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Planting Fields Hosts “Moveable Feast” Spring Benefit Soirée



Rita Ranieri, Sandy Pearson, Bernadette Castro, Jake Jarvis and Margaret Trautmann



Honoree Hal Davidson, the Chairman Emeritus of The Planting Fields Foundation

BY RUPERT DEEDES

The Planting Fields Foundation hosted their annual Spring fundraising benefit, A Moveable Feast, in late June, to raise funds to preserve the 409 acre Olmsted Brothers designed historic park, one of the most magnificent State Parks in the country.

The event was a sold out hit - with over 200 guests, and generated over \$300,000 to preserve the park grounds.

Planting Fields Arboretum is located in Upper Brookville in Oyster Bay, and was one of the most spectacular of the Long Island Gold Coast mansions in what has come to be known as the “Gilded Age.”

The name “Planting Fields” comes from the Matinecock Indians who cultivated the rich soil in the clearings high above Long Island Sound.

Planting Fields was built as the home of William Robertson Coe and his wife Mary Huttleson Rogers Coe. William Coe was a leading insurance and railroad executive, and his wife Mary was the youngest daughter of millionaire industrialist Henry Rogers, who himself was a co-founder of Standard Oil.

The Coe’s purchased the estate in 1913, and immediately began the garden and landscaping redesign. When the mansion on the property burned-down in 1918, they commissioned a new mansion. Together they built the 67-room “Coe Hall” mansion, together with greenhouses, gardens, woodland paths, and outstanding plant collections. The house is now a museum that includes a Herbarium of over 10,000 specimens of rare plants.

The grounds were designed by Guy



Jenny Smith, Event Chair and Board Member, Debra Del Vecchio Event Co-Chair and Board Member, Bernadette Castro Event Co-Chair and Board Member Duncan Sahner

Lowell, A. R. Sargent – and the Olmsted Brothers.

In the early 1950’s, the Coe family donated the Estate as a park to New York State. From 1955 to 1962, the estate was used as the interim campus for what would become SUNY Stony Brook. After 1962, the mansion was preserved as a museum and the grounds utilized as a public park.

At the “Moveable Feast Soiree”, the guests gathered for a “progressive dining experience” that started with champagne and hors d’oeuvres in historic Coe Hall, followed by cocktails and a seated dinner in the garden.

A lively presentation was made by Gina Wouters, President of the Foundation, to the evening’s Honoree, Chairman Emeritus of Planting Fields Foundation Hal Davidson.

Guests included Board Chair CeCe Haydock, Bernadette Castro, Ralph Pascucci, Connie Cincotta, former Congressman Tom Suozzi, Payson and Kim Coleman, WOR radio personality Mark Simone, Harry Davison, Rita Castagna, Jenny and Peter Smith, Bruce Addison, Debra Del Vecchio, Rita Ranieri, Jeff Moore, Duncan Sahner, and so many, many more.

Concerts at Planting Fields

Planting Fields will be hosting a **Vivaldi Festival**, Saturday, August 19, 1:00 - 3:30 pm. Tickets Free, with \$8 parking fee or Empire Pass, registration required

The Vivaldi Festival is an unmissable event for classical music enthusiasts and anyone who appreciates musical excellence. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket and chair to relax on the West Lawn.

Peat Moss and the Fertilizers Outdoor Concert, Saturday, September 2, 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Tickets Free, with \$8 parking fee or Empire Pass, registration required

Join us this Labor Day weekend for a free outdoor concert by fan favorite, ‘Peat Moss and the Fertilizers’! Bring a chair, blanket, and an outdoor picnic to enjoy great family friendly music amidst the beauty at Planting Fields.

Planting Fields is currently open from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, 7 days a week. Parking fee is \$8. The Visitor Center in Coe Hall is open Wednesday through



A concerts on the west lawn.



Peat Moss and the Fertilizers

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DA Ray Tierney Solves Gilgo Murders Case

BY NIAL FITZGERALD

The 13-year old Gilgo serial-murder case, went from “cold case” to “mass murderer arrested” last Friday, when Suffolk District Attorney Ray Tierney (R-Brookhaven) charged 59-year-old Rex Heuermann of Massapequa with three of the murders.

Heuermann was arrested in New York City, and arraigned on Friday, for three counts of first degree murder. He is being held in the Suffolk jail, without bail.

In late 2010, Suffolk police located ten bodies - eight women, one man and a child - buried in shallow graves in the sandy dunes on Gilgo Beach - just east of the Nassau County border. Several of the murdered women's bodies were recent - only months old - and wrapped in the same burlap.

Later DNA and missing person's police investigations identified the bodies as belonging to women who had worked as escorts, and met or been picked-up by a man whom witnesses described as being a “6'5” Ogre” who drove a dark colored “Chevrolet Avalanche” truck.

Despite all those leads, the Suffolk Police under then-Chief James Burke and the Suffolk District Attorney - under former Democrat DA's Thomas Spota (2010-2017) and Timothy Sini (2017-2021) - did nothing.



Ray Tierney

Burke and Spota are themselves now convicted federal criminal felons. Burke beat handcuffed prisoners, toted around duffel bags of “nasty” pornography, suborned perjury, and blackmailed Suffolk police officers to lie to the FBI.

Spota ran wiretaps on Suffolk cops he “suspected” of working with the FBI; blackmailed elected officials in Suffolk; obstructed FBI investigations; and conducted himself like a menacing Mafia thug, strutting around political and law enforcement events in Suffolk County like a goon.

