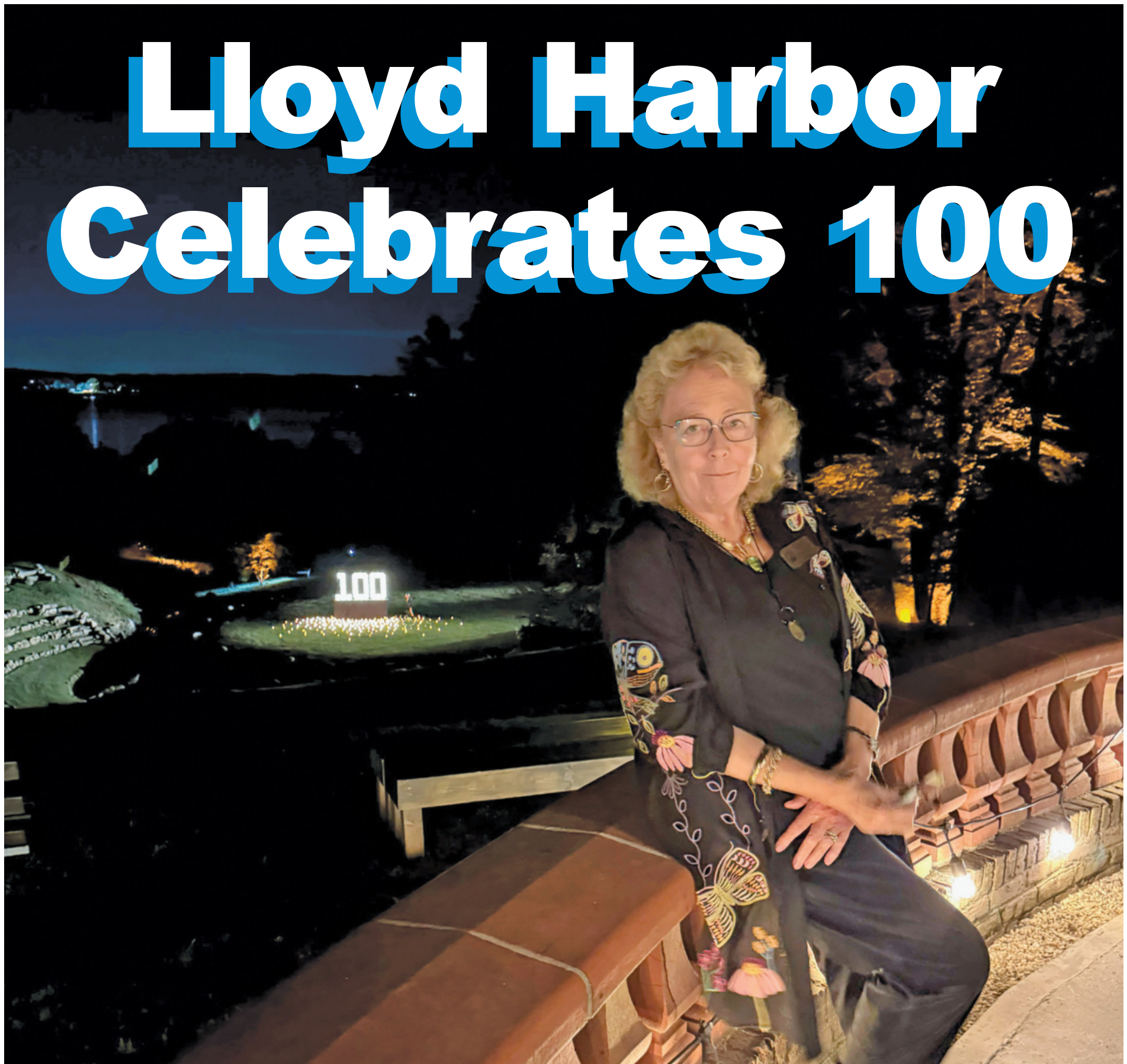




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Smyth: 19% Property Tax Increase for Huntington

By LEADER STAFF

Huntington homeowners are facing a massive 19% tax increase in the 2027 Budget submitted by Supervisor Ed Smyth (R- Halesite).

The tax increase was demanded by Smyth, after he refused to cut what he called "essential services." Smyth claimed it would be "fiscal suicide" for Huntington - or any town - to not impose a huge tax increase.

"Piercing the tax cap this year was publicly predicted by me for several years," claimed Smyth.

Smyth doubled-down on his tax hike demands, holding a press conference on October 6th, where he called upon NY Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature to repeal the 2% tax cap. Under current law, a town tax increase requires a 60% vote if it exceeds the 2% cap set by the state.

