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Tuesday, August 25th the weather was beautiful for the Oyster Bay Car Show. The Summer of 2026 was one of the most rainiest on record, with many outdoor events canceled all over the Long Island. There are 2 shows left, September 8th, 5:30pm-dark, with the season finale on Saturday, September 19th, 10am-2pm.



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Smyth Wants Huge Huntington Tax Increase - But Gave Himself “Lifetime Health Insurance”

BY LEADER STAFF

Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth (R-Halesite) has declared it to be “fiscal suicide” unless the town increases 2027 taxes - by piercing the state's 2% municipal tax cap.

Smyth sprung this "crisis" on the town board in August, just two months after his Comptroller declared the town's



Ed Smyth

finances in good order.

Smyth now claims that town departmental budgets will have to be cut by 16% - unless taxes are raised far above the 2% tax increase allowed by the state tax cap. The current

budget shortfall totals about \$16 million - according to Smyth - for a total budget of about \$250 million.

Smyth has massively increased salaries for his personal aides in the Supervisor's office, and voted himself new benefits like "lifetime health insurance" for himself and political appointees, costing town taxpayers tens of millions. A recent expose in the Northport Observer noted that Smyth's

Supervisor's office costs taxpayers over \$6 million per year, whereas the neighboring Town of Smithtown Supervisor's office coats only about \$800,000 per year.

Smyth has threatened to close town park facilities - and has already shut beaches - unless he gets a tax increase over the 2% cap. He must file the proposed 2027 budget with the Town Board before September 30th.

Nolan at the Movies: The Odyssey - A Stunning, But Emotionally Dull, Voyage



Odysseus and Athena - from The Odyssey
(courtesy Universal Studios)

By NOLAN CLEARY

In Christopher Nolan's latest adaption of *The Odyssey*, there is a scene where the character Calypso, played by Charlize Theron, uses her Island to distort time, allowing the film's protagon-

nist, Odysseus to stay without realizing he has been trapped there for years.

This moment serves as the perfect analogy for the strengths and weaknesses of the latest film adaption of Homer's classic.

The plot of the 2026 adaption of *The Odyssey* doesn't stray too far from its source material, following the hero Odysseus, this time portrayed by Matt Damon, as he ventures on a journey of many years to return home to his family, while overcoming trials and mystical adventures.

Meanwhile, Odysseus' wife, Penelope, played by Academy Award winner Ann Hathaway, and son Telemachus, played by Tom Holland (of Spider-Man fame) must determine how best to manage the Kingdom of Ithaca in his absence.

Fans of Christopher Nolan's previous work - of which I consider myself one - are sure to appreciate the usual razzle dazzle of his directorial style.

Ruth De Jong's production design brilliantly reimagines Homer's vision, reanimating the original tale in grand fashion. Visually, *The Odyssey* is stunning, capturing the beauty and immensity of Troy.

Damon, Holland, and Hathaway each give strong performances, perfectly emoting the internal struggles of their characters.

Robert Pattinson, who portrays the villainous Antinous, is in like manner delightfully malicious in his role, capturing the callous joy of an antagonist deprived of any discernible scruples.

Yet, audiences who search beyond the smoke and mirrors will find Nolan's

usual cinematic charms act to be something of a Trojan Horse, detracting from an emotionally weightless script.

Unlike many of his previous endeavors, *The Odyssey* lacks the inspiration of past projects, such as *The Dark Knight* and *Dunkirk*, which successfully captured the hopeful ingenuity of the human spirit.

The *Odyssey* on the other hand feels too lost in its source material, causing the story's moral foundation to get caught with its tail between its legs.

Still, for what it's worth, *The Odyssey* overall evokes the memory of Hollywood epics like *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Ben-Hur*, reinventing the beloved text in ways that look and feel larger than life, even if its efforts are too tempered to live up to its colossal ambitions.



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Blakeman Blasts Hochul for Making it “Illegal” to Turn Over Criminal Aliens to ICE

BY LEADER STAFF
New York Governor Kathy Hochul (D-Buffalo) - following the political lead of her NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani (D) - has now made it "illegal" for local officials in New York to detain or turn-over violent criminal aliens to ICE.

And Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman has blasted Hochul for unleashing a public safety nightmare - empowering violent criminals while threatening and handcuffing law enforcement.

"This law is completely misguided and will make our communities less safe," stated Blakeman. "It makes it harder for law enforcement to keep our communities safe."

Blakeman called Hochul's actions as "a total disgrace."

The blood of every crime victim of an illegal criminal alien, "is on the hands of Governor Hochul and the Democrats in the state Legislature," added Blakeman.

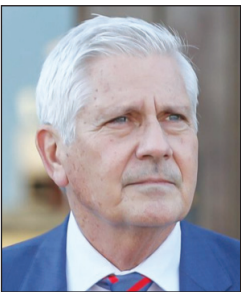
Hochul signed the so-called "Local Cops, Local Crimes Act" into law in June, 2026 - to ban all local police cooperation with ICE - and the law became effective last week, on August 25, 2026. The law was proposed by Hochul and the left-wing Democratic Socialists of America (DSA).

Nassau County under Blakeman has

seen a massive decrease in crimes, as he has strengthened law enforcement, and secured a special agreement between the Nassau Police and the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency



Kathy Hochul



Bruce Blakeman

to transfer violent criminal aliens from the local police to ICE.

The Nassau County-ICE Agreement, known as a "287(g) Agreement," allowed the Nassau Police to very effectively communicate and coordinate with the federal government when a violent criminal alien was taken into custody in Nassau County.

Blakeman's agreements with ICE also kept that agency's enforcement personnel off local streets - and prevented the sort of violent public confrontations that occurred in Minneapolis and Portland - because, until now - ICE took enforcement direction from the Nassau police.

Now Governor Hochul - at the direction of Mayor Mamdani and the far-left

Legislature in Albany - have made that illegal - with civil penalties and potential criminal prosecution of local police and county officials who contact or communicate with ICE.

New York Attorney General mLetitia James (D-Brooklyn) - a close Hochul ally - has already subpoenaed Nassau County to track any communications between county police and federal officials.

Blakeman met with Nassau County Attorney Thomas Adams to explore "every possible way not to comply with this law," stated Blakeman, but after reviewing the penalties, they "concluded that we would have to abide by the law."

"I am a law-and-order county executive," added Blakeman. "I believe in the rule of law, even when it's a bad law - and this is a very, very bad and dangerous law."

Marc Berger in Concert at the Locust Valley Library

Singer songwriter, Marc Berger will perform a concert Saturday, September 19, from 1:00 - 2:00 PM, at the Locust Valley Library's Gazebo, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, NY, 11560

Marc has performed at Austin's Southwest Music Festival and the Kerrville and Falcon Ridge Folk Festivals and has opened shows for Bob Dylan and other national acts. His song THE LAST ONE was a staple of Richie Havens' concerts and has been quoted in the NY Times and featured on The CBS Evening News.

Inspired by Marc's lifelong love affair with the American West, RIDE, his critically acclaimed current release, presents ten cinematic recordings capturing its wide-open spaces.



Marc Berger

Join us outdoors under the library's beautiful, shaded trees for an afternoon of live music and fresh air. Bring a lawn chair and a cold drink, and enjoy.

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Editorial

RACE HATRED AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

There is a specter haunting the American public space - and it is the revival of a creed that teaches and practices race hatred - the wish to curse and hate other people because of their race, or tribe, or religion, or perceived success.

It is the same creed that animated the Nazi hatred of Jews, and the communist Bolshevik hatred of class and ethnic enemies. The same creed that animated the Holocaust, and the Rwanda Tutsi Genocide, and the Gulag.

Except now it is surging to power from within a divided and weakened American Democratic Party.

The left wing Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) are surging from primary victory to victory.

In New York, Zohran Mamdani is now NYC Mayor. And in Michigan, Abdul El-Sayed is now the Democratic nominee for US Senate.

Last weekend, the DSA radicals decided to mob and protest a Hindu Indian cultural group, the Rashtriya Swayamsavek Sangh (RSS) - because the RSS is close to India's elected leadership, and because the RSS historically opposes Islamist Jihad - Muslim holy war.

At the anti-Indian rally attacking the RSS, several protestors realized that one of their fellow protestors was Brad Lander, the radical left-wing politician who had just defeated Congressman Dan Goodman in the Democratic primary - with the support of Mamdani.

