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Snapper Derby Season



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Saturday, September 6th the Mill River Rod and Gun Club sponsored the 45th Annual Pat and Jimmy Carroll Children's Snapper Derby.
(Top) Participants in front of the club house. (L-R) Kids enjoying the hot dogs; Jim Carroll with club president John Kahler; fishing on the dock in Bayville.



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Oyster Bay Plants Historic Marker at Downtown’s Oldest Business



(L-R) Town of Oyster Bay Receiver of Taxes Jeff Pravato, Councilwoman Vicki Walsh, Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips, Town Clerk Rich LaMarca, and Supervisor Joseph Saladino, joined with property owners and chamber representatives to unveil a historical marker.



County Comptroller Elaine Phillips addresses the crowd.

continuously operated business in the hamlet of Oyster Bay. Officials also cel-

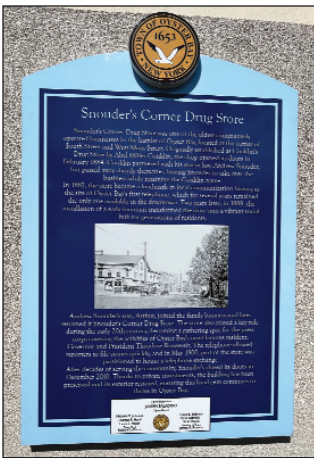
Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and the Town Board joined with local community representatives to unveil a historical marker at Snouder’s Corner Drug Store, the oldest

ebrated the grand opening of new French restaurant L’Etoile at the location, and thanked property owners Tim Lee and Claudia Taglich, as well as businessown-ers including the Milana family who operate L’Etoile. Snouder’sCorner Drug Store, the old-est operating business in Oyster Bay, was home to the first and only telephone in the community in the 1880s. When Theodore Roosevelt became Governor of New York, and later the President, the press corps would gather at Snouder’s so they could transmit news from Oyster



Grand opening ribbon cutting at the new French restaurant L’Etoile.

Bay. In 1889 Mr. Snouder installed a soda fountain, which became a center of social life for several generations of young people, who enjoyed soda and refreshments at the establishment for almost a century, into the 1970s. “Today, we honor the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a prosperous future in our hamlet thanks to the commitment of those who have helped bolster our



The historical marker

downtown and preserve our history,” said Supervisor Saladino. Town Clerk LaMarca added, “I’ve been very proud to work with and be part of great organiza-tions like the Oyster Bay Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Association and Historical Society – who hold a true partner-ship in our hamlet and ensure that our great history is forever remem-bered and appreciated.”

Two New Homes to Fall For

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13 Prospect Street, Glen Head, NY 11545

2 BD | 1 BA | Asking \$650,000

Situated in Glen Head, this 2-bedroom, 1-bath home features a cozy floor plan filled with character and thoughtful details. Perfectly located near shops, restaurants, beaches, and transportation, within the North Shore School District. A home full of character and possibilities.

Oyster Bay \$30M Chinese Scammers Face Prison



Sherry Li with President Trump (courtesy Facebook)

BY RUPERT DEEDES
For more than a decade, Sherry Xue Li and Lianbo “Mike” Wang of Oyster Bay promoted ventures in New York under the name “China City of America.” Now both are convicted federal criminal felons facing years in prison for running a \$30 million-plus “Ponzi scheme.”

Li and Wang told prospective backers—many of them in China—that their money would not only help build a private educational campus, but would also obtain American “green cards” through an EB-5 program; access to prominent politicians; and investment returns (including an eventual IPO).

In 2022, federal prosecutors in the Eastern District of New York unsealed a complaint charging Li and Wang with: (1) wire-fraud conspiracy, (2) money-laundering conspiracy, and (3) conspiracy to defraud the United States by obstructing the Federal Election Commission’s enforcement of campaign-finance law.

Agents alleged the pair raised tens of millions of dollars on false promises and then used investor funds—rather than their own—to buy their way into high-dollar political fundraisers and to make unlawful campaign contributions in their own names. Both were arrested that day.

The complaint described an intricate, multi-layered scheme: roughly \$16.5 million from EB-5 seekers promised permanent residency, plus additional millions from stock purchasers who were told that the company would go public.

Prosecutors said the “green cards” never materialized, the IPO never happened, and the TEC campus never got beyond showy but insubstantial steps – all the while, large sums were diverted to shell companies, personal spending, and political donations which masked foreign sources.

A distinctive feature of the case was

the political-access angle. Prosecutors said Li and Wang collected money from foreign nationals and then unlawfully contributed those funds under their own names to various U.S. political committees.

