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# EPA Responds To Request to Investigate Northport Middle School

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, the US Environmental Protection Agency returned Senator Chuck Schumer's letter requesting that agency's involvement in the investigation of Northport Middle School after high levels of chemicals were found on campus in January. The EPA said it would not launch its own investigation, although it would continue communications with the New York State Department of Health and Suffolk County Department of Health Services.

Senator Schumer wrote to the head of the EPA, Administrator Andrew Wheeler, on Feb. 3, after testing turned up elevated levels of mercury and benzene and the school premises and a cesspool 10 feet from the building. The senator asked the EPA to work with local officials and state regulators to investigate on and near the campus, calling the EPA the correct agency for the job.

Peter Lopez, an EPA regional administrator, responded to Schumer that his staff reached out to discuss current and future plants with state and county health officials, as well as the Department of Environmental Conservation and Northport-East Northport Union Free School District.

"Based on the information provided by both the NYSDOH and SCDHS, EPA has determined that conducting a parallel federal site investigation at the Northport Middle School would not provide any new information that would not otherwise be identified under the investigation currently being performed by (environmental testing firm) PWGC," Lopez wrote. "The efforts already conducted in addition to



Peter Lopez, EPA regional administrator

the work planned by the school district and PWGC is equivalent to the work that would be performed by EPA as part of a new site investigation."

The EPA has a close working relationship with NYSDOH and SCDHS, Lopez wrote. The EPA agreed with Schumer that the discovery of hazardous chemicals around the school demands additional data be gathered in order to address the issues and determine the best way to remove the contaminants. But Lopez expects the two agencies will address Schumer's concerns, especially with children present.

"EPA's core mission is to protect human health and the environment, and one of our top priorities is protecting children's health," Lopez said.

Lopez said preliminary air testing performed by PWGC showed no volatile organic compounds found inside the building or from soil vapor samples, and no detection of mercury vapor inside the school. PWGC did find mercury in a sediment sample collected at the bottom of the cesspool, however. The EPA said there is no direct exposure route to people since it was found below grade structure.

In January, the school district shut down Northport Middle School for the remainder of the academic year. At that time, students were relocated to Norwood Avenue Elementary, East Northport Middle School, and Northport High School. Reports by various media outlets concerning cases of cancer among Northport graduates are heightening concerns about the safety of the premises.

Eyewitness News reported that the state Department of Health has said it received at least six reports of cancer cases among graduates of the class of 2016. The Eyewitness News story stated the cancers were primarily leukemia and specifically

identified one 2016 class member, Caleb Paquet, who died on August 9, 2017, the year following his graduation. The story did not state whether the stricken individuals had attended Northport Middle School, or in any other way like the ill-

nesses to presence in the Northport School District. Another stricken student, Danielle Desimone, is credited with seeking an NYDOH investigation after noting that, like her, other classmates had been diagnosed with leukemia.

## Suffolk County May Ban Smoking In Private Residences

A proposal in Suffolk County to bar smoking in apartments, condominiums, and multi-family dwelling units has focused national attention on the county and generated controversy.

Legislator Sam Gonzalez is sponsoring the bill banning all smoking in apartments, condos, and multi-family homes. The bill does not distinguish between renting and owning a dwelling, forcing people who own their own home to comply with this law if it is passed.

When asked if the proposed legislation is going to far, Legislator Gonzalez said, "It's not going too far. We're heading in that direction anyway. We can't smoke in restaurants. We can't smoke in buildings. We can't smoke inside the theaters. There are parks, there are beaches that you can't smoke in. We are headed there."

Gonzales promotes his legislation as a way of protecting residents in neighboring units from second-hand smoke, and notes that constituents, including parents of newborns and the elderly, have voiced concerns about smoking neighbors. "We need to protect the way of life of those individuals that want to live their apartments smoke-free," Gonzalez has argued to the New York Post. Secondhand smoke, it is warned, can permeate through cracks in walls, electrical lines, plumbing, and ventilation systems.

Fellow Suffolk legislator William Spencer, a medical doctor, supports the smoking ban. "Let me be clear, any legislation that there is a vote required that would have an impact on preventing the public or innocent people who have made a choice not to smoke, from being exposed to smoke, I will support that legislation."

Statistics show more than 3,000 non-smokers in New York die each year from heart disease and lung cancer caused by secondhand smoke. There is no data to show what minimal amount of second-hand smoke may cause ill effects to the nonsmoker.

Smoking is already banned in many public places, and near schools and office buildings, but New York has no smoke-free laws for apartment buildings, condos, and two-family homes. It is unclear whether any government actions to prohibit smoking in private residences have withstood legal challenge, although the American Nonsmokers Rights Foundation states owners and managers of multi-unit projects are permitted to implement such bans.

Nationally, the push against smoking



in residences gained some steam in 2015 when the US Department of Housing and Urban Development announced it would ban smoking in all of the nation's 1.2 million public housing units. The Vox news website was one commentator that noted the ban disproportionately affected low-income residents and proposed a complete ban on smoking in private residences as the nondiscriminatory and appropriate alternative.

One Suffolk County legislator who has opposed the proposed smoking ban is Anthony A. Piccirillo. Piccirillo calls the legislation "a broad overreach of basic government function."

"Is there going to be a hotline, will the cops be kicking down doors?" Piccirillo asked at a public hearing on the proposal on Feb. 11th. "The Government has no right to infringe on the rights of using a legal substance in the privacy of our own homes. This is a slippery slope we are heading down. Regulating legal conduct within a person's own premises where there is a reasonable and legitimate expectation of privacy is generally frowned upon by the United States Supreme Court."

Legislator Piccirillo states that he has received many recent constituent phone calls, emails and messages on the subject and "an overwhelming majority of residents stand in opposition to this radical intrusion of government in our private dwellings."

Fellow legislator Tom Cilmi said the complete ban goes too far, and offers an alternative proposal that would restrict multi-unit housing smoking within 50 feet of an intake vent.

Gonzalez calls this "middle ground" proposal, "one that actually does nothing" and "a waste of a resolution." Both bills will be up for a vote at the Health Committee meeting on Feb. 27. If one or both are approved, they'll be up for a vote by the full legislature on March 3.

## Glen Cove Burglar Steal Car Keys And Then The Car

Police have arrested a man who they say broke into a Glen Cove home last week, stole a car, and drove it around Nassau County for three days.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, Dylan Taliep, 28, broke down the rear door of a home on Frost Pond Road, entered the home and stole various items, including keys to a vehicle parked in the driveway, police said. He then stole the vehicle and drove it around the county until Friday, police said.

Investigators tracked Taliep to The Tides Motor Inn in Locust Valley and arrested him on Saturday, Glen Cove police have announced. He was released on his recognizance the same day, despite being the subject of felony charges of 2nd-degree burglary, 3rd-degree grand larceny, and 3rd-degree criminal posses-



The Tides Motor Inn where he was arrested.

sion of stolen property, as well as a temporary order of protection.

Taliep also has a record of prior arrests. Most recently, on Nov. 17, he was arrested in a domestic violence matter and charged with assault with intent to cause physical injury and criminal mischief with intent to damage property, as well as issued a temporary order of protection. In that case, he was held over night before being released.



THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING...!

In the 1966 movie comedy “The Russians are Coming, The Russians Are Coming...” a small New England island is upended when a Soviet Russian submarine is accidentally grounded on a sandbar off one of the town beaches. The antics of the clueless Russians and the panicked Americans, as the sailors try to free their stranded submarine, mock the Cold War paranoia of the 1950’s and 60’s.

