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Illegal “Bitcoin Mining” Tied to Suffolk Cyber Attack

By CHRIS O’NEILL

An illegal Bitcoin mining operation allegedly run by Christopher Naples, former IT assistant manager in the Suffolk County Clerk’s Office, might have contributed to an expensive cyber attack on the county last year.

Cybersecurity experts said the mining could have opened up the county’s system to a ransomware attack.

A hacker group known as Black Cat found a vulnerability with a logging tool called Log4j and were able to enter the county systems just two months after Naples’s arrest. The hackers were inside the systems for about eight months.

The county clerk, health and sheriff’s domains were accessed, 139 systems were compromised and 71 were encrypted with ransomware. The attack cost Suffolk at least \$5.4 million - \$3.4 million on restoration and \$2 million in investigation. During the attack the personal information of hundreds of thousands of residents was stolen and leaked.

Naples is accused of engaging in Bitcoin mining - using government office space, computers and electricity - from 2017 to his arrest in 2021. He was charged with grand larceny in the third degree, public corruption and computer trespass. Nolan has pleaded non-guilty and the case is still pending.

Bitcoin is a form of crypto-currency



A Bitcoin Mining Computer

based on a blockchain - which is a series of data points linked together. Each block in the chain is encrypted using a very complex and secure algorithm. When someone proves that the encryption was done right, a block is added to the chain. This is called ‘proof of work’ and the reward is a bitcoin.

Successful ‘mining’ requires powerful computing and lots of electricity. The price of one bitcoin during Naples’s period was between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

At the time of his arrest, 46 ‘mining’ machines were found in the County - that were using so much electricity that after their removal the temperature in the office fell by 20 degrees.

According to court records, a forensic auditor calculated that Naples used at least \$6,477 in electricity from Suffolk County to run the equipment.

Fellow employees were supposedly aware of what was going on, but feared speaking out.

Local Ticks Infected with Deadly Powassan Virus

By HEATHER CROSLY

As temperatures meander up, Long Islanders are headed out. But a deadly disease is lurking in the ticks in the woods: the lethal Powassan virus.

For us, here on the Island, the great outdoors has meant being on the lookout for ticks and tick bites. The leading concern has long been Lyme disease, a bacterial disease carried by deer ticks. Lyme disease is treatable if caught early, and infection rates have remained seemingly steady in recent years.

Now the disease has reached Long Island, with local deer - and their ticks - spreading Powassan. It is serious viral infection - spread by the bite of deer ticks. And there is no cure.

Powassan virus is more insidious than Lyme disease, as many people infected by tick bites might not experience any symptoms for up to a month after infection - so they don't even know they have been infected.

And with the explosion of the deer population on the north shore, increasing numbers of ticks are infected. The deer are the leading “disease vector” for both Lyme and Powassan, since nearly 100%



A deer tick (enlarged).

of the deer are infected. Each infected deer drops about 20,000 infected ticks onto our lawns, gardens and woods each year.

But thanks to “new rules” from the NY Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”), the annual “deer cull” by local

villages has been blocked. Now the deer population has exploded, with tens of thousands of infected deer teeming across the north shore.

Powassan symptoms, when they occur, include fever, headache, vomiting, weakness. The more severe symptoms include encephalitis and meningitis, which lead to seizures, cranial nerve palsies, and altered mental status. Of the patients who develop such symptoms, 10% die.

In 2019, a former US Senator, Kay Hagan, died of Powassan virus from a tick bite.

This spring and summer, Long Islanders should stay on guard against ticks and tick bites, by spraying clothing with tick repellent and checking from tick bites upon returning indoors.

Saladino to Host “Youth Baseball Clinic” - with Mookie Wilson

By THOMAS NOTHEL

Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino announced that Oyster Bay will be hosting a youth baseball clinic this summer - featuring 1986 World Series Champion and Mets fan favorite - Mookie Wilson.

“We are so excited to partner with one of the most beloved players in the history of the New York Mets - Mookie Wilson - to host a youth baseball clinic right here in the Town of Oyster Bay,” stated Saladino.

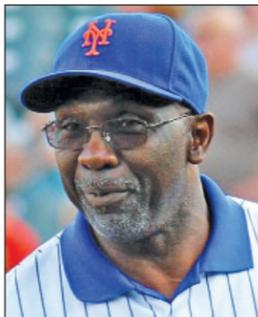
“Boys and girls who attend this program will have the once in a lifetime opportunity to play baseball with an accomplished World Series Champion and MLB Coach,” added Saladino. “I encourage families to register their children now, as space is very limited and spots are filling up quickly.”

Boys and girls in from Kindergarten to Fifth Grade grade (ages 4- 13) are invited to meet, listen, and play ball with Mookie Wilson. In addition to the

Clinic, each child will receive a T-shirt and an autographed picture. The participation fee is \$100 per child. Registration is online at <https://pioneersports.leagueapps.com/events>



Supervisor Joseph Saladino



Mookie Wilson

Mookie played for the New York Mets from 1980-1989. Among Career Mets leaders, Wilson is second all time in Triples (82) sixth in Hits (1112), second in stolen bases (281) and sixth in run scored (592). He is best known for hitting the ground ball in the tenth inning of game 6 of the 1986 World Series that went through the legs of Boston Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner on which the game winning run scored. Wilson believes he would have beat Buckner to first base if Buckner had caught the ground ball.

