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High-Density Apartment PACs Flood Huntington GOP Primary



Gregory DeRosa at Criminal Arraignment



LIBI CEO Mike Florio



Ed Smyth



Brooke Lupinacci

Paci, a former NY Jets Quarterback and member of the Huntington School Board. Paci lives in Huntington Bay.

Paci was defrauded out of \$4.7 million by DeRosa, and recently secured a \$5.3 million Court Judgment against DeRosa.

Documents confirm a \$240,000 payoff scheme between DeRosa - who stood to make tens of millions from Smyth's apartments scheme - and Smyth's right-hand man on the Huntington Town Board.

In 2023, Smyth rammed-through a law - Local Law Number 7 - to give DeRosa a \$1.4 million "gift" in the form of a re-zone of a condominium complex owned by DeRosa, changing a \$300,000 "affordable" unit into a \$1.7 million "full-price" unit.

"I have zero tolerance for municipal corruption and Ed Smyth's schemes to ram thousands of high-density apartments into Huntington - just to please his financial backers," stated Councilwoman Lupinacci. "Why can't people do things the right way - with transparency, concern for the public, and compliance with the law."

Lupinacci was previously a white-collar prosecutor in the Suffolk District Attorney's office, where she prosecuted municipal corruption and protected consumers against fraud.

The hotly-contested Republican primary for Huntington Supervisor and Town Board will be held on June 24th.

BY LEADER STAFF

The urban apartment developers are flooding the June 24th Republican primary elections in Huntington - with over \$300,000 in targeted ads and mailings to try to defeat Councilwoman Brooke Lupinacci, who opposed Supervisor Ed Smyth's scheme to build thousands of high-density urban apartments in Huntington.

"We are supporting [Smyth's] efforts" to build high density apartments, stated Marc Herbst, the Executive Director of LICA. "We are making a public statement..."

The Long Island Builder's Institute (LIBI) - construction contractors - has formed a Political Action Committee (PAC) and is throwing \$30,000 into political ads to influence the Republican primary.

LIBI has declared that Huntington is "ground zero" for its plans for future high-density housing construction.

LIBI's Executive Director Mike Florio, who is backing Smyth, was previously the District Director for Democratic US Congressman Thomas Suozzi (D-Glen Cove).

Florio coordinated closely with Smyth to pass a scheme to re-zone Melville from commercial offices to thousands of high-density apartments. Florio flooded Town Board Hearings last year with contractors and their employees - and coordinated with Smyth to sign-up Florio's members early for the hearings, to shut-out out local residents.

The scheme to build thousands of apartments is opposed by the Half Hollow Hills School District - the largest district in Huntington - which

calculated that Smyth's apartment's scheme would add nearly 1,000 new students and impose a \$21 million annual tax increase on homeowners.

Lupinacci and her running mates Eugene Cook and John Posillico have pledged to immediately repeal Smyth's Apartment Overlay District, if elected.

Smyth planned his scheme to build thousands of apartments in Huntington with indicted contractor Gregory DeRosa, who was criminally charged by Suffolk District Attorney Ray Tierney (R-Suffolk) earlier this year for Fraud, and is charged in Court with running a "\$50 million Ponzi land fraud."

Smyth laughed-off his associate Greg DeRosa's criminal charges as "Much Ado about nothing."

DeRosa is also facing over 15 lawsuits from people he defrauded.

One those suing DeRosa is John

The Next Chapter: Inside Green Vale's Secondary School Placement Process



Graduation 2025

At The Green Vale School, the secondary school placement process starts early—and it starts with a partnership. That partnership is between families, students, and a dedicated team of professionals who work together to support a thoughtful process—one that embraces each student's strengths, goals, and potential, and ends with a placement that ensures they continue to thrive.

Known as "Exmissions," Green Vale's secondary school placement process is a hallmark of the Upper School experience. And for good reason: nearly 90% of students are accepted into their first-choice schools in what is one of the most competitive independ-

ent school markets in the country.

"It's not just about where they'll get in," said Head of School Dr. Jesse Dougherty, who guides parents through the landscape of boarding and day school options. "It's about finding a place where their Green Vale experience can continue to grow. Our job is to understand who they are—and to make sure those schools understand it, too."

The Exmissions Team

The Exmissions team is led by three key individuals, each offering a unique lens and support role. Head of Upper School Cathy Iannotta prepares students directly—building their confidence, supporting their academic readiness, and helping them step into the role of self-advocate. Dr. Dougherty helps parents strategize with a mix of long-term relationships and admissions savvy (he previously served as a reader at several top schools). Meanwhile, Director of Exmissions Theo Dellicicchi bridges

both sides—spending time with students and families to guide everything from interviews to application logistics.