Spota and Burke barred the FBI from investigating the Gilgo murders. And Sini - who served as Suffolk Police Commissioner alongside Spota and Burke, before himself becoming DA in 2017 - did nothing.

Only with the election of Ray Tierney in November, 2021; and the 2022 appointment of Rodney Harrison as Suffolk Police Commissioner did things change: Tierney and Harrison immediately set-up a Gilgo Murders Task force.

Within six (6) weeks, the Task Force had identified Heuermann as the prime suspect. He is 6'5" and owns a 2006 dark colored Chevy Avalanche - a rare vehicle.

Over the next 12 months, Suffolk police and DA investigators closely tracked Heuermann, and gathered DNA, credit card, internet, and cell phone data to definitively tie Heuermann to the murders.

All credit for taking that mass murderer off the streets should go to DA Ray Tierney and Commissioner Rodney Harrison - and the dedicated members of their joint Task Force.

Locust Valley Man Sued Over “Counterfeit PPE”

BY MAUREEN DALY

A Locust Valley man and his New York City company that procured personal protective equipment (PPE) for large-scale buyers during the coronavirus pandemic is being sued for supplying “faulty and counterfeit PPE.”

Chris Cardillo, age 51, of Locust Valley is the President of SpecBid, a medical supply company, and is being sued in Staten Island, alleging they sold faulty medical products while collecting millions in profits.



Chris Cardillo

The Plaintiff, Wagas Shah, 29, is a Staten Island resident who states in court papers that he worked with the Cardillo in obtaining the supplies which he says he later learned were counterfeit.

In a financial dispute also laid out in the civil complaint, Shah alleges he was shorted at least \$21 million by the company.

Cardillo and his business associate

Andrew Albano of Scottsdale, Arizona, were originally named as the only two co-defendants at the time the suit which was filed in NYS Supreme Court.

SpecBid was founded by Chris Cardillo in 2013 as a cloud-based procurement system “enabling buyers and sellers to specify requests and bids in real time and on common ground,” according to LinkedIn.

Last week, both Cardillo's brother John and former NYPD Commissioner Bernard Kerik were added to the complaint, accusing them of using intimidation tactics against Shah after he went public.

An Order of Protection has been issued in the Long Island courts amid accusations that Shah was stalking and harassing Chris Cardillo and his family.

Clients who purchased PPE items from SpecBid during the pandemic-gloves, masks, at-home test kits- included CVS, New York State, New Jersey Troopers, VA Texas, Nassau County and Vestra Labs, the lawsuit contends.

Santos “Raises” \$150K - Then Pockets Most of It

BY NIAL FITZGERALD

The latest US Federal Election Commission (FEC) filings from fraudster Congressman George Santos claim that over the past six months he raised only some \$150,000 - but then pocketed \$85,000 of that for himself personally.

Santos FEC filings should be taken with skepticism. He filed hundreds of fake entries in his 2022 FEC reports - with over a million dollars in fake receipts and disbursements being reported - and later disappearing.

According to Santos' latest FEC Report - filed last week - Santos now claims that from January to July 2023, he raised \$133,000 for his campaign re-election committee, and some \$16,000 for an affiliated PAC, the Devolder-Santos Victory PAC.

Then, according to Santos, on May 30, 2023, he paid himself \$85,000 from those receipts, taking the money for himself personally.

Santos claims he was “paying himself back” for “personal loans” he claims to have made to his campaign in 2022.

Except he filed in March and April, 2022 that he “loaned” himself \$580,000 - and all of that was later declared to be fake.

Non-existent. A fake entry of fake money which Santos then used to boast and try to cajole money out of wealthy north shore residents - falsely claiming

he was a “rich man” and that he was “all-in” on his campaign.

Only four (4) of the alleged new donations came from inside New York's Third congressional district. Of the others, most were from distant places like California - in the exact maximum donation of \$3300 - with the donors' occupations being listed as “Student,” “Housewife” and “Part-Time Job/Cashier.”



George Devolder Santos

Historically, people who are “Students” or “Housewives” or “Part time Cashiers” do not make maximum political donations of \$3,300 to out-of-

state federal candidates under criminal indictment.

Santos was indicted in May before the federal Courts on 13 felony counts of fraud and stealing. He faces over 20 years in prison on the existing criminal charges.

Santos also faces potentially hundreds of additional criminal charges, for campaign finance fraud, identity theft, credit card and ATM fraud, charities fraud, stealing, and check fraud. In April, Santos plead “Guilty” to check fraud and elder fraud in Brazil.

The North Shore Leader newspaper was the first newspaper to break the Santos' fraud stories - before the 2022 election - identifying his elaborate finance frauds and lies, and declaring him to be a “Fraud” and a “Fabulist.”

Oyster Bay Shuts Illegal Syosset “Head Shop”

BY NOLAN CLEARY

An illegal “head shop” in Syosset selling drugs has been shut-down by the Town of Oyster Bay, and the Town is now before the Courts to shut the drug den permanently.

The “East Wind Exotic Vape Shop” on Jackson Avenue has been hit with numerous drug arrests and violations.

There were two different sets of drug arrests at the location, and town officials now argue the location is a public nuisance.

Last year, employees Mohammed Salem, 25, of New Hyde Park, and Shaafal Nasser Ali Ahmed, 41, of Brooklyn were both arrested for selling illegal marijuana related products. After a police search, authorities discovered more than 10 pounds of weed in the shop.

More recently, the owner was charged with selling a drug-laced chocolate, with a marijuana ingredient in it. He was charged with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 5th Degree and



The busted East Wind Exotic Vape Shop.

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th Degree, and is scheduled to appear back in Court in August.