The Clinic will take place on Sunday, July 30th from 9:30am - 12:30pm at Borella Field in Plainview - at 650 Plainview Road.

Call (516) 450-8343 or email info@playpioneers.com for more information.

School Votes Down BOCES Contract in Political Retaliation

By NIAL FITZGERALD

A local school board is facing a political firestorm from residents, after voting down a BOCES contract as political retaliation, and being called out for illegal political hiring discrimination.

Last Wednesday night, the East Meadow School Board held a meeting where residents questioned why the Board voted down a Nassau BOCES contract. BOCES provides essential services to approximately 1,800 special-needs students across Nassau County.

Last month, several Board members had been caught pushing a radical sex and woke agenda on district students, and backing illegal discrimination in hiring teachers. Local parents - and BOCES administrators - expressed their opposition to the Board majority's politics.

The now-angry Board majority then voted down a BOCES contract renewal - and then admitted that it was in political retaliation.

Local resident Deborah Kirsch told the board that she was "outraged" over the Board's improper actions in voting down the contract, and charged the Board majority for voting down the contract in illegal political retaliation.

Last month, a video surfaced showing a school administrator, David Casamento, talking about implementing a covert "political agenda" by not hiring conservative teachers. Casamento discussed “blackballing” conservative



Matthew Melnick and Alisa Baroukh

applicants to teaching positions, by giving them fake low scores when they apply, to block their hiring.

Former East Meadow Superintendent and current BOCES President Dr. Robert Dillon subsequently wrote to the school board voicing his displeasure with Casamento’s illegal and underhanded agenda.

School Board Members Alisa Baroukh and Matthew Melnick then wrote a letter in response to Dillon, saying that they would be contacting BOCES and reporting him to state licensing authorities, for opposing their agenda.

Melnick admitted on Wednesday night that the Board majority struck down the BOCES contract to “send a clear message” to Dillon.

Melnick went on to add he wanted to make it clear that Dillon’s outspokenness against a political policy by the School Board was both “unacceptable” and “unprofessional.”

EDITORIAL

FREE SPEECH - ALL OUR FREEDOMS - UNDER THREAT IN AMERICA

There is a specter marching across the land. It is the hunger to tell other people to “shut-up” and to punish people who express or believe differently.

It is the specter of Fascism - American style.

It is not exactly new. After all, the 17th century Massachusetts Bay Colony, for many years, forced people to leave who wouldn't conform in word, deed and belief in their official Puritan church. The people leaving ultimately founded Rhode Island.

But the newest wave of intolerance comes nearly completely from the woke Left, and carries ugly echos of the Communist dictatorships of the last century. Regimes that imprisoned over 100 million people in “re-education” or “labor” camps - and killed over 75 million. Regimes that watched and monitored everyone and brutally punished any careless word or statement they found “politically offensive.”

In late 2021, Georgetown University ordered a student, William Spruance, who had - in a public forum - questioned the school's Covid masking policies, to undergo a psychiatric evaluation. They demanded he waive medical privacy - so they could try to threaten and smear him. They then suspended him and threatened to blackball him from future jobs.

Spruance - who is a descendant of the great US Admiral Raymond Spruance of the famed World War II Battles of Midway and the Philippine Sea - refused to back down, and retained an attorney. The media started calling. And the Georgetown administrators - cowardly bullies - dropped their demands. But not everyone has the resources and moxie of a young Spruance.

Last week, 100 professors at Harvard University formed a “Council on Academic Freedom” to support each other and protect free speech and academic freedom on the ivy league campus.

“We are in a crisis time right now. Many, many people are being threatened with, and actually put through disciplinary processes for their exercise of free speech and academic freedom.” stated Harvard Law School professor Janet Halley.

Halley claims she has seen “countless other professors” targeted and punished for their speech, beliefs or viewpoints.

When America's elite institutions are spawning new generations of little fascists - who don't believe in free speech - and want to censor and punish others who hold different beliefs - then the country is in deep trouble.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. If we don't defend academic freedom and free speech, we should not be surprised when some thug takes everything away.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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.

THE LEADER SHOULD CENSOR BLACK-FACE

To the Editor:

I am writing today to express how disturbed I was by your recent opinion article, “The She-Man Woman Haters Club.” It is profoundly disrespectful and inappropriate to compare someone's gender identity to an individual in Blackface.

Blackface, as you may know, began in New York (not in the South) in the 19th century when white performers applied shoe polish or burnt cork to their faces and mimicked the words and gestures of enslaved Africans who lived and worked on Southern plantations.

These shows were staged to make a mockery of Black culture and physical appearance at a time when census records show that there were still several formerly enslaved people living in New York, and many more in other regions of our nation.

And to refer to someone's female gender presentation as “Girl-Face” is as belittling and misogynistic as you claim are the words and actions of Dylan Mulvaney.

The harmful impact of seeing an image of Blackface being deployed to make ANY point is simply not worth the pain of dredging up a hurtful practice from the not-so-distant past that has local origins here in New York.

