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First responders, Veterans, State Senator Jack Martins stand at attention as John Canning sings the National Anthem at the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Theodore Roosevelt Park, Oyster Bay. Story on Page 7.



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Chinese Scammers Steal “Disappeared” Old Brookville Couple’s Bank Accounts



Wang and Wu at the Bank
(Photo courtesy FBI)

By RUPERT DEEDES

Federal prosecutors have charged two NY-based Chinese scammers - YinYe “Roy” Wang and Qiuju Wu - with forging documents and stealing over \$2.8 million from the bank accounts of a local Chinese Old Brookville couple who “disappeared” last March 30th - leaving the couple’s two young children behind.

The alleged bank-fraud scheme diverted roughly \$2.8 million from the bank accounts of the couple, Peishuan Fan and JuanJuan Zwang. The couple lived in a \$4 million mansion at 7 Maria Lane in Old Brookville, from which the couple “disappeared” and went missing on March 30, 2025. No one has seen nor heard from either one of them since then.

The federal indictment was unsealed in Central Islip in early September 2025 and has been tied in media reporting to the disappearance of the Old Brookville couple.

The two young sons of the missing couple - ages 20 and 12 - lived alone in their Old Brookville home for several months - and then returned to China in

August, according to John Carman, the family’s attorney.

Prosecutors allege that Wang and Wu committed bank-fraud by using forged or fraudulent documents and false representations to alter account ownership and move large sums out of the victims’ accounts, and into accounts controlled or associated with Wu and Wang.

The criminal charges detail that the two Defendants obtained control or access to the victims’ bank accounts by fraudulently changing signature/ownership records at the bank and then drained the accounts through transfers and withdrawals.

These fraudulent transfers included:

On or about June 29, 2025, the account of “Victim-1” was allegedly converted from an individual account to a joint account “with rights of survivorship” which included an account linked to Wu. In the days immediately after that change, more than \$1 million was moved from the victim’s account into an account tied to Wu, and substantial sums were then withdrawn or converted (for example, into cashier’s checks).;

On or about July 2, 2025, a similar alteration and transfer occurred with “Victim-2” — prosecutors allege \$860,000 was transferred out of that account, with additional transfers and withdrawals in early July that together amounted to multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Over the period between late June and early/mid-July, the complaint alleges roughly \$2–2.8 million was moved out of the victims’ accounts into accounts tied to Wu and to corporate entities associated with the defendants.

Surveillance video and bank branch records reportedly show Wu conducting in-branch transactions at two Flushing bank branches and Wang appearing with

her in at least one instance; the filings allege a coordinated pattern of high-value transfers, cashier’s-check purchases, and withdrawals.

The FBI and US Department of Justice have not confirmed whether Wang and Wu are responsible for the murder or disappearance of the couple, or were just stealing their money after news reports that the couple went missing.

Federal authorities report that Wang was arrested in California and subsequently released on bond, and Wu was arrested in Texas and is being held with an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer because she has no lawful immigration status. Both defendants were expected to make initial appearances in federal court in Central Islip.

Oyster Bay Imposes New 6-Month Moratorium on Lithium Battery Energy Sites

By THOMAS NOTHEL

Citing concerns about safety, huge fires and explosions, and the release of toxic chemicals and gasses from the huge lithium battery energy storage facilities being built across New York, the Town of Oyster Bay extended the existing building moratorium for an additional six months.

The Town held a public hearing this past Tuesday, September 9th, and the Town Board voted unanimously to extend the moratorium on building new lithium battery energy sites,

Over a dozen residents appeared and spoke out against the battery energy storage systems.

The residents’ concerns focused on safety and environmental issues.

“I haven’t heard from one person in this town who is in favor of this project,” stated Councilman Steve Labriola.

“We will stand up for our residents,” added Councilman Lou Imbroto.

In response to inquiries why the board has yet to pass a permanent ban, town officials explained that a permanent ban would allow for legal challenges to the moratorium.

The extended ban is “the same as the current one in place” stated Michael Montesano, special counsel to the town attorney’s office.

Tuesday marked the fourth six-month moratorium that the town has imposed.

The bans were prompted by the Jupiter Power Company’s 275-megawatt lithium battery storage facility proposal to be cited in Glenwood Landing, near the Glen Head and Glenwood Landing elementary schools.

The board took a short recess, to review the legality of voting on a resolution relating to the extension at its meeting. After returning, the board unanimously voted to approve

the proposed extended ban.