One such contribution led to the couple being invited to attend a June 2017 fundraiser where Li posed for photos with then-President Donald Trump and the First Lady. Those images were later used in promotional materials to impress prospective investors.



Sherry Li



Mike Wang

The government’s filings and subsequent coverage emphasized that the “straw” donations were financed by foreign-sourced funds – mostly from China – and then routed through the defendants.

The charges spotlight the threat to fair elections “free from unlawful foreign influence.” The unlawful-contribution theory here wasn’t that foreign nationals gave directly, but that Li and Wang allegedly used investor funds to make contributions in their own names—classic straw-donor behavior that masks a foreign source. The defendants then leveraged photo-ops to market credibility to future investors, according to the government.

Public records show the original “China City of America” proposal never secured local approvals, and the successor TEC concept never matured into an accredited, operating campus. The land became a “stage set” for investor tours and renderings rather than the revenue-generating institution investors were promised.

Lianbo Mike Wang is now serving a five-year federal sentence imposed in 2024 after his guilty plea.

Sherry Xue Li pleaded guilty on July 30th, where she agreed to forfeit \$31.5 million and three properties and faces up to 20 years in prison at a December 2025 sentencing. She has been detained since her 2022 arrest.

Holy Child Academy Launches New School Year with New Leadership

BY LEADER STAFF

The Holy Child Academy in Old Westbury has launched their 2025-26 school year with new leadership, and a new energy and vision for excellence.

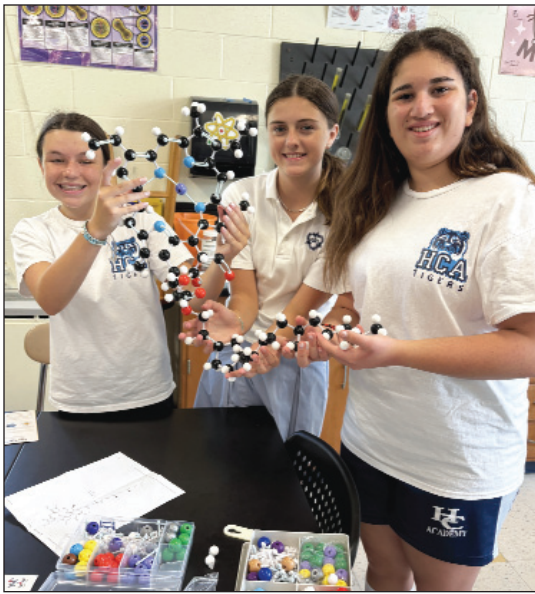
HCA welcomed a new Head of School - Margaret Marchand - the former President of the Locust Valley School Board, along with new Principal Dr. Martorelli, a respected and distinguished leader in education.

“HCA is embracing a bold vision that blends academic excellence, character development, and innovation,” stated Marchand. “All rooted in a tradition of faith and service, since the school’s founding in 1959.”

This year also marks the launch of several new initiatives, including Long Island’s first and only Lacrosse Academy integrated into a school setting. This unique program is designed to support student-athletes without compromising their academic experience, offering elite coaching alongside a rigorous curriculum.

Students were welcomed back to a newly renovated Library, a space reimagined for collaborative learning, research, and exploration.

“We are committed to developing



Holy Child Eighth Grade Students Build Complex Molecule Models (courtesy HCA)

well-rounded students—scholars, athletes, artists, and leaders—on our beautiful campus,” said Marchand. “Holy Child Academy is a guidepost for what education can be on Long Island: joyful, purposeful, and rooted in strong values.”

As families seek alternatives to traditional models of education, Holy Child Academy continues to stand out as a nurturing, forward-thinking community dedicated to helping every child thrive.

Holy Child Academy has a website at www.holychildacademy.org

Congressman Tom Suozzi Meets Pope Leo XIV



Pope Leo XIV and Congressman Tom Suozzi

Congressman Tom Suozzi had a private audience with Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Suozzi had the private audience after attending the International Catholic Legislators Network, an annual conference of Catholic lawmakers

held just outside of Rome.

“Meeting Pope Leo XIV was a truly unforgettable moment for me,” stated Suozzi. “I am grateful for his principled messages of hope, and our audience recentered in me the power of faith and humanity in public service.”

Op-Ed: Protecting Our Kids & Keeping Nassau County Safe

As County Executive, I am proud to announce that Nassau County has reached unprecedented levels of safety during my time in office. Despite having a higher population than ten U.S. states, our crime numbers have continued to decline every year. After falling by 9% in 2024, major crimes are now down by over 13% in Nassau County year-to-date in 2025. This is a massive accomplishment for our Nassau County Police Department, and it's a major reason why we continue to be regarded as the safest county in America.