Anyone watching the wild Russian paranoia roiling through America's left media over the past few weeks can be excused if they mistake the present anti-Russian paranoia for the farcical cinematic paranoia from 50 years ago.

Last week we were treated to a media frenzy unleashed by unverified claims from Ms. Shelby Pierson, a mid-level government election security analyst, that Russia “is working to get Donald Trump re-elected...” The usual suspects - CNN, MSNBC, and liberal newspapers - jumped on the story as proof of President Trump's evil. Except the charge was nonsense. Pierson's office later retracted her comments, and added that there was no proof of any election tampering by Russia.

Then, two days later, came the media storm that the Russians were actually supporting Bernie Sanders - the far leftist US Senator from Vermont, much hated by the establishment wing of the Democratic Party. The Russia angle against Sanders at least made some sense - Sanders has been a supporter of Communist dictatorships all his life, defending the murderous Castro regime in Cuba, and earning an endorsement last week from Nicaraguan Communist thug Daniel Ortega. Sanders even led the now infamous “Burlington Soviet” trip to the USSR in the 1980’s. But once again, there was nothing behind the media smear of Russian support.

Perhaps the Russians are secretly supporting former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, whose father Josef Buttigieg - a Maltese immigrant - was an open Marxist, who organized the International Gramsci Society, to support the politics and philosophy of Italian Marxist Antonio Gramsci. Now there is a pedigree the Russians can get behind !

Or how about Hillary Clinton’s nonsensical claims that 2016 Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein was a “Russian agent.” Or Clinton’s even more absurd claim that US Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) - a Major in the US Army National Guard and a decorated Iraq War veteran - is a “Russian agent.” Thankfully, Gabbard is suing Clinton over that grotesque slander.

What the Russian charges prove is that America lacks public sector maturity - to be able to distinguish real foreign subversion from the clumsy - and often overblown - Russian efforts. If 2016 is any indication of the competence of Russian “interference” in America's elections - bad Facebook ads; misspelled Twitter tweets; and e-mails that sound like they were written by a foreign semi-literate - there is little danger of Russia moving any votes.

Let’s try to be a little more skeptical, exercise a lot more perspective and judgment, and not be so quick to accept the paranoid excitement of an increasingly stupid and biased media - our Democracy depends upon it!

The Publisher

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PLASTIC STRAW BAN IS NONSENSE

To the Editor:

The ban on plastic straws in Suffolk County is ridiculous - and hurts people with disabilities.

Anyone who has used a paper straw knows how awful they are. They get wet immediately, taste bad, and disintegrate in your mouth and in your food. There is no substitute for a plastic straw.

What makes the "plastic straw ban" - that was passed by the Suffolk Legislature Democrats under the leadership of William “Doc” Spencer of Huntington - so bad, is that it ignores how it impacts the lives of people with disabilities or small children.

Did “Doc” Spencer ever spend time with a stroke victim, who can't raise a glass to her lips, and needs a straw? Or try to feed young children, without them spilling their drinks all over their clothes ? Did inconveniencing thousands of people even dawn upon these politicians?

And exactly what does a straw ban do to “save” our environment? Most places where you go out to eat serve their new mandatory paper straws in big plastic cups - so it has nothing to do with reducing plastic waste.

Plastic straws are a modern convenience that adds to sanitary cleanliness, and enhances the lives of our disabled and our children. It is a shame that wasn’t even considered when “banning” them.

Mark Zablocki  
Huntington

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR OPENS ON

To the Editor:

Registration for the Boys & Girls Club of Oyster-Bay-East Norwich’s Before and After School Programs will begin on Monday, March 16th at 9 a.m. Registration is by mail or in person and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Spaces are limited, so please don’t delay. Registration packets may be found online at [www.bgcoben.org](http://www.bgcoben.org) or can be picked up at the Clubhouse prior to March 16th to enable prior completion.

Attention parents whose children are currently enrolled in the Boys & Girls Club’s Before and/or After School Programs... a special registration option

is available exclusively to you to enroll your child/children and their younger siblings now through March 13th, before registration opens to the public. The Club is again offering a sibling tuition discount.

The members of the Before School Program, grades K-6, enjoy a light breakfast and participate in fun, age-appropriate activities before the start of each day. The program begins at 7:00 a.m., and transportation is provided to Roosevelt Elementary and Vernon Middle Schools.

The After-School program provides children in grades K-6 with a safe, fun environment, caring staff members and friends. Transportation is provided from Roosevelt Elementary and Vernon Middle Schools at School dismissal. The program operates Monday through Friday, from dismissal time until 6:30 p.m. each day school is in session.

To learn more, visit [www.bgcoben.org](http://www.bgcoben.org). For more information, please contact the Boys & Girls Club at 516-922-9285, find us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram.

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# Glen Head Family Members Convicted Of Animal Torture

A Glen Head father and daughter were convicted last Thursday of animal torture, Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas announced Monday.

Christine Bagwell, 31, and her father, Gregory Bagwell, 71, were accused of neglecting a handicapped dog, leading the animal to suffer open and infected wounds, emaciation and other severe injuries. The trial lasted about a month and jurors needed less than 30 minutes to reach a decision. The Bagwells are scheduled to be sentenced April 24.

In June 2018, the Bagwells took their 5-year-old pitbull-mix, Kacii, home from a veterinarian after suffering a broken back in a car crash, prosecutors said. They were told at that time the dog would need around-the-clock care. According to prosecutors, the Bagwells agreed to properly care for Kacii but neglected her over the next five months until



Kacii is up for adoption.

someone called the SPCA after finding the dog dragging herself on the pavement outside the Bagwell's home. The Bagwells were arrested the following month.

Gary Rogers, president of the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, thanked the Nassau County District Attorney for her efforts. "With rehabilitation," he added, "Kacii is now once again whole and up for adoption."

# Bill Requiring Quarterly Crime Reports passes Legislature

After introducing legislation earlier this month to require the Nassau County Police Department to produce a quarterly crime report on statistics relating to the effect of cashless bail in Nassau County, and after holding a hearing on the issue on February 13th, the Nassau County Legislature today passed the bill through the full legislature. The bill was passed with unanimous support. It is expected to be signed by County Executive Laura Curran in the near future.

According to the Nassau County Legislative Director of Communications, a statewide spike in crime, including in Long Island, has followed Albany's enactment of the criminal justice reforms. In Nassau County, Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder has stated that major crime is up 5% since cashless bail took effect.

The legislation will require the police department to produce a quarterly report including:

- The total number of defendants released without bail in Nassau County, the charges against said defendants, and a

brief description of the crimes allegedly committed;

- For defendants released without bail, the total number of bench warrants issued for failure to attend a criminal action or proceeding; and
- The number of crimes charged against defendants while such defendants have been released without bail on previous charges, including charges and narrative description of such crimes.

Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto (R-New Hyde Park) offered the following: "With daily news stories of crimes being committed by those released under this 'reform,' it is important for Legislators to learn more about the effects of the so-called reforms in Nassau and for the public to have an opportunity to be heard. The law that passed unanimously this evening will provide lawmakers and residents with quantifiable data regarding those released in Nassau. We can then use this information to make decisions that will help keep our community safe and show state lawmakers exactly how our residents have been affected."