"By the end of the process, students are standing taller," said Iannotta. "They're presenting themselves with conviction and pride—not because we've polished them, but because they've earned it."

Dellicicchi agreed: "It's really rewarding work. I get to know each student closely, help them shine, and support families through every step. We're all in it together—and we celebrate the victories together."

The larger support team also includes the teachers who write recommendation letters in core academic and extracurricular areas—who know each child deeply and can authentically advocate for them.

How It Unfolds

In the spring or in early fall, Green Vale's 7th Grade parents sit down with Dr. Dougherty to start a conversation that will shape the next chapter of their child's education. There are no rankings on the table. No rush. Just a couple of questions: "Who is your child?" and "What kind of school feels right for them?"

From there, a list of recommended schools is created based on factors such as size, location, academic offerings,

athletic programs, leadership opportunities, and overall school culture. In the winter, 7th Graders begin SSAT prep—offered in-house by Green Vale—while families also attend informal open houses and start scheduling school visits.

Throughout this time, Dellicicchi begins working closely with students,



Meeting with the Exmissions Team

getting to know them informally over lunch and in small groups to better understand their strengths, interests, personalities. This early foundation ensures that by the start of 8th Grade, students feel known, supported, and ready to take on the more focused work of the placement process.

In the fall of 8th Grade, Dellicicchi

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EDITORIAL

HUNTINGTON REPUBLICANS NEED TO VOTE BROOKE LUPINACCI TO SAVE HUNTINGTON



Brooke Lupinacci

The news this week that the high-density apartment developers lobby is pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars into Huntington to try to influence the Republican primary - should frighten everyone.

Ed Smyth has been tempted and corrupted by the apartment developer's money: He is their creature - and he supports putting the largest high-density apartment complex in the history of Long Island - right into Huntington.

Four more years of Ed Smyth will leave Huntington unrecognizable: green space will be paved over; thousands of apartments will transform quiet neighborhoods into urban blight.

Huntington will become Queens. And worse.

Brooke Lupinacci and her running mates John Posillico and Eugene Cook have pledged to stop overdevelopment and have "zero tolerance" for municipal corruption.

Huntington residents - and Huntington Republicans - have been warned.

Vote in the Republican primary on June 24th - if you want to save Huntington.

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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.

LA LOTA RENEW CHARGE AGAINST HOCHUL'S COMMUTER TAX

To the Editor;

Members of the New York and New Jersey Congressional Delegations sent a letter to President Donald J. Trump and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy, thanking them for their leadership in fighting to block New York Governor Kathy Hochul's controversial con-



Congressman Nick LaLota

gestion pricing plan, calling it an unfair commuter tax on hardworking families and small businesses. They further urged the Administration to continue their work in stopping this proposal

from moving forward, emphasizing that congestion pricing would disproportionately burden middle- and working-class commuters from Long Island, the Hudson Valley, and New Jersey.

Hochul's commuter tax was never about improving transit—it's about squeezing hardworking suburban families to paper over the MTA's bloated, mismanaged budget. She's forcing law-abiding, taxpaying commuters into a system riddled with crime, delays, and dysfunction—without demanding a shred of accountability. I'm proud to stand with President Trump and Secretary Duffy in the fight to stop Hochul's commuter tax and protect our constituents from this reckless and unfair scheme.

In the letter, the Members highlighted the public safety crisis plaguing New York's transit system, the MTA's mismanagement and ongoing financial irresponsibility, and the devastating impact that congestion pricing would have on suburban communities across New York and

New Jersey. They further emphasized that while the fight against this ill-conceived tax is not yet over, the Administration's leadership offers hope to the thousands of commuters across the region who deserve better.

Congressman Nick LaLota

LAVINE SPEAKS FOR PRESS FREEDOM

Open Letter to NYC Mayor Eric Adams;

I am deeply disturbed to read in the New York Times that you have taken the extraordinary step of barring Daily News reporter Chris Sommerfeldt from future City Hall news conferences. This action, because in your opinion he was being disrespectful, is a clear violation of American constitutional values.

Every year since 2019, I have sponsored a resolution in the Assembly recognizing Press Freedom Day in the state of New York. The original resolution states, "Journalists and media workers from New York State and around the world should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State for their essential role in promoting government accountability, defending democratic activity, and strengthening civil society, despite threats to the safety of those journalists and media workers; it is important they are able to do their job without fear or repercussions."

