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Photo Cold Spring Harbor Central School District

West Side School in Laurel Hollow welcomes back students and staff following a fire that happened on March 10th, 2026. Story on page 5.



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Bald Eagles Nesting in Bayville, and Centerport



Osprey Buzzing Bald Eagle in Bayville Photo courtesy NextDoor

BY LEADER STAFF

Bald Eagles have returned in significant numbers to the Gold Coast.

Multiple recent Bald Eagle sightings in Bayville, East Norwich and Mill Neck confirm the return of America's national bird to the north shore of Long Island.

According to multiple witnesses, there is a Bald Eagle couple building a nest on Mill Neck Creek.

In recent years, a family of Bald Eagles nested in Centerport, in a large tree overlooking the Mill Pond in Centerport. Local naturalists installed a video camera to record the nesting, egg

laying and birth of the baby Bald Eagles - called Eaglets.

The Centerport Bald Eagles have been seen all over the north shore of Huntington, including in Lloyd Neck.

A recent video taken by a Bayville resident shows a Bald Eagle in a tree off the Mill Neck Creek, while an upset Osprey buzzes the eagle, trying to drive it off.

Bald Eagles are much larger than Ospreys, and will sometimes hunt and kill an injured Osprey. They will also raid the nests of Ospreys to eat their young, and harass Ospreys in the air, after the Osprey catches a fish, to try to steal the fish from the Osprey.

Coyote Sightings in Northport, and Roslyn



Coyote in Northport Photo courtesy NextDoor

was attacked by a coyote in Westchester, and was only saved when an off-duty police officer charged in and wrestled the animal off the child. The man was severely bitten by the aggressive animal.

Coyotes in Westchester have been filmed stalking adults and children out for a walk, or children just playing in their yards.

BY LEADER STAFF

New Coyote sightings have identified multiple animals in Northport, Fort Salonga and Sunken Meadow Park.

One Northport resident posted a photo of a large adult coyote in her backyard; The New York State DEC has identified multiple coyotes in Sunken Meadow Park; and another Northport resident reported sighting a blonde coyote in that area.

The return of coyotes to the Gold Coast of Long Island has been feared and anticipated, following sightings in recent years at LaGuardia Airport; on ring cameras in Roslyn; and in Brentwood and Smithtown.

Port Washington police officers have sighted coyotes prowling the sand pits area.

With the rise in the coyote population, the number of attacks on pets and children has dramatically increased.

Just three years ago, a young girl

With the explosion of the deer population, the explosion of the coyote population was bound to follow.

Under Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State has "no plans" for a cull to reduce the overpopulation of deer and now the arrival of an apex predator that hunts children and family pets.

Efforts by local villages and officials to secure a cull to reduce the huge deer overpopulation have been met with refusals and indifference.



Coyote in Roslyn Photo courtesy of Village of East Hills

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400-Unit Apartment Development Approved by Huntington Board

BY MARK DEMETROPOULOS

The Huntington Town Board approved a 400-unit, 14 Building apartment development - the largest apartment development approved by the Town Board - as part of its new Melville re-development scheme.

At the Town Board meeting last Tuesday, the Board voted 4 to 1 - with only Councilwoman Brooke Lupinacci (C-Lloyd Harbor) voting "No" - to approve the massive project.

The 400 apartment proposal was presented by Steel Equities and would be the first apartment development in the so-called "Melville Overlay District."

Steel Equities plans to build 400 apartment units on 16 acres in Melville, at the northeast corner of Maxess Road and Corporate Center Drive. The property has no frontage on Route 110; Broadhollow Road or the LIE Service Road, but is surrounded by commercial office properties.

The Steel Equities proposal consists of seven four-story buildings, plus four

three-story buildings and three one-story retail buildings.

This includes 37,300 square feet of retail space, a public plaza, promenade and walking trail.

The proposal includes 290 residential rental apartments, which would include 40 "live and work" units; as well 110 condominium units for residential purchasers.



Ed Smyth

The Melville proposals have never had a SEQRA study, in conformity with state environmental law; and to side-step that requirement, the Huntington Town Board approved a "special use permit" to waive the normal SEQRA requirements.

According to the Huntington Town Board, the Steel Equities proposal is "unlikely to pose significant adverse environmental impacts."

The Town Board approved the "Issuance of a special use permit for the application" which allows for Melville Crossing's enormous commercial and housing development.

The local school district - the Half Hollow Hills School District - came

out against the proposal, stating that it would add significant demands upon the school district in additional staff, buildings and security - while adding little to the tax base.

The School Board previously estimated that the Town's Melville apartment development would cost the district's taxpayers a \$21 million annual tax increase on existing taxpayers.

Steel Equities attorneys indicated that the development would seek a tax abatement - which would shift additional costs onto existing taxpayers.

Under the Melville Overlay Scheme passed by the Huntington Town Board last year, the Board is limited to approving only 400 apartment units before a mandatory "pause" before approving other developments. The Board would have to vote to lift the "pause" before considering any more apartment development proposals in Melville.