# Governor Cuomo Will Push To Legalize Marijuana Again

By RAHUL ANDRADE

Gov. Andrew Cuomo is renewing his push to legalize adult use of marijuana - but before making a proposal, he's planning to do research in states where it is already legal.

Cuomo vowed to legalize marijuana after a push for it fell apart last year amid disagreements over who should be allowed to sell it, and where the revenue would go. As part of his renewed efforts, Cuomo announced he plans a cross-country tour of states that have legalized marijuana to learn what has and hasn't worked for their programs.

"I'm going to visit Massachusetts, Illinois and California or Colorado, which are three states that have legalized it and have different versions," said Cuomo.

Cuomo also said New York wants to work with neighboring states that have either already legalized marijuana or are trying to. His goal is to coordinate tax rates, minimum age purchase, and sale limits in order to minimize competition.

Cuomo's push comes as New York faces a \$6 billion budget gap. He said



A happy Medical Marijuana logo.

legalized marijuana could pour about \$300 million a year in tax revenue into the state. Cuomo hopes to pass marijuana legalization as part of the state budget, which is due April 1st.

Borus Yagudayev, of Long Island for Marijuana Legalization, says the governor's tour will bolster his push to legal marijuana.

"He's looking at what these other states are doing. He's being proactive about it and he's learning their lessons," says Yagudayev. "And he's bringing it back to our state, which I think is the responsible thing to do."

Left unstated as Governor Cuomo renews his marijuana legalization push, is whether there would be freedom for localities to make their own legalization determination, as was provided in last year's unsuccessful proposal. At that time, both Nassau and Suffolk County executives stated that they would, at least temporarily, opt out of the legalization program.



Many New Yorker's are for legalization.

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## First Responders Honored For Efforts At Upper Brookville Accident Site



(l-r) Russell Fuller, Deputy Secretary and Public Information Officer of the East Norwich FD; Firefighter Craig Bezman, and Upper Brookville Mayor Elliot Conway.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, first responders were honored for their efforts at the Jan. 28, 2020 afternoon worksite pit collapse at 1275 Wolver Hollow Road in Upper Brookville. This collapse led to the deaths of two private contractors and a recovery operation which continued into the evening and was not completed until the following day.

The Feb. 13th ceremony was held at the 1255 New Bridge Road Nassau County Highway Patrol Station. Citations were there awarded by County Executive Laura Curran and Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder, to those who had assisted in significant rescue and recovery operation. .

Those honored included the following: Old Brookville Police Department Sergeant Robert Porcelli, Officer William Dodd, Officer Patrick Sheridan, Officer Dennis O’Connell, Officer Jake Hirx, and Officer Joseph Desimone, who was not able to personally attend the ceremo-

ny. All of these officers had immediately entered the excavation site when the risk of further collapse remained evident and dug by hand to uncover the victims. Unfortunately despite their rescue efforts, the first of the trapped contractors was pronounced dead upon their retrieval of him from the pit.

Additionally honored were OBPD Chief of Police Christopher J. Walsh, Lieutenant Michael Clarke, who was on duty at the accident site; and East Norwich Fire Fighter Craig Bezman, who had joined the officers in the pit digging for the first victim. Once it was determined that neither of the trapped individuals could have survived, the rescue effort was delayed due to the dangerous conditions of the collapsed pit. An excavator was used to pull back loose dirt and concrete cesspool rings and mitigate the dangers and the recovery operation was not completed until the following morning.

These efforts in this recovery required, in addition to Old Brookville personnel, numerous Nassau County PD Emergency Service Unit officers. These included Officers Michael Iannarelli, Paul Spedaleri, Kenneth Tymecki, Kevin Probst, Ronald Russo, Scott Gregory, Dennis Sheehan, and Brett Roslow, as well as Sergeants Vincent Papa and Keith Favre. Lashaun Carr also dug in the pit in the initial rescue stage of the operation.



Upper Brookville Mayor Conway is flanked on both his right and left by Old Brookville police officers honored for their efforts at 1275 Wolver Hollow.

## OB-EN School District Policy Under Scrutiny

The Oyster Bay - East Norwich school district has reportedly revised a new residency policy that could have parents fined up to \$20,000 for misstatements about who lives in their home. Prior to revision, the policy directed families to re-register their children in school and provide the names and birthdays of every person living in their house, including non-relatives. They were also told the school district could make surprise inspections to verify residency. Anyone caught lying could be subject to the \$20,000 fines.

The new policy prompted criticism, such as that of education expert Michael Cohen, who stated, "The job of the school district is to educate children, not to investigate abuses by landlords."

After the District superintendent was questioned about the policy, English language residency forms on the OB-EN district’s website were amended to

remove some of the controversial provisions. It is unclear, however, whether the Spanish language form versions were amended.

The OB-EN residency policy has been prompted by concerns about illegal housing in the school district. For instance, at a Board of Education meeting last fall, parent Darren Gerbosi stated that landlord fraud and illegal housing was causing unprecedented growth and overcrowding in the school district. He cited the growth of the middle school, which registered more than 20 new students at the start of the school year. Gerbosi said that the most recent residency checks had been “we feel light at best” and town officials agreed that illegal housing had become a big issue throughout the town.

The revised Oyster Bay-East Norwich verification process is set to take full effect in July.

## Huntington YMCA Awarded \$75K Grant By PSEG LongIsland

The Huntington YMCA announced on February 13th that it was awarded a \$75,000 Main Street Revitalization grant from PSEG Long Island to fund the electrical infrastructure of its Jorge Family Healthy Living Center, which opened July 1, 2019. This 30,000 square foot facility supports the Y’s overall mission to provide programs that build a healthy body, mind and spirit for all. The facility offers community members access to group fitness classes, recreational sports, chronic disease prevention and recovery programs, and enrichment programs for children and adults.

“We are extremely grateful to PSEG Long Island for its tremendous support of the Jorge Family Healthy Living Center through this generous grant,” said Eileen Knauer, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the YMCA of Long Island. “This state-of-the-art facility has been a wonderful

resource to the greater Y community, and the electrical infrastructure is vital to make it all possible.”

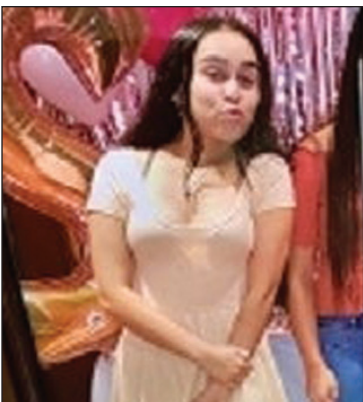
The PSEG Long Island Main Street Revitalization Program is designed to encourage economic vitality of a business district and to optimize the use of existing electric infrastructure. The program offers financial incentives for projects expected to improve the economic stability and growth of a business community.

The new Jorge Family Healthy Living Center was designed to be energy efficient by incorporating energy-efficient lighting, lights that have motion sensors and are therefore not on all of the time, significantly reducing the amount of electricity being used.

For further information about the Huntington YMCA’s Jorge Family Healthy Living Center, please visit: <http://ymcali.org/hlc>.

## Huntington Teenager Missing

A fourteen-year-old Huntington Station girl has gone missing and authorities are asking the public’s help in locating her. Suffolk County Police Sixth Squad detectives have issued a Silver Alert, i.e., for public assistance with relation to a missing individual who has special needs, for Jessly Diaz. Police noted that Ms Diaz suffers from depression.