“I am proud to have voted to protect our community,” stated Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino.

Lithium battery energy storage sites are huge – house or warehouse sized –



Oyster Bay Supervisor
Joe Saladino

and are used to store huge amounts of electricity for periods of peak demand or low energy production.

But the lithium-ion batteries used to store the energy are highly unstable and explosively flammable. Battery storage fires release huge clouds of highly-toxic smoke and have caused the emergency evacuation of entire towns and communities.

In New York,

Governor Kathy Hochul is pushing for a massive increase in battery energy storage facilities as an adjunct to a massive wind-power farms off of Long Island. Because wind power is highly variable – no power is generated of there is no wind – battery energy facilities are needed to avoid blackouts,

In recent years, there have been over 25,000 fires in America caused by igniting lithium batteries, with over 200 major fires in New York City alone, that claimed over 25 lives.



Lithium Battery Energy Storage Units (courtesy Facebook)



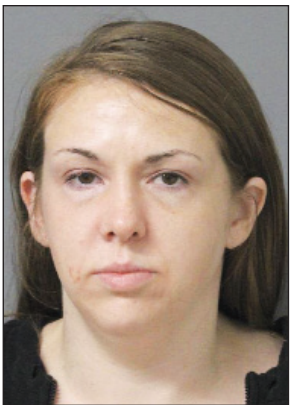
Battery Storage Fire in Korea (courtesy Facebook)

Glen Head Woman Arrested for Possession of a Weapon

The Nassau County Police Department reports the arrest of a Glen Head woman for Criminal Possession of a Weapon that occurred on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 12:55 p.m. in Glen Head.

According to Detectives, The Nassau County Probation Department conducted a home visit at 9 Hill Court. During the home visit probation officers recovered a high-capacity rifle magazine containing twenty-six rounds of ammunition. Sixth Precinct Police Department Detectives responded to the location to assist. During the investigation, twenty-three plastic zip lock bags containing what

appeared to be Crystal Methamphetamine and six glass vials containing what appeared to be Cocaine



Christine Bagwell

were recovered from the residence. The defendant, Christine Bagwell, 36, of 9 Hill Court, was placed under arrest without incident. The investigation is ongoing.

Defendant Bagwell is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree, Two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4th Degree. She was arraigned on Friday, September 5, 2025 at First District Court, Hempstead.

EDITORIAL

THE ASSASSINATION OF CHARLIE KIRK

America has historically gone through periodic bouts of political assassination - the mid 1800's; the early 1900's; and the 1960's 70's and 80's - but until the past year we had gone a long stretch without any serious attempts.

That changed in 2024 with the multiple assassination attempts against Donald Trump, and now the campus sniper murder of conservative activist Charlie Kirk.

Kirk was a 31 year old husband and father of two young children. His political and religious work consisted of giving speeches at America's university - advocating for conservative principles, but also engaging and debating leaders of the Democratic Party and the political Left.

One of his recent debate partners was California Governor Gavin Newsom - a leader in national Democrats.

Kirk's murder was at the hands of a left-wing political nut - a man in intimate relations with a sexually "transitioning" man, who had become radicalized on a diet of rabid leftist social media.

National leaders - from President Trump down to our local political and media leaders - have tried to explain how such a tragedy and the waste of a productive life could happen.

But the answer is not that hard: any isolated or alienated person immersed in a cult-like bubble like the tranny world - fed a diet of hate and paranoia - and bombarded with the demonization of other people as "Nazis" and "criminals" - can be led astray.

The killer was an honors student with two loving parents - but fell in with a "bad crowd" and was turned into a monster.

Human beings are often weak vessels. Look at the mass suicide by 900 members of the People's Temple at Jonestown. Or the mass hysteria of cults like the Nxium sex cult right here in New York.

The Charlie Kirk murder is a direct result of toxic and vile social media chat rooms.

We all need to monitor poisonous groups - physical and virtual - and shut them down when they vilify people for nothing nor then peacefully disagreeing.

We need to relearn the lesson that Charlie Kirk taught and lived - that we can disagree and debate and argue - but that a civil society allows us to see our mutual humanity - and that those debates and disagreements stay civil and non-violent.

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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.

PANZENBECK SETS THE RECORD STRAIGHT: GLEN COVE HAS A BUDGET SURPLUS

Dear Editor;

I agree, we elected officials must tell you the truth.