Hochul rejected Smyth's tax hike demands, stating "The property tax cap is a critical protection for homeowners... Elected officials across the state should be looking for ways to control costs, not asking homeowners to pay more."

In September, the Huntington Town Board voted - by a vote of 3 to 2 - to pierce the 2% tax cap, with the three

Republicans - Smyth, Theresa Mari and Dave Bennardo - voting "Yes;" and Councilwomen Brooke Lupinacci, a Conservative and Jen Hebert, a Democrat, voting "No."



Ed Smyth

Residents accused Smyth of using "scare tactics" - like closing town beaches early and canceling such Huntington favorites as the Huntington Lighthouse Music Festival to try to force a tax increase. They blame Smyth for "fiscal mismanagement and waste."

Smyth has been criticized in the Northport

Observer newspaper for spending over \$6 million on his Supervisor's office - when the Smithtown Supervisor's office costs the taxpayers only \$800,000.

Smyth recently voted to give himself "lifetime health insurance" and a new \$85,000 Luxury SUV for his personal use. He also bloated his political staff with huge raises of up to 30% or more, and increased the salaries for Town laborers doubling as his political workers from \$28,000 - to nearly \$100,000.

Nearby municipalities - including the Towns of North Hempstead and Oyster Bay - and Nassau County and Suffolk County - have no tax increases for 2027.

DeSena: No Tax Increase for the Town of North Hempstead

By THOMAS NOTHEL

The Town of North Hempstead is freezing taxes for the 2027 Budget - after four consecutive years of tax cuts or freezes - with no reduction to services.

Supervisor Jen DeSena (R-Manhasset) made the announcement and praised the Town's improved public safety, infrastructure, and strong fiscal management.

"This budget process reflects the culture we've built in Town government - one that looks for ways to save, work smarter, and streamline operations," stated Supervisor DeSena. "Every dollar matters to our taxpayers, and we have made it a priority to find efficiencies wherever we can, without compromising the services our residents rely on."

"Our commitment to fiscal responsibility shapes everything we do," added DeSena.

Town taxes were cut in years 2023, 2024, and 2025 and were subsequently held flat with a freeze in 2026.

In addition to a tax freeze, the DeSena administration is estimating a nearly \$1 million operating surplus for Fiscal Year 2026 in the General Fund. DeSena credited her senior staff, department heads, and budget team for their continued commitment to delivering results without raising taxes.

The key components of North



Supervisor Jen DeSena
(Courtesy Town of North Hempstead)

Hempstead's 2027 Proposed Budget Include: No increase in the general fund taxes for the fifth straight year; No cuts in programs and services; Reductions in personnel achieved through retirement incentives; Substantial investments in Town infrastructure; Mandated increases include contractual labor costs, state-mandated pension and health insurance increases, and utility and gas increases

North Hempstead's 2027 Budget continues a successful fiscal approach that, over the past four years, has delivered a cumulative reduction to taxpayers of nearly 22%, while maintaining full services and producing consistent annual operating surpluses.

The Town will hold a public hearing on the Budget on Wednesday October 28 at 7PM. Town of North Hempstead Town Hall, 220 Plandome Road Manhasset.



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Joe Saladino and his team show what competent good government looks like. It doesn't come easily or naturally (just look at the shambles of Huntington next door) - but Saladino has run the best town government on Long Island.

The Leader endorses Joe Saladino for Oyster Bay Supervisor.

JAKE BLUMENCRA NZ FOR NYS SENATE



Jake Blumencranz

The open NYS Senate election in the north shore 7th Senate District (North Hempstead and northern Oyster Bay) has attracted two experienced candidates. But that's where the similarity ends:

Jake Blumencranz is the current Assemblyman from northern Oyster Bay. A moderate Republican, who grew-up locally, he has served since 2022, and earned a bipartisan record of building bridges and getting things done.

The Democrat, Rory Lancman, is the opposite. He is a former New York City Councilman, and Assemblyman - from Queens.

Landsman has a radical record - calling for "defund the police" and a hard left agenda. He left the City - and moved to re-launch his political career in Nassau - after losing primary races to other Democrats in the City.

Lancman is a NYC carpetbagger - who would bring a radical agenda - and hard-left NYC politics to the north shore.

The Leader endorses Jake Blumencranz for NYS Senate.

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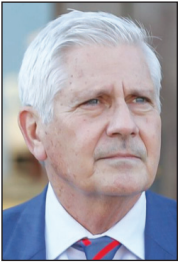
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HOCHUL'S TAXES ARE CRUSHING NEW YORKERS

To the Editor:

The cost of living is crushing families across New York. That is why making New York affordable again is at the heart of my campaign for Governor.