Jessly Diaz

Ms. Diaz went missing from her the Second Squad at 631-854-8252.

home located on Kingston Place on Sunday, Feb. 16, at approximately 9 p.m. She is 5-foot-3, 100 pounds, with brown hair and black eyes. She was last seen wearing a white jacket with grey snowflakes.

Anyone with information on Diaz’s location is asked to call 911 or



## Portledge Robotics Teams Go From Strength To Strength



The Portledge Robotics Team.

Portledge School, in Locust Valley, recently announced that the Robotics programs in both the Middle and Upper Schools are building on past successes to score some recent big wins.

The current Middle School Robotics program was restarted in spring 2019 as a once-a-week club block, and then in the 2019 - 2020 academic year as both an in-school club block and an After School Adventures team. Both were run by Maria Zografos and supported by Joel Friedman and Vicky Cohen, all of whom are Portledge parents. The Middle School program has sparked interest and provided a solid foundation for students who want to pursue technology literacy skills, computer science, and physical computing. In February, the Middle School FIRST LEGO League team earned the "Champions Award" at the SBPLI FIRST LEGO League Qualifier, held on February 9, 2020, at Mineola High School, NY. The Champions award "recognizes a team that embodies

the FIRST LEGO League experience, by fully embracing our Core Values while achieving excellence and innovation in both the Robot Game and Project."

Portledge's two Upper School robotics teams, Portledge Varsity Robotics (7417) and Portledge "Hit the Switch!" (8818), recently participated in a FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics qualifier with great results.

Team 7417 went 5-0 during qualification matches, becoming the second-ranked team and earning a spot as an alliance captain. Team 8818 went 3-2 during the qualification matches and was picked to join the third-ranked alliance captain to advance to the semifinals. Team 7417's alliance defeated Team 8818's alliance in the semifinals and went on to win the entire competition. This is the second year in a row that one of the Portledge teams has achieved this. Team 7417 will now compete in the Long Island Championships taking place on March 7th at Syosset High School.

## Baymen Are County Champions



Nassau County Wrestling Champions Erick Velasquez, left, and Michael Leandrou on the right.

Oyster Bay High School varsity wrestling captains Erick Velasquez and Michael Leandrou were crowned Nassau County Champions at the Nassau County Wrestling Championships at Cold Spring Harbor High School last weekend. Erick, a junior, won his first title of his career by winning three matches and defeating his Seaford opponent in the finals by a score of 13-3. Senior Michael Leandrou won his second consecutive county title by

reached the podium by placing in the tournament. Sophomore Jonathan Cox placed fourth, junior Steven McEvoy and sophomore Ryan Feldman each placed fifth, and sophomore Michael Panella placed sixth.

The Baymen are coached by veteran coach Doug Axman and alumnus and former county champion Dylan Rankin. They congratulate all the Baymen wrestlers on a successful season.

winning four matches and defeating his Cold Spring Harbor opponent by a score of 7-1. Erick and Michael will advance to the prestigious New York State Wrestling Championships in Albany, New York, Feb 28-29.

In addition to Michael and Erick's success, additional Baymen wrestlers

## Oyster Bay Schedules Hearing On Heritage Valley Project

The Oyster Bay Town Board has declared that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement of the 26.4-acre mixed-use Heritage Village project complies with state and town law, and set a public hearing date for Tuesday, March 10th at 7 pm at the Hicksville High School Auditorium. The developer will present an overview of the project at this hearing, and the Town Board will listen to comments from the public. To ensure all residents an opportunity to comment, three minutes will be afforded to each speaker. Input during the public comment period will be considered by the Town Board in determining whether to approve the Heritage Village project.

Seritage, a real estate investment trust spun off by Sears Holdings, has proposed demolition of the Sears department store and auto center at 195 North Broadway. The site would become home to 425 rental apartments, retail and office space, restaurants, a grocery store, cinema, fitness center and food-service kiosks. The existing TD Bank and Chipotle restaurant would remain on the site. The proposed development includes approximately 5 acres of green space.

With the Town Board's declaration that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement



A model of the proposed development

(DEIS) is complete, a 60-day public comment period of the DEIS has commenced to ensure that all residents have an opportunity to provide their opinions on the applicant's proposal. The comment period runs through March 27th. In addition to opportunity to comment at the March 10th hearing, residents and members of the public may submit comments in writing by visiting <http://oysterbaytown.com/seritage> or mailing correspondence to: Town of Oyster Bay Department of Environmental Resources, Attention Deputy Commissioner Geroge Baptisza, 29 Spring Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771.

The DEIS is available online at: <http://oysterbaytown.com/seritage>. Hard copies are available at The Town of Oyster Bay Town Clerks' Office, Hicksville Public Library, and Town of Oyster Bay Department of Environmental Resources.

### LOCUST VALLEY LIBRARY

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### MARCH EVENTS



- Thur, Mar 5 7 PM**    **Ticks and Mosquitoes: Avoid Their Bites**  
*Presented by North Shore Land Alliance*
- Sun, Mar 8 2 PM**    **Napoleon Revels-Bey**  
*Moorish, Caribbean, Afro-Cuban and Jazz Music*
- Thur, Mar 12 4 PM**    **Toddler Time with Ms. Kathy**  
*Zumba time for ages 2 - 5*
- Tues, Mar 24 7 PM**    **Diego Velázquez (1599 - 1660)**  
*Art Lecture Series*
- Fri, Mar 27 1 PM**    **Medicaid Home Care & Surplus Income Trust**  
*Presented by Life's WORC Trust Services and Island Medicaid Consulting*
- Sat, Mar 28 12 PM**    **Dungeons and Dragons Adventure**  
*For grades 6-12*

**Art Exhibit**  
Byron Nernoff  
On display March 1 - April 16  
Art Reception Saturday, March 7 at 1 PM

**Movie Thursdays**  
March 5 & 19  
at 1 PM



## Bayville Village Arts Council

The Bayville Village Arts Council created by Mayor Bob DeNatale and the Board of Trustees will celebrate art and "our artists" with showcases, events, displays, and more, understanding that "Art is too important not to share".-Romero Britto. This was part of a press release calling for Bayville artists to become better known.

After much work, research, and deliberation, the Bayville Village Arts Council, under the leadership of Philip Pecorino, has presented its first exhibit by

local artists Joan Y. Pierce and Warren F. Jacobson. Their art can be appreciated by visiting the windows of 14 Bayville Avenue in Bayville.

"Bayville's quiet beauty has long made it attractive to artists of all kinds. There are writers, and painters, and poets, and musicians, sharing our beaches, and sitting beside us at the luncheonette."

Many more upcoming exhibits and events are planned at various locations throughout the beautiful village.



*"Little Peconic Bay Sunset - Southampton, NY" by Joan Y. Pierce*



*"Louie" by Joan Y. Pierce*



*The display in the windows of 14 Bayville Avenue, Bayville.*



*By Warren Jacobson*



*Photo by Warren Jacobson*

## St. John's of Lattingtown Cooks for NS Sheltering Program



*(l-r) Andrew McMillin, Courtney Callahan, Judy Whorle, Victoria Crosby, Helaine Spina, Ellen McMillin, Fr. Mark Fitzhugh*

**BY OLIVIA EVERETT**

The North Shore Sheltering Program (NSSP) has been helping homeless men of the community for more than twenty years. Each night from Thanksgiving until the end of March, or beyond if the weather necessitates, the men are served a hot, nutritious meal and a safe, warm space to sleep. They are also given breakfast and food to take the next morning. Many of these men are day workers who are able to work, and have enough money to rent a room, during the warmer months, but find it more challenging during the winter.

