseph, Amanda, Rolando III (Amorel), Andre (Devin). Dear brother of Mario. Cherished grandfather of Eladia. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Interment at St. Raymonds Cemetery. www.dodgethomas.com

MARONI, Carolyn E. "Carrie" - on June 1, age 99, of Bayville, NY, formerly of Glen Head, NY. Predeceased by her beloved spouse of 68 years, Victor. Loving mother of Carol D. Rodriguez. Cherished grandmother of Veronica Ciampi (Joe), Victor Rodriguez (Diana), Vanessa Lagalante (John), Vito Rodriguez (Roussana), and Vincent Rodriguez. Proud great grandmother of Jaici, Devon, Vincent Jr., Justin, JT, Julia, Vito Jr., Michael, Nicolette, Jaida, Anthony, Gianna, Joseph, and Joey. Also survived by loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Interment Calverton National Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



NAGLIERI, Dolores of North Babylon and formerly of Glenwood Landing, NY on June 1, 2022 age 90. Beloved wife of Michael and the late Daniel Grande. Loving mother of Daniel Grande (Alicia), Rosemarie Cohen (Charles) and Phyliss Skuba (John). Proud grandmother of 5. Burial at LI National Cemetery. www.Dodgethomas.com

SAMIDA, Edward D., on May 8, 2022, age 73, of Oyster Bay, NY. Beloved husband of Janice Gibney. Loving father of Ryan. Dear brother of John (Barbara), and Laraine Girnus, and the late Virginia Deacon. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Inurnment LI National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to the American Lung Association, www.lung.org For further information visit www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



TODISCO, Lorenzo, of Glen Cove, NY, beloved husband, father and grandfather, entered into eternal rest on May 30, 2022, at age 87, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Sturno, Provincia di Avellino, Italy, the son of Giuseppe Todisco and Erminia (Pompeo) Todisco. He was a general contractor, successful businessman and entrepreneur. He loved to play soccer as a younger man, and watched every televised soccer game until he passed away. Later in life he enjoyed playing on bowling leagues and playing cards at weekly card games with his longtime friends. He taught himself how to play the guitar, and even though he never had singing lessons, he had the voice of a professional vocalist, which he used to sing at every opportunity, including as a member of the St. Rocco parish choir where he was often a soloist. He was generous with his time and gave back to his community as an active member of the Sons of Italy, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club, and the Holy Name Society.

He married Josephine Capobianco in 1958, and together they raised five daughters. His greatest joy was being with his five granddaughters.

In addition to his loving wife,

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Be Careful: Baby Animal Season Is Here

BY NIALL FITZGERALD

The Locust Valley-based Volunteers for Wildlife wants everyone to be careful this Spring, because or trees, gardens and woods are full of vulnerable baby animals.

Every year, thousands of injured and orphaned baby animals on Long Island from Queens to Western Suffolk are brought to the Wildlife Hospital at the Bailey Arboretum in Locust Valley, run by the Volunteers for Wildlife ("VFW").

These wild babies include baby cottontail rabbits - called "kits" - injured during yard work; orphaned baby opossums - called "joeys" - whose mother was hit by a car; or baby hawks - called "eyas" - which have fallen from a nest.

After months of intensive care at the VFW's Rehabilitation Hospital these wild baby animals are released, when they are deemed fully independent and able to thrive in the wild.

It was during "Baby Season" twenty-one years ago that VFW got a call about a baby Red-tailed Hawk, who had fallen out of his nest.

When the baby hawk arrived at the Wildlife Hospital, his neck was twisted so badly that his ear sat directly over his shoulder. Because of his young age and the amount of human contact needed to treat such a severe injury, this baby hawk became imprinted on people, and could never be released back into the wild.

It was soon decided that this little

baby would join the VFW Education Department as an "Animal Ambassador."

He was socialized with the VFW's Wildlife Educators, and trained to wear "jesses" - the little leashes that captive raptors wear on their ankles - and taught how to perch on a glove.

As the new Animal Ambassador, the baby hawk needed a name, and "Baby" just stuck.

Baby has now been traveling all across Long Island on education programs alongside VFW's other Animal Ambassadors, telling the story of Long Island's wildlife to the public, ever since.