It's that last part which I draw your attention to. In this instance, you are no better than President Trump who has treated the press as his

enemy since his first term - going so far in his second as to bar reporters he doesn't agree with from White House events and using favoritism to determine seating and recognition in official press conferences.

The resolution also mentions many journalists from our great state who have given their lives while doing their job, including one from my district.

Marie Colvin, an award-winning reporter from Oyster Bay was murdered in 2012 while covering the Syrian Civil War. She was specifically targeted because of her profession, for the purpose of silencing those reporting on the growing opposition movement in the country.

There is good reason the founding fathers chose to include the guarantee of a free press in the First Amendment, as it would always stand as a check against unlimited power by any one individual or governmental body.

I strongly urge you to consider this reminder of one of the most fundamental aspects of our democracy and reverse the action taken here against Mr. Sommerfeldt.

Charles Lavine
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Op-Ed: Illegal Aliens and “Due Process”

BY STEVE LEVY

Republicans must push back more against the Left and the legacy media conflating due process for an individual charged with a crime, with "due process" to deport an illegal immigrant.

The media have been perpetrating a myth that those here illegally have a constitutional right to the same due process as would someone who is charged with a crime that could lead to their incarceration. That's not true.

The ramifications of getting this distinction wrong are enormous. The costs and delays in deporting illegal immigrants would basically shield the five million-plus illegal immigrants former President Joe Biden ushered into our nation.

Let's be clear: Any individual, documented or not, who is charged with a crime that could result in his being imprisoned would be entitled to due process and the opportunity to receive a jury trial. That is a very different scenario from the government identifying a person here illegally and simply trying to remove him from United States territory. Since he is not being threatened with the loss of his freedom via incarceration, the degree of due process is, at least in some instances, significantly diminished.

Envision a scenario where a thousand illegal immigrants rush the southern border. Border agents corral 20 of them. Anyone with common sense and an understanding of the law would agree that the agents have the right to turn those border crashers around and send them back. It would be ridiculous to suggest that these 20 border rushers have the right to say that they should be entitled to a due process trial before being turned around.

Indeed, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 provides for "expedited removal." The Act provides that illegal immigrants can be deported almost immediately without going through a court hearing if caught within two years of their crossing. Expedited removal would also pertain to those here beyond

two years who were deported before and reentered illegally.

Yet, the Left would have taxpayers foot the bill for several months or years until a judge is freed up to engage in a long, costly trial before that person can be turned around.



Steve Levy

Ironically, these claims were rarely made in previous administrations, such as former President Barack Obama's, where thousands of such individuals were turned around on a daily basis without the so-called due process the Left is now demanding.

In fact, Obama got the highly misnamed title of "Deporter in Chief" by using this tactic. The ACLU noted how under Obama, there existed "a system ... of nonjudicial removals, where 75 percent of people removed do not see a judge before being expelled from the U.S."

There is one level of due process that any illegal immigrant should be entitled to, and that is to be able to prove that he or she is here legally. But that should not require a long, drawn-out, costly jury trial taking years to schedule and weeks to complete.

No, the due process required should simply be giving that immigrant an opportunity to provide to the Border Patrol agent or hearing officers proof of legal residency by presenting a valid Social Security number, work permit, or alien registration number. Without any of these items, the person is here illegally. And the government should have the ability to remove him from American soil immediately.

Some will try to game the system by making a bogus asylum claim to bide time. However, processing these cases is mitigated if an asylum claim has not been made within one year of arrival, if the applicant passed through a safe third country, where protection could have been sought, or where other crimes were committed by the alien.

Criminal hearings attach greater rights than civil hearings. While a right to counsel may be relevant in a criminal matter under the Sixth Amendment, no such possible protection attaches to a civil matter or a mere misdemeanor.

Thus, the Trump administration should resist the temptation to deport through the criminal process, even though it would have every right to do so. The goal is not to imprison illegal immigrants, but rather to remove them quickly from the U.S.

The Democrats are deliberately conflating these issues to make it nearly impossible to deport any of the five million-plus illegal immigrants Biden welcomed in. That's because they know these individuals will be included in cen-

sus counts, thereby improving the Democrats' lot in future elections.

And, of course, their master plan was always to regain control of the presidency and Congress and thereafter grant amnesty, citizenship, and voting rights to the illegal immigrants - who would then return the favor by voting for Democrats.