Except for one "problem" - Lander is Jewish.

The DSA turned on Lander, denouncing him as a Jew, and heckling and threatening him.

Never mind that he was there with them - to show hatred towards Hindu Indians. His fellow hatred was not "pure" - because he was a Jew.

In Michigan, the left-wing Democrat Attorney General, Dana Nessel, was driven out of the Democratic convention by supporters of Abdul El-Sayed - because Nessel is Jewish.

And El-Sayed himself has expressed some of the crudest misogyny - talking about Vice President JD Vance's wife's imagined sex life - because she is an Indian Hindu.

The hunger for race war and open antisemitism from the DSA Left is a threat to all people in America.

It should not be tolerated - but shunned and denounced by every decent person.

The Publisher

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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.

KATHY HOCHUL IS A RADICAL CHAMELEON

To the Editor:

Governor Kathy Hochul has now completed one of the most cynical metamorphoses in New York political history, and it deserves to be recounted in full.

As Erie County Clerk, she threatened to call the police on illegal immigrants who showed up seeking driver's licenses.

As a congresswoman from Western New York, she carried an A-rating from the NRA and sold herself to her neighbors as a sensible moderate.

When Andrew Cuomo needed regional balance, she became his loyal understudy -- seven years of dutiful silence while Albany rotted around her.

Now, as governor, she has genuflected before socialist New York City mayor Zohran Mamdani.

The clerk who defied Eliot Spitzer now presides over sanctuary policies. The NRA's congresswoman now lectures New Yorkers about firearms. Cuomo's silent partner now poses as a reformer.

And the self-described moderate now shares a ticket, a stage, and an agenda with the most radical mayor in America.

This is not pragmatism; its adriftness. Ms. Hochul has never stood for anything but Ms. Hochul.

New Yorkers deserve a governor who puts principles over politics. This November, they can choose one.

Gerard Kassar
Chairman, NYS Conservative Party

VILLAGE OF LAUREL HOLLOW TO CHANGE POLICE DEPARTMENTS

To the Editor:

For the past 10 months, the Village has been negotiating with Oyster Bay Cove (OBC) for a renewal of the current agreement for police services, which expires on May 31, 2027. One provision of the present contract requires that Laurel Hollow notify OBC before September 1, 2026, if we are not intend-

ing to renew the agreement. We have sent such a notice.

It became clear during the negotiations that OBC was seeking significant increases in Laurel Hollow's payments. Moreover, OBC insisted on switching to a system where the contract price would be determined by the assessed valuations Of the properties located within Laurel Hollow rather than fixed price increases for each Of the 5 years Of the contract, as has been done in each Of the last three 5-year contracts with them. Pricing based upon assessed valuations is unfair and unjustifiable. OBC has a larger land area, more homes, and a larger population. The new terms demanded by OBC disregards all Of that. At the same time, their proposal would effectively make us equal partners payments-wise, but without any say in running the department.

During these past months, we have been negotiating with different entities for police coverage. The Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) seems the most promising. The NCPD provided police coverage to Laurel Hollow from 1998 to 2012. At that time, we switched to the OBC Police Department to save Village taxpayer dollars, not for service-related reasons. The NCPD is a world-class police organization with a state-of-the-art training facility, an exceptional Police Commissioner, and outstanding police officers. We are awaiting Nassau County's approval of a proposed agreement that will pmvide the same high level Of service that Laurel Hollow has always demanded, but at significant savings to Village residents.

Payment for our OBC Police Department services presently represents almost one-half of our entire annual Village budget expenditures. Accepting the terms Of a new contract with OBC would balloon our budget expenditures and necessarily result in significant Village tax increases. That is a result that your Village Board, as fiduciaries—the highest level of trust imposed by law, insists On avoiding. We are hoping to complete the contract process with NCPD over the next several weeks. In the meantime, the OBC Police

Department is required under the present contract to provide police coverage to the Village until May 3 1, 2027.

We plan to schedule a public meeting on this issue on a date sometime in October. I will inform you of the date, time, and place in the near future.

Respectfully yours,
Daniel F. DeVita
Mayor, Village of Laurel Hollow

SENIORS TAKING ACTION

To the Editor:

This is a call to all seniors to make sure that not only you, but all your friends and relatives get out to vote. It's fun, and extra support is always a good idea.