But despite our accomplishments, we know that we can never rest on our laurels. Every day, we strive to find new ways to bring security and peace of mind to our residents. One of my top priorities is protecting our children from criminals who threaten their security at school. With a new academic year underway, many parents might be feeling anxious about shootings and other devastating events that have repeatedly happened

across our country. However, I am taking every possible step to ensure that those tragedies do not happen in Nassau County.

Last month, I announced that the Nassau County Police Department was creating and deploying a new Strategic Response Team to specifically safeguard our schools and mitigate any threats to students, teachers, and faculty. The team is made up of dozens of dedicated police officers who work closely with school officials to identify and prevent potential threats. I'm proud to say that the team's deployment was a complete success for this year's back-to-school transition, and it will be a critical tool moving forward for all our educational institutions in Nassau County.

Part of keeping our children safe is also ensuring that the streets they live on are free from crime. The Nassau County Police Department is doing an excellent job of collaborating with local, state, and federal partners to achieve this goal. Just last month, we coordinated a tactical

takedown of gang members with the assistance of ICE officials. We arrested dozens of dangerous criminals in less than a week, with many of them being known members of gangs like MS-13, the 18th Street Gang, and the Trinitarios.

This monumental achievement was the largest gang takedown in Nassau County history, and it helped remove illegal criminals who had no business being here in the first place. Nassau County is NOT a sanctuary county, and we will not tolerate criminality from illegal migrants who threaten our neighborhoods.

Tackling public safety issues is critically important to me, which is why I have made so many investments in our local police. While other counties and leaders are reducing their focus on public safety and seeing an increase in crime, I have authorized hiring over 600 police and correctional officers during my time in office. I plan to expand our law enforcement hires even further in the years to come to continue giving our residents the security they deserve.

Our officers will be the best in the nation thanks to a brand-new police training village that we opened this summer. This critical resource will ensure that the brave men and women who protect us receive the best available training

alongside our federal, state, and local partners. The real-life scenarios and exercises they undertake there will give them the necessary experience to handle any situation they encounter while on the job with confidence.

In addition to receiving the best training, my administration and the Nassau County Legislature are ensuring that our police have the necessary funding to access the most advanced equipment and resources. It is my goal that every police officer working for Nassau County is put in the best position to do their job effectively so they can return home safely at the end of their shift.

My administration's commitment to the safety and well-being of our residents has never been stronger. Under my leadership, we will continue to prioritize the safety of our communities so that every resident can live, work, and prosper without fear. This means not only maintaining and enhancing our law enforcement resources but also fostering strong relationships between our police, local organizations, and the community. We will engage with residents, listen to their concerns, and respond proactively to keep our streets safe. Together, we will ensure that Nassau County remains the best place to live for everyone.



County Executive
Bruce Blakeman

Op-Ed: Let AI Re-draw District Lines

By STEVE LEVY

In Texas, we see Democratic state legislators flying the coop as Republicans try to manipulate the redistricting process to maximize Republican districts.

Meanwhile, in New York, Republicans are complaining that the Democrat-controlled legislature is trying to maximize redistricting to their advantage.

It's the same old story where both sides of the aisle play games on redistricting to benefit themselves. It's why reformers have been pushing for decades to get the process out of the hands of self-interested elected officials whose only goal is to protect their incumbency.

When I was county executive, I passed a landmark bill to take the role of redrawing the lines away from the elected officials and place it instead with an Independent panel. It was passed with great fanfare with the governor coming to Suffolk County to lend support as I signed the legislation.

But, lo and behold, several years later, when it was about to kick in, the Democrat-controlled legislature abolished the reform and went back to the old system of having the legislature control the process. This was done, of course, because, at the time, the Democrats were in control.

It's wrong for either party to manipulate this process.

It's true that the Republicans in Texas are throwing a new fly into the ointment by opting to implement the 10-year redistricting process — which usually coincides with the disclosure of the new census — five years earlier than normal. They're doing this to try to get as many as five new seats for the GOP prior to the 2026 midterms.



Steve Levy

Now, Democratic Governors from California and New York - and elsewhere - are warning that they will do the same to maximize seats for Democrats before the next census.

But the Democrats don't have clean hands here, either.

We need independence. But some complain that even when you appoint good government groups and

retired judges to do it, politics will still come into play.