I hope that everyone knows that

however important they may be, sporting contests are, after all, still sporting contests.

I understand that it can be difficult to maintain perspective and adhere to respectful standards during these politically fraught times, so I would gently suggest that you consider implementing and publishing guidelines for editorial content that follows the core principles expressed by the Society of Professional Journalism (SPJ), especially the principle of humanity:

False name submitted

Editor's Reply:

We disagree.

The use of “Girl-face” by openly misogynistic men – while mocking and belittling real women – and invading their safe spaces - is exactly like white entertainers of 75 years ago using “Black-face” to ridicule black people and their culture. Both are – or should be – rejected as crude and offensive.

The point of the opinion piece in the Leader was to illustrate exactly that point – and judging by your reaction – it succeeded.

Dylan Mulvaney is a multi-millionaire entertainer who has been given White House access and millions in woke corporate contracts.

Mulvaney's use of Girlface to mock and ridicule women as uncoordinated, vain, shallow, jerky and materialistic morons, is simply ugly misogyny – a form of bigotry, no different from racism.

The Leader deplores censorship. We are not going to censor our writers who make intellectually provocative points and point out the hypocritical use of double standards. And the image of “Blackface” we displayed was of Al Jolson, a 20th century American singer and entertainer - who lived a century after the end of slavery. His performances might have been offensive and insulting by today's standards, but the claim that he “hurt” ex-slaves is just nonsense.

We believe in free minds, free debate, and free speech. There will be no censorship here.

CORRECTION

In the article titled “Brooke Lupinacci's Downtown Campaign Launch” in the April 18th edition of *The Leader*, the Republican running for Receiver of Taxes was identified as Pam Valastegui.

However, we are advised that their correct name is Dr. Pamela Velastegui.

We apologize to our readers and Dr. Velastegui for the error.

The Editor

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Op-Ed: Long Island Needs Smart Housing, Not Mass Housing

By SUPERVISOR JOE SALADINO

Long Island needs more affordable housing opportunities for young people that are beginning their careers and for senior citizens who are downsizing their homes.

Although the State Legislature stopped the Governor's plan to override local zoning laws and allow for high density apartment buildings in residential neighborhoods, the fight is not yet over.

After serving as a New York State Assemblyman for almost 14 years, I can assure you, and the Governor continues to admit, that her initiative is not over and that she will continue to fight for it.

The State Legislature and local officials throughout Long Island are not opposed to smart growth, in fact, we embrace it. We opposed the Governor's



Supervisor Joseph Saladino

plans from the start because we know the impact it will have on our infrastructure, the environment and result in a steep rise in taxes.

Population growth and new housing impacts our sole source aquifer and the limited supply of drinking water it provides. High-

density housing has the ability to further overwhelm our roadways with traffic and congestion, overpower our sewage systems while requiring over a billion dollars in upgrades, and creates an enormous challenge for sanitation disposal due to the already impending closure of Long Island's only landfill.

I am old enough to remember the garbage barge and realize that the State still has not created the solution to the ever-growing volume of garbage that Long Island produces.

Furthermore, the Governor's plan would have removed the voice of residents from having any say over developments in their own communities while replacing control with an un-elected board in Albany whose powers allow them to approve high-density housing buildings throughout our region.

Thankfully, the State Legislature heard our concerns, understands the challenges we face as a region and stopped the Governor's mandate for now.

As America's first suburb and as an island, we on Long Island have limited space in which to grow. The average population density of Nassau County is nearly 11 times higher than the State average. If the Governor's plan was approved, this number could skyrocket, creating untenable challenges to our infrastructure and expanding our carbon footprint significantly.

From already high property taxes and energy prices among the highest anywhere, to overcrowded roadways, a lack of light rail, a limited supply of clean water, inadequate sewage capacity and the impending closure of Long Island's only landfill, the Governor's push to significantly grow our population with thousands of new apartments is extremely problematic for our region. We call on Albany to solve the problems straining our communities and environment before introducing many more.

On behalf of all Long Islanders, I commend the State Legislature's fortitude to stop the Governor's mandate while addressing the affordable housing challenge with hundreds of millions of dollars in incentives to encourage builders to increase housing stock. With smart planning, proper investments and a solution to the hurdles that population density creates, Long Island can grow in a sustainable and affordable way that makes sense.

Joseph Saladino is the Supervisor of the Town of Oyster Bay

"Poof, Just Like That" \$580,000 in Fake Santos "Loans" Disappear



Santos dancing with a Trump impersonator.

By NIALL FITZGERALD

During the election in 2022, Fraudster US Congressman George Santos (NY-3) declared to the Federal Elections Commission that he loaned his campaign \$580,000 - with \$500,000 in March, 2022, and \$80,000 in May, 2022.

Skeptics - including the North Shore Leader newspaper - challenged the truthfulness of those loan declarations by Santos, with this newspaper charging that they "appeared to be fake."

Now, in an "amended" April 15, 2023 Federal Election Commission ("FEC") filing by Santos, those \$580,000 in "personal loans" just disappear.

Poof... Gone... Fake... Never happened...