Trump is desperately trying to block us from voting, so we must have ways to ensure that we can get to the polls safely to exercise our most precious Democratic right.

Seniors are old, bold, and they vote. Now, more than ever, we need that vote. Please realize how important the senior vote is. It is the largest voting bloc, and with that, we have to get every senior out to vote, either by mail or at the polls.

It is suggested that we vote by mail (double check your ballot and mail it EARLY) or by early voting at the polls, as they should be safe.

Whoever thought we would be saying that we had to worry about how to vote, or that write-in ballots would in some way be destroyed? This vote is the best chance we have to restore our democracy.

If you encounter problems at the polls, call 866-OUR-VOTE if you see anything improper.

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Op-Ed: Blakeman’s Odds Will Improve If He Embraces a State Spending Cap

By STEVE LEVY
New York Democratic governor Kathy Hochul might be the favorite to win reelection in this very blue state. But her Republican opponent, Bruce Blakeman, is running a very spirited, hard-fought campaign.

Even though the demographics are overwhelmingly in favor of the incumbent, she cannot take this race lightly.

Her Republican challenger four years ago, Lee Zeldin, came within six percentage points of knocking her off. This year is bound to be a much tougher test for the Republican challenger, given that President Trump’s approval rating hovers in the mid-30’s, and that, in most off-year elections, the party controlling the White House will suffer.

But Blakeman can benefit from a potential backlash that may come about, especially in more moderate and independent precincts, where voters are fearful of the rise of the Democratic Socialists.

It won’t be enough, however, for Blakeman to simply bash New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani or the dangers associated with the Democratic Socialist platform. Blakeman needs something bold to set him apart and to give New York residents something to vote for. If he plays his cards correctly,



Steve Levy

that something should be a promise to impose a cap on New York state spending.

Blakeman could have a field day noting how hypocritical our state leaders have been in imposing a spending and tax cap on local governments and schools, while conveniently exempting themselves on the state level from those same restrictions.

And here is the most convincing statistic of all: Had the state imposed the cap on itself in 2012 (when the budget was \$132 Billion) as it did for the lower-level jurisdictions, the state budget today would be over \$100 billion lower than the \$277 Billion - the governor and the legislature pushed through this past June.

The cap law limits spending and taxes to come in at or under 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. Had the cap applied to the state government, it would only have grown to \$174 billion today.

The cap wasn’t a silver bullet, but it was a fairly successful law on the local level. Prior to the tax cap that took effect in 2012, school budgets on Long Island were increasing an average of 6% per year. After the caps were implemented, the average rate of increase shrunk to

about 2%. That equated to an enormous taxpayer saving of over \$25 Billion through 2019.

As noted in a Center for Cost Effective Government report, spending caps work because they force prioritization:

Each year, every special interest group under the sun appears before state and local governments to lobby for more money. Where no caps exist, it’s rather easy for officials on both sides of the aisle to cave and put them all inside the pot. The cap actually gives them the excuse to tell some of these organizations that they just don’t have the room this year and they will have to come back the following budget cycle.

Of course, there’s always a safety valve allowing for a piercing of the cap with a super majority, but that’s not as easy to effectuate as one would think.

Spending caps work not only in New York schools and local governments, but have worked successfully in numerous states throughout the country. Those states with spending caps have overall lower spending and lower tax rates and are more competitive for their businesses and residents.

The property tax cap came into effect in large part because it was a major issue in the gubernatorial election of 2010. In the campaign four years earlier, former Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi ran for governor talking about a cap, but it got little traction.

However, after the real estate col-

lapse of 2007 and the economic pain felt by homeowners, the cap became a centerpiece of the 2010 campaign. I made the issue part of my platform in my very short-lived run for governor.

After I failed to secure the Republican nomination, the Democratic candidate, Andrew Cuomo, absorbed the issue into his campaign.

Upon winning the general election, it became something of a mandate from the people and it paved the way for this otherwise contentious issue to pass in the 2011 legislative session.

Were Blakeman to make a Spending Cap his top priority in this year’s election, it would not only gain him notice from residents who are not yet giving much attention to the race, but it would also provide the mandate that would be needed to help get the concept passed in 2027.