Ironically, it was in New York, where a voter-approved 2014 referendum to establish such independence was sought to be circumvented by the Democrats.

When New York's independent panel established a more independent drawing of the lines, the Democrats immediately sought to ignore it and drew their own partisan districts. The GOP brought suit upholding the independent lines which led to Republicans picking up four crucial seats in New York in 2022, handing the House of Representatives back to the GOP.

The Democratic majority even had the audacity to revamp the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals, by forcing out the moderate Democratic Chief Justice, and putting in place a far leftist jurist who supports their gerrymandering.

Unfortunately, even well-intentioned attempts of reform can often fail to produce the desired results. Take California, which in 2008 passed a Referendum - supported by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger - to create an Independent Commission to draw the lines.

If its goal was to create fair districts that would create a better bipartisan balance, it was a failure.

At the time of the referendum's passage, California had 34 Democrats and 19 Republicans from the state's congressional caucus. By 2025, there were 9 Republican seats left throughout the state.

While much of this can be attributed to changing demographics and political issues of the day, some of it might be attributable to the biases of even those appointees who are claimed to be non-partisan.

So, here is a solution. Why not have the lines redrawn by using Artificial Intelligence ?

Just log in that we want the fairest redistricting possible to create as bal-

anced a district as possible from the perspective of demographics and political party registration. That would take the politics out of the system and make our races more competitive. And best of all, it would ultimately make our elected officials more reactive to the center rather than the extremes on both sides of the political spectrum.

Of course, the outcome of AI is only as good as what is inputted. Care must be given to ensure that a balanced group of nonpartisan technocrats prepare the algorithms, as opposed to party hacks. To maximize the potential for delivering the fairest lines possible, take a grouping of five potential maps spit out by the computer and throw them into a lottery barrel and pick a winning plan randomly, as it was once tried in North Carolina before partisan lawsuits marred the process.

There's no foolproof solution, but AI may present the best of all the options available.

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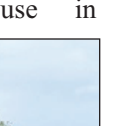
Jake Finamore lecturing at the Bayville library.

By Patricia Brexel

A young and aspiring historian, Jake Finamore gave a lecture at the Bayville library on the “Forgotten Estates of Bayville, Long Island”.

Jake is a sixteen year-old junior at Locust Valley High School, who at a

young age developed an interest in the old estate and mansions on the gold coast of the north shore. His father would drive him around and they would check out all the old estates.



When Jake learned the Calendar House in Bayville owned by the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County was for sale, he felt compelled to try to save it from destruction. So Jake started researching the mansion. While researching her learned that Bayville had over 14 large Estate Homes back in the great Gatsby era. Only a few are left. Some were demolished, and others destroyed by fire.

Patricia Broxel



The Calander House, 85 Bayville Avenue.
Photos: Patricia Brexel

He compiled all his research and gave a through lecture on all the properties and the original owners.

David Rapelje the director of the Bayville Historical Museum was so impressed by the young man's research, he asked Jake to help him with the next exhibit at the museum.

If anyone has old photos or documents of Bayville, the museum would

like copies of them. Call David at the museum (516) 628-1720.

Like Jake, and so many Bayville residents wish that who ever buys Calendar House will restore it, and turn it into a hotel and catering hall, like the Ohoka Castle, in Huntington. But sadly Gary Melius, the owner of Ohoka Castle, who put his heart and soul into the renovations, just filed for bankruptcy.

GC National Night Out

It was a special National Night Out for Mayor Pam Panzenbeck and her team of republican Councilmen: Michael Ktistakis, Grady Farnan, and Kevin Maccaroni who were on hand to celebrate the 40 years of service by Chief Witton this past August 5th.

Chief Witton mentioned that he has been attending this special night out for all in the surrounding community for 18 years. He acknowledged the Mayor and her administration on the hiring of 12 police officers the past 3 and a half years and is grateful to lead them and his department.

He also mentioned how thankful he was for his family and his mentors who have supported him on his 40 year tenure. He hopes that the tradition of National Night Out will go on for generations and was honored to be recognized for his service.

Mayor Panzenbeck and her team is proud of his accomplishments.



National Night Out gives residents the chance to build relationships with Glen Cove's police officers and learn about the many programs.



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Dr. Stephen Greenberg Honored



Dr. Stephen Greenberg and Dr. Eve Lupenko

By VICTORIA CROSBY

Dermatologist and former Glen Cove City Councilwoman, Dr. Eve Lupenko recently attended a reception for Dr. Stephen Greenberg, at Callisa restaurant in Southampton, where he was honored as the cover feature of Social Life Magazine.