Santos' amended FEC filings now claim that he made no loans at all - nothing - until the final two months of the campaign. If that is even true.

Lying on federal campaign filings - filed with the US Federal Elections Commission - is a federal criminal felony, with each count imposing a potential five (5) years in federal prison.

The purpose of deliberately lying on his FEC filings is obvious: It earned Santos recognition from the National Republican Congressional Committee ("NRCC") as a top fund-raiser - he was designated by the NRCC as a "Top Gun."

Santos also used the fake loans and NRCC recognition as a story to fraudulently solicit wealthy GOP donors for money - that he too was a "rich man" and was "all in" on his campaign, so they should give him money too.

Santos refused to comment on his "amended" campaign filings.

But he did file a Declaration with the FEC that he is now running for re-election to the US Congress in 2024.

Santos also appeared this week - in front of the television cameras - with a comedian Donald Trump impersonator to "audition for Vice President." Santos gave a big "thumbs up" to a possible run for VP on a national ticket with former US President Donald Trump.

The FBI would not comment to the Leader on the state of their criminal investigations into Santos.

North Hempstead Appoints New Comptroller

By MARK DEMETROPOULOS

After 16 months without a Town Comptroller - and stonewalling by the town's Democrats to block Supervisor Jennifer DeSena (R-Manhasset) from filling the vacancy - the North Hempstead Town Board finally agreed - unanimously - to a replacement Comptroller.

Appointed as the new Comptroller is Kristen Schwaner, age 37, who has over fifteen years' experience in finance and accounting. She most recently worked at the Hauppauge-based Sight Growth Partners as their Vice President of Finance.

Schwaner's previous jobs included at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and at Ernst & Young. She is a finance graduate of Hofstra University.

The Comptroller's office has been vacant since January 2022. The Town's Director of Finance Paul Wood had been serving as the acting Comptroller over the past nine months. Schwaner will earn a salary of \$160,000.

Last December, Supervisor DeSena



Supervisor Jen DeSena

(Photo: TONH)

nominated John Morris of Smithtown to be Comptroller, but the Democrats on the Town Board blocked Morris' nomination in a straight party-line vote.

"Kristen Schwaner will work hard to fulfill my administration's mandate of protecting our taxpayers' wallets," stated DeSena. "And we will hire capable and qualified deputies" to work with her.

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Parent Paint Night for St. Gertudes's Preschool



Artists show off their masterpieces of a Beautiful Bayville Sunset.

St. Gertrude's Preschool held a Spring Fundraiser, Parent Paint Night. It was a fun night of painting with PAINTopia Parties. Many thought that they had no artistic talent, but with the help of Sarah, they discovered their inner artist. Although they all painted the same subject, not one painting looked alike, as the

artists added their own style, and flare. It was a fun night of comradery, while noshing on cheese, crackers, beer and wine. By the end of the evening everyone went home with a masterpiece! For information about having your own paint party or fundraiser go to: www.painttopiaparties.com.



Artist Sarah of PAINTopia Parties.



The very talented Lucy and Kassie.



Everyone had a lot of fun, and they are looking forward to another paint party. Photos: Patricia Mavros Brexel

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The Bayville Bridge Reopens!



The Bayville Bridge.

By THOMAS NOTHEL

To the delight of local residents and businesses, the Bayville Bridge reopened on April 17, 2023. The current phase of repairs has now been completed.

The Bridge closed for the current phase of repairs on February 14, 2023. The Bridge was scheduled to reopen in 30 days. However, while doing the work, the contractors discovered previously unknown structural issues.

This caused the scheduled repair work to stop.

The newly-discovered structural issues required repairs, before work

could recommence on the previously scheduled repairs. This caused the Nassau County Department of Public Works to set a new reopening date of "mid to late April."

And despite deep skepticism from most local residents, Nassau County and the contractors hit the target.

The total closure was only 61 days. And the Bridge reopened closer to

mid April than to late April. The reaction from residents and businesses was relief and a satisfaction the the promised completion dates were met.

Although businesses lost sales during those 61 days - causing some to open for fewer hours each day to save money, which trickled down to their employers who often worked fewer hours - there is a general sigh of relief that Bayville and Centre Island will have normal access for the upcoming summer season.

Hopefully this leads a successful Spring and Summer season for all.

Bayville Community Center Newly Renovated

On Saturday, April 29, from 7pm to 9pm, Mayor Minicozzi and the Board of Trustees will be hosting the first art exhibit since renovations were made to the Community Center, 88 Bayville Avenue, to showcase the venue as a center for the visual and performing arts. Artwork created by residents of Bayville will be featured. Such works include large wall murals, framed works on easels, and digital displays. The Bayville Village Arts Council (BVAC) has identified more than 80 artists-in-residence and has been presenting their works at concerts and music club nights as well as at exhibits in the Bayville Historical Museum.

The refurbished Community Center is a great setting for live performances of all types including rock, jazz, country, show tunes, and opera. Starting last year,



The beautiful large wall mural

performances and exhibits were hosted at the Community Center and the warm reception spurred an effort to remodel the space to make it even better for featuring works from young and established artists here in the Village.