I would like to clarify information that was written by my opponent, Marsha Silverman, in an editorial published in the September 11th issue of the Long Island Herald.

The City of Glen Cove had a legitimate \$87,556 surplus at the end of 2024. This number was confirmed by an independent audit firm.



Pamela Panzenbeck

My opponent intimates that Glen Cove has a long-term liability totaling \$195.8 million. This figure is predominantly Other Post Employment Benefits (an OPEB prediction)—which is money that is a projected benefit amount due to our retired employees in future years.

It is not "borrowed" money as she states and is calculated by actuarial firms. All municipalities and school districts have a projection similar to this in their financial reports.

If the councilwoman looked further into the audited financial statements, she would clearly see that there is a surplus which is a fact and certainly not misleading. I would be more than happy to explain this to anyone who is questioning these results.

Anyone who looks further into this will realize that the Moody's Credit Rating has been upgraded to Baa1 giving the City of Glen Cove the highest rating in more than 20 years. In 2023 Glen Cove received an improved Fiscal Stress score earned us a "No Fiscal Stress" designation - the first time since 2017 - which speaks volumes to the improved finances of the City of Glen Cove.

Do not be deceived by the incorrect assumptions and misinterpretation of my political opponent. As I said, I am always happy to set the record straight.

Pamela Panzenbeck,
Mayor
City of Glen Cove

PLEASE, CONVERSATION NOT ASSASSINATION

Dear Editor;

Charlie Kirk was a man who had opinions and vocalized them. He believed in free speech. He also believed in the right of free speech for those who disagreed with him. In his Turning Point rallies, he gave untold numbers of people the opportunity to express their opinions and to debate him. He respectfully gave each person the time to state their case on whatever the subject. Charlie was adamant, profound and articulated strong convictions.

Sadly, a deranged 22-year-old man from Utah took Charlie's life. It has been reported that the gunman had previously stated at a family dinner that he thought Kirk was filled with hate. When Kirk spoke at a University rally in Utah, the gunman plotted and positioned himself to shoot a single long-range rifle shot that took Kirk's life. The man ran back to his home where he later had no choice but to confess to his father that he was indeed the man who had been videotaped at the rally who took Charlie Kirk's life. The lone assassin is an evil coward who silenced one of America's star voices. At least he thought he did. Charlie Kirk has become more known and his sound clips have been heard more in the last few days than in his entire ministry/career. Kirk has been propelled by the assassin to a status in American culture that will never be forgotten. Instead of silencing Kirk he magnified Kirk's voice and message a hundred or more times. Kirk is now

being remembered around the world. Charlie Kirk used his voice. Every American is entitled to this freedom. His voice cost him his life.

Abraham Lincoln gave his life reuniting our country and abolishing slavery. A cowardly assassin took Lincoln's life as he leisurely watched a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. John F. Kennedy used his voice to excite the American people and to bring about a positive attitude in the country, but was gunned down by an assassin from a hidden window in downtown Dallas, Texas. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man with a great voice who stirred the hearts of millions of Americans and brought about liberating change for black Americans. An assassin who disagreed with King cowardly hid and took King's life with a bullet. Malcom X and Bobby Kennedy were orators for positive change in America but someone who disagreed with their views killed them.

The greatest voice of hope, love, change and forgiveness, who ever lived, was Jesus Christ. A cowardly crowd yelled for him to be executed.

These mentioned voices were not silenced by hideous crowds or hidden gunmen. Each of their voices have rung loudly and clearly. Their legacies have only grown bolder and stronger.

It is sad that Charlie Kirk's assassin did not go down to the rally, stand up like a man and challenge Kirk in a debate. He could have told Kirk what he thought about him and given Kirk a chance to respond. But no, he was a weak, spineless man filled with more hate than probably anyone in America at that given moment. It's one thing to have a hateful, negative thought, but it's another to allow hate to act itself out in such a way.

Violence is never the answer. Let's keep America free. Free to speak, free to debate, free to practice and express our religion. Let's have peaceful and strong conversation not assassination.

Dr. Glenn Mollette

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Blakeman's Opponent: Women “Fabricate Rapes”



County Executive
Bruce Blakeman

By LEADER STAFF

The Democratic opponent to Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman published an article blasting rape victim protection laws, claiming that women often “fabricate rapes.”