Bruce Blakeman

As Nassau County Executive, I canceled a \$150 million tax increase that was on the books when I took office. As Governor, I will bring that same approach statewide. My plan will eliminate state income tax on the first \$50,000 of income for individual filers and the first \$100,000 for married couples filing jointly. I will also cut utility bills in half.

This is not about political parties. It is about helping families keep more of their hard-earned money and making New York a place where people can

afford to live, work, and raise a family. Please take this message to every corner of New York to defeat Kathy Hochul's machine.

Sincerely,
Bruce Blakeman
Nassau County Executive

WHERE IS THE NEW YORK TIMES?

To the Editor:

With less than a month to go before the election for New York State Attorney General, The New York Times, the ostensible New York paper of record, has failed to write a single word about the race. Saritha Komatireddy is one of the best candidates New York has seen in decades, and not a word. Not one.

Ms. Komatireddy, who was one of the top fraud and terrorism prosecutors in America for more than a decade, and chief of staff to the 10,000-person DEA under President Biden, overwhelmed

incumbent attorney general Letitia James in the one debate that will be held in the race last night. She has prosecuted ISIS, al Qaeda, and the Sinaloa Drug Cartel. She locked up the highest ranking official in Mexico for conspiring with the cartels to flood the U.S. with killer drugs. At age 35, she was the youngest prosecutor in America to be nominated to the federal bench. She was counsel to the federal Horizon Deepwater oil spill investigation. Her record goes on and on.

But not one word.

Let us be clear: The Conservative Party believes that The New York Times is systematically ignoring Ms. Komatireddy's candidacy, and we object to it. We ask that the Gray Lady open her eyes.

Debate: <https://ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/politics/2026/10/08/full-debate--letitia-james--saritha-komatireddy-go-head-to-head-in-state-attorney-general-debate>

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Op-Ed: A Fix to Disability Fraud - That Can Save Us Billions

By STEVE LEVY
Are you were surprised that an individual making \$100,000 in disability payments was recently caught participating in "powerlifting" contests ?

The rise in disability fraud has become one of the greatest scams in this nation's history. So, why are so many people cheating the system ?

Because we let them. We stubbornly refuse to enact the common-sense solutions that would nip this fraud in the bud.

All we need to do is simply require that individuals claiming disability report to a centralized location for eight hours a day, five days a week, just as if they were going to work.

It could be analogous to the assignment of teachers accused of misconduct to show up during the school day in a study hall-type setting known as the rubber room. Why not have a rubber room for all those claiming disability, except for the severely immobile or disabled? We can even allow the option for the individual to perform light-duty chores that can help the public.

Raymond Phillips - the "powerlifting" ex-police officer - claimed that he couldn't work because he injured his arm. But, of course, he was able to lift hundreds of pounds in his powerlifting competition.

Even if we assume he legitimately couldn't utilize his arm to do physical



Steve Levy

work, what would prevent him from doing other types of white- or pink-collar tasks, including using his other arm for filing or for computer entry?

If Phillips knew that every day he was going to have to report to a centralized location, how long do you think it would take for him to say, "Never mind, I had a better gig showing up for work"?

Phillips will no longer be able to stay home and watch TV for most of the day to do part-time work as an electrician, to do his gardening, or to be a personal trainer, if that's what tickled his fancy.

This simple solution would save billions of dollars, given that taxpayers are now on the hook for the \$157 billion - now paid annually into the disability industrial complex (rising from just \$46 Billion in 1996).

The disability program started as a safety net program for those who really needed it — those who lost their eyesight or their limbs.

Back in 1996, there were "only" 4.4 million on the disability rolls. Unfortunately, the system was vastly liberalized, transforming into a secondary welfare program.

Eligibility was relaxed to such an extent in the Obama administration that the number of people on Social Security Disability Income and their beneficiaries (widows and children) rocketed to almost 9 million at its peak in 2014.

During Obama's term, the federal government, according to a Report enti-

tled "Unfit to Work" issued by Chana Joffe-Walt, was spending "more money each year on cash payments for disabled former workers than it [spent] on food stamps and welfare combined."

Most alarming was the growing trend in which back pain and stress constituted the fastest-growing sectors within the disability claims. Over 47% of all new claims stem from mental disorders (a/k/a stress) or musculoskeletal and connective tissue concerns (a/k/a back and neck aches). The problem with these categories is that they are so nebulous and especially susceptible to fraud.

How many of us over 40 don't have a great deal of stress or some type of backache? Should we all be on disability?

This racket is exacerbated by the fact that public sector workers on disability often make more money sitting at home playing video games than going back to work. They may, in some cases, receive up to 100% of their income - tax-free. Retirees are often able to collect up to 75% of their income, tax-exempt.

This incentivizing of fraud was captured in an Empire Center report in 2022 which noted that more than half of retired New York City firefighters left on a disability pension.