The construction of new apartment



Steel Equities "Melville Crossing" Apartments Plan Overview (courtesy Steel Equities)

developments in Huntington was the subject of last year's elections in the Town of Huntington, with incumbent Supervisor Ed Smyth (R-Halesite) receiving over \$1 Million in campaign donations and independent expenditures from the "developers lobby" including the apartment builders and land developers groups.

Smyth narrowly defeated Democrat Cooper Macco in the November election, under charges that he "cheated" by running a fake "shill" candidate - 83-year-old Maria Delgado - on the minor Working Families line to bleed votes away from Macco.

Rex Heuermann "Guilty" of Eight Gilgo Murders

BY RUPERT DEEDES

The Gilgo Mass Serial Killer - Rex Heuermann - has pled "Guilty" to killing eight (8) women victims. He will be sentenced on June 17th.

In a plea this past Wednesday before



Suffolk DA Ray Tierney (courtesy Suffolk County)



Rex Heuermann (courtesy Suffolk Sheriff)

years for the killings of Maureen Brainard-Barnes, Jessica Taylor, Sandra Costilla, and Valerie Mack. Heuermann admitted to the additional killing of Karen Vergata.

All the victims were murdered by Heuermann in his Massapequa home - always when his former wife and daughter were out of town - and then buried by Heuermann in desolate stretches of beachfront dunes along Gilgo Beach just across the county line in Suffolk County.

The murders occurred between 1993 and 2010 - and the bodies were discovered in 2012.

The case "went cold" from 2012 to 2022 - under the corrupt team of former Suffolk DA Thomas Spota (D-Babylon); former Suffolk DA "Public Integrity" Chief Chris McPartland; and former Suffolk Police Chief James Burke.

Spota and Burke refused cooperation from the FBI - terminating the joint Suffolk-FBI Task Force - and diverted resources away from the Gilgo mass murder investigation.

Both Spota and Burke - whose liaison goes back to the 1970's Northport child murder of John Pius - acted as "mafia" dons in Suffolk County. Both are now convicted federal criminal felons, but they ruled corruptly over Suffolk County government for a decade.

Burke was convicted of beating a young male prisoner, after he stole a duffle bag of "really nasty porn" from Burke's car.

Spota and Burke then coordinated a campaign of lying to the FBI; and black-balling and forcing Suffolk police officers to commit perjury to cover-up the

crime.

Burke served five years in federal prison, and was promptly re-arrested last year soliciting "blow jobs" from men at a family park in Suffolk County. Those public lewdness charges are still pending.

According to reporters, the Spota-Burke "cover-up" of the Gilgo murders was to protect powerful Suffolk political figures who were engaged in "sex parties" in beach houses around Gilgo Beach.

When Ray Tierney - a Republican -

was elected as DA in 2022, he immediately re-opened the "cold" case - and with the mass of evidence they already had, was able to identify Heuermann as the murderer in just six (6) weeks.

Tierney and his team then spent the next 10 months gathering DNA evidence, motor vehicle records, and assorted commercial receipts to firmly tie Heuermann to the murders - excellent police investigative work.

Heuermann's attorney, Michal Brown admitted that the evidence "was overwhelming."

Brittany Found Dead

BY THOMAS NOTHEL

The 32-year old Oyster Bay woman, Brittany Kritis-Garip, who disappeared on March 20th - and engendered a massive three-week police and fire search of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich area - has been found dead, floating in Long Island Sound just off the causeway to Lloyd Neck.

Suffolk County Police found the body of the deceased in the Long Island Sound on the evening of April 13th.

Police responded to a 911 call reporting a body floating in the Long Island Sound off Lloyd Harbor Road in Lloyd Harbor at 7:45 p.m. The body of an adult female was recovered.

The body was later identified as Brittany Kritis-Garip.

Brittany was last seen at about 8PM on Friday, March 20th at the intersection of Ivy Street and Jordan Avenue, just off Berry Hill Road in Oyster Bay.

Brittany's family put out a series of "Missing" posters and flyers, and posted their calls for help on social media.

They held search parties and a family friend raised money on Go Fund Me to hire a Private Investigator.

Local police and fire departments conducted extensive searches of the Oyster Bay and East Norwich areas - and the adjacent nature preserves - in search of Brittany.

Investigating Brittany's disappearance, police gathered ring camera footage, which according to one police source, showed Brittany walking by in dark clothing - and shortly thereafter a man getting out of a van near where she was walking, looking around, and then driving off.

Suffolk County Police Department said detectives believe the cause of death was 'non-criminal in nature'. Homicide Squad detectives are continuing the investigation.



Brittany Kritis-Garip

Editorial

AN AMAZING JOB RE-OPENING THE WEST SIDE SCHOOL

When the historic West Side School caught fire on March 10th in Laurel Hollow - destroying the Library and Child Learning Center and causing massive smoke and water damage across the rest of the school building - almost no one expected anything but a massive and prolonged disruption to the school's 350 students.