The candidate - Nassau Legislator Seth Koslow (D-Merrick) - then went on to explain in an article in a Touro law journal, that a woman will fabricate rape claims out of “a desire to hide her own promiscuity,” or a “desire / fantasy to be raped,” or out of “a desire for



Candidate
Seth Koslow

Koslow works as a criminal defense attorney, representing criminal defendants, some of whom have been charged with rape, according to Court records.

Blakeman labeled Koslow as “morally unfit” to hold office for his “reckless claim that women fabricate rape because they ‘desire it’...”

“Voters face a clear choice,” stated Blakeman. “My record of hiring 400 new law enforcement officers and making Nassau the safest county in America,

vengeance...”

The shocking revelations have rocked the race for County Executive, with many now calling for Koslow to resign from office and withdraw from the race.

Koslow has written several articles attacking shield laws that protect women who were raped, claiming that “men have faced false rape accusations since biblical times...”

or Koslow’s record of keeping thugs out of jail and helping criminals erase their records.”

Nassau Democratic Party Chairman Jay Jacobs responded to Blakeman, claiming that it “shows how desperate Bruce Blakeman is for county residents

to look away from his dismal record on keeping our communities safe...”

All of the police unions - the PBA, the Detectives, the Superior offices, the Sheriff’s officers and the Corrections officers - have endorsed Bruce Blakeman for County Executive.

Prank Gun Threats Cause Cancellation of Locust Valley School Board Meeting

By THOMAS NOTHEL

In the wake of the brutal murder of Charlie Kirk on a college campus by deranged gunman, threats of gun violence at schools are being taken very seriously,

The evening meeting of September 10th of the Locust Valley School Board was suddenly canceled – and the building evacuated - due to a perceived gun violence threat.

The Board canceled the meeting after two threatening voice mails were received at the High School, just a few minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

“Good evening folks. We apologize for this,” stated Board president George Vasiliou. “We have received this evening two back-to-back voicemails threatening gun violence to all of us here.”

Vasiliou then ordered the high school auditorium - where the meeting was about to start – to be evacuated.

The caller “proceeded to praise the terrible actions that occurred in Utah today,” added Vasiliou.

A police investigation revealed however that the calls were a misunderstanding, from a 72-year-old man from Islip, who thought he

was responding to prank phone calls that he had received,

“We were advised by our law enforcement partners that there was no immediate threat to the Locust Valley school community,” added Vasiliou in a joint statement with Superintendent Kristen Turnow.

Nassau police said messages left at Locust Valley High School by the caller included the line: “It’s too bad what happened to the guy today” — in reference to the shooting of Charlie Kirk – but that there were no direct threats made referencing gun violence.

The school district opened the next day, with additional security measures put in place. Outdoor activities resumed on Friday, September 12th.



George Vasiliou



Locust Valley School, located at 99 Horse Hollow Rd.

Op-Ed: Tax Breaks Not Meant for Companies Cutting Jobs

By STEVE LEVY

The Industrial Development Agencies (IDA) were never intended to give tax breaks to companies threatening to leave.

A company based in Suffolk County threatened to downsize and move to another state unless the IDA agreed to give them \$17 million in tax breaks. The IDA caved and granted the tax reduction.

The IDA should have denied this request.

IDAs are very controversial in that they provide tax breaks to some companies and not to others. When one company gets a break it means other companies and residents must make up for that revenue that does not come into the



Steve Levy

government coffers. We make exceptions, and justifiably so, in certain limited circumstances where we’re looking to incentivize a big company that will provide a large number of good paying jobs that are sustainable. It’s how we successfully utilized the IDA to bring in Computer Associates and its 2000 jobs in the 1980s. It’s the way I was able to lure Canon to establish its Northern Hemisphere headquarters in Melville, bringing thousands of jobs and spurring the local economy.

And just this past month, Suffolk’s IDA justifiably granted tax breaks for two existing pharmaceutical companies

in Hauppauge that have planned to expand their operations and the number of jobs in their companies. The two companies, Gemini Pharmaceutical and Commerce Drive, LLC, will add another 75 jobs to their operations.

But we must be very careful that we don’t fall into the trap of giving tax breaks to companies that threaten to leave to cheaper pastures. Every company out there is feeling financial strain in competitive markets. Of course they’re over-taxed and over-regulated and the answer is to lower taxes for everyone and every business.

If one business is allowed to get tax breaks by simply threatening to leave, what would stop every other business from doing the same and thereby destroying our tax base.

Maybe they will eventually leave. Sometimes that’s what happens in the market, especially in our overtaxed area such as Long Island. But we can’t be granting these special privileges to a handful of companies at the expense of others where no new jobs are being created.