The sheltering program was started by concerned citizens and members of the clergy, following the deaths of two men who died from exposure.

The shelter is housed in the Presbyterian Church. Volunteers from religious institutions, schools and other organizations, along with private individ-

uals provide the food. On arrival the men are provided with medical screening, a sleeping bag, socks and toiletries. There is a shower available for their use.

The men are also directed to the appropriate agencies and facilities for help in finding housing, medical care or other services.

Parishioners from St John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church recently provided and served dinner for eighteen men at the shelter. The number of men fluctuates each night, but volunteers are asked to provide food for twenty, and it all gets eaten.

The shelter is privately funded through generous support of the community and receives no local or state government funding.

If you would like to cook and serve dinner, donate needed items, or support financially, visit [northshoreshelteringprogram.org](http://northshoreshelteringprogram.org).

## Gaughran to Hold 'LIRR' Town Hall

**BY RAHUL ANDRADE**

Earlier this week, State Senator Jim Gaughran announced, in continuation with his regular Town Hall series, that he will be hosting a Town Hall exclusively focused on citizen concerns with the Long Island Rail Road. The Town Hall will be hosted in partnership with the Oyster Bay Main Street Association, which has been responsible for the recent revitalization of Oyster Bay's main town area. Gaughran has invited the LIRR to attend this event, as well as the LIRR Commuter Council and local officials to provide a complete forum for discussion.

The Town Hall will be held on Thursday, March 12th, at 7:00 pm, at Oyster Bay High School. Here, Senator Gaughran will formally hear the shared

experiences and insights of the community to further improve the LIRR experience for all.

State Senator Gaughran represents the North Shore of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, which includes the Oyster Bay line. The Oyster Bay line has long suffered from infrequent trains, especially during peak hours, and poor service. Gaughran has called for the LIRR to add additional trains and service to and from NYC on this line during peak times, as well as take serious steps towards electrification of the Oyster Bay line. Senator Gaughran has spent the past ten months visiting train stations across the district with his "LIRR Survey" to solicit direct feedback from riders on their experience with the LIRR.

## Glen Cove Scholarship Fund Luncheon

The Glen Cove Community Scholarship Fund will be holding its 7th annual luncheon on Sunday, March 8, 2020, from noon until 4:00 pm at the Metropolitan Caterers. This organization annually administers funds in the form of scholarships to deserving Glen Cove High School Seniors, and all proceeds from the luncheon will be donated by the Glen Cove Council of PTA for the Glen Cove High School Class of 2020 Graduates.

The Scholarship Luncheon will honor the following individuals: Kenneth Altamrano who has taught second grade

in the school district and who currently teaches STEM; Christina Braja, a local parent with continuing PTA board involvement; Cheryl Carmody, who teaches STEM in the district, and formerly taught at the Deasy school; Zefy Petakas Christopoulos, a Glen Cove resident, and past PTA president; Maura Haff, born and raised in Glen Cove and currently a teacher at Deasy school; and Irene Kamola, a kindergarten teacher at Gribbin school.

Those interested in attending the luncheon should RSVP as soon as possible to [joanneyepta@yahoo.com](mailto:joanneyepta@yahoo.com).



## Veterans Receive Valentines from Connolly Students



*Connolly Elementary School student council with their certificates from Nassau County Executive Laura Curran.*  
*Photo courtesy of the GCCSD*

The student council at Connolly Elementary School in the Glen Cove City School District recently created handmade Valentine’s Day cards for the Veterans of Nassau County.

Adviser Susan Stanco guided the group of students to design cards with

colorful illustrations and heartfelt messages of appreciation for the Veterans’ service to their country. In recognition of their efforts to support local veterans, Nassau County executive Laura Curran gave each student council member a certificate of congratulations.

## Senior Knitters Support Homeless Veterans



*Teddy bears await their adoption by area veterans.*

This month, members of the seniors knitting group “Happy Hookers” at the Life Enrichment Center at Oyster Bay devoted their Thursday afternoons lovingly crafting scarves for teddy bears. The bears will be given to the organiza-

tion General Needs based in East Northport, which serves homeless veterans across Long Island. Center member Katherine Gibson, who donated the bears for the project, is also an active supporter of General Needs. Gifts like these show our veterans we acknowledge their emotional needs, in addition to providing clothing and personal care items.

The Life Enrichment Center at Oyster Bay provides senior citizens with comprehensive social services, nutritious lunches, transportation, wellness and fitness classes, and entertaining activities five days a week. The Center’s Social Model Adult Day Care program addresses the needs of the frail and memory impaired. Additionally, the Center

offers evening fitness and social activities for adults of all ages. More information about the Life Enrichment Center may be obtained by visiting [www.lecob.org](http://www.lecob.org) or by following it on Facebook.

## Legal Notice

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF NASSAU, CIT BANK, N.A. F/K/A ONEWEST BANK N.A., F/K/A ONE WEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. JUDE T. BARBERA, AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF THE BARBERA FAMILY REAL PROPERTY TRUST, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 13, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the CCP (Calendar Control Part Courtroom) in the Nassau County Supreme Court, 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY on April 7, 2020at 11:30 a.m., premises known as 710 Chicken Valley Road, Locust

Valley, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Village of Matinecock, County of Nassau and State of New York, Section 23,Block B and Lot 494. Approximate amount of judgment is \$3,738,949.89 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 14-007454.

Roger Hausch, Esq., Referee

Bronster, LLP, 156 West 56th Street, Suite 1801, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff

## Joshua Price Sworn in as First Huntington CAJ



*Joshua Price, Huntington's first Chief Administrative Judge*

Joshua Price was sworn in as the Town of Huntington's first Chief Administrative Judge on Saturday. The Chief of Administrative Adjudication also serves as Director of the Bureau of Administrative Adjudications in Huntington. Judge Price was confirmed in this position by a 3-2 vote of the Huntington Town Council earlier this month.

The Bureau will hear cases on all vio-

lations of the Huntington Town Code other than building violations. Judge Price told the Leader that as Chief Administrative Judge, he will both hear cases and appoint other judges on the Bureau up to a maximum of seven. Having a local adjudication bureau will provide more local control over the enforcement of code violations, cut red tape and make the process less intimidating for those who have been issued summonses. Establishing it has long been a priority of Huntington Supervisor Chad Lupinacci.

Judge Price, a Huntington resident since 2001, and a Hofstra University Law School graduate, founded the Manhattan-based The Price Law Firm in 2011. He has served as the senior assistant commissioner for the Suffolk County Board of Elections and, in July 2018, was hired as Chief of Staff for Supervisor Lupinacci's office. also as His areas of practice include real estate and personal injury litigation.

## A Beatles Shabbat in Glen Cove

Rabbi Irwin Huberman joins with Cantor Gustavo Gitlin and congregant Phil White to celebrate the music of the Beatles at Friday night services on March 13 at 8 p.m. White, a Sea Cliff resident, is familiar to local audiences as a multitalented musician and teacher and the founder of the Sea Cliff Library’s Traditional Jam, held on the third Thursday of the month at the Sea Cliff Library.

This Friday night Beatles service, on March 13 at 8 p.m. is suitable for the whole family and is free to all. Refreshments will be served. The public is welcome, reservations are not needed

Congregation Tifereth Israel is located at 40 Hill Street, at the intersection of Landing Road and Cottage Row. Long Island’s oldest continuously operating Jewish congregation, CTI has provided innovative Jewish programming and education to the Long Island community since 1897. For further information about this or about other programs and activities at CTI, call (516) 676-5080 or log onto [ctionline.org](http://ctionline.org).