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Planting Fields Groundbreaking “Piet Oudolf” Garden

BY THOMAS NOTHEL

Planting Fields Foundation, located in Oyster Bay, announced a truly historic milestone for Long Island and the world of landscape art: the new Piet Oudolf Garden at Planting Fields.

The visionary new garden project is set to debut in summer 2026.

Planting Fields is once again on the cusp of redefining its legacy with the unveiling of the Piet Oudolf Garden.

The groundbreaking garden by internationally acclaimed designer Piet Oudolf, known for iconic projects like Manhattan's High Line, will be Oudolf's first public garden on Long Island. It promises to elevate Planting Fields into a world class destination for art lovers, nature enthusiasts, and tourists alike, boosting Long Island's reputation as a cultural and ecological landmark.

"I am excited to be designing a new garden for Planting Fields, which will be my first public project on Long Island," stated Oudolf. "Planting Fields provides a wonderful background for my garden."

"The site's layered landscape and ongoing cultural initiatives also create an environment to enjoy the garden through all seasons."

"The project is a transformative



The Gardens at Planting Fields (courtesy D. Almeida)

moment that redefines our region's place on the global art and tourism map," added Dr. Gina J. Wouters, President and CEO of Planting Fields Foundation.

With vibrant, year-round displays celebrating the resilience and beauty of nature, this new garden will attract visitors from near and far, fostering community engagement and environmental stewardship.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available. A "Sponsor A Plant" program launching this June invites the public to be part of this extraordinary journey, by supporting the Piet Oudolf Garden at Planting Fields.

"You will be aligning your vision with a cause that celebrates environmental stewardship, artistry, and community," conclude Planting Fields spokesman. "With your support, this project will bring unparalleled beauty and sustainability."

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The 31ST Annual Theodore Roosevelt Police Awards



Police Officer Alexa Crimauco and Detective Timothy Thrane

By PATRICIA BREXEL

On Thursday, June 12th, many Police officers, friends and families gathered at Sagamore Hill for the 31st Annual Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Awards. This award is given to Police Officers who have overcome a major physical challenge or illness, as Theodore Roosevelt himself overcame an illness in his youth. Theodore Roosevelt served as the President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City from May 1895, to April 1897.

The ceremony opened with a musical presentation by both the Nassau and Suffolk County's Police Pipe and Drum Bands.

This year's award recipients were Nassau County Police Officer Alexa

Crimauco, and Suffolk Detective Timothy Thrane.

Police Officer Alexa Crimauco joined the Nassau county Police Department on December 3, 2021 after serving with the New York City Police Department for 3 years. Upon completion of the Police Academy, she was assigned to patrol within the First Precinct.

Her life changed in January of 2024, while feeling exhausted and getting sick all the time. After may tests she was diagnosed with stage 2 classic Hodgkin's Lymphoma on July 18, 2024.

She delayed treatment to start IVF to give herself a the chance to have a family one day in the future, because chemotherapy can cause infertility. Alexa started chemotherapy treatment in August and completed her treatment on November 26, 2024. She was determined to work, she showed up for work being nauseous and looking pale and tired. Thru it all Police Officer Crimauco only used 8 sick days!

Her Doctors and nurses were all amazed about how well she did. On December 17, 2024 she was told that she was in remission.

Suffolk County Detective Timothy Thrane, started his career on October 15, 2018 at the 7th Precinct. On November 2, 2021 about 11:57 PM then Officer Thrane was on foot directing traffic at the scene of a motor vehicle accident in Yaphank. A vehicle operated by a drunk driver struck a vehicle that was stopped at the accident scene, causing it to strike Thrane and throwing underneath it.

He sustained serious injuries, including a skull fracture, traumatic brain injury, a life-threatening brain bleed,

torn neck ligaments, a fractured upper arm and hand, and torn knee ligaments. He required many surgeries and spent a month in a coma.

Despite the serious injuries, surgeries and physical therapy, miraculously he returned to work in October of 2022, and was assigned in the Emergency



The Theodore Roosevelt Police Award

Service Section. In May of 2023 he was assigned to the 7th Precinct Crime Section. That November he was promoted to Detective.

The perseverance and dedication of these two officers were well deserving of the 2025 Theodore Roosevelt Police Award.

After the Awards ceremony the Officers, their families and friends were treated to a delicious lunch, courtesy of the Friends of Sagamore Hill.

Oak Neck Crew Team Signs for Colleges



(L-R) Crew coach Linda Poll, Oak Neck director Helen Piscatello, the Oak Neck Crew Team wearing the shirts of the team they will row for, Oak Neck director Al Staab, and Crew Coach Amadeusz.