The Town has filed a Court proceeding to now shut the drug-dealing location permanently.

“The Town of Oyster Bay will continue to protect our neighborhoods from illicit, unregulated activities that violate the law and put public health at risk.” stated Oyster Bay Town Information Spokesman Brian Nevin.

EDITORIAL

ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES - ELECTING RAY TIERNEY DA SOLVED THE GILGO MURDERS

For those who say that elections don't matter. And that one politician is just the same as the next: Take a look at how electing Republican Ray Tierney 18 months ago changed the legal world, and took a deadly mass killer off the streets.

The Gilgo murders happened mostly in early 2010. And the 10 bodies were discovered just six months later.

Police quickly assembled a lot of evidence: DNA on the bodies; An eyewitness description of the perp and his car; The victims' cell phone data. Then, for 12 years, nothing happened.

Two District Attorneys - both Democrats - did nothing. A corrupt Police Chief did nothing. Worse, they terminated the joint County-FBI task force and kicked the FBI out of Suffolk.

Democrat DA Thomas Spota and his protege Police Chief James Burke were nothing but criminals. And that is not hyperbole. Both were later arrested, convicted of felonies, and sent to prison. But the alleged "Mr. Clean" - Timothy Sini - whom the Democrats then brought in, was no better.

Sini served two years as Suffolk Police Commissioner - alongside the corrupt Spota and Burke - and did nothing. Then Sini succeeded Spota as DA, and for four more years, Sini did nothing. But Sini did politically weaponize the DA's office against Republicans. Earth-shattering crimes like "resume fraud" were made priorities by Sini - but little things like "mass murder"... not so much.

Within one month of winning office in 2022, Ray Tierney and the new Police Commissioner Rodney Harrison changed the world: They set-up a Task Force to solve the Gilgo murders. And six weeks later they identified the killer, Rex Heuermann of Massapequa. 12 months of careful investigative work followed, to link cell phones; collect DNA, and prove the case. Solid brilliant police work.

When Ray Tierney ran for DA, this newspaper, the North Shore Leader, was one of the few to endorse him. For us, it was not a close call: A professional crime-fighting prosecutor in Tierney, versus a political hack in Sini.

That election of Ray Tierney decided the fate of the Gilgo murder investigations. Crime solved. A mass killer behind bars and off the street. Sometimes elections do make a difference.

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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.

LIFE COACHING IS OFTEN MISSING

To the Editor;

What is next for you? Are you making plans for furthering your education?

Are you interviewing for employment? Are you debating about your career path? What type of occupation will be fulfilling and pay the salary you want to earn? Possibly you are making plans to get married? You may be wondering about the best strategies for buying a house or saving for retirement.

Consider talking to people who are doing what you want to do.

Life coaching and mentoring are sadly missing today. It's missing in our schools, churches and even worse, our families. Young people are desperate for the wisdom of senior Americans but most of the time think they know everything. We all thought we knew everything when we were young. Looking back, we now realize how little we really knew.

Throughout life we are typically stuck with figuring it out by ourselves. We made the choice to make our own decisions. When we make our own decisions then we can't blame anybody but ourselves. However, education is expensive. Learning the hard way is never fun. You have heard people say, "Let him figure it out. He'll learn." This is typically true, but if your grandchild is about to pick up a poisonous snake, would you just stand back and let the child learn? Would you not care enough to snatch the child away from the snake? Of course, you would save your child. You can't save everybody, but when you can, then why not do what you hope someone would do for you?

If you consider yourself a young adult then you need to interview some older people. You need to ask questions about their vocations, businesses, and whatever path they have walked. How did they do what they have done? What would they do over? What would they never do again?

What would be their advice to you about life in general, money, marriage, faith, church, raising kids and anything else. You might be surprised at what you will learn.

Most older people think no one wants to hear their opinion and too often it's true. Sadly, years of life experiences, worth more than money could ever buy, are never utilized.

Every high school and church should have an occasional life coaching day. A day when some of the community sages are invited to sit and field questions from small groups and even talk one on one.

You may not always hear what you want to hear. Sometimes the truth is surprising. Always keep in mind that

the truth will set you free. Proverbs 19:20 says, "Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise."

Keep in mind that advice giving should always be done in love and gentleness.

Dr. Glenn Mollette

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Op-Ed: Suffolk Dems Are Playing \$ Games on Sewers; We need Truth, Answers and Transparency

BY MAUREEN DALY

The bipartisan vote last month by the Suffolk County Legislature to freeze the Democrats' and Bellone Administration's murky, last-minute proposals to spend huge tax dollars on a new bureaucracy for alleged "sewer" projects, was the right decision. The plan was looking more like a political "slush fund," and a "jobs program" for political hacks.

The Democrats are now in a desperate "tax-first, ask-later" posture - because they want to access taxpayers' money first - before this November's elections. The Republican Legislative Majority have promised to NOT let that happen, and to give voters the right to vote first for a new County Executive and Legislature in November.

In 2020, the then-Democrat majority County Legislature adopted a Sub-Watershed Plan, with the assurance that the plan would be an accurate guideline for future plans to address groundwater and waterways nitrogen pollution issues. But it wasn't.

Instead, the Democrats and Bellone Administration are now demanding a series of vague, undefined and half-baked "proposals" be put on the ballot



MAUREEN DALY

this November. The Democrats and Bellone want the money and the power first - then they will tell you how they are going to spend and use it.

Among the Dem's proposals is one highly-political "plan" to establish a "countywide sewer district" - full of political patronage; and another "plan" to allow tax dollars to be diverted into a "special fund" that would pay for some projects. Which ones? Don't worry - they

will pick the projects for you...