Dr. Lupenko has been the Director of Dermatology at Greenberg Cosmetic Surgery and Dermatology for almost eight years, and practices in the Woodbury and Syosset offices.

Both Drs. Greenberg and Lupenko have won awards for their expertise in their fields.

Dr. Greenberg is a double board certified nationally renowned plastic surgeon who has appeared on many television shows including CBS and NBC. He has

over thirty years of experience. He also has practices in Southampton, Boca Raton and Manhattan.

Dr. Greenberg has received the Long Island Choice award for Best Cosmetic Surgeon. He was one of 500 doctors worldwide to receive the RealSelf 500 Award, which recognizes the top influencers on the Real Self platform. He has been recognized as the Best Cosmetic Surgeon in the Best of the City awards for four consecutive years.

Dr. Lupenko is an award-winning board-certified dermatologist with more than twenty-eight years of experience. This year she was named Best Dermatologist on Long Island at the Herald Choice Awards, Best Cosmetic Dermatologist on Long Island at the Long Island Beauty Awards. Dr. Lupenko also was named this year and for the past several years by Castle Connolly as both a Top Doctor in Dermatology on Long Island and as an Exceptional Women in Medicine on Long Island.

Guests at the reception sipped cocktails and nibbled on hors d'oeuvres as they enjoyed the wonderful weather outside the tented area of the restaurant.

Later in the evening a full moon gave a magical glow to the event.

For further information visit www.greenbergcosmeticsurgery.com.

Mill River Hosts Children's Snapper Derby



Club members that prepared the lunch for the kids.

By PATRICIA BREXEL

The Mill River Rod and Gun Club held their 45th Annual Pat and Jimmy Carroll Children's Snapper Derby. The Derby took place at the West Harbor docks in Bayville. It was a beautiful Saturday, the tide was right, and the docks were filled with children eager to catch some snappers. Snappers are baby bluefish.

The club provided poles and bait for all the children. The fish were biting that day, and stealing the bait. But only four kids caught one fish each. So they all tied for first place, and each one received a new fishing pole complete with a reel.

The fishing derby is in honor of the late Jimmy Carroll and his wife Pat.

Jimmy was one of the founders of the Mill River Rod and Gun Club. Pat and served to all the kids and their families.

Following all the fishing fun, kids and their families went over to the club for a delicious lunch of hot dogs, and snacks. Prizes were awarded, and raffles were won. Parents and kids thanked the all the club members for this so enjoyable free event!



Parents helping their children fish.



Delicious lunch at the club house.



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St. John’s 72nd Country Fair September 12th, 13th and 14th



Children enjoying treats at last year’s fair.

By Victoria Crosby

This is an event that everyone looks forward to attending. St. John’s of Lattingtown Country Fair. This year is the 72nd year that the fair has been held and there will be another wonderful family event on Saturday September 13 and Sunday September 14.

Chairmen Victoria Lentine, Cat Colella Graham, and Susan Moore along with a large committee of volunteers, have been working hard for many months to ensure that the fair will be fun for the whole family. There will be games and rides for the children, antiques, collectible items, clothing and much more for the adults, and food for everyone

from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, September 13.

Sunday, September 14, is St. John’s Appreciation Day. \$10 will allow a bargain shopper to fill a bag up with some of the items that remain unsold from Saturday, from 10am to 2pm. There will also be an outside service, Mass on the Grass, at 10.30am. All are welcome.

The fair is the primary source of outreach funding for the many organizations in the community that St. John’s supports.

St. John’s of Lattingtown is located at the corner of Lattingtown, Overlook and Old Tappen Roads in Locust Valley.

For further information visit stjlat.org or call 516 671-3226

Community Yard Sale



St. Gertrude’s Rosary Guild will sponsor a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, October 4th, 9am-3pm in the parking lot of St. Gertrude’s Church in Bayville. They had a full house last year with many interesting items for sale.

Come and enjoy a fun day of shopping! Vendor spots are still available. \$25 reserves 2 parking spaces. Please provide your own tables, set up, and clean up. The Guild will provide the permit, and the advertising.

St Gertrude’s Church parking lot is located at 28 School Street, Bayville.

To reserve your space, email: stgertrudesrosaryguild@gmail.com, or call (516) 459-6218.