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## Legendary Oyster Bay-East Norwich Coach Honored



*Coach Bob Scammell, center holding the Citation, with the Town of Oyster Bay Board*

Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and members of the Town Board proudly honored Bob Scammell, a legendary coach in the Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District who has been coaching in the school district for five decades! During his 50 year career, Coach Scammell has coached basketball,

football, golf and gymnastics, and won championships in all of these programs. Across his 50 year career, Coach Scammell has made a difference in the lives of over 2,000 athletes, and the impact his guidance and wisdom has had on them cannot be overstated and will be felt in our community for years to come.



# Reflections of a Bygone Era

## Fashionable Women With Autos, Along the Gold Coast; Early 1900s



**BY: ORIN Z. FINKLE**

The commonplace automobile, regardless of make or model, which we probably take for granted these days, was truly a splendid and revolutionary creation. It has over the century altered the economic direction and complex systems upon which our nation and the entire world functions. It's difficult to imagine, but during the early 1900s, there once existed hundreds of automobile builders, just in the United States. However, as time passed, many U. S. auto makers such as Packard, Hudson, Studebaker, Pierce Arrow, Locomobile, Maxwell, Franklin, etc., had either gone out of business or merged their various advanced processes and ideas with larger, more aggressively growing car manufacturers.

During the first few decades of the 20th century, wealthy New York City society families began to realize the charm, beauty and enjoyable potential to be found in the nearby suburban Long Island countryside. So, began the purchasing of large scenic land tracts and creating impressive, seasonal country estates of magnificent classic designs, upon the landscape.

Private country clubs were rapidly becoming in fashion, which certainly provided society folk with various driving destinations. They would meet with other prominent families, participate in sports, commence friendships and partake in social events during the beautiful warm weather months. Men and women back then faced the new and exciting challenge of learning to properly operate and drive their automobiles. Of course, there

were very few well paved roadways back then to handle the rapidly increasing volume of vehicles. Even though, by today's standards, there was relatively a light traffic flow, many auto accidents continued to occur.

Looking back to the early 1900s, Long Island was essentially comprised of farms, woodlands, small towns and quaint villages. These rural areas basically required for their existence, winding dirt roadways and narrow pathways intended for horses and carriage transport. But the oncoming internal combustion engine era had arrived in force and so improvements for expanded transportation roadways were placed into motion. Stylishly attired society folk as well as longtime local residents, commenced purchasing from the emerging dealerships, those wonderful new-fangled autos and trucks.

In those early years' vehicle models, as you may imagine, were not an easy task to handle and make safe, proper repairs. They involved much gear shifting, correct utilization of a clutch and just getting some means of transportation started could become an annoying chore. Of course for the first few decades, autos lacked seat belts, air bags, tubeless tires, bright beam headlights, deeply cushioned seating, padded steering wheels, soft dash boards or great braking systems. Decent and careful driving involved much practice by everyone involved.

I recently discovered this brief article just fading away within a 1917 society magazine, written by well-known socialite of the time, Mrs. A. Sherman Hitchcock. She referenced the importance of the growing number of women drivers during that era. Presented, in quotes, is a brief excerpt.

"Many women have found a way to get healthy and perform creative exercise that will soothe worn out nerves and build up fatigued bodies. Especially in country settings with good roads, driving has not proven to be insurmountable barriers to many women drivers. Only five years

ago, no woman dared to venture far from the garage on her country estate for fear that the engine might lapse into silence and leave her stranded until some knight errant driving along the highway should come to help her out. But today Milady knows something about mechanics as well as driving. She realizes that it takes more than an esthetic appreciation of the value of one color scheme over another to change an inner tube or to readjust a carburetor. Of course, up to now, women drivers are decidedly in the minority. Soon perhaps, they will be in the majority. It's been too long that they have taken a man's word that they cannot



*Circa 1917. Flora Whitney (1897-1986) of Old Westbury, shown here smiling while driving her Seripps Booth Auto. She was the daughter of Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney. The auto company was purchased soon after by Chevrolet.*

learn to drive. Whether a woman's daily routine is business, housework or social duties, she will profit in comfort and health by a spin in a car which she can truly call her own." Her century old forecast has obviously become quite realistic.

Just an added bit of history, readers. During 1901, New York became the first state to actually register autos. Many states followed suit in years to come. By 1918, automobiles from all states were required to have license plates. Genuine driver testing began

about 1919, but most of these exams were only composed of some written questions. By the 1930s there were finally actual road tests provided in all the states. Personally, for road safety precautions, I would like to imagine true road driving tests, in the entire country, mandatorily given every five years or so in order to maintain constant, safe skills, to be provided with an updated and valid driver's license.

So, relax and delight in viewing these accumulated antique photos revealing Long Island women deriving a degree of daily pleasure from their automobiles, back in those somewhat carefree good ole days, when I was much too young to recall. OY!

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*Circa 1931. Mrs. Herbert B. Swope of Sands Point, attends the Southold Horse Show held on August 22nd. She is dressed in a beautiful tweed outfit.*



*Circa 1920. Mrs. Cornelius H. Tangeman of Glen Cove, exits her auto using a running board. Her husband owned Holtan Auto Mfg. Co.*



*Circa 1906. Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay makes ready to enter her chauffeur driven automobile at her estate of "Harbor Hill" in Roslyn.*



*Circa 1936. Mr. & Mrs. Willaim R. Grace and family of Old Westbury, looking on from their auto at the Spring Horse Show held on March 28th.*



*Circa 1925. Society women arrive by auto at the Piping Rock Club to view the Horse Show held on September 25th.*





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**YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2020**

For 73 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s Youth of the Year program has celebrated the nation’s most inspiring teens and their incredible journeys. Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. As BGCA’s premier youth recognition program, the Youth of the Year title recognizes outstanding contributions by teens to family, school, community, and Club while acknowledging the personal challenges and obstacles they have overcome.

Each year, teen members of Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club participate in and benefit from this wonderful program. With a rigorous and extensive application process, requiring essays, interviews and speeches, the Youth of the Year program offers teens a unique and challenging experience. Applications must be submitted to the Club in February and applicants are interviewed and judged by a committee of community members in March. It provides our teens with a chance to be heard, to develop their own voice, and to showcase their personal development. Through the application process, the Youth of the Year candidates illustrate how they have turned their aspirations into actions and overcome personal obstacles to achieve success.

The program helps young people

focus on the specific areas of personal development that they need to be successful as Youth of the Year candidates as well as productive adults. For younger members, it provides a goal to aspire to, encouraging a healthy attitude toward home, school, and community. The YOY program helps younger teens identify with positive role models and develop leadership skills themselves. They are shown a path to their own future, where they can become role models and YOY candidates, demonstrating character in all aspects of their daily lives.

For each YOY applicant this year, the process highlights their role in the community, at their school, and in their Club. Accepting their responsibilities as role models for their younger peers further strengthens their positive sense of self. On a more practical level, the process helps applicants to focus and to improve writing, listening and speaking skills preparing them for the college and job application process. The Youth of the Year program benefits Club members by challenging them and then helping them to achieve that personal goal.