But the reality shows what a dedicated and creative team by of school administrators can do:

Within 12 hours of the fire, Cold Spring Harbor Superintendent Joseph Monastero and his team had redeployed the hundreds of teachers, students and staff to other schools in the district.

Students missed only one day of school, as the Lloyd Harbor School; Goose Hill Primary School; and the Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School provided classrooms and support and had school resuming for the "West Siders" after just one day.

The tragedy of the fire became a teaching lesson, as students at the other schools welcomed and integrated the West Siders into their schools and programs.

Events like the "School Wide Lloyd Harbor - West Side Pizza Party" brought together students who had been attending different schools since first grade.

And the speed and focus that the CSH School Board and Administration brought to re-opening the West Side School was nothing short of Herculean.

After just one month - a week of which was occupied by Spring Break - the school was cleaned, repaired and reopened - and the students and staff returned back to the West Side School on April 13th.

The Leader applauds and thanks the Cold Spring Harbor School Board - and Superintendent Monastero, West Side Principal John Barnes, Lloyd Harbor Principal Carissa Shanahan (who housed nearly 2/3 of the West Side students) - and all the CSH faculty and staff who turned the tragedy of the fire into a positive experience for the students.

Thank you - a job well done !

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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.

DEMOCRATS' UNETHICAL SCHEMING

To the Editor;

This past weekend I stumbled upon a CSPAN hearing that having vaguely remember hearing the details tuned in. Boy was I in for a treat.

Current Congresswoman Rep. Shelia Cherfilus-McCormick (D, Fla) was before the House ethics committee on charges of numerous violations of House Rules and ethics standards. The ethics panel of four Republicans and four Democrats found McCormick had committee 25 ethics violations, including breaking campaign finance laws.

Her lawyer was slick, but not that slick. He desperately explained this felt rushed. Her first lawyer advised her not to cooperate with the committee investigation and refuse to respond to the committee subpoena, which held up the investigation for over a year. He sputtered that he had only been her lawyer for three weeks, "Lets' call witnesses, we challenge these charges" etc. Desperate for a delay. He was trying to put off the inevitable. She is guilty.

It was hard to watch the agonizing look on the faces of the Democrats as they gingerly questioned the committee findings. The very competent female lawyers stated clearly that Congresswoman McCormick knew what she was doing was wrong and the facts support the 25 violations she or her campaign committed with her full knowledge.

The presentation summed up their findings, for the Ethics Committee to easily conclude she was guilty. It was like watching a masterclass of legal TV drama. Perry Mason would have been proud.

By the way she is currently running for a fourth term to Congress. Elections matter, never more so than in this case. The voters of Florida chose her. Now they may lose her. Her expulsion would tarnish the reputation of Democrats everywhere. What else do the pundits say, optics matter.

This is a bad look Democrats. Very bad. I think the next blue wave we will

be seeing anytime soon will be at the beach.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Hanja

THIS IS NOT THE NEW YORK WE GREW UP IN

To the Editor;

New York is the greatest state in America.

But under Kathy Hochul, it doesn't feel that way.

Families are opening their electric bills and wincing. Small business owners are watching their margins disappear. Parents are worried about what their kids walk past on the way to school. And too many people who built their lives here are quietly making plans to leave.

That's not the New York we grew up in. It's not the New York we deserve. And it's not the New York I'm going to settle for.

Here's what I know for certain: the problems New York faces are not a mystery. We've seen what works.

In Nassau County, I cut \$150 million in scheduled tax hikes. We balanced the budget every single year. We hired more

law enforcement officers and became the safest county in America. Niche Magazine named us the most desirable place to live in New York State. And last November, voters sent me back to office by 36,000 votes in a county with more registered Democrats than Republicans.

Results. Not promises. Results.

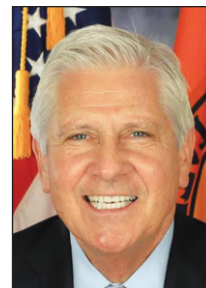
When I am Governor, I will bring that same approach to Albany. I'll repeal the energy mandates driving your utility bills through the roof. I'll cut taxes on middle-class families and small businesses. I'll fully fund law enforcement so every community in this state is safe. And I'll stop the spending that has put New York \$12 billion in the red under Kathy Hochul's watch.

New York doesn't need another politician who talks a good game.

It needs a leader who has already done the job.

I'm running to put New York first.

Bruce Blakeman
Nassau County Executive



Bruce Blakeman

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Op-Ed: School Board Candidates Should Run under a Party Label

By STEVE LEVY

As we approach another round of school board votes, it's time to consider modifying the voting process to maximize voter choice and transparency.

The present system of holding school votes far away from the November general elections and without party labels attached to the candidates was a well-intentioned effort to depoliticize the process and the academic environment. However, while the impact of party leaders was diminished, the power of the teachers unions grew exponentially.