Author Lecture: The Man Who Shot J.P. Morgan

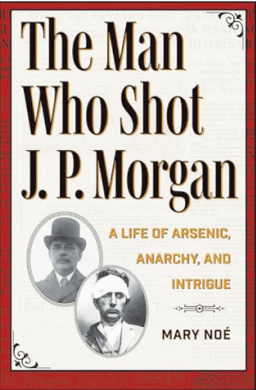
Author Lecture: The Man Who Shot J.P. Morgan, by Mary No  , at the North Shore Historical Museum. Thursday, September 18, 7:00 PM \$10 members | \$15 nonmembers, The thrilling, true story of a prolific criminal’s many identities and exploits.

The Man Who Shot J. P. Morgan tells the gripping true story of Erich Muentner, a Harvard professor who vanished after his wife’s suspicious death, reemerged under a new identity as Frank Holt, and later attempted to assassinate financier J. P. Morgan Jr. Amid a Capitol bombing and rising fears before World War I, Muentner’s web of false identities and radical motives stunned the nation.

Mary No   is a lawyer, writer, and professor at St. John’s University. After high school, she worked for the FBI and later became the only female bus driver among 700 men at Varsity Transit, sparking a gender discrimination case. A magna cum laude graduate of Brooklyn College and St. John’s Law, she has served as an administrative law judge and an Impartial Hearing Officer under IDEA.

The book is now on sale at the museum for \$24.95. This title is highly recommended for both history buffs and thrill-seekers alike! Books will be available for purchase at the lecture.

North Shore Historical Museum located at 140 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542.



The Man Who Shot J.P. Morgan, by Mary No  .

Grand Re-Opening of the Second Precinct



Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder address the crowd after the ribbon cutting. Photo: NCPD

Thursday, September 4, the Nassau County Police Department held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new 2nd Precinct, on Jericho Tpke., Woodbury.

The precinct was destroyed by fire back in November of 2022. The 2nd Precinct patrols many towns and village in the north east of Nassau County.

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Obituaries



BARRETTA, Rosa of Glen Cove, NY on September 1st, 2025 at age 89. Beloved wife of the late Pietro. Loving mother of Maria Cosimo (the late Antonio), Filomena Iona and Salvatore (Theresa). Dear sister of Caterina, Francesco and the late Salvatore. Proud grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 13. Rosa was a peacemaker who loved her family. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



BRUNETTI, Albert M. of Bayville, NY on August 30, 2025 age 92. Beloved husband of Rosemarie. Loving father of Mark (Lucienne), the late Michael (Dawn), the late Paul & Daniel (Patricia). Dear brother of the late John & the late Louise Whitehead. Proud grandfather of 10. Adored great-grandfather of 5. Also survived by nieces & nephews. Interment at St. Charles Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



DEMITA, Lois M., age 91, of Glen Cove, NY, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2025. Born on March 22, 1934, in Geneva, Alabama, to George and Helen Smith, Lois grew up surrounded by her many siblings, cousins, aunts, and uncles. After graduating from Geneva High School, she attended Massey Business College, where she trained as a bookkeeper. Over the years, she worked in various roles and was fortunate to

meet many well-known figures, including Hank Williams, Louis Armstrong, and Gary Cooper.

In 1955, Lois moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and a few years later was accepted into Eastern Airlines' Flight Attendant School in Miami, Florida. She was later stationed in Jackson Heights, Queens. In May 1956, she met her future husband, Frank DeMita. The couple married in July 1957 and settled in Valley Stream, New York. At that time, Eastern's policy did not allow married women to remain as flight attendants, so Lois embarked on a new career path. She soon passed the Civil Service examination and became the Administrative Assistant to the Principal at the local junior high school, a position she held with dedication for 20 years.

While raising her two sons, Lois remained deeply involved in her community. She served as President of the Wheeler Avenue Elementary School PTA, supported her sons' education and activities, and created a warm and welcoming home. In 1988, after both sons completed college and began their own careers, Lois and Frank retired—Lois from her school position and Frank as both an Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Chairman of his Credit Union. They later sold their Valley Stream home and moved to Glen Cove.

Lois will be fondly remembered for her many talents and passions. She was an accomplished cook, mastering both her native Southern cuisine and the flavors of Southern Italian cookery. Her elaborate birthday cakes were legendary among her family. A voracious reader, Lois had a particular love for mysteries by Agatha Christie, P.D. James, and Dorothy L. Sayers, as well as the wit of P.G. Wodehouse. It was not unusual for her to return from the Valley Stream Public Library with an armful of books, only to find she had already read half of them. Her sense of humor, warmth, and love of learning

left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Lois is survived by her devoted husband of 68 years, Frank DeMita; her sons, Frank Jr. and his wife Georgia, and Michael and his wife Lilli, and her beloved grandchildren, Ryan and Serena. She is also survived by many relatives and friends who cherished her. She will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered. www.DodgeThomas.com