Investigations in years past exposed scams in which employees hurt playing in a Sunday morning pick-up football game would go into work the next day and come out of the bathroom claiming

that they slipped on the wet floor. We have made it so easy to perpetrate disability fraud that, at one time, 98% of all Long Island Railroad employees were retiring on disability.

We can continue along this unsustainable route for the taxpayers, or we can solve it overnight by requiring most recipients to report to that centralized "rubber room."

Of course, there'd be some bureaucratic costs in managing the babysitting duties, but the amount we would save by eliminating fraudulent claims would save us billions more.

The bleeding hearts will claim that this is inhumane treatment for people in need. Quite the contrary — the present system is inflicting severe damage on those who are truly disabled since they are getting less money as they have to share the pot with fakers such as Mr. Phillips or the Washington woman who scammed the government by over \$1 million in Bogus Claims.

How much longer are we going to put up with this fleecing of the system?

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Man Falls to His Death From Roof in Locust Valley

The Nassau County Police Department reports the details of a Fatal Aided that occurred on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 11:25 a.m. in Locust Valley.

According to Detectives, Second Precinct Officers responded to a Forest Avenue residence for a man that fell from the roof. Upon arrival, police

observed a 51-year-old male victim lying on the ground with severe head trauma.

It was determined that the victim fell from the first-floor roof after losing his footing. The victim was transported to a local nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead by a hospital physician. The investigation is ongoing.

Assault Arrest at North Shore Hospital



North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset.

The Nassau County Police Department reports the arrest of a Queens man for an incident that occurred on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 3:37 PM in Manhasset.

According to detectives, officers

responded to North Shore University Hospital located at 300 Community Drive for an assault report. Upon arrival, it was determined that a patient became agitated and struck two nurses with a closed fist. Responding officers placed the Defendant Oshane Bernard, 36, of 6126 231st Street, Oakland Gardens, under arrest without incident. The victims,

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The First Place team Suffolk Count Police Department

By PATRICIA BREXEL

New York Institute of Technology hosted their 12th annual police appreciation Cast Iron Chef competition on Thursday, October 15. The event was held at the de Seversky Mansion on the Old Westbury Campus.

“We are so thrilled to once again welcome the hardworking police officers and first responders who help to support and protect our New York Tech community,” said Robert Rizzuto, dining services director for both NYIT de Seversky Mansion and New York Tech. “It is our honor to host this annual event and share our appreciation for your service to our students, faculty, and staff on our Long Island and New York City campuses.”

NYIT holds this fun event to say thanks to the Police Departments that protect their campuses and make NYIT one of the safest campuses in the United States.

Five police departments competed; Nassau County, New York City,

Brookville, Old Westbury, and Suffolk County. Each team consisted of three police officers and were given a box of ingredients that included red cabbage, Granny Smith apples, dried apricots, sweet Italian sausage, pork roast, and pierogies. Each team had 45 minutes to prepare an entree. When the clock started the teams worked hard at chopping, and grilling, while a large crowd of spectators cheered them on.

The Master of Ceremonies was Vincent Olivieri, the Culinary Director of Uncle Giuseppe's Marketplace.

The three judges were Gillis Poll, restaurant owner; Charles Massoud, owner/winemaker of Paumanol Vineyard; and John Schmitt, NY Jets, winner of the 1969 Superbowl.

It was a close competition, the winning team was the Suffolk County Police Department, they beat the New York City Police Department by one point. Third place went to the Nassau County Police Department. Each police department was given a \$2000 donation from New York Institute of Technology Financial Affairs to donate to the charity of their choice.

It was a fun event on the beautiful NYIT campus in Old Westbury. Spectators were treated to refreshments, a delicious buffet made by de Seversky Mansion chefs, and a beautiful sunset.



(L-R) Judges John Schmitt, Gillis Poll, and Charles Massoud



MC Vincent Olivieri



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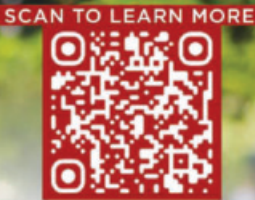
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Bayville Fire Company No. 1 Holds Open House

The Bayville Fire Company held their annual Open House & Fire Prevention Day, Saturday October 10th. Kids and their families met fire-fighters, and Chuck. Chuck is a black Labrador K-9 assigned to the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office. Chuck was trained through the Puppies Behind Bars program, where inmates raised and taught basic skills to the dog before he moved on to fire service training. He specializes in accelerant and chemical detection for arson and fire investigations.

Kids had fun it the bounce house, escaping from a mock house fire. The highlight of the day was a ride on a real fire truck.