The Oak Neck Athletic Crew Team signed contracts with the colleges that they will row for in the fall. These ten high school seniors, from several Long Island High Schools, worked hard to receive very large scholarships to prominent universities.

Bradyn Brogan - Ward Melville High School, Stony Brook, will attend University of San Diego. Interested in Finance with a minor in Real Estate.

Jackie Bousquet-Smith - Walt Whitman High School, will attend Lehigh University. Interested in Engineering and Physics.

Kelly Clarke - Manhasset High School, will attend Princeton University. Interested in Engineering.

Cooper Cross - Saint John the Baptist Diocesan High School, will attend University of San Diego. Interested in Engineering (undecided).

Sophia DeMartino - St. Dominic High School, will attend Vanderbilt

University. Interested in Secondary Education in Mathematics.

Robby Dring - Manhasset High School, will attend University of Pennsylvania. Interested in Economics and Statistics.

Harrison Hutzel - Chaminade High School, will attend Tufts University. Interested in Economics

Lauren Durkin - Miller Place High School, will attend Sacred Heart University. Interested in Nursing.

Anna Femino - Smithtown High School East, will attend University of Alabama. Interested in Sports Management

Spencer Matijak - St. Anthony's High School, will attend Virginia Tech. Interested in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Crew is the sport of rowing racing boats using oars. Interested in joining Oak Neck Crew Team call Coach Amadeusz (347) 750-9314.



Suffolk County Detective Timothy Thrane and his family



Nassau County Police Officer Alexa Crimauco, with her family and friends.

Photos: Patricia Brexel



Oak Neck Crew Team signing commitments.

Photos: Patricia Brexel



We proudly present the Green Vale Class of 2025. Their remarkable academic accomplishments, coupled with their unwavering character and dedication to their passions, have garnered acceptances from some of the country's most prestigious secondary schools. As they embark on this new chapter, these graduates follow in the footsteps of countless alumni devoted to making a positive impact on the world.

We congratulate you.



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**Listed in alphabetical order*

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS
FOR THE CLASS OF 2025**

- Berkshire School
- Blair Academy
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- Choate Rosemary Hall
- Deerfield Academy
- Episcopal High School
- Friends Academy
- Great Neck South High School
- Kent School
- Millbrook School
- Miss Porter's School
- Phillips Academy Andover
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- St. Paul's School
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- The Taft School

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The Next Chapter: Inside Green Vale's Secondary School



The first day of school.

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begins working more closely with students on the practical elements of the process, including mock interviews and school-specific preparation. Green Vale also partners with an outside communications consultant to help students refine their interview skills, body language, and overall interpersonal skills and public speaking abilities. In addition, students practice interviews with key administrators, receiving thoughtful, individualized feedback. These layers of preparation ensure that when admissions directors visit Green Vale in the fall, students are confident and ready to engage. And when it's time for their formal interviews—a key part of many schools' application processes—they're prepared to make a strong impression.

The strength of the School's long standing relationships with top-tier secondary schools throughout the country gives students a meaningful edge. That face-to-face connection matters. "These relationships aren't transactional," said Dr. Dougherty. "They're built on years of mutual trust. Admissions teams know what to expect from a Green Vale student: intellect, character, and confidence." Regular visits from Admissions Directors to Green Vale—as well as visits to the schools where our graduates matriculate—help sustain and strengthen these trusted relationships.

Once families have finalized their lists of schools by early December, the application phase begins in earnest. Dellicicchi supports families by offering

guidance on using the various online application systems and by ensuring that all the required supporting documents are reviewed and submitted by deadline. Supporting documents typically include transcripts, teacher recommendations and a school report. Some schools may also seek additional materials, such as extra recommendations and graded writing samples.

As decisions approach in February and March, Dr. Dougherty is on the phone daily with admissions teams—drawing on years of experience to advocate for Green Vale students in ways that go beyond the written application.

Early Decision from local independent schools may arrive as soon as December 15. Regular Decision and parochial school acceptances typically follow in mid-January, while boarding school decisions are announced by March 9. Once families receive their outcomes, the Exmissions team is available to support them through the final decision-making process. Local schools often host revisit days, and boarding schools offer "Accepted Students" Days—valuable opportunities to return to campus with a fresh perspective that can help families make their final decision.

What Sets Green Vale Apart

What truly sets Green Vale's secondary school placement process apart is the personalized involvement of the Exmissions team, along with the broader GVS community—administrators, teachers, and outside consultants—who truly know each student and are rooting for them every step of the way. This strong, unified support ensures that every student is placed at the best school for them, not just academically, but personally as well.