In a rush to grab political patronage and spend tax money before they leave office in December, the Bellone Administration now wants the people to give them the money, so they can sign "midnight contracts" with their political supporters, and appoint new political boards for their political cronies.

Some of the Bellone / Democrats' proposals include:

- A new layer of government would be created - full of "political patronage" and barely accountable to any other part of the Suffolk government. More "jobs for the boys," more administrative costs, and more taxes.

- The fake budgetary reliance on "federal or state grants" which may not even exist - meaning even more taxes.

- The power to begin collecting NEW taxes, before an official plan is even adopted or in place.

- The power to re-assess your property - and raise your property taxes - with grossly unfair new tax assessments.

- The power to force homeowners to pay an average \$15,000 to \$30,000 to install new septic/cesspool systems. If you don't do it - you will be fined and you won't be allowed to sell your house.

The vote by the Legislature to stop the railroading of these "proposals" was the right call.

We all now have time to get answers - and protect taxpayers - and not push through shotgun votes, that leave voters in the dark.

Since January 2022, when the GOP took control of the Suffolk Legislature, it has approved more than \$155 million in water and wastewater projects to preserve our farmland and open space. We all agree that we must protect our natural environment.

Protecting the use of taxpayer dollars is the cornerstone of the Legislature's responsibilities. And the Suffolk Legislature GOP-majority protected taxpayers by stopping the tax and patronage hungry "sewer plan" proposals of the lame-duck Democrats.

In three months, Suffolk voters will elect a new County Executive and a new County Legislature. Let our newly-elected representatives decide these issues, not the lame-duck outgoing team looking for expensive new bureaucracies, midnight political appointments, giveaway contracts, and surprise new taxes.

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Finance Op-Ed: Are College Students' Scholarships Taxable?

BY AMAN VERMA

May 1st is the traditional date when high school students to commit to their college of choice, which means tuition payments are not far behind. If you are wondering if your child's scholarships are taxable, here is what you should know.

What Is a "Scholarship?"

First, it's important to understand how a scholarship is defined. Generally, a scholarship is an amount paid or allowed to a student at an educational institution for the purpose of study. It can include both merit and need-based institutional aid.

Other types of grants include need-based grants (such as Pell Grants or state grants) and Fulbright grants. A fellowship grant is generally an amount paid or allowed to an individual for study or research.

"Fulbright grants may be either scholarship/fellowship income or compensation for personal services, which is usually considered wages. If you are a U.S. citizen recipient of a Fulbright grant, you must determine which income category your grant falls into to know how the grant is taxed for U.S. Federal Income tax purposes."

Tax-Free vs. Taxable

If your child receives a scholarship, a fellowship grant, or other grant, all or part of the amounts received may be tax-

free if your child meets certain conditions.

Scholarships, fellowship grants, and other grants are tax-free if:

- The student is a candidate for a degree at an educational institution that maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where it carries on its educational activities; and

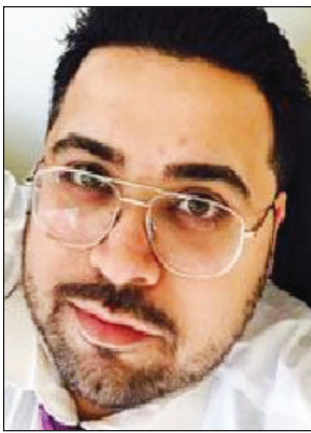
- The amounts the student receives are used to pay for tuition and fees required for

enrollment or attendance at the educational institution or for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses at the educational institution.

However, the student must include in gross income:

- Amounts used for incidental expenses, such as room and board, travel, student health insurance, and optional equipment.

- Amounts received as payments for teaching, research, or other services required as a condition for receiving the scholarship or fellowship grant. However, students do not need to include in gross income any amounts received for services that are required by the National Health Service Corps



Aman Verma

Scholarship Program, the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program, or a comprehensive student work-learning-service program (as defined in section 448(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965) operated by a work college.

Reporting a Taxable Scholarship on Your Tax Return

Generally, a student reports any portion of a scholarship, a fellowship grant, or other grants that must be included in gross income as follows:

- If filing Form 1040 or Form 1040-SR, include the taxable portion in the total amount reported on the "Wages, salaries, tips" line of the student's tax return. If the taxable amount was not reported on Form W-2, enter "SCH" along with the taxable amount in the space to the left of the "Wages, salaries, tips" line.

- If filing Form 1040-NR, report the taxable amount on the "Scholarship and fellowship grants" line.

Estimated Tax Payments May Be Due

If any part of a scholarship or fellowship grant is taxable, the student may have to make estimated tax payments on the additional income. For information on estimated tax, refer to Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

If you have any questions about whether your college student's scholarships are taxable, please call (516) 530-8396

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Folk Music Festival Coming to Heckscher Park



Cliff Eberhardt and Lucy Kaplansky (courtesy Folk Music Society)

By THOMAS NOTHEL

The 17th annual Huntington Folk Festival promises a full day of great music, and will take place at Heckscher Park on Saturday July 22nd from 12:30PM to 10PM.

The Folk Festival is a free event presented by the Huntington Arts Council, Folk Music Society of Huntington and AcousticMusicScene.com.

The headliners are internationally known singer-songwriters Lucy Kaplansky and Cliff Eberhardt. Their concert begins at 8PM.