Families enjoyed food and drinks

that were provided by the fire department. The Pizza Company7 food truck was making delicious pizza in an fire truck that was turned into a pizza oven!

Throughout the entire month of October, the men and women of the Bayville Fire Company visit schools around the village. They give kids the opportunity to meet the men and women fire-fighters, teaching them about Fire Safety. During the school visits, the kids are all gathered around to see all of the gear our fighters need in case of a fire. They get the chance to see the gear, hear and see different smoke detectors.

The Bayville Fire Company No.1 makes Fire Prevention Week fun and exciting for all ages.

Start of Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the devastating Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871.



Chuck



Jumping to safety!



Pizza Company 7



Wearing real gear.



Getting ready to ride in a fire truck.

Half Hollow Hills, Cold Spring Harbor - Top Schools in Suffolk

By LEADER STAFF

The Half Hollow Hills and Cold Spring Harbor School Districts were ranked as the “Best Schools and Districts” in Suffolk County, in the 2027 Niche Study on public schools across the United States.

The Half Hollow Hills (HHH) district includes Dix Hills and Melville, and earned an A+ overall grade. HHH ranked Number 1 in Suffolk County, Number 13 in New York State, and Number 59 nationwide.

The HHH district has 7,302 students in pre-K through 12th grade and a student-teacher ratio of 12 to 1.

The Cold Spring Harbor (CSH) School District, which includes the communities of Lloyd Harbor, Cold Spring Harbor and Laurel Hollow, placed a close second, also with an overall score of “A+.”

The CSH district has about 1,600 students, and includes communities in both Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Other North Shore Suffolk school districts placing high in the rankings were Harborfields (Centerport-Greenlawn) which placed 4th; Commack which placed 7th; Northport which placed 8th; Elwood which placed 9th; South Huntington, which placed 13th; Kings Park, which placed 25th; and Huntington which placed 28th.

Niche based its district rankings on a thorough analysis of reported statistics - and millions of reviews from students and parents - and secured data from the New York State and US



Cold Spring Harbor High School

Departments of Education.

Half Hollow Hills has been in the news lately as Huntington Town Supervisor Ed Smyth (R-Halesite) is pushing for mass low-income apartment developments in Melville which could impose massive costs and negatively impact the quality of education in the HHH schools.

Smyth rammed-through a 400 unit apartment project earlier this year, to be built by Steele Equities.

He is now trying to force-through another mass apartment project, called “Cornerstone” despite a law in Huntington requiring a "Pause" after the first 400 units are built, to determine the actual impact upon the school district and on the ground water.

The Superintendent and School Board of Half Hollow Hills issued a public letter calling upon Smyth and the Town Board to respect the law, and “pause” any new developments until after the Steele Equities project is finished and occupied.

Smyth has received over \$1 million in campaign donations and expenditures from the builders and developers' lobbyists.

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Lloyd Harbor Celebrates its 100TH Anniversary



The fully-restored Amphitheater on the grounds of the Seminary.

BY LEADER STAFF
The Village of Lloyd Harbor celebrated its 100th anniversary in style - with a series of special receptions, and a 1920's style "Flapper Party" held at the beautifully-restored Amphitheater on the grounds of the Seminary.
"What a wonderful celebration, and what wonderful people to work with" stated Jean Thatcher, the Mayor of Lloyd Harbor as she welcomed celebrants to the historic events.
In 1654, the Matinecock Indians sold 3,000 acres of what is now called Lloyd Neck to English settlers from Oyster Bay. The Matinecock referred to the region as

Caumsett - the place by the sharp rock.
In 1676, James Lloyd acquired the neck, which was then taken over by his son Henry. After Henry's death in 1763, his son Joseph built the Joseph Lloyd Manor House which still stands, but which the British forced him to abandon during the Revolutionary War.
In the 1880s, Lloyd Harbor became a stop for excursion steamboats coming from New York City bringing sightseers, beach day trippers and wealthy New Yorkers.
Lloyd Neck was then part of the Town of Oyster Bay - in Queens County (Nassau County was not created until

1898) - and known as Queens Village.
In 1886 Lloyd Neck was separated from Queens County, by act of the New York Legislature, and annexed to the town of Huntington in Suffolk County.
In 1926 Lloyd Neck and West Neck became incorporated as a single municipality, which was named Lloyd Harbor. Following a referendum vote on the matter of incorporating, Lloyd Harbor officially incorporated as a village on August 16, 1926.
Lloyd Harbor is the largest Village on Long Island, with a total area of 10.6 square miles, and a current population of about 3,800.
In the 1950's the former 1700 acre Marshall Field Estate on Lloyd Neck became Caumsett State Park.
And in a historic 2024 agreement over the 216 acre Seminary of the Immaculate Conception property - Mayor Jean Thatcher negotiated the preservation and division of the property between the Village, the Catholic Church, and New York State - with the land preserved forever - and much of the Seminary building to remain with the Church.
Lloyd Harbor hosted celebratory receptions at the historic Seminary building, and a final "Flapper Style" sunset garden party overlooking the restored Amphitheater and Oyster Bay.
"What a great accomplishment we have done to preserve the beauty of this Village," noted Mayor Thatcher.