Moreover, without any party affiliation of the candidates, voters are often clueless as to

the positions that the candidate will espouse on issues including tax rates, school choice, academic standards, age-inappropriate materials and woke curricula.

Every candidate runs generically on the concepts of raising scholastic performance and keeping budgets affordable, but, ultimately, most candidates brought into office on the sails of union donations will likely conform to the union's agenda of spending more money, eliminating school choice and curtailing accountability.

Running with a party affiliation can at least give the voter a semblance of whether the candidate tilts more woke or traditional, more budget streamlining or more budget expansion, more parental

involvement or centralized control, more critical race theory or more pro-America.

This is especially timely since poll results measuring attitudes of our next generation are frightening in that an alarming number of students graduating from our schools dislike the country in which they live, believe that violence is acceptable in curbing speech one doesn't like, and believe Hamas terrorists are favorable over a democracy, such as Israel. A majority now believe socialism (and for some, even Marxism) is preferable to our traditional free markets and only a minority agree that they would fight to defend America if we were attacked, as was Ukraine.

Equally disturbing is the fact that, despite the state having tripled aid to education over the last three decades and New York spending double the national average on each pupil, student test scores remain mired in the middle of the pack in a state-by-state comparison and standards continue to decline as the Regents exam has become optional and passing grade thresholds have been lowered. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs have eviscerated the ability of administrators to exact discipline to curb school violence and growing truancy.

To combat this trend, a new group was incorporated earlier this year for the purpose of helping to educate the public regarding candidates for Long Island school boards who are taxpayer-friend-

ly, are opposed to woke agendas and who promote higher standards and more transparency in the island's 125 school districts.

The group is known as STF, an acronym for Students & Taxpayers First. STF will place on its website a pledge from candidates to reject union donations, oppose piercing the tax cap, oppose woke and age-inappropriate curricula and the dilution of academic standards.

Since school board candidates do not run on a party platform, voters are often unaware of their positions on issues. Consequently, it is usually the candidates funded and supported by the teachers unions who have the leg up. Unions have a built-in base of over a thousand supporters, usually teachers and their spouses, that they can reliably get to the polls in these quiet, standalone elections in May.

The idea of party-endorsed candidates for school board is not some fringe pie-in-the-sky concept. According to Stanley Katz, a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, several states already elect their school boards this way. At least nine states including Alabama, Louisiana, the Carolinas, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, either

require or allow elections under party labels. Bills are presently being considered in Ohio and Michigan to do the same.

It's unlikely such legislation would gain traction in liberal New York, a bastion of teacher union dominance. But if residents want to stop the progressive takeover of our schools and end the ever-increasing spending policies, voters need a system where they can quickly and clearly distinguish candidates beholden to the union establishment or those who are loyal to students and taxpayers first.

Hopefully, those seeking state office in New York will gain a constituency by promoting the party label school reform, while more candidates will sign the pledge offered by STF to enhance taxpayer independence, accountability and representation at the school board level.

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Steve Levy

Historic West Side School Reopens after Fire

By LEADER STAFF

West Side School reopened its doors to students and staff on April 13, marking a significant milestone just one month after a fire temporarily displaced the school community.



Principal Dr. Barnes and students are "West Side Strong!"

Photo: CSHCSD

School buses returned, families resumed daily drop-offs and students and staff walked back through the building's doors, greeted by smiles, hugs and a sense of normalcy. The day began with a welcome assembly, where attendees applauded the Parent-Teacher Group for its extensive behind-the-scenes support. During the assembly, librarian Ms. Erica Emmons thanked the community for its contributions to a book drive aimed at rebuilding the school's library. The reopening coincided with International Librarians Day.

"It was wonderful to be back home at West Side School," said Principal Dr. John Barnes. "Thank you for all the energy that went into making today such a successful and exciting day for our students. I loved seeing people greeting each other this morning and am grateful to our village."

Superintendent Mr. Joseph Monastero said, "Today marked a truly special milestone with the reopening of West Side School. It was a wonderful morning filled with excitement and positive energy, as students returned and participated in an engaging and spirited morning meeting led by Dr. Barnes. The enthusiasm in the building was unmistakable and a reminder of what makes Cold Spring Harbor so special."

In the days leading up to reopening, more than 50 families participated in tours of the building. Temporary learning spaces for the library and creative learning lab have been delivered, with work underway to prepare them for student use. The district anticipates these spaces will be ready within the next few weeks.

Students also shared their excitement about returning. "It just feels so normal to be back here after being in a new school for three weeks, and normal sounds pretty perfect to me!" said student Leif Koka.

The reopening highlighted the resilience of the West Side School community and the collective effort that made the return possible.



Superintendent Joseph Monastero

Celebrate 'Oyster Bay Day' a Full Day of Family Fun

Get ready for a day of excitement, entertainment, and local flavor at the annual 'Oyster Bay Day' celebration! Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and Town Clerk Richard LaMarca invite families to enjoy this vibrant street festival on Saturday, May 2nd, from 11am to 4pm in the heart of historic Oyster Bay (on Audrey Avenue and Spring Street).