The concert is preceded by an interview of Kaplansky and Eberhardt, beginning at 7:15 pm, conducted by Michael Kornfeld, who is the President of the Folk Music Society of Huntington, and the Editor and Publisher of AcousticMusicScene.com.

The Festival begins with an hour long "Open Mic" session hosted by Toby Tobias from 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Michael Kornfeld will emcee a series of 30 minutes song swaps from 1:30 - 6pm performed by singer/songwriters from Long Island. (See the full lineup of artists below).

The Folk Festival presenters advises attendees bring lawn chairs, blankets and

a picnic supper (or they can walk into Huntington Village and enjoy a meal at one of its many restaurants).

The Huntington Folk Festival Schedule:

12:30 — Open Mic (hosted by Toby Tobias)

1:30 — Huntington's Own: Josie Bello, Suzanne Ernst, Ray Lambiase

2:00 — LI Guys: James O'Malley, Hank Stone, Bob Westcott

2:30 — LI Gals: Rorie Kelly, Nico Padden, Christine Sweeney

3:00 — Huntington's Own II: Bill Lauter, Annie Mark, Mark Newman

4:00 — A Pair of Duos: The Levins and Catherine Miles & Jay Mafale

4:30 — Let's Hear It for the Guys: Roger Street Friedman and Toby Tobias

5:00 — Classic Folk Covers: Mara Levine and Stuart Markus

5:30 — Women of Note: Louise Mosrie Coombe and Carolann Solebello

6:00 — Dinner Break

7:15 — A Conversation with Cliff Eberhardt and Lucy Kaplansky

8:00 — Evening Concert with Cliff Eberhardt and Lucy Kaplansky

For more information visit The Folk Music Society of Huntington at www.fmsh.org.

Vacation Bible School The Village Church of Bayville

FINALLY...after three summers, The Village Church of Bayville is planning on hosting Vacation Bible School from July 31-August 4, 9:30 am-12:00 pm.

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Bayville Chamber's 7TH Annual Clam Bake



Beautiful Bayville sunsets, a great backdrop for photos.

The Bayville Chamber of Commerce held thier 7th Annual Clam Bake at the Crescent Beach Club. The event was well attended, and it was a great summertime party with many friends and family.

Funds raised at the Clam Bake go towards high school scholarships and thier Breakfast with Santa party in December.



Enjoying great food, cold drinks and good friends.

Happenings at the Locust Valley Library

Locust Valley Traveling Nature Trail Club

Led by Michael Vinas. Meet at 9:15 AM Walk starts at 9:30 AM. All ages welcome. Parking: Available on site. Sunday, August 6. Location: Tiffany Creek Preserve, Oyster Bay

Summer of Wine Series

Monday, August 21 at 7 PM - Sparkling Appellations. An introduction to wine regions and grapes. Adults 21 and over. Proof of age required. Material fee: \$20 per class. Registration required.

Parent Support Group

Thursdays, July 27 - August 31 at 10:30 AM Meet and discuss challenges you're facing. Bring your children to meet and play together in the Children's Room.

ChatGPT and You

Monday, July 24 at 7 PM. How might ChatGPT enhance your life? Presented by Tanya Thurman.

Pickleball is Life: Author Talk with Erin McHugh

Wednesday, July 26 at 5:00 PM



Tiffany Creek Preserve, Sandy Hill Road.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America today; easy to learn, but hard to master. "Pickleball is Life" will take readers from the sport's unorthodox origins through its current craze.

Movie Thursdays at 1PM

July 27 - *Operation Fortune: Ruse de Guerre*-, Rated R, 1 hr, 54 min

August 10 - *John Wick: Chapter 4* - Rated R, 2 hr, 49 min

August 24 - *65* - Rated PG-13, 1 hr, 33 min

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Locust Valley Library. Refreshments provided.



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Joe Stroppel Performance at North Shore Historical Museum



Tenor Joe Stroppel accompanied by pianist Tess Loucka.

By VICTORIA CROSBY

A wonderful musical concert was recently held at the North Shore Historical Museum, Songs from The Golden Age, a Celebration from the Great American Songbook, and the best of Broadway, featuring tenor Joe Stroppel accompanied by pianist Tess Loucka.

The hour-long program included songs by George Gershwin, Rogers and Hammerstein, Cole Porter, and Jerome Kern, with selections by modern composers Stephen Sondheim and Lin Manuel Miranda. Joe Stroppel, a Glen

Cove native, who is presently a student at Hunter College, performs frequently at local events, and has a bright musical future ahead of him.

This was his second performance at NSHM, as he sang here last year marking the 25th anniversary of the closing of Stroppel's Tavern, which was a family-owned business since 1870.

The Jan Guga photo exhibit will be at the museum through the summer until the end of August.

NSHM is located at 140 Glen Street in Glen Cove. For further information visit www.nshmgc.org or call 516 801-1191.

Bi-Annual Kayak Conservation Cruise July 22



Last year's Kayak Conservation Cruise

Friends of the Bay and The WaterFront Center are again partnering for a Kayak Conservation Cruise on Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Rain date: July 23), the first of two cruises of the year.

Participants will meet at The WaterFront Center (1 West End Avenue, 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.

Special event pricing is \$55 for a single kayak rental for two hours and \$65 for a double kayak rental for two hours. Bring your own kayak and the participation fee is \$20 per person for adults and \$10 for children under 15. Proceeds from the event will be split between the two organizations to help with their outreach programs.

Those with their own watercraft can park and launch at The WaterFront Center.

To register and arrange for a kayak rental, visit <https://thewaterfrontcenter.networkforgood.com/events/57840-2023-summer-kayak-conservation-cruise>.