Volunteers for Wildlife's Rehabilitation Hospital & Education Center is located at Bailey Arboretum in Locust Valley. Approximately 2,300 injured and orphaned animals are treated



A cotton Tail bunny.

every year at the Hospital.

Countless more are helped through the VFW Hotline, which receives over 10,000 calls each year. VFW also offers educational programs to schools, scouts, libraries, community organizations and private parties, and can be contacted at www.volunteersforwildlife.org.

Obituaries

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Josephine, he is survived by his devoted daughters, Amy Braunstein, of Trumbull, Connecticut, and her husband, Samuel; Susan King, of Locust Valley, New York; Lorraine Todisco, of Glen Cove, New York, and her partner, Nicholas Smerina; Diane Fahey, of Glen Cove, New York; and Lisa Cardaci, of Glen Head, New York, and her husband, Vincent Cardaci. He is also survived by his loving granddaughters, Ariel Braunstein, of Arlington, Virginia, and her fiancé, Jeremy Hesketh; Taylor King, of Locust Valley, New York; Kayleigh King, of Locust Valley, New York; Megan Fahey, of Glen Cove, New York; and Caroline Fahey, of Glen Cove, New York.

Our family would like to thank Dr. Farzin Rahmanou, Chief, Critical Care Unit at Glen Cove Hospital, for the care he provided to Lorenzo, and for his compassion to our family during this difficult time. Interment at Holy Rood Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

VLASAK, Peter C, of Bayville, passed away on May 27, at the age of 64. He was born and raised in Sea Cliff, to the late Harold and Joan Vlasak. He graduated from North Shore High School. Peter spent 30 years as a union carpenter, Local 290. He retired 10 years ago and became a maintenance worker at Locust Valley High School. Peter is remembered for his love of his grandchildren and pride for his town. He could always be found with his local newspaper, walking the beach, and listening to his radio. Peter was the husband of Anna, who he shared 40 loving years with. He was the brother of Bill (Dale), Penny (Jack), and Jill (Bill). He is survived by his 3 children Peter, Jessica (Adam) and Michael, and 3 granddaughters, Summer, Hannah, and Sienna. He is also survived by his many in-laws, nieces, nephews, friends, and co-workers who he loved dearly. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Peter's name to two charities that were close to his heart - the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Locust Valley Retirees Recognized for Years of Service



Six of the seven retirees from Locust Valley. From left, Pat Marczewski, Mary Ann Serio, Nilsa Weydig, Marjorie Medwed, MariannHartje and Carolyn Collins. (Not pictured: Maria Stanco)
 Photos:LVCSD

Central and building administrators, board of education members, staff and loved ones gathered in the courtyard of Locust Valley High School for the Locust Valley Central School District's annual retirement celebration on June 1. Seven longtime staff members were honored during the event for their upcoming retirement.

Board President Brian Nolan opened the ceremony by thanking the retirees for their years of service and their dedication to the students, staff and families of the district.

"We are forever grateful for all that you have done for our community and we wish you the best," he told them. "And remember, 'Once a Falcon, always a Falcon.'"

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF MATINECOCK ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the general election of the Incorporated Village of Matinecock, Nassau County, New York will be held at the Portledge School (lower school) on Duck Pond Road in said Village on June 21, 2022; that the hours of opening and closing the polls thereof shall be 12:00 Noon and 9:00 P.M., respectively, and that during such period of nine consecutive hours, the polls shall be kept open for the purpose of choosing and electing candidates for the offices listed below. The names and addresses of all those who have been duly nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Election Law for the Village office whose petition of nomination has been filed with the Village Clerk and the office and term of such office for which they have been so nominated are as follows:

Office and Term	Party	Name and Address of Nominees
Trustee for a term of one year	Citizens Association	Linda Berke 41 Wellington Road Locust Valley, NY 11560
Trustee for a term of three years	Citizens Association	William I. Hollingsworth, III 110 Piping Rock Road Locust Valley, NY 11560

Dated: June 7, 2022

FOB Kayak Conservation Cruises June 11

Friends of the Bay and The WaterFront Center are once again co-hosting Kayak Conservation Cruises, the first of the season will be on Saturday, June 11th from 10 a.m. to noon (Rain date: June 18).

Participants will meet at The WaterFront Center in Oyster Bay to launch for a guided tour lasting approximately two hours. Cameron Jenness, Education Director at The WaterFront Center, and Friends of the Bay Executive Director Heather Johnson will be on hand to point out areas of natural and historical interest along the way.