Steve Levy is Executive Director of the Center for Cost Effective Government, a fiscally conservative think tank. He served as Suffolk County Executive, as a NYS Assemblyman, and host of “The Steve Levy Radio Show.” Costeffectivegov@gmail.com

Guns & Hoses Softball Game in Gen Cove

Guns & Hoses Softball Game — Friday, October 3, 2025, 7:00 p.m., John Maccarone Memorial Stadium, Glen Cove. Glen Cove Fire Dept. vs. Glen Cove Police Dept. Free community event. Concession stand open.

Come on down for an evening of fun, and cheer our local heroes. The John Maccarone Memorial Stadium is located at 101 Morris Avenue, Glen Cove.

For more information contact Roni Jenkins, Public Relations Officer, City of Glen Cove, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542 (516) 320-7865



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9/11 Memorial at the Theodore Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay

In observance of the 24th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, New York State Senator, Jack Martins hosted a candlelight memorial ceremony at the Theodore Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay. The service began at 6pm and cohosting the event was a former senator, Carl Marcellino, who was unable to attend, and the Oyster Bay Town Supervisor, Joseph S. Saladino.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6394 opened the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance, and John Canning sang the “Star-Spangled banner”. Then the names of Oyster Bay residents who perished in the attacks were memorialized by Brookville Mayor Daniel Serota. Pastor James Kessler of North Shore Community Church offered the invocation. Fr. Joseph Lettieri Associate Pastor of St. Dominic’s Church also spoke and said a prayer, while Rabbi Jason Fruithandler of Woodbury Jewish Center gave the benediction.

The Oyster Bay Community Band, under the direction of Stephen V. Walker, provided musical interludes. Also in attendance will be volunteers from Atlantic Steamer Fire Co., Oyster Bay Fire Department, Bayville Fire Company, Locust Valley Fire Department and East Norwich Fire Company along with other first responders, members of the community and other elected officials.

Also in attendance was Ava Walia from Syosset, who is Miss Nassau County Pre-teen 2025. She gave a heartfelt speech, she stated “I was humbled to,

be given the privilege to speak and share as part of the new generation, one that was not yet alive during this tragic day in history, but one that has learned its lessons through stories, history, and remembrance. It is our responsibility to carry forward the memory of the lives lost, the bravery shown, and the unity that followed.

I am grateful to have met so many dedicated representatives from Oyster Bay and Nassau County who came together to honor this solemn day”

Former Senator Marcellino obtained the original funding for construction of the Oyster Bay Memorial from New York State and hosted the ceremony for many years. The tradition was continued by Senator Jim Gaughran and is now being carried on by Senator Martins. Senator Martins noted, “Honoring this day holds deep significance for many reasons. Most importantly, we gather to honor those we lost and offer comfort to those they left behind. In addition, we reflect on a pivotal moment in our nation’s history — a moment when people of all faiths and backgrounds stood united in purpose and sacrifice. In the face of adversity, we were reminded of our shared identity as Americans. It reminds us that the lives of innocent neighbors were not lost in vain, and that out of that darkness emerged something powerful: a renewed sense of unity and common purpose.”

After the ceremony all were invited for refreshments at the Atlantic Steamer’s boathouse.



Oyster Bay Town Supervisor, Joseph Saladino and Nassau County Legislator Samantha Goetz place the wreath in front of the memorial.



First responders stand behind the families that lost loved ones.



Ava Walia, Miss Nassau County Pre-teen 2025 spoke for her generation.



The stars and stripes were proudly displayed by the fire departments.



A steel beam from the Twin Towers on display next to the Atlantic Steamer’s Boathouse.

Photos: Patricia Mavros Brexel



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39th Annual Bluefish Tournament in Oyster Bay



(Center)1st place winner Ryan Piper with Nassau County Legislator Rose Marie Walker, as the other top 9 winners show off their trophies

The 39th Annual Town of Oyster Bay Bluefish Tournament was held on Sunday, September 14th, at Theodore Roosevelt Park & Beach in Oyster Bay. This annual event was hosted by the Town of Oyster Bay.