Mayor Jean and James Thatcher



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Obituaries

ALVAREZ, E. Cathy, (Cathy Cilmi) 69 of Glen cove, passed away in the early morning of October 5, 2026. Cathy was born in Brooklyn, resided in Glen head for a time, and then lived in Glen Cove for the remainder of her childhood, and of her life. She was a talented Flamenco dancer, and even danced in the Puerto Rican day parade, in her youth. In adulthood Cathy was a skilled knowledgeable hygienist, spending most of her career at Bayville dental. Anyone that knew Cathy knew that she was a warm, bright light full of laughter, with the ability to light up the room and make friends with everyone. She was funny, with a childlike spirit, kind, empathetic, strong, supportive, smart and honest. Cathy knew when someone needed her without them saying a word and was always willing to help. She knew how to make everything seem not so serious and how to make everything ok. Cathy loved and cherished her family, including her late husband, Jorge Alvarez of 46 years, her three children, and two grandchildren. She was a loving dedicated wife, mother and grandmother who checked up on everyone and proudly showed up to every game, concert and ceremony. She loved animals, especially cats, rescuing cats, feeding the birds and squirrels, Disney world, dressing up on Halloween, Christmas and the holidays and buying little gifts for her children and grandchildren regardless of age. She is survived by her three children; Catherine, Jennifer and Michael as well as her two grandchildren; Tyler and Arielle. She is also survived by many other loving family and friends, and her cats. Cathy's generous, and loving heart will live on in the countless lives she has touched.

GALANTE, Angelo "Mike" formerly of Glen Cove, NY on October 13, 2026 age 68. Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father, stepfather & grandfather. Visitation Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Sunday, October 18 2-4pm & 7-



www.DodgeThomas.com

GRAFFEO, Brooke Taylor, age 7, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 8, 2026, surrounded by love and music.

Lovingly known as "Unbreakable Brooke," she touched countless lives with her beautiful smile, extraordinary strength, and remarkable spirit. Throughout her seven years, Brooke faced life's challenges with a courage that inspired so many. Her journey reached far beyond her family and friends, bringing together a community of more than 640,000 followers who came to know, love, and celebrate her. Though her life was far too short, the love she inspired and the impact she made will be forever remembered.

Brooke is survived by her fiercely devoted and loving parents, Gabrielle and Bolivar "Bo"; her adoring grandparents, Patricia and Michael Kefalos, Phuong Nguyen, and the late Charles Graffeo; her loving aunts and uncles, Cassandra Spinato, Charles Graffeo (Heather), Erica Graffeo, and Michelle Hoang; her cherished cousins, Alexa, Mia, and Charles; and her endlessly nurturing and adoring "Aunt" Jen Marquesano. Brooke also leaves behind an extraordinary circle of extended family, dear friends, and countless others whose lives were forever touched by the privilege of knowing and loving her.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy RC Church, 500 S. Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville, NY, on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 11:15 a.m. Cremation is private. A Celebration of Life

9pm. Mass Monday at the Church of St. Rocco 10am. Interment at East Hillside Cemetery. Donations can be made in Angelo's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

will be held at a later date to be announced.

Those wishing to honor Brooke's memory may consider contributing to the family's GoFundMe to offer support during this difficult time. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



CARBONARO, Joan T. of Glen Cove, NY on October 10, 2026 at Age 90. Beloved wife of the late Frank. Loving mother of Denise Macchione (John). Joan enjoyed her life and loved her family. She was always caring, giving, and had a smile on her face. She was a wonderful, loving mother who truly enjoyed life, and she will be dearly missed.

Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



MANUEL, John Gilmour, of Linlithgow, Scotland and Sea Cliff, New York died peacefully after a brief illness on Thursday September 24, 2026, age 88. Born and raised in Glasgow Scotland, the second son of James and Rita (Marshall) Manuel, he leaves behind his children, Allan Manuel and Tina Blaise, his four beloved grandchildren, Sophie and Anna Manuel, and Oliver and Gregor Blaise, his in-laws, Aileen Manuel and JP Blaise, and his partner, Janet Campos. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Gilli.

A graduate of Glasgow University with

a degree in Mechanical Engineering, Gilmour worked for the Canadian Steel Corporation in Hamilton, Ontario before studying at the Harvard Business School. He worked as a business consultant for several years in the US and UK before starting his own engineering business.