This family-friendly festival, sponsored by the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce, transforms the streets of Oyster Bay into a lively celebration featuring:

- Live Music & Entertainment
- Carnival Games & Inflatables for Kids
- Axe Throwing & a Video Game Truck
- Food Trucks & Local Eateries
- Unique Vendors & Shopping

"Oyster Bay Day is the perfect way for families to enjoy a fun-filled day while supporting our amazing local businesses," said Supervisor Saladino. "From carnival games and live music to incredible food and shopping, there's something for everyone!"

"Come take a stroll through our beautiful streets, enjoy delicious bites, and experience all that historic Oyster



Oyster Bay Day on Audrey Avenue

Bay has to offer," added Town Clerk LaMarca. "It's a great day for families to explore, play, and celebrate our wonderful community!"

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Two Successful Concerts at St. John's of Lattingtown

By VICTORIA CROSBY

Two very successful musical events were held recently at St John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church. The first event was a performance by British vocal ensemble, the Marian Consort, titled Rome: City of Echoes and featured twelve separate vocal performances of music from the sixteenth century, directed by Rory McCleery.

The title was inspired by a painter of that era, Giotto di Bondone. The program included information for attendees to peruse prior to the start of the performance, which gave background on the music's composers and the texts and translations from the Latin of the lyrics.

The Marian Consort consists of the following singers: Caroline Halls and Eleanor Bray, soprano, Sarah Champion and Sophie Overin, Alto, Daniel Leiwis and Edward Woodhouse tenor, Jonathan

Stainsby and Timothy Murphy, Bass.

Following the concert there was a reception in the Parish Hall, then the next day, more than twenty people attended a workshop for singers led by Rory McCleery Artistic Director of the Marian Consort.

The second performance was the Mozart Requiem performed by the St. John's Festival Choir, conducted by Ruairaidh Sutherland, Organist and Director of Music Ministry at St. John's. The soloists were Sarah Moulton-Faux (soprano), Heather Petrie (mezzo-soprano), Bryce Westervelt (tenor), and Robert Garner (bass)

The coming season features performances of Handel's Messiah on December 13th by the Festival Choir, and a concert of French Romantic music (include Faure's Requiem) on March 14th, 2027 by the Parish Choir. Please see the church



St. John's choir performance of the Mozart Requiem.

website for the full concert program.

St. John's welcomes expressions of interest from children who enjoy music, and adults who enjoy high-quality choral singing in a collegial and fun environment. St. John's supports three choirs.

The St. John's Choir, unique on Long Island with children singing each Sunday alongside the professional, choral scholar, and volunteer altos, tenors, and basses. Children who participate are not only exposed to the greatest sacred classical music of the past 500 years but trained vocally and in music theory by professional musicians, learning musical skills, making new friends, and developing crucial life skills. Children also receive a small stipend. The choir also features Choral Scholars, talented vocalists in High School and College who sing alongside professional musicians each

week, gaining invaluable experience in practical sacred music-making at a high level.

The Schola Cantorum is composed of experienced amateur and professional singers and lead services of Choral Evensong throughout the year and weekly Choral Compline during Lent and the summer months. Music is sent out beforehand with a rehearsal on the day of the service.

Finally, the St. John's Festival Choir is open to all members of the community (children, and adult) who enjoy singing, joining with other choirs to offer the great masterpieces to our community, including Handel's Messiah during December. Rehearsals are held in the weeks leading to performances.

For more information contact music@stjlat.org

Misinformation in the Age of AI with Scott Lowenstein at RHM

Join us for the next talk in our series Under Cover: 250 Years of Spying in America on Monday, April 27, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Raynham Hall Museum's Visitor Center, 30 West Main Street, Oyster Bay, NY.

At a place like Raynham Hall, home of a wartime intelligence agent for George Washington, it feels fitting to ask: What happens when the tools for spreading false information become more powerful than ever? Misinformation is nothing new, but social media and artificial intelligence have introduced an entirely new frontier, making it easier than ever to create and share text, images, and video that are increasingly indistinguishable from the real thing. This talk by the Director of Product for AI at the New York Times, traces how we got here, explores what's at stake in our current moment, and offers a window into the promising work

researchers, journalists, and technologists are doing to help us navigate a world where seeing — and reading — may no longer be believing.



Scott Lowenstein

Scott Lowenstein is the Director of Product for AI at The New York Times, where he focuses on bringing responsible uses of AI into the reader experience. As part of the Times' R&D group, he led the News Provenance Project and worked with publishers and tech companies to create a cryptographic standard for verifying digital media authenticity. Before that, he worked on misinformation detection and prevention at Twitter and as a pollster for political campaigns. He holds an MBA from Stanford and a degree in applied mathematics and economics from Brown University. Tickets are \$25 for nonmembers, \$20 for members, and \$10 for students. Sign up at <https://raynhamhallmuseum.org/events/misinformation-in-the-age-of-ai/>

DWI Arrest in Glen Cove

On April 20th at approximately 1:26 a.m., the Glen Cove Police Department arrested a Hempstead man, Pedro E. Marcia Maldonado, age 34, and charged him with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) and Aggravated DWI (Leandra's Law).