The big winners of the day were Ryan Piper from Huntington won first place with his blue fish weighing 16.42 lbs. 2nd place Chris D’Arpa from East Norwich 15.36 lbs.; 3rd Matthew Rose from Greenlawn 15.14 lbs.; 4th Mike Rose 14.22 lbs.; and 5th Suzette Rose 12.77 also from Greenlawn; 6th Brian Silver from Bayville 12.45 lbs; 7th Mitch Kramer from East Norwich 12 lbs.; 8th Christian DiPaola from Bayville 11.7 lbs. ; 9th Benjamin Semper from Bayville 11.56 lbs.; and 10th Luca Breen from East Norwich 11.56 lbs.

The sponsors of this years Bluefish Tournament included: Mill Max Corporation, Causeway Bait & Tackle,



(L-R) Cousins, Christian DiPaola and Luca Breen proudly display their awards.

Duffy’s Bait & Tackle, Coach Meeting House, Cooper Bluff, Hi-Hook Bait & Tackle, Homes by Mara Realty, New York Marine Trades Association, Oyster Bay Marine Supply, Paddy’s Loft, The Sunset Club, Riverhead Building Supply, and Tow Boat U.S.

After the awards and all the great raffles, everyone enjoyed the tailgate party.



Great prizes were raffled off.

Photos: Patricia Mavros Brexel

Choristers at St. John’s of Lattingtown

BY VICTORIA CROSBY

St. John’s is seeking children with an interest in performing as part of St John’s of Lattingtown’s Chorister Program. The choir provides boys and girls, ages seven and above, with outstanding professional choral training, music theory, leadership development, and abundant performance opportunities. No previous musical experience is required, only an eagerness to learn, reading proficiency, and the ability to match pitch. Children of any religious tradition, or none, are welcome here.

The choir is modeled on famous English Cathedral choirs, with children singing the treble line supported by adults singing the lower parts. Choristers sing weekly on Sundays at 10.30 a.m., and rehearse during the week, learning and singing the finest sacred music from the 15th century to the present day. There are also two concerts annually, including



Music Director Ruairaidh Sutherland training children’s voices.

Handel’s Messiah, accompanied by a professional orchestra. Each child receives significant individual attention in a challenging yet fun environment, and in recognition of the seriousness of the training we offer each chorister is offered a small stipend for attendance at rehearsals.

St. John’s Music Director Ruairaidh Sutherland is an internationally recognized

trainer of children’s voices, with two decades of experience teaching children to sing at the highest possible levels in the UK and USA. Young choristers whom he trained now sing with internationally renowned choirs such The Sixteen, The Montiverdi Choir, and The Tallis Scholars. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists (London).

Visit for a rehearsal or service; contact Ruairaidh Sutherland at music@stjl.org for further information.

Matinecock Quaker Meeting 300th Anniversary



Matinecock Quaker Meeting

Celebrate three centuries of divine guidance at Matinecock Quaker Meeting. Join us on September 20, 2025, for a special event marking 300 years of unbroken worship, service, and fellowship at this historic Quaker meeting

house in New York State.

Whether you’re a longtime Friend, spiritual seeker, or curious neighbor, come discover how the Quaker Way has guided us and continues to illuminate our path forward. This milestone celebration honors our past while embracing our future as a vibrant Quaker community in Locust Valley and Glen Cove.

The event starts at 10:45 am - 3:30 pm. The Meeting House is located at 267 Duck Pond Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

To register for the event go to: www.matinecockquaker.org/events.

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Obituaries



ANGRISANO, Lucy of Glen Cove, NY on September 10th, 2025 at age 96. Beloved wife of Michele. Loving mother of Grace Cipriano (the late Tommaso), Dominick Pascucci (Irene), Rose Iorillo (Tony) and Pasquale Angrisano (Danielle). Proud grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 12. Dear sister of Angelo Stanco and Nicolina Solomita. Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco. Entombment at Holy Rood Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

CASSIDY, William Joseph, a native New Yorker who spent the last few years of his life residing in Vernon, CT, passed away on the evening of Sunday, August 17, 2025 at the age of 84. William, known to his family and friends as Bill, was a devoted husband, father, and PopPop. With a jovial spirit, a huge warm heart, and charismatic charm, Bill was the anchor of the family, filling his home, and our hearts, with love and laughter.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, on August 3, 1941, Bill lived an adventurous life. A natural storyteller with the “gift of the gab” he loved to share his tales with family and friends, but saved his best stories for his three girls. Ripe with tales of 1940’s NYC, Bill would share his many escapades from what it was like being on rations during the war, how his Uncle Jim would take him to see his beloved Brooklyn Dodgers (and help him get his ball signed), swimming in the Hudson river, chasing frogs, watching the St. Patrick’s day Parade from the stock room of Saks Fifth Avenue with his father, to the sheer horror and embarrassment of walking with his grandmother as a child when she told off Joey Gallo on the streets of Brooklyn.