There are plans in the near future for sculpture and photography exhibits along with more live musical performances covering many genres.

Friends Of The LV Library Under The Tent Book Sale



The Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road.

The friends of the Locust Valley library under the tent book sale takes place this Saturday, April 29 from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM and Sunday, April 30 from 1 - 4:30 PM

Browse and buy to support the library. Book donations are needed. If

you have books to donate, drop them off till Thursday, April 27. Bring your gently used books sorted into fiction, non fiction, small paperback, or children's, and deliver them to our tent. Shop while you drop off and purchase books as you donate!

Concert at the Locust Valley Library

The Day Dreamers, Saturday, May 6 at 2 PM. Join Huey, Dewey, Louie and George for an old school barbershop quartet, but with a little twist. Broadway musicals, the Beatles, and Big Bands music. Perfect for all ages. Registration required. to register go to www.locustvalleylibrary.org

From the Desk of Ramon Reyes, Executive Director of Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club



Ramon Reyes

For so many years basketball has remained one of our premiere programs here at Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club. We have proudly provided generations of kids with an exciting, wholesome, and competitive basketball league.

In keeping with tradition, the 2023 season was no different. This winter we had 322 players enrolled, boys and girls in grades 3-8 made up 5 divisions. Each week at practice, players actively worked on their basketball skills but more importantly they were shown by our volunteer coaches the importance of displaying good sportsmanship. After all showing respect for others even in defeat is an important life skill.

I would like to congratulate this year's winners: UMass, Marquette, Pittsburgh, William & Mary and Minnesota. I would also like to acknowledge each team for working hard, showing diligence, and exhibiting the importance of collaboration.

Many of our older players discovered their love for the game here at the Club by participating in the K-2 program. The young ones begin their introduction to basketball with drills and activities and finish with scrimmages.

Also, this season Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club was proud to host the 2023 All Star games against Glen Cove City League. We had 38 Club members playing on 3 teams divided by age. I am proud to report the Club's younger team won. Our two older teams played competitively, but the Glen Cove City League's team won. Overall, it was an exciting evening, and everyone had fun.

On St. Patrick's Day our friends Tiffany Palagonia, Katherine Schidlovsky, Diana Davis, and Michelle Ort chaired an extremely successful 3 on 3 co-ed fundraising basketball tournament. It was an electrifying night, and we thank every person who participated and supported the tournament. Especially those who collected raffle items, sold tickets and volunteered to sell food and candy.

None of this would be possible with-

out our volunteer coaches who selflessly took the time each week to train and mentor our Club kids. We would not have achieved great success if not for our friends in the community and our corporate sponsors. For each family or business who purchased a sponsorship sign please know how important you are to our Club kids.

In closing, for 73 years Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club has served the

community by offering a safe space for kids. Each day we welcome 200 kids into our after-school enrichment program and more than 1200 members participate in any of the Club's other programs such as summer camp, sports camp, dance, gymnastics, flag football, soccer, baseball, Torch Club, Keystone Club and so much more.

For more information, please visit www.gbbgc.org.

Spring Dog Festival at Planting Fields Arboretum

Attention dog lovers. Visit Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395, Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, May 20 & 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Obituaries

BLATZ, Lisa Anne of Glen Cove, NY peacefully passed away on April 18, 2023 at Calvary Hospital. She was 57 years old. Lisa was the treasured daughter of Reverend Nils Blatz and Leslie Blatz, formerly of Glen Head, NY. Lisa is also survived by her brothers, Andrew Blatz and Daniel Blatz, and her sister, Amy (Blatz) Warden, as well as her sister-in-law, Jessica King and her brother-in-law, Douglas Warden. She was a beloved aunt to Chris, Henry, Tilley, Audrey and Payntar. Lisa was born in Manhattan and grew up in Glen Head, NY. She was a wonderful, loving, spirited person and a gift to her entire family. Always the one to make a birthday call, send an Easter card, demand a birthday bash, Lisa was the glue that kept the family together. She continually taught us profound lessons about how deep, varied, and miraculous each life is on this earth. Forevermore, hearing a Whitney Houston song or tasting a juicy Whopper from Burger King will remind us of her joy, her love for family, and her deep appreciation for food, dancing and music. We are sure she is up in heaven chatting and laughing and looking for a microphone so that she can share her stories with all who want to join in on the fun! A memorial service will be held on May 20, 2023 at 12:00PM at: Trinity Church, 1579 Northern Boulevard, Roslyn, NY 11576.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Lisa's name to: Community Mainstreaming Associates

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CMA created a warm, loving, vibrant community and home for Lisa for over 35 years! Her family will forever be grateful to them for giving her a life of independence and respect.

A private burial will be held at Greenfield Cemetery. www.Whitting.com

CLANCY, Sally Ann, 71 years old of Sea Cliff, New York, passed away on Thursday, April 20, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 8, 1952, in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. She is the daughter of Joan and the late Edward "Whitey" Ford.