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Italian Night at Morgan Park Summer Music Festival



Claudio Mattioli and tenor Massimiliano Barbolini and Vanessa Racci

On Sunday, July 23, Morgan Park Summer Music Festival will present Italian Night including a full evening of music, food, and all things Italian. The free performance begins in Morgan Park at 7:00 pm. For this Sunday's concert, Pizza Company 7 - a popular Italian food truck, will begin serving pizza in the park starting at 6 pm. Morgan Park Summer Music Festival will present Italian Night including a full evening of music, food, and all things Italian. The free performance begins at 7:00 p.m. in Morgan Park.

Revel in rich, romantic Italian opera as bass-baritone Claudio Mattioli and tenor Massimiliano Barbolini present classics by Rossini, Puccini, Verdi and others. Mattioli, a specialist in the works of Rossini and Mozart, is also a composer, screenwriter and director associated with Fun Opera. Barbolini, a performer of international renown, has appeared in major opera houses in Vienna, Paris and others throughout the world. Vanessa Racci is a jazz and cabaret singer with a passion for retro jazz and music made famous by Italian Americans. She has recorded two albums, Italiana Fresca and Jazzy Italian, ranked in the top 10 of traditional jazz albums for 2022. Ricci appeared in Off Broadway's Forbidden Love, The Love Story of Bobby Darin and Connie Francis.

Concertgoers are encouraged to arrive early because the evening will also include everyone's favorite food truck, Pizza Company 7. John Zozzaro, Nick Pedone, and their staff at Pizza Company 7 will begin serving their famous wood-fired pizzas starting at 6 pm and will offer individual pies - Margherita, New York style, pepperoni, pesto, and white - at a special price of \$12 each. This family fun celebration of Italian music, food, and

fun is not to be missed.

Locust Valley resident and President of Loggia Glen Cove 1016, Joseph A. Gallo, has been working with the festival in getting the word out about the concert. He commented, "We could not be more excited about Morgan Park Summer Musical Festival bringing this particular show to Morgan Park. As most know, we have a large Italian population in this region, and our lodge, the very first on Long Island, wholeheartedly supports and appreciates Chairman Suozzi's efforts and that of the full committee in bringing this concert to the North Shore. We're expecting a big turnout!"

"This will be a night of family fun with an Italian twist! We are trying something new by bringing a pizza truck to sell pizzas before and during the concert too. Classic "fun opera" and music made famous by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, Connie Francis and other Italian Americans.... it will be a great night! Bring the family down to the park" said the festival chairman, Tom Suozzi.

All concerts are held at Morgan Memorial Park in Glen Cove, overlooking the harbor at Germaine Street between Landing Road and McLoughlin Street. The free concerts begin at 7 pm.

Morgan Park Summer Music Festival is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. The high-caliber professional concerts offered each summer are free to the public and are completely funded through



Everyone's favorite food truck, Pizza Company 7, will be there.

Obituaries



BUSH, Eugene “Gene”, 68, a former long-time resident of Quogue passed away peacefully on July 7, 2023 after a courageous 38-year battle with heart disease. He was a resident of Bayville, NY at the time of his death. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 yrs. Lori, daughters Kelly Bush (John Macinnes) of Manhattan, Kristen Roberti (Christopher) of Rockville Center and Karrie Bandrowski (Todd) of Westhampton and grandchildren Will Roberti, George Roberti, Toph Bandrowski and Esme Bandrowski; brother Kevin Bush and sister Liz (Andrew) Rosamilia. He was predeceased by brother Michael Bush in 2017. Gene was a dedicated husband, brother, father, and grandfather for whom family and friends meant everything. A volunteer with the Quogue Fire Department for many years, he was a comedian to the end, always bringing a smile to anyone he encountered. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure and privilege to know him. A celebration of life will be held at a future date. Contributions in his memory can be made to St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn, NY. DodgeThomas.com



COSTANTINO, Rocco of Glen Cove, NY on July 10th, 2023 at age 80. Proprietor of C O S T A N T I N O Nursery of Glen Cove. Beloved husband of the late Lucia. Loving father of Angelo and Mina Grella (Angelo). Dear brother of Maria, Alevina, Carmine, Giuseppe and Rosina. Proud grandfather of Sofia, Gabriel, Cristian, Alessandro, Amelia and Angiolina. Also survived by loving in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins. Rocco enjoyed playing the accordion, worked hard at his Nursery and above all, loved his family. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



GENOVESE, Frank J., Jr., on July 19, 2023 age 87, of Bayville. Former owner of the Snouders Drug Store, Oyster Bay. Beloved husband of the late Florence, loving father of Frank III (Marie), Mary Lambertson (Jack), and John. Cherished grandfather of Christina, Jennifer, Brianne Lambertson, and Daniel Lambertson. Dear brother to Carol Meringolo and Lilyan Burns, and the late Constance, and Rita

Brexel. Also survived by 22 loving nieces and nephews. Visiting July 21, 4-7PM, Mass Saturday St. Gertrudes. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. www.oysterbay-funeralhome.com

HUNT, Layton of Westbury, on July 17th, 2023 at age 88. Former Proprietor of Hunt’s Barber Shop in Locust Valley for over 60 years. Loving partner to Mildred Anastasi for 45 years. Beloved father of Dennis Hunt and Donna Lafreniere (Richard). Proud grandfather of Corie and Devon. Special great-grandfather of Grace, Jonathan and Rilley. Also survived by Mildred’s loving family Leslie and Steven (Jackie) and their children Justin (Ela), Zach (Sarah), Alex, Valerie and Liana. Interment at Calverton National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club would be greatly appreciated. www.dodgeThomas.com