His father, William Patrick Cassidy,

passed away when Bill was sixteen years old. It was then that he and his mother, Mary Cassidy (nee Cornely) moved to Bellerose, NY with their cousins. Having been born with retinitis pigmentosa, a severe eyesight impairment, Bill attended school in the NYC Vision Conservation program which saw him through elementary school at PS 95 and then on to William Cullen Bryant High School in Astoria, NY where he developed a love for photography and took photos for the school newspaper. After graduating high school, Bill went on to work at Saks Fifth Avenue like his father and grandfather before him. A savvy salesman with an eye for design, Bill rose up to work as a buyer for the jewelry department. Some of his favorite stories come from his time at Saks, from charming Edie Adams (and her dog) and curating selections for Barbara Streisand, to assisting his fellow colleagues during the great NYC blackout of 1977.

It was during his time at Saks that he met his wife, Barbara, a nursing school student who was on rotation at Creedmore Hospital, while he worked there curating a library for patients. The two would eventually get married in Bayonne, NJ and make the papers for having every member of their wedding party get married afterwards, including the priest! The young couple settled down in Yonkers, NY and started a family of their own, welcoming their first child, Kathleen, in 1971, and their second, Maureen in 1975. In the later seventies, they moved to Rego Park, NY where they lived with Bill’s mother and where Bill would move on from Saks to work for Kosta Boda, a Swedish Glass company.

His work for Kosta Boda would take him all over the world as he would meet with artisans to secure unique and beautiful glassworks for Kosta Boda to carry. In the fall of 1980, after welcoming his third child, Kimberley, he would lay his beloved mother Mary to rest. One year

later, the family would find themselves moving to the suburbs of NYC to Lindenhurst, NY, a town his cousin Patricia Rooney helped him vet. Bill loved tending his vegetable garden and enjoying the pool in his own backyard. A dedicated father, he always devoted his one day off a week, in addition to vacation, to his family. From the arrival of his first, he always enjoyed taking his girls on adventures into NYC where they would explore the Bronx and Central Park Zoo, the aquarium, The Museum of Natural History, watch the Thanksgiving day parade, and one of their favorites, FAO Schwartz (where toy dogs may have been purchased and summarily walked down Fifth Avenue followed by Bill’s raucous laughter.)

Not wanting to relocate his family to Texas to continue working for Kosta Boda, Bill moved on to the position of VP for COPCO for a short time before settling into Vice President in charge of Sales and Personnel for JPM. This position required Bill to leave the house at 5 a.m. to take a train and several buses (as his vision kept him from driving) to the factory in New Jersey. He loved to take his girls to work with him, though his youngest was afforded this opportunity the most. Those moments riding the train and bus (always with a stop for coffee and buttered roll first) are among her most cherished memories. He was loved and respected by everyone at JPM, but he loved to joke with the factory guys in the break room and they were always happy to sit and chat with him, as his stories were always the best.

His three girls were the center of his life, and his home in Lindenhurst was

the center of his girls’ activities. He prided himself in having an open door policy for all of their friends. Everyone felt welcome and enjoyed his kindness, and his culinary expertise. Everyone who knew Bill knew he enjoyed a good meal – many a story he told involved exquisite detail of the exotic meals he enjoyed while traveling the world. Once upon learning his wife had never had lobster, he jumped in the car and they drove all the way to Maine on a whim to enjoy the freshest lobster. He would later take his three girls on a more local (and ill fated) trip to Jordan’s Farm on Long Island where he would allow his children to hold the lobsters in the back seat on the ride home only to find they had named them (after the Fraggles) and thus refused to eat them.

As much as he enjoyed eating, and talking about a good meal, he loved creating one even more. The cook of the family, he would make stuffed cabbage, and was known for his sauce, meatballs, and baked ziti (better known to his grandchildren as PopPop Pasta) but what he was famous for were his chocolate chip cookies. They filled the bellies, hearts, and souls of all those who came to his home and were often called magical by those who tried them.