Each March, one exceptional GBBGC member is selected to represent our Club in Albany. It is a great honor that provides the opportunity to meet other YOYs from Clubs all over New York State and to compete to represent New York at the regional and national level. Our Club has had two YOY go on to win the statewide honor: Hon. Colin O’Donnell in 1979 and Larissa Izaguirre in 2018. Stay tuned for updates on this year’s winner and follow their journey to Albany this spring. To learn more about our YOY program, contact Teen Director Stephanie Urio at 516-759-5437, x 213 or [stephanie.urio@gbgbc.org](mailto:stephanie.urio@gbgbc.org).

RayReyes

# 25 Years Ago...

By LC Scully

A Bayville resident was arrested and charged with three Bayville burglaries.

Diamond jewelry valued at nearly \$40,000 was stolen from a residence on Underhill Place, Oyster Bay.

An evening gown worth \$1,800 was taken from Pine Hollow Cleaners, Oyster Bay.

An unknown person made off with a spruce tree from the Locust Valley Bagel Shop.

Lee DiPietro of Mill Neck was named the female U.S. Amateur Triathlete of the year. She achieved the honor by wins in her age group in the National Amateur Championship, Iron Man Hawaii World Championship and the Penn-Jersey Triathlon Series.

Plans were underway at the Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club for their June dance. Committee members included Diane Dirkes, Vicky Howard, Regina Lafaire, Carrie McCully, Liz Menges, Kathy Murphy, Stacey Purchase, Wendy Riefler and Blair Trimble.

Marine private Kevin McLeman of Oyster Bay completed recruit training at Parris Island.

Andrew Klungness of Locust Valley was named to the Dean’s List at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Anne Marie Anagnostopoulos of Locust Valley was named to the Phillips Academy Cum Laude Society.

Matt Keitz, a junior at Portledge School was named to the Nassau County inter-scholastic mathematics league honor roll.

The varsity wrestling team from Friends Academy was the winner of the Conference B dual meet championship. Captains Todd Incendio and Dino Anagnostopoulos and teammate Andrew Gillick were named all-conference wrestlers.

The Locust Valley varsity wrestling team defended its league title by defeating arch-rival North Shore by a score of 36-18. The title gave the Falcons their 20th championship in the school’s history and their season went undefeated. Dan Wolchok and Robert Cutrone became all-conference wrestlers by placing in the Nassau County qualifying tournament. Joey Enea, Tim Bellisari and Peter Connolly became conference champions by placing first in their respective weight class.

Several local residents died including Clara Davis Walters of Syosset, two days after her 100th birthday, Edward W. Dowers and Mary Rossi of Oyster Bay and Margaret F. Salmon of Lattingtown.

A charming Currier and Ives hilltop Colonial, situated on 1.56 Lattingtown acres, featuring beautiful details and a sunlit solarium was listed for sale for \$595,000.

# 50 Years Ago...By LC Scully



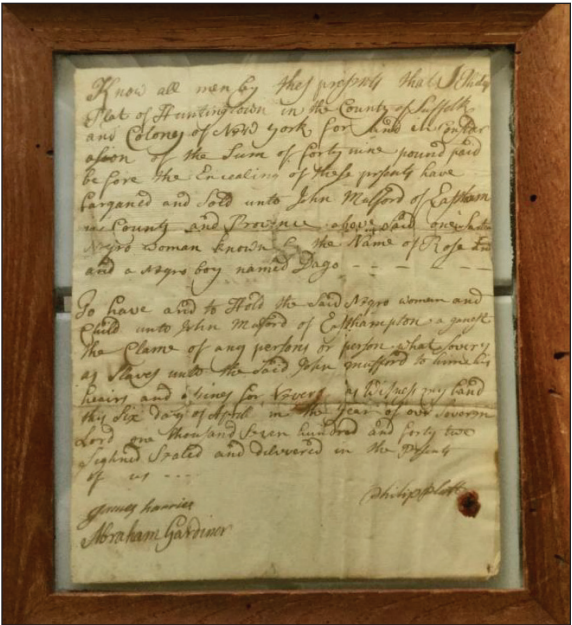
Residents of an ultra-modern Oyster Bay Cove house were shocked when they returned from a 12-day trip to find their house had been the scene of a four-day wild and crazy party. All the rooms had been lived in. All the booze and food was gone along with a stereo system and television. There were apparently 20 teens that had taken part in the bacchanal and 30 more were expected to be charged.

Two Locust Valley men were arrested and charged with burglary.

George A. Anderson of Old Brookville, former Centre Island resident John Matthews and Anthony Enea of Bayville died.

*All names are spelled as they were when these articles were first written, back in the day. If there was a typo then, there is, with regret, still a typo.*

# Huntington Historical Society Acquires Slavery Document



The 1742 Bill of sale.

The Huntington Historical Society has acquired documentation of a dark side of local history. The document is a 1742 bill of sale describing the sale of two persons, “a Negro woman by the

name of Rosean and a negro boy named Dago,” from a Huntington slaveowner to an East Hampton resident.

In its E-newsletter, the Historical Society noted that belief that slavery was rare in New York State is a misconception. “The first U.S. Census, conducted in 1790, records approximately 3,260 people living in the Town of Huntington, of which 221 were enslaved, and 74 were free people of color.”

The Huntington Historical Society maintains four historically-significant buildings in the township. The Society Resource Center and Archives is located in the former Huntington Sewing and Trade School at 209 Main Street in

Huntington Village. Further information, including hours of operations, is available on the Historical Society’s website at [www.huntingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.huntingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

# March 5th Power Lunch

The North Shore Biz Network (NSBN), based in Glen Head, Sea Cliff, Glen Cove and surrounding areas, will host its March Networking Power Lunch, the second in a series of lunches that will take place every other month.

The March lunch will take place on Thursday, March 5th from 12pm to 1:30pm at The Downtown Cafe, located at 4 School Street in Glen Cove. Cost is \$15.00 for NSBN members and \$20.00 for non-members. Lunch, tax, tip and networking are all included. No RSVP is

required. Lunch offerings will include wraps, salads, sandwiches and burgers.

The North Shore Biz Network connects people for business and social networking. The organization offers Networking Power Luncheons, Happy Hour Fundraisers, Gold Coast Supper Club, the Breakfast Club and Cash Mob events. Most NSBN events are held on the North Shore of Nassau County.

For more information, email [nsbiznetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nsbiznetwork@gmail.com) or visit [www.northshorebiznetwork.com](http://www.northshorebiznetwork.com).

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## Obituaries

**AQUILINO**, Robert W. of Glen Cove, NY on Feb. 22, 2020. Beloved son of Joseph and the late Ruth. Loving brother of Karen Aquilino. Dear uncle of Roberto (Mike), Jon (Lindsey) and Chris and great uncle of Carter. Interment private. [www.whitting.com](http://www.whitting.com)

**DAHRINGER**, Lucille formerly of Locust Valley, NY on February 19, 2020 age 86. Beloved daughter of the late Beatrice L. and Allan D. Dahringer. Dear sister of Nancy Moran (James), the late Bob Dahringer (Dolly) and the late Peter (Rita). Also survived by loving nieces and nephews. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Service and interment held privately at Locust Valley Cemetery. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

**GREIG**, Natalie A. of Glen Head, NY on Feb. 19, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Alexander. Loving mother of Skip (Cindy). Cherished grandmother of Jennifer Cenatiempo (Danny), Brian (Sonia) and Andrew (Samantha); and great grandmother of Francesco, Daniel, Charlotte, Scarlett, Ryland, Maxine, Letty, Penelope, Angus and Thaddeus. Dear sister of Marjorie Regan (Charlie) and the late Charles. Interment private. [www.whitting.com](http://www.whitting.com)

**MORTON**, Donald S. of Locust Valley, NY on Feb. 17, 2020. Beloved husband of Vija. Loving father of Geoffrey E. (Lisa) and Andris S. (Nicole). Cherished grandfather of Jessica (Wes), Hayley, Nicholas, Alexis and Janea. Dear brother of Doris Kuzman, Kenneth Morton and the late Robert Morton and Elizabeth Morton.