To know Sally, was to love her. Sally's unwavering dedication to her family and her fierce protection of them could only be matched by her enthusiasm as their biggest fan and supporter on the lacrosse field. Sally was a diehard Yankees, Villanova and Boston College fan. She loved music, especially the Beatles and Rod Stewart. She was a devoted and proud wife, mother, and grandmother, whose generosity and time knew no bounds. With her infectious laughter and ability to leave a lasting impression on everyone she met, Sally was truly one of a kind. Sally is predeceased by her loving husband of 46 years, Stephen Clancy, her father Whitey Ford, and her brother Tommy Ford. She is survived by her mother, Joan Ford of Lake Success, New York, her brother, Eddie Ford and his wife, also of Lake Success, New York.

Two daughters, two sons and seven grandchildren; daughter, Brett Clancy and her husband Mark Nagle of Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania and their children Blair, Charlie and Julia; son, Evan Clancy and his wife Joanna of Glen Head, New York and their children James and Conor; son, Craig Clancy and his wife Cate of Manhattan and their children Chloe and Cole; and daughter, Blair Clancy of Manhattan.

Memorial donations may be made in Sally's name to Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org. www.Whitting.com



GALLETTA, Mal Jr. of Glen Cove, NY on January 15, 2023 at Age 81. First Golf Pro at Glen Cove Golf Course. Beloved husband of Claire. Loving father of Mal III (Emilie) and Danielle. Dear brother of Claudia.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of the life of Mal Galletta Jr. on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at DodgeThomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 1:00 - 4:00pm. Reflections and story sharing from 3:00 - 4:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Met PGA Foundation for a future initiative to be determined by the family, bearing Mal's name.

Checks may be mailed to: Met PGA Foundation, 49 Knollwood Road, Elmsford, NY 10523. Please include a note and/or indicate Mal Galletta on the memo line. www.DodgeThomas.com



MANGONE, Pasquale of Glen Cove, NY on April 15th, 2023 age 59. Beloved husband of Angelica. Loving father of Francesca (Elia). Dear brother of Laura, Vincenza and Josephine. Pasquale loved his dog Neo, making homemade wine, and sport shooting. Interment St. Charles Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



RICCIARDI, Franca Siconolfi, on a quiet Saturday morning, April 8th, 2023, the world lost a bright light as she peacefully passed away at the age of 95. She left behind a legacy of love, kindness, and the unforgettable taste of her delicious Italian cooking.

Franca was born on October 25th, 1927, in the picturesque town of Carife, (AV), Italy. She married Domenico Ricciardi in 1952 and started their family in Sturmo, Italy. As a seamstress, she had a thriving sweater and wool factory in town and would make custom clothing and accessories. In 1966, she immigrated to the United States with her children, making a new home in Brooklyn, NY, and later, Glen Cove, NY. In Brooklyn and Glen Cove, Franca continued to work as a seamstress for many years.

Her beloved Domenico passed away in 1972. Franca kept the family together with the help of her children and owned Teresa's Restaurant in Glen Cove and then, Enrico's in Westbury while continuing to work as a seamstress. Franca quickly became a pillar of her community, known for her unwavering faith, exceptional cooking skills, and welcoming home. She was a member of The Rosary Society at St Rocco's Church and had served as treasurer. She always participated in church feasts by preparing food for 100's.

In her bustling kitchen, the savory aromas of lasagna, stuffed peppers, and chicken cutlets always filled the air. But it was her homemade cookies that truly stole the hearts of all who tasted them. Franca's love and talent for gardening provided the freshest ingredients, which she generously prepared and shared with her family and friends every Sunday.

As a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Franca cherished her family above all else. She took immense pride in their accomplishments and relished every moment spent with them. Her passing leaves an enormous void in the hearts of her children: Filomena (Gordon) Ricciardi-Aston of Torrington, CT, Giuseppe (Sharon) Ricciardi of Fairfax, VA, Michael (Marie) Ricciardi of Clifton, VA, and Lino Ricciardi of Centreville, VA; grandchildren Daniela (Francesco) Anastasio-Bardazzi, Carla (Gus) Anastasio, Gabriela (Will) Anastasio-Halloway, Diana (Mark) Ricciardi, Nicole Ricciardi, Michele (Alex) Abrahamian, Domenic Ricciardi, and Francesco Ricciardi; great-grandchildren Niccolo, Teo, Maya, Owen, Jackson, and Fiona. She also leaves behind her sister Raffielina Pannone and many nieces, nephews, and close friends. Franca's memory will forever live on in the hearts of everyone who knew her.

Franca, your legacy of love, resilience, and mouth-watering cooking will continue to inspire and comfort us all. Your absence is deeply felt but we take solace in knowing that you are at peace and reunited with your love.

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Huntington Memorializes EMS Captain Alison Russo Street

On Wednesday, April 12, 2023, the Town of Huntington, in conjunction with the Officers and members of the Huntington Community First Aid Squad (HCFAS) renamed a portion of Railroad Street in Huntington Station to honor the memory of slain HCFAS and FDNY EMS Captain Alison Russo.

Alison Russo was a longtime Town of Huntington resident who joined the HCFAS in 1992 and dutifully served as day captain for 13 years. During her tenure at HCFAS, Alison began as an EMT, then obtained her Critical Care and Paramedic certifications. She was an outstanding member, serving on several committees and giving her time wherever it was needed at Huntington



Community. Alison would have celebrated 30 years of service at Huntington Community First Aid Squad in November of 2022.