The strength of the Exmissions process is perhaps best captured through the voices of those it has served. For Green Vale families, this process represents the full arc of a child's experience, and preparation for success—the growth, learning, and support they have received over the years.

A parent of a recent graduate noted:

"As first-time participants in the secondary school process, we found the personalized attention we received to be incredibly helpful and reassuring.

Dr. Dougherty's steady guidance was especially valuable as we navigated the complexities of the boarding school process. While our son's acceptances are a credit to his effort, the advocacy work invested by teachers, the Exmissions team, and Dr. Dougherty played an integral role in helping each school understand the person our son is. This support made a meaningful difference, and we are deeply grateful."



The last day of school!

In a competitive admissions climate, Green Vale students are succeeding, and the School's focus is steadfast—helping them develop their strengths, think deeply, and approach every opportunity with confidence. And that's evident in everything they do.

The Shoppe by Trubee Hill Sidewalk Sale

By VICTORIA CROSBY

The Shoppe by Trubee Hill, owned by Adam and Ian Siegel, recently held a sidewalk sale with items starting as low as \$5. The light drizzle didn't keep shoppers from perusing and purchasing both sale and regular priced items. Tents set up in front of The Shoppe in Village Square held lots of sale items with more inside.

The Shoppe by Trubee Hill features hand poured soy wax candles, which are made on the premises. They also carry room sprays, diffusers, household goods, skin care and a variety of gift items. Many of these items are customized with Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Bayville and other local community names.

A list of the ten top selling candles inside the store shows Driftwood and Juniper as the number one best seller between January and April of this year,



So many gift items can be customized.

followed by Pink Lotus at number two. I hope they make a White Lotus soon! Blue Hydrangea, which was a number one favorite last year, is now at number five. Long Island Summer is one of my favorites, since I visit only a few times a year, it's a wonderful reminder of the beautiful North Shore.

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Obituaries



CAPONE, Filomena of Glen Head, NY on June 10, 2025 at age 87. Devoted wife of Ugo. Beloved mother of Raffaella (Richie), Silvana (Domenico), Joe (Kathy) & Marcello. Dear sister of 6 siblings who predeceased her. Proud grandmother of Nancy, Mena, Marcello, Sabatino, Nicola, Christopher, Stephanie, Alyssa and Martin. Also survived by loving nieces & nephews.

Entombment at Holy Rood Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

DAWSON, John B. Jr., a longtime resident of Glen Head, NY, died peacefully on February 12, 2025. He was 94. A steadfast husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, much of John's life was spent on or near the water.

John was predeceased by his wife, Darle Gertrude "Trudy", with whom he shared 65 years of love and friendship. He is survived by his two daughters, Darle Jennifer Dawson (Robert R. Townsend) and Susan (Michael D.) Perlman. He was a proud grandfather to Darle Bailey Riordan and Daeya Dawson Perlman.

Born in Bayside, NY, John attended Duke University, where he earned his law degree. He proudly served his country with the U.S. Navy toward the end of the Korean War. Following his military service, John built a distinguished legal career, founding his law practice, John B. Dawson, Jr., Esq. P.C., initially based in Mineola, NY.

For many years, he enjoyed using his free time to support community endeavors. In 1964, he and his wife joined the Sea Cliff Yacht Club. Almost two decades later, John was elected Commodore for two consecutive terms. Additionally, he was honored to be the Chairman of the Board for The Friends of Cedarmere, the historic estate home of

William Cullen Bryant. John championed the restoration and preservation of that local history and culture. As one of the founders of the Around Long Island Regatta, John's love of sailing found a larger community and continues to inspire new and old sailors alike.

He earned his pilot's license before his driver's license and had a lifelong enthusiasm for speed, including auto rallying in Watkins Glen and Bridgehampton. He enjoyed playing tennis, had a love of music and was a talented musician, both singing and playing ukulele, and banjo.