KLENKEL Jr., Richard John, passed away on July 5, 2023 in Glen Cove, New York, at age 63. Born in Glen Cove to Richard “Dick” Klenkel and Doris Klenkel, Richard graduated from Glen Cove High School in 1978. After earning his Bachelor’s in Accounting from the University of Rhode Island, Richard enjoyed a long-standing career as a CPA and financial advisor. He was a proud lifelong resident of Glen Cove and an active parishioner of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church for over 27 years. He enjoyed boating on the Long Island Sound, biking, scuba diving, and spending time with his family. Above all, he was a proud and devoted father to his two daughters, and a loving brother and son. He is survived by his daughters Brianna Klenkel Campbell and Meredith Klenkel, son-in-law Michael Campbell, former wife Deirdre Klenkel, and sisters Suellen Galluccio and Laurie Klenkel. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Doris Klenkel. Interment at St. Paul’s Churchyard Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. www.DodgeThomas.com

SZTORC, Robert J. (Capt. Bob) of Glen Cove, NY on July 9, 2023, at the age of 85. Survived by his loving wife, Lorraine and his beloved children Chris, Janet (Barney) Dell’Aquila, Jeff (Barbara), Scott (Kristen), Hillary (Kevin) Earle and Erik. Cherished brother of Maryann Petroccia (Bob) and Philip (deceased).

Loving son of Adele and Joseph Sztorc. Cherished grandfather of Jeff, Mike, Melanie, Ava, Sammy, and Gabby, and great grandfather of Lily. Bob has been serving the community as a State Farm Agent for over 60 years. Bob was a hunting and fishing enthusiast, and he enjoyed traveling with family and friends. Bob was a long-time member of the Matinecock Rod and Gun Club. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. www.Whitting.com

TILGHMAN, Elizabeth Easton of Hobe Sound, Florida died on July 10, 2023 at the age of 92. She was born in San Antonio, Texas, daughter of Robert Lewis Easton and Elizabeth Bennett Easton. She and her brother grew up in numerous parts

of the country where her father, a colonel in the U.S. Army Air Corps, was stationed. She married George H. Tilghman in 1951 and they settled in Lawrence, New York to raise their three children. Her husband predeceased her in 2009. Mother of Jamie T. Deming, Elizabeth B. Tilghman (deceased) George H. Tilghman, Jr. (Katharine). Grandmother of Peter H. Deming (Jessica), Julia D. Vaughn (Eric), Gwendoline C. Tilghman, George H. Tilghman III (Anne) and Henry H. Tilghman; great grandmother of four. She will be remembered for her love for her friends, her passion for entertaining them and her feigned irreverence for almost everything in life which masked an underlying compassion for everyone. www.DodgeThomas.com

Friends of Locust Valley Library Dedicate Gazebo to McMahon



The new gazebo overlooking the tennis courts.

As you drive past the Locust Valley Library, you may notice a beautiful white gazebo sitting up on the hill above the

tennis courts. Installed in the spring, the gazebo is a gift to the library and the community from the Friends of the Locust Valley Library. On June 8, the Friends dedicated the gazebo in memory of their longtime board member and secretary, Elizabeth McMahon. Over 50 friends and family joined in the celebration. The perfect tribute to Elizabeth, the gazebo reflects her combined love of gardening, tennis and the library.

The gazebo is open to all providing a lovely place to read a book, to eat lunch or simply to be. Along with a table and chairs, there is an electrical outlet and Wi-fi. In keeping with Elizabeth spirit, all are invited, all are welcome.

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Locust Valley School Board Introduces New Members



Locust Valley Board of Education members Matthew Barnes, Holly Gaddy Esteves, Nicholas J. DellaFera and Lauren Themis were sworn in at the district office on July 10. Photos courtesy of the Locust Valley Central School District

BY THOMAS NOTHEL

The Locust Valley School District welcomed three new members and welcomed back one reelected member to the Board of Education at its reorganization meeting on July 10th.

The Newly elected trustees are Matthew Barnes, Nick DellaFera and Holly Gaddy Esteves. Lauren Themis was re-elected trustee.

Barnes, Esteves and Themis were elected to 3 year terms, while DellaFera will serve the one year remaining on the term of Brian Nolan who resigned in 2022.

The four join current trustees Margaret Marchand, Dr. Michele Schaefer and George Vasiliou.

Margaret Marchand was re-elected president of the board and Lauren Themis was elected vice president during the meeting.

In addition, Dr. Kristen Turnow took

her oath of office as the district's new Superintendent of Schools, at the meeting.



Dr. Kristen Turnow took the oath of office as superintendent of schools for the Locust Valley Central School District at the July 10 meeting.

PLLC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Wendy Coster Nurse Practitioner in Psychiatry and Adult Health, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/02/2023. Office location: NASSAU County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him/her is: 1 Harvard Street Norwalk, CT 06851. The principal business address of the LLC is: 8 Nova Road Bayville, NY 11709. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

Gay Slurs, Coffee Hurlled at Port Washington Starbucks

BY MARK DEMETROPOULOS

A local quarrel at the Port Washington Starbucks involving a mentally disturbed man hurling coffee and anti-gay slurs, resulted in the arrest of the man committing the assault.

Arrested for assault and harassment is Matthew Rowlinson, age 26, of Port Washington.

Local LGBTQ activists – such as perennial leftist candidate Melanie D'Arrigo - jumped on the assault as proof of anti-LGBTQ bias by Port Washington residents.