At approximately 1:26 a.m., a Glen Cove Police Officer O'Neil conducted a traffic stop of the defendant on Glen Cove Avenue in Glen Cove. As a result of the investigation, the defendant was charged with DWI, Aggravated DWI (Leandra's Law), two counts of Failure to Properly Restrain a Child, two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, as well as additional Vehicle and Traffic Law violations.



Glen Cove Police Headquarters

At the time of the arrest, two children, ages 2 and 4, were in the back seat with their mother and were not properly restrained.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned in District Court that morning.

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The 10th Annual Sunrise Service in Glen Cove

By VICTORIA CROSBY

The tenth annual multi-denominational, multi-lingual Sunrise service was held at Morgan Park in Glen Cove on Easter Sunday at dawn. Many churches were represented from various parts of the North Shore.

Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, chairman of the Easter dawn Committee, welcomed everyone.

Bob Lynch opened the service with Amazing Grace on the bagpipe, as he stood next to a large cross overlooking Hempstead Harbor.

The phrase "Christ is Risen" was repeated in many languages. The Easter Dawn Choir sang hymns, with solo performances by Cami Campagnoli of Shelter Rock Church and Maragaret Darson of Calvary A.M.E. Church, accompanied of guitar by Donna Brady of Shelter Rock Church.

Tommy Lanham, Pastor of Glen Cove Christian Church, was unable to attend this year due to health issues, shared the opening prayer by a recorded message.

Evangelist Merle Richard of Calvary A.M.E. Church gave the invocation, and Claudette Bryn, also of Calvary A.M.E., read the scripture in English, which was then read in Spanish by Pastor Raul Martinez of Iglesia Ciudad



Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews welcomes everyone

Casa de Dios International.

The Easter message was given by Fr. Philip Sandrick of St. Josephat's Monastery, Pastor Cristino Fuentes of Iglesia Apostoles y Profetas Emanuel, and Rev. Roger Williams of First Baptist Church, with Camilla Carusone of Shelter Rock Church acting as translator.

As well as those churches already mentioned, the other churches which collaborated include St. John's of Lattintown Episcopal Church, Iglesia Ciudad de Refugio, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews expressed gratitude to the participants and to the City of Glen Cove Mayor's Office, the Parks Department, the Police Department, Auxiliary Police, EMS and Harbor Patrol, and all the sponsors who made the service possible.



Bob Lynch playing Amazing Grace

LV Student Competed in the Swim World Championships

Locust Valley High School Junior and Swim Team Captain, Nevzat Arda Agir (16), recently represented the local community on the global stage, competing in the Winter Swimming World Championships held in Finland from March 2-8, 2026.

Competing against more than 2,000 athletes from over 50 countries, Arda braved extreme conditions in water temperatures at or below 0°C (32°F). The events took place in a temporary pool carved directly into the frozen sea.

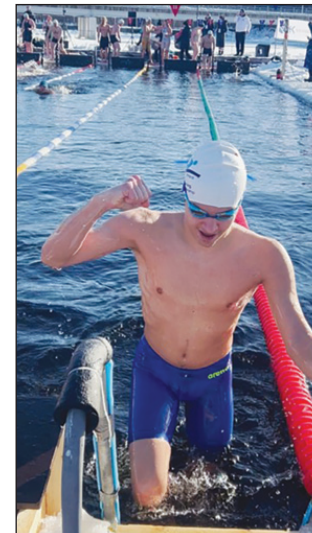
Arda's remarkable performance included:

- 4th Place in the World as part of the 4x25m Breaststroke Relay team.
- 5th Place in the World in both the 50m Breaststroke and 25m Freestyle within 16-19 age group.

A seasoned competitive swimmer with over a decade of experience in distance freestyle and open water disciplines, Arda is no stranger to endurance challenges. He previously completed the prestigious 20 Bridges Manhattan Island Swim, a 28.5-mile circumnavigation of New York City.



Nevzat Arda Agir with his medal



Nevzat Arda Agir in the pool carved into the frozen sea.

Looking ahead, Arda has set his sights on the Catalina Channel swim on July 14th. This crossing is a critical step in his journey to earn the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming, one of the most difficult and respected achievements in the sport.

Arda continues to balance high-level athletic training with his academic responsibilities at Locust Valley High School, aiming to inspire other young athletes while pursuing the highest honors in international open water swimming.

GBB&GC 76th Annual Gala

The Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club is hosting "An Evening in Bloom, A Night to Inspire". The event will take place May 26th at the Creek Club.

Join them for an unforgettable night as we come together to celebrate the incredible achievements of our Club, and our honorees Kimberly & John Bancroft, and to raise essential funds to support the youth in our community.