LaBella, Christopher M. of Locust Valley, NY on August 17, 2025 at Age 53. Beloved brother of Deborah Gaglio (the late Frank), Michael (Tina) and Robert (Dorothy). Loving uncle of David, Sebastian, Michael and Ryan. Chris was an animal lover, a devoted Ranger fan and the size of his heart was beyond compare. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



MATTNER, Robert "Bob" of Sea Cliff, NY, on August 13, 2025. Beloved husband of the late Virginia. Loving father of Kathryn Rae Mattner and Jonathan Robert Mattner. Dear brother of the late Paul Mattner (Ellie) and Richard (Jacqueline) Mattner and broth er-in-law of the late Donald Lichte (Kay) and Larry Lichte (the late Dolores). He is also survived by

many nieces and nephews. Burial at St. Paul's Church Yard, Glen Cove. www.Whitting.com

McDONNELL, Caitlin of Hicksville, NY on August 24, 2025 at Age 35. Loving daughter of Nancy and Matthew. Dear sister of Matthew. Also survived by great-aunt Margaret Conologue and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Interment is Private. www.DodgeThomas.com

NELSON, Grace Ann passed away peacefully on August 17, 2025 at the Age of 70, after a long struggle with respiratory ailments.

Grace was predeceased by her father Alan C. Nelson and her mother Grace G. Nelson. She is survived by her dear brother Bruce Nelson as well as numerous loving cousins. One of her cousins recalls her as always smiling, cheerful, interested in others and sweet.

Grace was born in Glen Cove, NY and was a lifelong resident of Long Island. She spent her childhood in Sea Cliff and Locust Valley before relocating to Elmont, NY with her former husband Kenneth Cortis, where she lived for much of her life. Grace enjoyed swimming and cherished time spent with friends at the beach. She also loved her pet dogs and cats, which she had many.

Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. A memorial service is planned for 1:00pm on Friday, September 12, 2025 at Locust Valley Cemetery. Inurnment to follow at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

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PANTAZAKOS, Achilles “Archie” of Glen Cove, NY on August 31, 2025, at age 90. Beloved Husband of Andromahi. Loving father of Paul (Sui Lan Zhou) & Michael (Lisa Fiderer). Devoted son of the late Apostolos & Eleni. Dear brother of Angeliki (Christophoros), the late Mihalís, the late Freideriki & the late Petros (Fotini). Proud grandfather of Alexa, Achilles Alexander & Andromahi Zoe. Also survived by many loving nieces & nephews. The interment at St. Paul’s Churchyard Glen Cove. www.Dodgethomas.com

ROBB, Clare Patricia (Butler), 94, of Quogue, New York, passed away peacefully on August 28, 2025. She was born on January 11, 1931 in Queens, New York, and later made homes in Port Washington, Manhasset, Oyster Bay, Palm Beach, Dorado Beach, Antiqua, and Quogue.

Clare was affectionately known as Big Red and was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her timeless elegance, understated glamour, and graceful pres-

ence turned heads. Her passing has left an enormous void in the hearts of her family, friends, and many more whose lives were touched by her continued kindness and unwavering generosity.

Clare Robb was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, George E. Robb, and her brother, Edward C. Butler.

She is survived by her eight children: Clare Wenk, (Donald), George Robb, Jimi Robb (JoAnne), Elizabeth Robb (Augustus), Kathryn Robb (Laura), Edward Robb (Na Rong), Dorothy Farrell (Matthew), and Barbara Robb (Lisa). Clare is also survived by 25 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Clare Robb had a strength of character that only comes from being the daughter of a New York City Police Inspector, a fashion style learned from her mother, and a tender heart that was innate was shown towards all. Behind her iconic oversized sunglasses was a woman who could read a person in a nanosecond. Those who knew Clare will remember her for her classic timeless style, candor, wit, and enormous heart.

Clare’s life was devoted to raising and celebrating her large family.

Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to: Make A Wish. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

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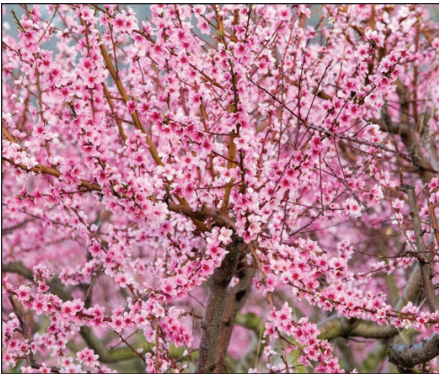
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GLEN COVE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Glen Cove HS Class of 1976 50th Reunion to be held next August 1, 2026 at The Metropolitan, 3 Pratt Blvd., Glen Cove. Price for open bar, cocktail hour and buffet dinner \$140. venmo; Glen-Krebs, or mail personal checks payable to: Lisa Belifore, 44 Willits Road, Glen Cove, NY 11542. More nformation: lbelifore@gmail.com

Attendees can contact the following local hotels for reservation information: The Mansion at Glen Cove, 200 Dosoris La., Glen Cove, 646-518-8771; Hilton Garden Inn Roslyn, 3 Harbor Park Dr., Port Washington, 516-626-3600; Best Western, 1053 Northern Blvd., Roslyn, 516-627-2460; East Norwich Inn (formerly Rothmann's), 6321 Northern Blvd., East Norwich, 516-922-1500.

Planting Fields to Display Multi-grafted Fruit Trees in Exhibition by Acclaimed Artist



Fruit Tree in Bloom (courtesy Planting Fields)

By THOMAS NOTHEL
The Planting Fields Arboretum will be presenting Sam Van Aken, an internationally acclaimed artist and bio-visionary, as he presents the “Planting Fields Stand” of grafted fruit trees and an accompanying discussion of environmental storytelling on September 19th and 20th.
Van Aken has appeared in National Geographic, the Smithsonian, the New York Botanical Garden, and the Cube Design Museum in the Netherlands.



Sam Van Aken (courtesy Planting Fields)

The Planting Fields Stand will be presented in two events: an exclusive after-hours artist talk; and a free, family-friendly exhibition opening.
The first event is on Friday September 19th from 6pm – 8pm. The

cost is \$35.00 per person. Registration prior to the event is required.
That event includes access to Van Aken’s cyanotypes, herbarium specimens, and a lecture by the artist.
The second event is on Saturday, September 20th, and celebrates the opening of the Planting Fields Stand - a living art installation of four multi-grafted fruit trees that tell the layered story of the landscape at Planting Fields.
One tree will honor the region’s indigenous heritage, composed of fruit varieties cultivated by the Matinecock people.

A second tree will reflect the estate’s history under the Coe family, featuring pear varieties recorded in their planting notes discovered in the Planting Fields Foundation archives.
A third tree will highlight apple varieties from the first half of the 20th century, connecting to Long Island’s agricultural legacy.
Completing the stand, a stone fruit tree will bear an array of peaches, plums, apricots, and cherries historically grown in the Oyster Bay area.

At the Visitor Center, attendees will discover how The Planting Fields Stand was created, with large-scale tree graft diagrams and an introduction to the artist’s grafting tools and techniques.

Glen Cove Class of 1990 Celebrates 35th Reunion



Glen Cove’s class of 1990 at Zozos on the Bay, Bayville.

In the early evening of August 6th as the sun was beginning to settle and the stars were about to appear, little did Zozos on the Bay know that history was in the making. As classmates were slowly making their way from all parts of our country, the festivity was about to commence. During this fabulous evening over 90 alumni attended and went down memory lane.
It’s absolutely amazing how we all just continue where we left off after our 20th reunion. “We truly grew up in an incredible city where we always treated each other with dignity and respect. This mindset paved the way for life long

friendships that are bonds for life” says Mike Ktistakis.
Josephine Greco Pedone best summed up the evening saying “It was an incredible event!”
A special thanks goes out to alumni Danielle Bono Tenke and her husband Andy Tenke for putting together an album for the class to enjoy. Hats off and a huge round of applause goes out to the following class of 1990 alumni: Bill Charon, Josephine Greco Pedone, John Zozzaro, and Maria Pacini Abbondanza. Without them this event would of never been possible or as epic as it was. Cheers to 35 years!

Grenville Baker B&GC Hosts Annual Day for Kids



Happy kids at the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club.

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club is thrilled to announce its beloved annual community celebration, Day for Kids, is taking place on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm on the Club’s field. There is a \$5.00 admission fee at the door.
This fun-filled afternoon promises whimsical entertainment for the entire family, including bounce houses, carnival-style games, a petting zoo, crafts, food trucks, music, and so much more! Families are invited to step into a wonderland where kids can be kids—and grown-ups can join in the magic too!

Food will be available for purchase.
Once again PSEG returns as the premier sponsor, marking their commitment to youth and community and ensuring events like this are possible. We also gratefully acknowledge the many additional sponsors who support this meaningful day.
Please note: This is not a drop-off event. Children must be always accompanied by an adult.
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