But the Port Washington Police confirmed that the perpetrator is mentally disabled, and has a history of hurling coffee and shouting insults at people on the street, in downtown Port Washington.

According to Port Washington Police Chief Kevin McCarroll, the incident happened on Saturday, July 1st, outside the Starbucks on Main Street in Port Washington.

It was a nice Saturday afternoon at approximately 4PM when the victim pulled up on a motorcycle and came upon Rowlinson who was muttering to himself, standing on the sidewalk just outside Starbucks.

Rowlinson then proceeded to shout anti-gay slurs at the victim, and hurled his hot Starbucks coffee at the man.

Because of the anti-gay insults hurled by Rowlinson, Chief McCarroll, put everyone on notice that the Port Washington Police Department does not tolerate hate crimes and was quoted as saying "There is a zero tolerance for hate crime in Port Washington."



Matthew Rowlinson (courtesy LinkedIn)

Port Washington community activist Melanie D'Arrigo, wasted no time in making this minor incident

involving a mentally-disabled man into a political circus, to attack her political opponents.

"This attack occurred a day after the Supreme Court's conservative majority ruled a Christian graphic artist who wants to design wedding websites can refuse to work with same-sex couples," shouted D'Arrigo at a press conference, trying to blame others for Rowlinson's actions.

Rowlinson was charged by the Port Washington Police with third-degree assault and harassment and released on an Appearance Ticket. He is scheduled to be arraigned before the Nassau District Court on July 20th.

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Monica Randall's Gold Coast Ruins Painting Exhibit



Jane Arsenault, Monica Randall, and Barry Rivadue.



The Neptune Fountain at Winfield

By VICTORIA CROSBY

An opening reception was held recently at the Locust Valley Library for the exhibit of oil paintings titled Gold Coast Ruins by Monica Randall, an historic preservationist, film location scout and filmmaker, she is best known for her

books and lectures on the mansions of the Gold Coast. The paintings are of the many estates which Ms. Randall visited and photographed from the 1950s to the 1970s. Some are of gardens and architectural details from mansion that were demolished, including Pembroke in Glen Cove and Laurelton Hall in Oyster Bay, the former home of Tiffany, and some which still stand, including Winfield, the former Woolworth Mansion in Glen Cove, where Monica Randall lived for a while in the 1970s and wrote a book about it titled Winfield: Living in the Shadow of the Woolworths. Winfield was purchased last year and is now undergoing renovations and is occupied by Sal Rusi and his family.

Monica Randall frequently dresses in gowns and other clothing that she rescued from trunks in abandoned mansions prior to their demolition. At this event she was wearing a vintage dress.

In attendance at the opening was Barry Rivadue, who is

also an artist, he creates comic drawings of celebrities of the golden age of cinema, was dressed in vintage clothes and a top hat. He sometimes dresses as J.P. Morgan or other characters from that era. Another

guest, Jane Arsenault, was also wearing vintage attire.

This is the first time that Monica Randall has allowed her paintings to be exhibited, but hopefully not the last.



Laurelton Hall Ruins



Monica Randall next to one of her paintings



Two guests admiring the art

Raynham Hall Workshop The Practical Herb Gardener



An herb garden.

Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 10 AM – 11 AM, the Raynham Hall Museum is hosting a Workshop: The Practical Herb Gardener.

Nothing beats the flavor of herbs plucked fresh from a garden and used in

your cooking! Join educator Mike Goudket for a one-hour walk through the Raynham Hall Museum herb garden and get a historic perspective on herb cultivation on Long Island. This guided tour will look at the use of herbs in historic and simple contemporary cooking, seed starting, and how to grow herbs successfully in challenging suburban environments. Goudket designed the Raynham Hall herb garden based on his work at Old Bethpage Village Restoration and has maintained a home herb garden for over 25 years. Limited to 8 participants. Wear gardening clothes and bring gloves, and a pencil and paper to take notes. All materials will be supplied for seed starting. Cost: \$30 general public / \$25 museum members.

Raynham Hall Museum is located at 20 W Main Street, Oyster Bay. For tickets, visit: raynhamhallmuseum.org/upcoming-events

Bayville Resident Recognized With 'Friend of Veterans Volunteer Award'



Katherine Gibson and Supervisor Joseph Saladino

Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and members of the Town Board honored Bayville's Katherine Gibson with the Town's 2023 Friend of Veterans Volunteer Award, presented to an exemplary non-veteran who advances

the causes of our nation's hometown heroes. In 2011, recognizing the need and determined to help those veterans diagnosed as experiencing Post-Traumatic Stress, Katherine played a key role in creating the Operation-Initiative Foundation (OIF). The OIF is a central resource here on Long Island that provides advocacy, education, holistic and financial support to veterans and their caregivers. In her work with Operation Initiative, Katherine co-produced the organization's manual, which provides

invaluable information to assist caregivers and veterans facing PTSD. Katherine is the proud grandmother of four veterans, all of whom were deployed to either Iraq or Afghanistan post 9-11.



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Upper Brookville has long been a highly desired location for leaders of industry and finance to build their grand Estates. Residents enjoy the convenient location near the Long Island Sound, which offers boating, beaches, golf, equestrian activities, boutique villages for shopping, al fresco dining, and museums, all within 26 miles of Manhattan.

Red Fox boasts expansive manicured lawns, stone-walled gardens, multiple bluestone terraces, a tennis court, a pool, a 2-story pool house, an orchard, golf holes with three tee boxes, a fire pit, and a walking trail encircling the 10-acre property. Truly a special home that caters to all lifestyles, Red Fox has everything one could desire.



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