We know Governor Hochul will never embrace the cap on state spending, given the pressure from her flank on the left. There’s an opening for Blakeman here. He shouldn’t waste it.

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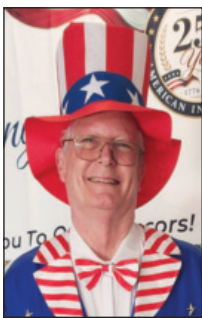
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Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce Gala a Star-Spangled Evening

By Victoria Crosby
 In Celebration of two hundred and fifty years of American Independence the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce's 24th annual gala had a red, white and blue theme, with many ladies choosing to wear gowns in those colors. Dean Mayreis, husband of Glen Cove Chamber president Maxine, wore an Uncle Sam outfit,



Dean Mayreis

which made him very popular for photo ops. The event was held at the Sea Cliff Manor with four honorees. Candy and Mark Udell of London Jewelers for the Pinnacle Award, celebrating one hundred years in Glen Cove, Nosh Delivers Inc., the Community Impact Award, for delivering food to over seven hundred families with food



Honorees Candy and Mark Udell with Mayor Pam Panzenbeck, and Glen Cove Chamber members.

Tocolo Cantina restaurant, the Envision award, and William Whitton former Chief of Police in Glen Cove, the Sentinel award. Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce president Maxine Cappel Mayreis introduced the honorees and presented them with their awards as chamber members stood to one side. The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce celebrated the honorees for their dedication and contributions to the community. There were forty-five gift baskets for the raffle, which included gift certificates for restaurants, wines, jewelry, books, skin and hair care, spa treatments, floral displays and much more. The silent auction included seven luxury items including a sunset sail for four people on the oyster sloop Christeen, and a gift certificate worth \$1,000.00 for jewelry from London Jewelers.

A delicious dinner was served followed by dancing to music by the DJ and the announcement of the prize winners in the silent auction and raffle baskets. Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce member Sonya Lowe was thrilled to win three of my books in the raffle.



Sonya Lowe winner of books in raffle.

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Water Rescue in The Long Island Sound

The Public Information Office reports the details of a Water Emergency that occurred on Friday, August 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM in Sands Point. According to Police, Nassau County Marine Bureau who responded to a water emergency that occurred on Friday, August 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM in Sands Point. The 62-foot vessel with eight passengers on board in the vicinity of Success Rock that was taking on water. The Town of North Hempstead Bay Constables, US Coast Guard, Rye Police Department Marine Bureau and the



The emergency response teams. Photo: NCPD

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“Reluctant Revolutionaries: Rebellion in the Age of Reason” Lecture at the North Shore Historical Museum

The North Shore Historical Museum is pleased to announce an upcoming lecture by historian Dr. Richard Harris, titled “Reluctant Revolutionaries: Rebellion in the Age of Reason.” The program will take place on Thursday, September 10, 2026, and explores a compelling and often overlooked dimension of America’s path to independence.

As communities across the nation commemorate the American Revolution, familiar milestones—such as the Boston

Tea Party, the battles of Lexington and Concord, the Battle of Long Island, the Declaration of Independence, and the British surrender at Yorktown—take center stage. Yet many colonists remained deeply connected to Britain and were hesitant to support the cause of independence.

Dr. Harris will examine how Enlightenment ideals and persuasive voices—including Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine—helped transform wide-

spread hesitation into a unified revolutionary movement. His talk will illuminate the intellectual and cultural forces that convinced reluctant colonists that independence offered the best path forward.

This lecture is part of NSHM’s ongoing commitment to presenting engaging, accessible programs that deepen public understanding of local and national history.

Admission: \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers.

Lecture takes place on Thursday, September 10, 2026 Time: 7:00 PM
Location: North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542. (516) 801-1191



President George Washington

Save the Date, October 10, 2026:
You’re invited to celebrate America’s 250th birthday at the North Shore Historical Museum’s Annual Gala, “Happy Birthday America – USA 250,” held at the magnificent Braes Mansion—once the Pratt family estate and now home to the Webb Institute in Glen Cove.