An avid and talented sportsman, Gilmour was awarded Blues for Skiing, Field Hockey and Sailing at Glasgow University. He competed in Britain's Challenge for the America's Cup in 1964. Sailing was his enduring passion and saw him racing at the highest level in 8mRs, Dragons, Etchells, and IOD class boats. He was also an International Judge and Umpire, traveling to regattas all over the world. Everywhere he went, he made friends and touched people's lives.

Gilmour lived his life to the maximum, leading from the front. His generosity was legendary, as was his fondness for a really good party. He will be sorely missed.

A memorial will be held for friends and family in Oyster Bay, New York and in Linlithgow Scotland.



McCRINDLE, Max of Glen Cove on October 5, 2026. Beloved son Michael and Alice. Devoted father of Mia. Loving brother of Crindle. Survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in memory of Max to Glen Cove Community Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 691, Glen Cove NY 11542 in honor of Max McCrindle. Interment Private. www.DodgeThomas.com

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Nassau on January 8, 2020, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON (F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK) AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST 2004-4 is the Plaintiff and BILL AKPINAR, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction RAIN OR SHINE at the NASSAU COUNTY SUPREME COURT, NORTH SIDE STEPS, 100 SUPREME COURT DRIVE, MINEOLA, NY 11501, on October 20, 2026 at 2:00PM, premises known as 11 EASTLAND DR, GLEN COVE, NY 11542; and the following tax map identification: 30-36-32.

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 007148/2015. Michael Sepe, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. **All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.**

Aviso Publico

AVISO PÚBLICO A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS
Y A LOS RESIDENTES DE EL
DISTRITO DE AGUA DE LOCUST VALLEY

AQUÍ SE DA AVISO a los votantes calificados y registrados del Distrito De Agua Locust Valley en la ciudad de Oyster Bay, condado de Nassau, estado de Nueva York, que se realizará una elección dentro de dicho distrito en la sede de la oficina de la Junta de Comisionados de Agua de dicho Distrito en 226 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, Long Island, Nueva York, **el martes 8 de diciembre de 2026**. Las urnas estarán abiertas entre las horas de la tres (3:00) en punto y las nueve (9:00) en punto con el propósito de elegir un Comisionado de Agua para dicho Distrito por un período de tres (3) años a partir **del 1 de enero de 2027** y hasta el **31 de diciembre de 2029**.

SE RESUELVE ADEMÁS que cada votante debe estar registrado en la Ciudad bajo registro permanente y registrado desde la dirección desde la cual desea votar para tener derecho a votar por el Comisionado del Distrito de Agua. Además, dicho votante deberá haber residido en el Distrito del Agua durante al menos treinta días después de la elección y ser ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, de dieciocho años o más.

De conformidad con las disposiciones y requisitos de la Subdivisión 20 de la Sección 215 del Artículo 13 de la Ley del Pueblo del Estado de Nueva York, según enmendada, los candidatos para el cargo de Comisionados del Agua deberán presentar sus nombres y nominaciones en forma de petición ante el Secretario de la Junta de Comisionados del Agua del Distrito de Agua de Locust Valley en su sede en 226 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, Long Island, New York a mas tardar al cierre del negocio a las 4:30 p.m. en o antes del viernes **6 de noviembre del 2026** y que tales nominaciones deben ser suscritas por al menos veinticinco votantes registrados del Distrito de Agua de Locust Valley.

No se aceptarán boletas de voto ausente en las elecciones de este año.

Por Orden de la Junta de Comisionados del Agua del Distrito de Agua de Locust Valley.

Patricia Peterson
Peter Brown
Charles A. Savinetti, Jr.

Fechada: Locust Valley, Nueva York
la ciudad de Oyster Bay
16 de octubre del 2026

Five North Shore High School
Commended Students



The 5 Commended Students. Photo: Shelly Newman

North Shore High School Principal Eric Contreras, along with Director of Counseling, Mr. Daniel Doherty, recently announced that the following five North Shore High School seniors including Leonora Atmadjaja, Ariana Bridges, Chivonne Cheung, Mahiya Vira, and Paolo Wang were recognized for their exceptional academic promise as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Approximately 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional

academic promise. Commended students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2026 competition by taking the 2024 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

We are all proud of our Commended Students for their accomplishments in and out of the classroom. The North Shore School District looks forward to hearing more about their continued future successes throughout the 2026-27 school year. Congratulations!

Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
OF THE LOCUST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified and registered voters of the LOCUST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT in the Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York, that an election will be held within said District in the office Headquarters of the Board of Water Commissioners of said District at 226 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, Long Island, New York, on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2026

The polls will be open between the hours of three (3:00) o'clock P.M. and nine (9:00) o'clock P.M. for the purpose of the election of a Water Commissioner for the said District for a term of three (3) years beginning **January 1, 2027**, and expiring **December 31, 2029**.