As hard as he worked, Bill was no stranger to play. In fact, his playful nature is what he is most known for! His hobbies filled his life with joy, a lifelong lover of fish, he loved taking care of his aquarium and fishing trips with his brother-in-law turned best friend, Robert McLean. His favorite everyday pastime though was watching his sports, especial-

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his favorite teams the NY Mets (after his first baseball love the Brooklyn Dodgers moved to LA that is) and the NY Giants. His screams of joy and despair while watching the games he so loved could be heard across their home. His life-long hobby of playing practical jokes continued well into his eighties.

Of all the hats he wore in his life, his most cherished was the one that made him PopPop. He adored his grandchildren and relished every opportunity to cook with (and for) them, joke with them, and go on adventures to the zoo, the beach, aquarium, museums, and especially enjoyed the adventures that ended (or began) with ice cream. He encouraged their mischief and was always willing to take the fall for their chaos. He shared everything he loved in his life with them and was always their biggest fan and cheerleader, as he was for his daughters as well.

Predeceased by his parents William P. Cassidy and Mary Cassidy (nee Cornely), Bill spent his final years living with his daughters and grandchildren in Oyster Bay, NY before retiring to Vernon, CT. He was married to his wife, Barbara Cassidy (nee Sieracki) for 62 years. He is survived by their children, Kathleen Cassidy-Brammer, Maureen Cassidy-Vera and her husband Marcelo Vera, and Kimberley Cassidy-Neff and her husband Aaron Neff; four grandchildren - Mary Elizabeth, Matthew William, and Michael Victor Vera, and Joshua Hugh Brammer. His family meant everything to him and he has left them with a legacy of love and laughter.

Bill is also predeceased by his cousin whom he grew up with, close as siblings, Mary Rooney (nee Cornely) and her husband Paul Rooney, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Theresa and Robert McClean, and his dear Uncle James Cornely who stepped into the role of a father when he lost his own as a teenager. Bill is survived by his cousins Maureen Lipsky (nee Rooney), Patricia

Rooney, and Julie Cornely. Burial at Washington Memorial Park in Mt. Sinai. www.oysterbayfuneral-home.com

MURNANE, Mary McDonnell, 95, of Vero Beach, Florida, died peacefully at home on Friday, August 15, 2025.

Born in New York and raised in both Manhattan and Southampton, New York, Mary was the eleventh of fourteen children of James Francis McDonnell and Anna Murray McDonnell. She was educated at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Manhattan and Noroton, and went on to earn her bachelor’s degree from Marymount Manhattan College, becoming the first woman in her family to graduate from college.

On May 2, 1957, Mary married George Murnane Jr. at St. Ignatius Loyola in New York City. Together they shared thirty-five years of marriage before his passing in December of 1992. They settled in Locust Valley, New York, where they raised their four children.

Mary’s greatest joy was spending time with family, often while playing sports. As a child, she rode horses in Central Park and competed in school athletics. In her forties, she fearlessly took up downhill skiing, and later embraced country club sports such as tennis and golf. Golf eventually became her favorite sport, in no small part because she could always count on a grandchild to join her on the course. She liked to say golf was the perfect game, since you could pray for a good shot and laugh at a bad one.

Mary was the loving mother of George III (Gretchen), Alexandra Hillyer, Marianna Smith (Herbert), and Edith; loving grandmother to ten; and a proud great-grandmother to eleven. She will be remembered for her warmth, resilience, and unwavering devotion to family and church.

Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-

Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation to Holy Cross Catholic Church in Vero Beach, Florida. 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 of Glen Cove. A graveside service and interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

Book Donations Wanted for the Glen Cove Library Sale

The Friends of the Glen Cove Library will be collecting book donations for their upcoming Book Sale. The Book Sale begins on Thursday, September 25, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Friday, September 26, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Saturday, September 27, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Friends of the Glen Cove Public

Library will be accepting donations (In-Person) on Saturday, September 20, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Monday, September 22, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Tuesday, September 23, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. The Glen Cove Library is located at 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, NY 11542 for more information call (516) 676-2130.

Community Yard Sale at St. Gertrude’s Church

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LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET
CALENDAR YEAR 2026

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**, at the September 8, 2025, regular meeting, approved a RESOLUTION authorizing a PUBLIC HEARING to be held on the PROPOSED BUDGET for the calendar year 2026. The hearing will take place at the Fire District Headquarters, 228 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, New York on October 21, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. for public comment and discussion of the proposed budget of the LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the 2026 Proposed Budget will be made available to the General Public for inspection at Fire District Headquarters, 228 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, New York (Dispatch Office) on and after October 7, 2025.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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LLC

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