Don't miss your chance to be part of something meaningful. Reserve your spot today and help us continue to inspire and empower the next generation. The money raised will enable our Club to



A vintage post card of the Creek Club

continue our GREAT work with the 1,400 children and families who count on us every day. Go to www.GBBGC.org for more information.



Rev. Roger Williams addresses the group. Photos courtesy of GSM Communications

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF THE LOCUST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCUST VALLEY, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Locust Valley Central School District, Nassau County, Locust Valley, New York will be held in the Mini-Theater of the Locust Valley Middle School/High School, 99 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, New York on May 6, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. for the transaction of business as authorized by Education Law, including the following items:

1. To present to the voters a detailed statement (proposed budget) of the amount of money which will be required for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

2. To discuss all the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon by voting machines at the Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to Education Law of the State of New York and acts amendatory thereto.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said Budget Vote and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the three (3) Election Districts, described below, at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

2. To approve the following resolution to modify transportation eligibility:

RESOLVED: Shall the Board of Education modify its public school transportation eligibility effective at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year to provide transportation for all students by: (1) reducing for Grades 1-5 the existing one-half (.5) mile limit and for Grades 6-12 the existing one (1) mile limit, to a new zero (0) mile limit; and (2) increasing the existing 15 mile maximum limit to a 18 mile maximum limit, at no additional cost to the District.

3. Locust Valley Library Service Area Residents Only: To adopt the following resolution for the Locust Valley Library appropriation submitted for the fiscal year 2026-2027:

RESOLVED: That the Locust Valley Library appropriation submitted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 in the amount of \$1,904,941 be approved, of which the sum of \$1,759,662 is to be raised by taxes on the taxable property of the district; and that the Board of Education of the Locust Valley Central School District be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefore on the taxable property only of former Union Free School District No. 4, Town of Oyster Bay, New York.

4. To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education for the following terms:

a. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education to a three-year term commencing July 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2029.

b. To elect one (1) member of the Board of Education to a term commencing May 19, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2029.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. The candidate receiving the highest vote tally will be elected to the longer term.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the

amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget (the 2026-2027 proposed budget) and the Locust Valley Library's budget for 2026-2027, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning May 5, 2026, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays at the District Office, 22 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, New York and at each school house in the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008, Section 495 was added to the Real Property Tax Law, and requires the School District to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how much the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted, identified by statutory authority, and show: (a) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption expressed either as a dollar amount of assessed value or as a percentage of the total assessed value on the roll; (b) the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services; and (c) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. The exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of school board member must be filed with the District Clerk in the Administration Building, 22 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, New York, not later than April 20, 2026, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 qualified voters or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required pursuant to Education Law. If a voter has heretofore registered and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. In addition, anyone registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections under the provisions of the Election Law shall be entitled to vote without further registration. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, registration shall be conducted for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law through May 14, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on all regular days during which the office of the District Clerk is in operation. The register so prepared will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Thursday, May 14, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday, and on Saturday by pre-arranged appointment only, and at the polling place(s) on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the Locust Valley Central School District by requesting and returning a registration application to the District Clerk in person, by mail to Office of the District

Clerk, 22 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560, by email to aldunne@locustvalleyschools.org, or fax sent to (516) 277-5098. The request for the registration application may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the registration application by either mail, fax or email. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2026 in order to be issued a ballot for the 2026 Budget Vote and Election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, those military voters who are qualified voters of the Locust Valley Central School District, may request an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk in person, by mail to Office of the District Clerk, 22 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560, by email to aldunne@locustvalleyschools.org, or fax sent to (516) 277-5098. In such request, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application by mail, fax or email. A military voter must return the original military ballot application by mail or in person to the Office of the District Clerk. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, a valid military ballot application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2026. Military ballot applications received in accordance with the foregoing will be processed in the same manner as a non-military ballot application under Section 2018-a of the Education Law. The application for military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax or email.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a military voter's original military ballot must be returned by mail or in person to the office of the District Clerk at 22 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk before the close of polls on May 19, 2026 showing a cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government; or received not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026 and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Registration will meet on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at each of the three (3) separate election districts to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the Budget Vote and Election to be held in 2026, and any special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of said Register, at which time any person may have their name placed on such Register provided they are known or prove to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be entitled to vote at the school election for which said Register is prepared, or any special district meeting held after May 19, 2026.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee and early mail ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning April 20, 2026. A completed application may not be received by the District Clerk earlier than April 20, 2026 and such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee or early

mail ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address set forth in the application by no later than six (6) days before the vote. Absentee and early ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

A list of persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots are issued will be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk on and after Tuesday, May 14, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 19, 2026, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Any such written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or a designee of the Board of Education to the inspectors of election on Election Day. A challenge may not be made on the basis that the voter should have voted by absentee ballot.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the District Clerk in sufficient time to permit notice of the proposition to be included with the Notice of the Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election required by Section 2004 of the Education Law but no later than April 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 63 qualified voters of the District (representing 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, which is unlawful or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition, or where other valid reason exists for excluding the proposition from the ballot.