Event pricing is \$55 for a single kayak rental and \$65 for a double kayak rental for two hours. For those bringing



Kayaking in Oyster Bay.
 Photo by Shannon Kelly, The WaterFront Center

their own kayak, the cost is \$20 and special pricing is \$10 for children under 15 with their own kayak. Those with their own watercraft can park and launch at The WaterFront Center (1 West End Avenue, Oyster Bay). Participants should arrive between 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. to sign in.

Memorial Day In Bayville



Arti Bohner driving the Village Church Preschool.



The ceremony at the Bayville Village Green before the parade.



The Locust Valley High School Band.



Linda Libertini



Commander Vincent Libertini of the Robert Spittle Post 1285 of the American Legion.



The Navy and the Marines



Margie Buffa gives beautiful rendition of the National Anthem



Mayor Bob DeNatale of Bayville and Monsignor Morrissey of St. Gertrude Church.

Huntington Village Hosts Walking Tour & Pub Crawl



Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Building, where the tour begins.

Join Town Historian Robert Hughes on a walking tour of Huntington Village as he shares the history of the area. Along the way we will stop at few pubs for refreshments.
2022 Dates:
Thursday, June 16th;
Wednesday, July 13th;
Thursday, August 11th;
Thursday, August 25th;

Thursday, September 8th.
Museum opens 6pm, Tour begins 6:30pm
Huntington's History and Decorative Arts Museum at the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Building, 228 Main Street, Huntington
The tour will begin at the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Building, located at 228 Main Street in Huntington Village. The doors will open at 6pm to give time to view our new exhibits, "Lloyd Harbor and Beyond: Landscapes by Joy Buba, 1944-1951 and the Crippen House. The tour concludes around 9pm at the third stop, an easy walk back to the Soldiers & Sailors building.
Cost: \$20 Members, \$25 Non-Members (drinks are not included)



The Bayville Fire Company No.1, they will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on June 18th.
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Huntington Honors “Ghost Army” Veterans



The ceremony honoring the “Ghost Soldiers” (L-R) Councilmen Dave Bennardo, Sal Ferro and Gene Cook, Supervisor Ed Smyth



Rabbi Yakov Saacks from The Chai Center in Dix Hills, delivered the invocation and benediction.

BY RUPERT DEEDES

On Memorial Day, the Town of Huntington held a special commemoration ceremony to honor local veterans who were members of the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops - also known as the “Ghost Army.”

The secret unit, comprising 82 officers and 1,023 men under the command of Army veteran Colonel Harry L. Reeder, was activated on 20 January 1944 to become the first mobile, multimedia, tactical deception unit in the history of the U.S. Army.

The unit consisted of a highly-select group of artists, engineers, professional soldiers, and draftees - including famous artists such as fashion designer Bill Blass, painter Ellsworth Kelly, and photographer Art Kane.

The unit used various visual, sonic, and radio deception tools to simulate two whole divisions -- about 30,000 men -- to fool German military intelligence into believing that the German military was facing much larger Allied forces than was the case.

Among the tools developed by the unit: inflatable tanks and vehicles, fake radio traffic, sound effects, phony generals, and more.

From May 1944 until the end of the war a year later, the unit took part in 22 active deception campaigns from Normandy to the Rhine River,

The unit’s existence was kept secret for forty years after the end of the Second World War, and was publicly recognized for the first time in a 1985 Smithsonian Magazine article.

“It is unfortunate that these men could not be honored for their impressive and courageous service during their lifetimes,” stated Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth. “We are indebted to their service.”

“It is great that the country is starting to recognize the work that was done by the Ghost Army veterans,” added Mike Petrucci of East Northport. “Because it wasn’t honored at all right after World War II, because it was classified,”

Petrucci’s father, Robert Petrucci, a graphic designer who lived in Levittown and who died in 2018 at age 96, was one of the Ghost soldiers.

It is believed that ten members of the unit are still alive.



Memorial Day Ceremony at Town Hall.



An Inflatable “Dummy” Tank Deployed by the Ghost Army



The American flag.



The Northport High School Tour Choir, directed by Dana Warren, performed patriotic music.



The Memorial Wall with way too many names.

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