Join us for an evening of history, pride, and festivity as the mansion is transformed with a vibrant red, white, and blue theme in honor of this milestone anniversary. No tickets sold at the door.

For more information, please visit northshorehistoricalmuseum.org.



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Oyster Bay-East Norwich Welcomes New Teaching Staff



The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District introduces the newest group of educators.
Photo: OB-ENCSD

The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District is delighted to introduce the newest group of educators, who were welcomed to the district on Aug. 26. The new staff had the opportunity to connect with administrators, learn about the district’s systems and initiatives and prepare for the upcoming school year.

With their enthusiasm, dedication and passion for students, the district has no

doubt these teachers will be instrumental in supporting all that makes OBEN special. The district looks forward to the positive impact they will have on its students and the community.

On behalf of the entire Oyster Bay-East Norwich team, the district warmly welcomes the new staff members and wish them success as they begin the new school year.

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Obituaries

BECKER. John Charles Jr., passed on August 26, 2026. He was born, 1928 and raised in Sea Cliff, New York. He served in the Army for World War II. He worked for LILCO for over 40 years as a watch engineer. He was married to Joan Becker (Kelly) for 48 years before she passed in 1998. He is also preceded in death by parents and siblings. He is survived by his 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed. www.Whitting.com

DEL SAVIO, Robert (Bob) Age 74 of Fort Myers FL., formerly of Bayville NY. Beloved Husband of Camille (nee Colasanti). Brother of the late Jay. Loving Uncle of Theresa Molesky. Survived by many cousins, friends and colleagues. Bob retired from American Airlines and was a self employed highly skilled master craftsman. He was an avid traveler and outdoorsman. Long time proud member of the Campfire Club of America. Bob was a good, fine man who will be missed by all those who were lucky enough to have known him.

Donations may be made to St.Jude Children's Hospital. Internment is private. www.DodgeThomas.com



D'URSO, Joseph of Glen Cove, on August 30, 2026 at Age 35. Beloved son of Josephine and Michael. Loving father of Maximus. Adored grandson of Katherine Giovinazzo, the late Angelo Michele D'Urso, the late Maria and the late Giovanni Grella. Dear brother of Michael (Maria), Alyssa Maria and Anna. Proud uncle of 4, nephew of several loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Mass

at the Church Of St. Rocco on Friday, September 4, 2026 at 10:00am. Interment is Private. www.DodgeThomas.com

FRANCESCHIELLO, Keith Anthony, on Aug. 28, 2026, age 64, of Locust Valley, NY. Beloved husband of Eleanora. Loving brother of Marie. Interment was private. www.oysterbay-funeralhome.com

JOYCE, Christopher, It is with profound sadness and immeasurable love that we announce the passing of Christopher Joyce, who left us far too soon on August 31, 2026, at the age of 55.

Chris was a devoted husband, loving father, cherished son and brother, and a loyal and treasured friend to so many. Throughout his life, he touched countless people with his wisdom, quick wit, humor, kindness, and unwavering sense of family. He was the person people turned to for advice, for a laugh or simply because they knew that Chris would always be there.

Chris had an extraordinary gift for making people feel welcome, important and just like family. He remembered the details, kept in touch, showed up when it mattered, and never hesitated to lend his time, knowledge, or support. His circle of friends was expansive, spanning childhood, family, work, sports, and every chapter of his life. Many of those friendships lasted decades, and those friends became an extension of his family. Chris was the kind of person who could walk into a room and make it feel more familiar, more comfortable, and a whole lot more fun.

Above all else, family was Chris's greatest love and greatest accomplishment.

Chris was the beloved husband of Irena, with whom he shared an extraordi-

nary 33 years together. Their life together was filled with love, laughter, travel, beach days, family traditions, celebrations of the big moments and, perhaps most importantly, appreciation for the small stuff. They built a life together, raised two wonderful sons, and created a lifetime of memories that Irena will carry with her forever.

Chris was a proud and devoted father to Sean and Christopher. His boys were his world, and he took enormous pride in watching them grow into the young men they are today. He was not simply their father—he was their teacher, coach, advisor and biggest fan.

Chris poured his passions into his boys, particularly his love of sports. He could talk basketball, baseball, and football seemingly forever, and there was never a shortage of opinions, statistics, predictions, or historical facts. He especially loved sharing his devotion to the Knicks, Mets, and Jets, and his boys absorbed their father's extensive sports knowledge along the way.