Alison was not only an unwavering provider at HCFAS but also a 24-year veteran of the FDNY. She joined as an EMT in 1998, was promoted to Lieutenant in 2016. Alison was also a first responder at the World Trade Center and aided in the rescue efforts on and following 9/11.

Alison's life was taken in an unprovoked attack while on duty with FDNY at EMS Station 49 in October 2022.

Alison Russo was posthumously promoted to Captain by both the HCFAS and the FDNY.

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Riposa in pace, Franca. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Franca's memory to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Rosary Society at St. Rocco's Roman Catholic Church, Glen Cove (516-676-2482). www.DodgeThomas.com



ROUVELAS, Evridiki of Glen Head, and formerly of Bayside, NY, on April 20th, 2023 at age 85. Beloved wife of John. Loving mother of Peter (Joanna) and Helen (Dimitrios). Proud grandmother of Johnny, Maria, Sophia, and Lambros. Service at the Greek Orthodox Church of The Holy Resurrection on Friday at 11am. Interment to follow at East Hillside Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

SEIDMAN, Raymond, peacefully on Apr. 21, 2023, age 86, of Hicksville, NY. Beloved husband of Mary Ann. Loving

father of Jamie, Lori and the late Jody. Cherished step father of Gabriel Scaperrota (Natalie) and Theresa Cirillo (Vincent). Proud grandfather of Rebecca Turner (James Ward), Reuben Turner (Samara), Nicole Bloomer, Joseph Scaperrota (Maxxie), Vanessa Cirillo, Christina Demerest (Jake), Vincent Cirillo Jr., Devoted great grandfather of Myarie Bloomer, Amanda Turner and Anthony Scaperrota. Dear uncle of Lon (Natalie), Jennifer Olcott (Kevin), Ever Mordetsky (Ariel) and Sara Shaw (Ryan). Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

SILVERMAN, Alvin M. Of Glen Cove, NY on April 23, 2023 at age 79. Beloved husband of Donna. Loving father of Larry (Jennifer) and Noel (Aferdita). Step-father of Ronald Goodman (Sharon), Eric Goodman (Yvette), and Lori Montes. Proud grandfather of Jacob, Kara, Jessica, Josh, and step-grandfather of Jonah, Leah, Brooke, Zachary, Allie, and Max. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Service and burial held privately. www.DodgeThomas.com

Bayville's Favorite Deli Closed Due to Fire



Talentis Delicatessen

Saturday evening, April 22, about 10:00 PM a fire broke out in the kitchen of Talentis Delicatessen, located at 44 Bayville Avenue. The Bayville Fire Company No. 1, and several other fire departments responded. The fire was

extinguished quickly, and no one was hurt. The fire is still under investigation. Many locals in the area are so disappointed stating that "Talentis makes the best breakfasts and sandwiches." Hopefully they will re-open soon.

Water Lovers' Mixer at Oakcliff Sailing: All Invited



Oakcliff sailors.

Marine organizations around Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbor are sponsoring a Water Lovers' Mixer at Oakcliff Sailing at 4 South St. in Oyster Bay on April 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The mixer will serve as an excellent opportunity for all North Shore residents with an interest in marine activities to get to know one another and share their experiences. Whether they be sailboat racers and cruisers, powerboaters, kayakers, rowers, kites, paddleboarders, conservationists or simply those with a passion for the area's natural waters, all are invited to connect with other like-minded enthusiasts.

"This event will provide an opportunity for people who love the water but can't always get out on it to appreciate the bays and help protect them," Friends of the Bay President Bill Bleyer said. "It is also a great opportunity for the spon-

soring organizations to let people know what they offer, including memberships, lessons and a drive to get more people on the water to race, cruise or just fish and hang out."

Attendees of this free event will be treated to refreshments provided by sponsors Friends of the Bay, Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, Oyster Bay Community Rowing, Cold Spring

Harbor Beach Club, Sagamore Yacht Club, Oyster Bay Sail & Power Squadron, the WaterFront Center, Oakcliff Sailing Oyster Bay Brewing Company and Regatta Craft Mixers. West Marine in Huntington is donating a paddle and sailing gloves that will be raffled off at the event.

"Oakcliff is the world's premier training and coaching center for sailing," said Dawn Riley, Oakcliff's Executive Director. "It was created in 2010 and designed to fit in between the established marine organizations in Oyster Bay's historic and eclectic culture. We are happy that, just over a decade later, we are able to host this mixer to connect and highlight all of these organizations."

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John Ritter - Rest in Peace

John Ritter, Jr., 73, formerly of Oyster Bay, NY passed away peacefully at his home on March 20, 2023. He was surrounded by his two children and their families.



John Ritter

John was born on April 12, 1949 in Hicksville, NY. The second youngest of three children born to John and Anna May Ritter. He completed his undergraduate education at Columbia University and earned a Juris Doctorate from New York Law School in 1983. Upon graduation, John was admitted into the New York State Bar.