There were few things that John would say no to. He greeted every new opportunity with dedication, kindness and a sense of humor. He will be profoundly missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege to know him. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 26th, 4-8 PM at Whitting Funeral Home, 300 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head NY, 11545.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in John's memory to The Friends of Cedarmere. www.Whitting.com



DiCATERINO, Adele "Nina" of Glen Cove, NY on June 11, 2025 at age 91. Devoted wife of Francesco "Checco" for 72 years. Beloved mother of Ralph

(Veronica), Jerry (Rose), Anna (the late Peter) and John (Angela). Loving sister of Luigi, Maria, Alfonso and the late Luciano. Proud grandmother of Lea, Peter, Jessica, Annie, Isabella, Michael, Alexandria, Francesca and the late Christian. Cherished great-grandmother of Brooklyn, Emmy, Summer, Hannah, Sienna, Joseph and Isla. Interment private. www.DodgeThomas.com

KEENAN, Kevin J., on June 12,

2025, age 81, of Oyster Bay, NY. Beloved husband of Mary for 53 years. Loving father of Katie and Kara. Also survived by many loving siblings, nieces, nephews, relatives and friend. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his memory to AHRC Nassau at www.ahrc.org. For further information www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

PERLMAN, Jason of Glen Cove, NY on June 6, 2025 at age 45. Beloved son of Linda and Jeff. Loving brother of Wendy (Jonathan) and Randi. Devoted uncle of Eden, Alex and Simon. Dear nephew of Bob Eisenstaedt (Doreen) and Jack Eisenstadt (Tanya). Also survived by loving cousins and friends. Interment New Montefiore Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please donate to: Glen Cove Community Scholarship Fund: Jason Perlman Memorial Scholarship Fund: PO Box 691, Glen Cove, NY 11542. www.DodgeThomas.com

TOWNSEND, Elizabeth Van Siclen passed away peacefully at her home in Oyster Bay Cove, New York on June 10, 2025. She was 78. Liz was born in New York City and later moved to Manhasset, Long Island. She is predeceased by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wyckoff (Mary Young) Van Siclen. Liz was proudly descended from a long line of original Dutch settlers of Manhattan Island.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, David B. Townsend; daughter Amanda Elizabeth Turnbull (Brooke); adored grandsons, Jack and James; and brother John R. Van Siclen (Pam) and nephew Peter S. Van Siclen.

Liz graduated from The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, NY and went on to graduate from the University of Colorado (Boulder) with a BA in Art History.

Liz and Dave met over a spaghetti dinner blind date and went on to share many adventures on multiple continents; including over two years in Tokyo. Liz knew Dave was special from the start; the slingback kitten heels she wore on their first date remain tucked in her closet as a memory of how their romance began.

Throughout her life, Liz found joy in sharing her love of art & design (in all forms) and her curiosity about the world and current events with her friends and family. Reading The New Yorker from cover to cover, clipping articles from any source for family members to benefit from and savoring a good scoop of coffee Haagen-Dazs, when her health allowed it.

Liz gave generously to her family and community. She was on the boards and president of both Raynham Hall Museum and Youth and Family Counseling Agency of Oyster Bay/East Norwich. She was also a member of and former board member of North Country Garden Club and a long-standing board member of the Long Island Council of Save The Children.

Professionally, her career ranged from admissions work at Columbia University to editorial and writing positions with both Conde Nast (House & Garden publications) and Readers Digest (in both the US and Japan). Shortly after Amanda's birth in New York City, they moved to

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Oyster Bay Cove. Liz then turned her focus to interior decorating and design through her own firm, Jean Odell Cottage.

Liz fought bravely against neurological disorders and finally succumbed to multiple neuro-degenerative diseases. The family will hold a private burial service. A Memorial gathering will be planned at a future date.

For those wishing to make a contribution in Liz's memory, please consider one of the above mentioned organizations or one of your choosing. www.Whitting.com

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Grenville Baker B&G Club Youth of the Year in Top Four at State Competition

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club is proud to announce that Valentina C. was selected as a New York State Youth of the Year finalist, a prestigious recognition honoring exceptional leadership, service, and academic excellence among youth. Valentina was one of four finalists that were selected from a pool of very talented candidates throughout the state.



Valentina

Valentina represented the Club with pride and poise throughout the event, opening the dinner celebration by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and delivering a stirring rendition of the National Anthem that moved the audience.

Valentina underwent two rigorous rounds of interviews and delivered a powerful three-minute speech to a panel of distinguished judges, sharing her personal journey and vision for the future.

Although she was not named NYS Youth of the Year, Valentina's remarkable efforts were honored with a \$1,000 scholarship, recognizing her hard work, resilience, and outstanding character.

"We are incredibly proud of Valentina and all she has accomplished," said Melissa Rhodes, Executive Director at Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club. "As Youth of the Year, Valentina will go on to lead, succeed, and inspire others along her journey."

The Youth of the Year program is a signature initiative of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of club members across the nation.