And then there was fantasy sports. Chris took fantasy sports seriously—and proudly. He shared his knowledge, strategies, predictions, and expertise with his sons, and took particular pleasure in watching them succeed. Their victories were his victories.

The lessons Chris gave his sons extended far beyond sports. He taught them to be loyal, to work hard, to stand by their family and friends, to have confidence in themselves, and to appreciate the people and moments that make life meaningful. His greatest hope was simply to see his boys happy and successful, and he will

continue to live through the values and lessons he instilled in them.

Chris was also the proud elder brother of Brian and Matthew. Their relationship was built over a lifetime of shared memories, stories his mother shouldn't hear, laughter, disagreements over sports teams and an enduring bond that only brothers can truly understand. Chris treasured his brothers and remained deeply connected to them throughout his life.

Professionally, Chris dedicated 30 years of his life to the Hertz Corporation. Through intelligence, determination, leadership, and an exceptional work ethic, he rose through the ranks to become an Operations Manager, carrying a multitude of roles and responsibilities throughout his career. He was highly respected by his colleagues and developed many meaningful friendships during his three decades at Hertz. After 30 years of dedication and service, he celebrated a well-earned retirement in January 2026. He was finally looking forward to having more time for all of the things he loved. His retirement was supposed to be the beginning of another chapter. It is heartbreaking that he was given so little time to enjoy it.

Chris's true legacy was never in a title or resume line. It lives in the people who loved him, the stories we'll keep telling, the laughter that still endures, the wisdom and guidance his sons carry forward, and the imprint he left on every friendship he touched. Our hearts are broken and we are endlessly grateful for the love he gave and the life he shared.

Chris will be loved forever and forgotten never.

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The Bayville Meat Center Celebrates 50TH Anniversary



The Vassallo family Alexandra, Michael, Julia, Kurt and Edward.

This coming November the Bayville Meat Center will celebrate it's 50th Anniversary. This small butcher shop has grown to be the north shore's favorite deli and catering.

Bayville Meat Center was established in 1976 by Pasquale and Else Vassallo. Pasquale was born in the Bronx, NY as a first generation Italian American while Else was born in Berghausen, Germany. Pasquale spent most of his youth in the kitchen, preparing meals for friends and family.

Sadly in 1989 Pasquale passed away, leaving Else a young widow, with four

children. She and her sons Edward and Kurt, kept the business going. Else passed away in 2025, she was 88.

As a second generation butcher, Pasquale originally opened Bayville Meat Center as a craft butcher shop that his son, Edward has expanded into fine delicatessen and gourmet catering. Edward's son, Michael now joins him in honoring the family legacy.

Three generations of family owned and operated business allows us great pride in our services. They appreciate the many generations of customers who have supported them throughout the years, and have grown to become part of our own extended family of customers.

Over the years Billy Joel and his family have enjoyed the Bayville Meat Center. They even have a sandwich named "Billy the Kid" in his honor. The Vassallo family was heartbroken when he moved out.

The Barstool Guy rated their ham-burgers the best on Long island! Their bucket of fried chicken is also a big hit.

Besides delicious food, they also produce Lexi's Prime Raw Dog Mix. What's better than a butcher for your dog? They give your best friend a naturally nourishing meal made with real, wholesome ingredients.

Don't know what to cook tonight, stop by the Bayville Meat Center, you will never be disappointed!



The Bayville Meat Center, 282 Bayville Avenue. Photos: Patricia Brexel

Swim Across America



Swim Across America teammates Matthew McCloy, Michael Prokop, and Joey Schmitt.

Three Locust Valley varsity swim team members rallied friends and family to raise over \$23,000 for cancer centers and local hospitals as part of Swim Across America's Nassau/Suffolk Long Island Open Water Swim in early August, in Glen Cove.

Locust Valley High School student

Matthew McCloy and teammates Michael Prokop of Glen Cove and Joey Schmitt of Carle Place swam at Pryibil Beach and worked with their friends at St. Dominic's to raise the sixth-most funds of the participating teams. All told, the Falcons athletes helped make the event, which raised over a million dollars, a huge success.

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