He served as a Nassau County Assistant District Attorney from 1983 to 1985. In 1985, John joined and eventually became a partner at Humes & Wagner in Locust Valley, NY. His stellar legal career spanned 42 years, until retiring to North Carolina where he devoted himself to caring for his wife who suffered from Alzheimer's Disease.

John "Beau" married Carolyn Zoller in 1980 and thereafter returned to Oyster Bay to raise their two children, Jon and Kathryn. He dedicated his life to his family and his community, having served on

the Board of Trustees of the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum and as President at East Woods School when his children attended.

An avid boater, Beau enjoyed spending summers with his family and friends exploring new destinations along the eastern seaboard. He and Carolyn also spent years playing tennis at the

Cove Neck Tennis Club and Cold Spring Harbor Beach Club, and SCUBA diving around the world.

John had the special ability to quickly turn strangers into friends, put those around him at ease, and turn a room of silence into a hall of laughter with his stories and commentary.

John was predeceased by his wife Carolyn who passed away in 2022. He is survived by his brother and sister, Richard and Joanne; his two children and their spouses, Jon and Tracy Ritter and Kathryn and Christopher Smith; and his two grandchildren, James and Caroline.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Carolyn's name to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org/>.

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St. John's Episcopal Church's Concerts By The Pond music series concludes its 2022-23 season with a recital featuring organist, Carol Weitner, on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at 3:00pm.

Dr. Weitner's program features a variety of organ transcriptions of works by Bach (Vivaldi), Beethoven, Sibelius, Saint-Saëns, Gounod, Gershwin and others. The recital will be performed on St. John's Episcopal Church's Casavant organ opus 3897, which was built in 2012.

Dr. Carol Weitner is the organist at St. John's Church in Cold Spring Harbor. As a recitalist, Dr. Weitner has performed



Dr. Carol Weitner
Photo Credit: Carol Weitner

extensively on Long Island, as well as in Chicago, St. Paul, Boston, and New York City. She has also presented recitals in France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the Czech Republic. She is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York where she earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance as well as Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey and The Mannes College of Music in New York City.

Now in its 9th Season, the Concerts by the Pond concert series takes place in the historic setting of St. John's Episcopal Church behind the Fish Hatchery on Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724.

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Deborah Held Art Exhibit



Deborah Held at East Hampton show.
Photo credit Ann Balderston Glynn

BY VICTORIA CROSBY

Deborah Held, an artist from Oyster Bay, had a one woman show recently at the Ashawagh Hall in East Hampton. Ashawagh is a name from the indigenous people, which means a place where two roads come together. Ashawagh Hall is at the intersection of where Fireplace Road meets Old Stone Highway.

The opening of the exhibit was attended by friends and family of the artist, members of the local community and visitors to the Hamptons.

Refreshments were served as guests

perused the one hundred and twenty works of art, including oils, acrylic and encaustic paintings, ceramic and bronze sculptures, vases and mobiles.

"It was exciting to see all my work displayed in three beautifully lit rooms at Ashawagh Hall," Held said. Her work has been on exhibit in many galleries in New York and Florida, and she was influenced by the art of Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Matisse, El Greco, Caravaggio, Bonnard, Turner, Escher, Mondrian, Picasso, De Kooning, Pollack and Calder.

Her varied and colorful work is popular with collectors. Her large oil paintings and abstracts with glowing glazes, encaustic pieces and mobiles are exciting and eye catching.

Attendees included a couple connected to the nearby Pollack-Krasner House, and Franklin Hill Perrell with his wife Emily Franchina. Perrell is the former curator at the Nassau County Museum of Art, and is co-founder of the Artful Circle with Debbie Wells, an award winning graphic designer. Together they create unique art adventures, lectures and a daily email with interesting art facts.

For further information about the art of Deborah Held visit her website deborahheld.wixsite.com

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Get to know Alexis

Who is Alexis McAndrew.

In 2004, Alexis began a successful real estate career alongside top agents. Her expertise spans sales, rentals, purchases, and new development sales across Long Island. Notably, she achieved record-breaking sales for Lattingtown in 2020 and Matinecock in 2022. As a recognized industry professional, Alexis is regularly nominated for Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty's Gold Circle of Excellence and was featured in Long Island Business News' 2020 Who's Who in Real Estate. She is dedicated to providing reliable, knowledgeable, and informative service that instills confidence in her clients' decision-making process. Additionally, Alexis prioritizes community involvement and giving back to the community that she loves. In 2022, Alexis achieved exceptional results in real estate, ranking third in production in her office and selling over \$30M worth of property. As the top seller of Masterpiece Listings at Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty in 2022, she believes in the program's effectiveness. Alexis maintains an award-winning social media presence, engaging not only in real estate but also in discussing current community events.

The current state of the market.

We are in a transitioning market. In Locust Valley, our market is unique due to the lack of inventory and almost no rentals. Homes that are in move in condition and priced slightly below market value have seen multiple bids resulting in over ask sales. Today, the most important thing is pricing. You only have one chance to make a first impression. Now more than ever, sellers should spend time thinking about choosing the best listing broker for their property, because how you market a home matters. I strongly believe in beautiful photos, detailed floor plans, videos, and the power of social media. The right real estate professional truly makes a difference.



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