For more information about Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club please visit its website at www.GBBGC.org

Glen Cove Library's New Club

Walking Club (In-Person)

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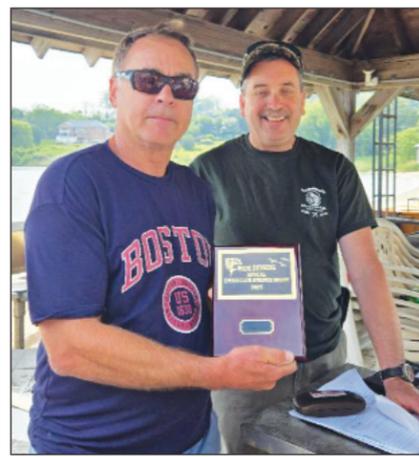
Winner Winner Fish for Dinner



The top seven winners with their Striped Bass.

The Matinecock Rod and Gun Club hosted the Annual Wade Denning Four Way Inter-Club Striper Derby weigh-in and breakfast at their clubhouse in Glen Cove, Sunday June 8th.

Each year fishermen from The Matinecock Rod and Gun Club, Glen Cove Anglers Club, Mill River Rod and Gun Club, and The Manhasset Bay Sportsman's Club compete by fishing in local waters for the entire weekend and then weighing in on Sunday morning at the host club. Current NYSDEC regulations allow keeper stripers between 28 to 31 inches. This year the winning fish was caught by Kyle Kernan of The Manhasset Bay Sportsman's Club weighing in at 11.5 lbs.



(L-R) Winner Kyle Kernan of the Manhasset Bay Sportsman's Club with Chairman Don Sinski from the Matinecock Club.



The members of the Matinecock Rod and Gun Club that hosted the derby, and breakfast.

LLC

Notice of Formation of AM & UJ Enterprises LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on May 2, 2025. Office located in Nassau County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 5 Westfield Pl Glen Cove, NY 11542. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF FOUNDATION TAX RETURN

The Annual Return of the Robert F and Joan M. Vizza Family Foundation for calendar year ending Dec. 31, 2024 is available at the office of Schaeffer & Sam, P.C., located at 1232 RXR Plaza, West Tower Uniondale, N.Y. 11556-1232, for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Dr. Robert F. Vizza

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Legal Notice # 122194 Notice of formation of Dircks Design, LLC. Articles of Organization filed w/ Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 4/30/25. Office located in Suffolk. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 4 Parkridge Ct, Huntington NY 11743. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Locust Valley Class of 2025 Connects with Veterans at Flags for Freedom



Bayville and Locust Valley veterans folded the American flag as students read about the symbolism behind each fold.

Locust Valley High School hosted its annual Flags for Freedom event in partnership with local organization Operation Democracy on June 6. The ceremony gave each member of the Class of 2025 a moment to appreciate our heroes who sacrifice so much for them and acts as a lesson on flag etiquette and symbolism.

Veterans from Bayville American Legion Post 1285 and Locust Valley American Legion Post 962 demonstrated how to fold the American flag and what each fold of the flag represents. Each student met a veteran on stage, took time to get to know each other and received a flag and a copy of the U.S. Constitution to take home. "Today, I encourage the Class of 2025 to reflect on the sacrifices

and take this opportunity to speak with the veterans joining us today," Assistant Superintendent Dr. Janine Sampino said. "It has been a privilege to see this tradition grow each year and I look for-



Senior Sara Nearenberg received a flag from an Air Force veteran.

ward to seeing the impact in the years ahead."

"This event is a moment when generations meet, and the hands that once carried the weight of our nation's freedom now passes it off to the next generation," Operation Democracy representative Carol Cotton told the audience. This will be especially true for senior Ricardo Moran-Cruz, who will be joining the United States Marine Corps after graduation.

United States Air Force veteran Renato Spampinato, father to three children who all attended Locust Valley High School, addressed the students and faculty in attendance. He presented his son, senior Nick Spampinato with the first flag of the day.

"My military time deeply shaped my life with tough work and long hours, and also great times and lasting friendships," Spampinato said. "Good people have given up a lot for you to enjoy this great country."



Senior Ricardo Moran-Cruz, who is joining the Marines this summer, took a moment to meet with marine veteran Joseph DiLorenzo.



Locust Valley High School senior Nick Spampinato received the first flag from his father, veteran and Flags for Freedom speaker, Renato Spampinato.

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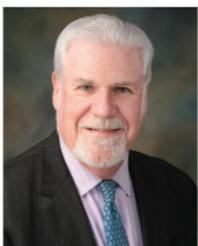
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