He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visiting Fri. 5-7 pm at Whitting Funeral Home 300 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, NY 11545 [www.whitting.com](http://www.whitting.com) Funeral Service Sat.10 am at the funeral home. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery, Locust Valley, NY. Contributions may be made to North Shore Land Alliance <https://northshore-landalliance.org/>



**McCUAIG**, Cordelia Reid, 86, affectionately known as “Cordy” by her friends and family, went to her next great adventure on Wednesday morning, February 12th from The Jack Byrne Center in Vermont with her devoted daughters by her side.

Cordy was born in Long Island, New York. She was a proud graduate of Greenvale School, Miss Porter’s School, and Briarcliff College. She later lived in, among other places, Locust Valley, N.Y., and Long Island Club in Eastport, N.Y.

Cordy is survived by her cherished husband if 35 years Vic, her son Ren (Jill) Robb, daughters Cordelia (Lee) Robb, Linda (Michael) Boardman, daughter-in-law Elsa (David) Upham, stepson Carl (Mary) McCuaig, Margaret Bouffard (Andre), Wendy Sardonis, Duncan (Nancy) McCuaig, grandchildren Elliott, Phoebe, Lulu, Gabriel, Halley, Colby and Reece, Christy, Liz, Alex, Dylan, Morgan, Taylor and Andre, Jr., her treasured sister Pammy Trippe, sisters-in law Weezie Reid and Edwina

Reid. In addition, she was a caring aunt to innumerable nieces and nephews, their spouses and children.

Cordy is predeceased by her beloved son Michael, her parents Cornelius and Muriel Reid, siblings Neil (Edwina), Sis and Pete, John (Weezie), Dick, her sister-in-law Frannie Reid (Neil), and her brother-in-law Charlie Trippe and niece Dinah Reid.

Service to be determined at a later date. Kind donations may be sent to The West Windsor Fire Department and The Fast Squad, Lucy McKenzie Humane Society of West Windsor and The Jack Byrne Center. The Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock, VT is assisting the family. An on line guest book can be found at [cabotfh.com](http://cabotfh.com).

**NICKOLAUS**, Lori Ponzeka of Metairie, Louisiana, formally from Oyster Bay, passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. She is preceded in death by her parents Anne and Frank Ponzeka. Lori is survived by her daughters Brittany Lauf, Krista Nickolaus and Victoria Rolls (Peyton); brother Paul Ponzeka (Vicki); grandchildren Harper and Raiden Rolls; partner Dwayne Chiek; nephews Paul Ponzeka, Joseph Ponzeka and Jason Ilmer; niece Paige Ponzeka. The family invites you to share your thoughts, fond memories, and condolences online at [www.lakelawn-metairie.com](http://www.lakelawn-metairie.com).

**REID**, Edwina of O. of Mill Neck, NY on February 21st, 2020. Beloved wife of the late C.J. Reid Jr and the late Lawrence Quigley. Loving mother of Drew Quigley (Sarah), David Quigley (Christina), Randy, David (Maggie), Lisa and Andrew (Jessie). Dear sister of the late Bill O'Shea and Mimi Grady. Proud grandmother of 13. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Service and Interment Private. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

**WILLIS**, Janet Lee, a longtime resident of Locust valley, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2020 at the age of 93. Wife of the late Charles E. "Buzz". Mother of Wendy Smith (David) and Tracey Gates (Tom). Step-mother of Diane Neuse (Karl), Heather Sargent (Dick), Trip (Sallie) and the late Jeffrey. Grandmother of Ren, Sheridan, Luke and Nick. Step grandmother of 8. Great grandmother of Hudson and step-great-grandmother of 21. Her family and her community were everything to her. Janet was born in Manhattan, spent her early years in Brooklyn and Queens, and her

school years in Rockville Center. She graduated from high school at the age of 16 and then from Katharine Gibbs. From there she embarked on a 15-year career as an administrative assistant in NYC and attended a NYU pre-law program at night. It was on the tennis court that Janet met her “knight in shining amour”, Buzz Willis. They married in 1960 on her birthday. Over the course of the next 20 years, she taught at the St. Johns of Lattingtown nursery school, was an investor in a fitness center and a tax consultant for H & R Block. It wasn’t until she was an empty nester that she found her true calling as a real estate agent, following in the footsteps of her husband. Her successful career spanned 35 years retiring at the age of 88. Most of those years were spent with Daniel Gale in Locust Valley. Shortly before retirement she was dubbed the “co-op” queen after selling 13 units in her own complex in one year. Janet was a dedicated volunteer her whole life modeling for her family and friends the value of giving back. For 10 years she was the volunteer chairman of recreation and the treasurer of the Ladies’ Auxiliary at Goldwater Memorial Hospital on Welfare Island (now Roosevelt Island). She was an active local community volunteer coaching tennis, running the Girl Scout cookie drive and serving on the PTA. The achievement she was most proud of was being elected to the Locust Valley School Board for 9 years where she implemented the changes she wanted to see. She was committed to her church, St. Johns of Lattingtown, where she served in various capacities over the decades. Throughout her life, Janet was an avid and competitive tennis player belonging to the West Side Tennis Club, Nassau Country Club and The Piping Rock Club. She was passionate about her bridge game and was a Master bridge player, winning the Liberty Bell bridge tournament at the age of 92. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Memorial service at St. John's of Lattingtown on Friday February 28th at 10:30am. Interment private. Donations may be made to St. John's of Lattingtown: 325 Lattingtown Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B-2020  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before and by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Brookville, Nassau County, New York at the Brookville Village Hall located at 18 Horse Hill Road in said Village on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The hearing will be on whether to enact proposed Local Law B-2020, “*Outdoor Lighting*,” which will repeal existing Chapter 141, “*Outdoor Lighting*,” of the Code of the Village of Brookville and adopt new Chapter 141, “*Outdoor Lighting*,” to restrict and impose regulations for the installation and maintenance of exterior lights on residential property in the Village. The local law includes, among other things, regulations on height, intensity, direction, location and time, and also includes regulations and restrictions for driveway lights, recreational court lights, sign lights and holiday lights.

A copy of the proposed Local Law B-2020 is on file at the Village Hall located at 18 Horse Hill Road, Brookville, New York, where it may be reviewed between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. during usual business days until the time of the hearing.

All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at said hearing.

Dated: February 26, 2020

By Order of the Board of Trustees  
Winsome Citarella  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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The hearing will be on whether to enact proposed Local Law A-2020, “*Estate and Tag Sales*,” which will adopt new Chapter 107, “*Estate and Tag Sales*” of the Code of the Village of Brookville to regulate and require permits for estate and tag sales held in the Village.

A copy of the proposed Local Law A-2020 is on file at the Village Hall located at 18 Horse Hill Road, Brookville, New York, where it may be reviewed between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. during usual business days until the time of the hearing.

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**North Shore Historical Museum**  
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