Said election is called pursuant to Section 212 of Article 13 of the Town Law of the State of New York, as amended.

In order to be entitled to vote for Water District Commissioner, every voter must be registered to vote in the Town under permanent registration with the Nassau County Board of Elections from the address from which he/she wishes to vote. Further, said voter shall have been a resident in the Water District for at least thirty (30) days next preceding the election and be a citizen of the United States, eighteen (18) years or over in age.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Subdivision 20 of Section 215 of Article 13 of the Town Law of the State of New York, as amended, candidates for the office of Water Commissioner shall file their names and nominating petitions with the Secretary of the Board of Water Commissioners of the Locust Valley Water District at its Headquarters on 226 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, New York during regular business hours, no later than 4:30 p.m. on or before **Friday, November 6, 2026** and that such nomination petitions must be subscribed by at least twenty-five (25) registered voters of the Locust Valley Water District. Petition forms may be obtained from the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners at the Locust Valley Water District Headquarters.

No absentee ballots will be accepted at this year's election.

By Order of the Board of Water Commissioners of the Locust Valley Water District.

Patricia Peterson
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Dated: Locust Valley, New York
Town of Oyster Bay
October 16, 2026

Nolan at the Movies: Take a Seat Over There - While I Review “Primetime”



A poster for the film.

BY NOLAN CLEARY

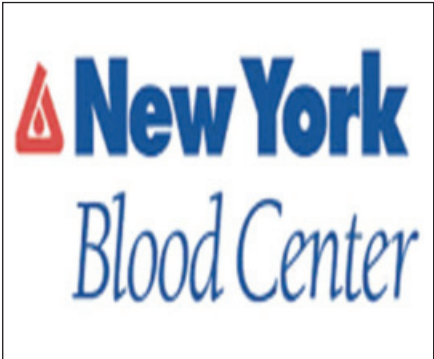
The buzz around “Primetime” - the recent movie biopic about Chris Hansen, the host of television’s “To Catch a Predator” - is of a daring attempt to paint Hansen, who’s career has been defined by his attempts to track down and arrest child predators, in a negative light. The film has made headlines lately, after Hansen himself denounced the film as a “hit piece,” intended to smear his reputation.

Yet, for every exciting punch that’s been thrown between Hansen and the production company A24, the truth about release of "Primetime" is a far more disheartening crime - the movie just isn’t very interesting. Directed by Lance Oppenheim, Primetime stars Robert Pattinson (of Twilight and Batman fame) in the lead role, following the rise and fall of Hansen’s now famous show on Dateline, where he dupes and snares unsuspecting pedophiles who seek to prey on young children with whom they interact online. Throughout the film, Hansen is “reimagined.” He is shown not as the calm, quiet, and strategic journalist depicted on his NBC program, but as a ravenous, unhinged zealot on a mission from God, to rid the world of a horrific evil. Oppenheim, who comes from a documentary background, does his best to provide visual sustenance to what feels like an empty shell of a story. His direction injects a raw, cynical, mockumentary-like quality into a production in desperate need of sincerity and candor. The screenplay from Ajon Singh does nothing to even hold its own weight. As a film, Primetime bluffs on its own premise, failing to deliver on the haughtiness of its manufactured and publicity-hungry controversies.

For all that has been alleged about the Primetime project, what is most alarming is how little this film has to add to a larger conversation. The internal conflict demonstrated in the film is far from novel: A group of starry eyed dreamers push their intentions of success to their limits, ultimately leading to a conclusion that destroys everything they built up. This concept is neither new nor innovative. Robert Pattinson, in spite of his solid talent, is badly miscast as Hansen, possessing all the subtlety of an overactive and schizophrenic hyena. The basic dilemma of Primetime is

seemingly intelligible enough: Where should the line be drawn between running a serious journalistic profession, and running a business ? But with the film running at under two hours, it lacks the time and space to explore any of these themes with nuance, cramming every idea together in an unsatisfying mish-mash of jumbled ideas and messages. To quote the real life Hansen when he confronts a foiled would-be pedophile who is whining about his innocent intentions, while the cameras roll, and police handcuff him, “You do see how this looks, right?”

Urgent Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast in Bayville



New York Blood Center is holding a Urgent Blood Drive at the St. Gertrude’s Parish Center, 28 School Street, Bayville. The Blood drive takes place Sunday October 18th, from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The Knights of Columbus will be serving a FREE delicious Pancake Breakfast to all who participate. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins are welcome. Contact Ed Willie at 516-776-0743 or EJWillie@gmail.com for more information.

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