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICTS

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Election Districts have been established in the School District. The boundaries of the Election Districts, as adopted by resolution of the Board of Education, and the place in each election district for voting shall be as follows:

Bayville Election District

Bayville Intermediate School, 50 Mountain Avenue, Bayville (description of election district: former Union Free School District No. 6, Town of Oyster Bay, New York)

Brookville Election District:

Community Hall of the Brookville Reformed Church, 2 Brookville Road, Brookville (description of election district: former Union Free School District No. 3, Town of Oyster Bay, New York)

Locust Valley Election District

Ann MacArthur Primary School, 100 Ryefield Road, Locust Valley (description of election district: former Union Free School District No. 4, Town of Oyster Bay, New York)

Dated: March 11, 2026

By Order of the BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
LOCUST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT
Alison Dunne, District Clerk

Aviso De Audiencia Pública

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA, VOTACIÓN DE PRESUPUESTO Y ELECCIÓN DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR CENTRAL DE LOCUST VALLEY VALLE DE LOCUST, CONDADO DE NASSAU, NUEVA YORK

POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que una audiencia pública de los votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Central de Locust Valley, condado de Nassau, Locust Valley, Nueva York, se llevará a cabo en el Mini-Teatro de la Escuela Secundaria/Preparatoria Locust Valley, 99 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, Nueva York, el 6 de mayo de 2026, a las 19:30 para la transacción de negocios autorizados por la Ley de Educación, incluidos los siguientes artículos:

1. A presentar a los votantes una declaración detallada (propuesta de presupuesto) de la cantidad de dinero que se necesitará para el año fiscal 2026-2027.

2. Discutir todos los puntos que a continuación se establecen para ser votados mediante máquinas de votación en la Votación y Elección del Presupuesto a realizarse el martes 19 de mayo de 2026.

3. Tramitar otros asuntos que puedan presentarse adecuadamente ante la reunión de conformidad con la Ley de Educación del Estado de Nueva York y las leyes que la modifican.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que dicha votación y elección del presupuesto se llevará a cabo el martes 19 de mayo de 2026, entre las 6:00 a. m. y las 9:00 p. m. en los tres (3) Distritos Electorales, que se describen a continuación, momento en el cual las urnas estarán abiertas para votar mediante máquinas de votación sobre los siguientes puntos:

1. Adoptar el presupuesto anual del Distrito Escolar para el año fiscal 2026-2027 y autorizar que la porción requerida del mismo se recaude mediante impuestos sobre la propiedad sujeta a impuestos del Distrito.

2. Aprobar la siguiente resolución para modificar la elegibilidad para el transporte:

SE RESUELVE: Debería la Junta de Educación modificar los criterios de elegibilidad para el transporte escolar público, con vigencia a partir del inicio del año escolar 2026-2027, con el fin de proporcionar transporte a todos los estudiantes mediante: (1) la reducción del límite actual de media (.5) milla para los grados 1 a 5, y del límite actual de una (1) milla para los grados 6 a 12, a un nuevo límite de cero (0) millas; y (2) el aumento del límite máximo actual de 15 millas a un límite máximo de 18 millas, sin costo adicional para el Distrito.

3. Solo para residentes del área de servicio de la biblioteca de Locust Valley: Adoptar la siguiente resolución para la asignación de la biblioteca de Locust Valley presentada para el año fiscal 2026-2027:

SE RESUELVE: Que se apruebe la asignación de la Biblioteca de Locust Valley presentada para el año fiscal que comienza el 1 de julio de 2026 por un monto de \$1,865,029, de los cuales \$1,711,128 se recaudarán mediante impuestos sobre la propiedad imponible del distrito; y que se autorice a la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Central de Locust Valley a recaudar el impuesto necesario únicamente sobre la propiedad imponible del antiguo Distrito Escolar Libre de Unión No. 4, Ciudad de Oyster Bay, Nueva York.

4. Elegir a tres (3) miembros del Junta de Educación para los siguientes periodos:

a) Elegir a dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación para un mandato de tres años que comenzará el 1 de julio de 2026 y finalizará el 30 de junio de 2029.

b) Elegir un (1) miembro de la Junta de Educación para un período que comenzará el 19 de mayo de 2026 y finalizará el 30 de junio de 2029.

Las vacantes en la Junta de Educación no se consideran cargos separados y específicos; los candidatos se postulan en libertad. El candidato que obtenga el mayor número de votos será elegido para el mandato más largo.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que una copia de la declaración del La cantidad de dinero que se requerirá para financiar el presupuesto del Distrito Escolar (el presupuesto propuesto para 2026-2027) y el presupuesto de la Biblioteca Locust Valley para 2026-2027, excluyendo los fondos públicos, puede ser obtenida por cualquier residente del Distrito entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m. a partir del 5 de mayo de 2026, excepto sábados, domingos o días festivos en la Oficina del Distrito, 22 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, Nueva York y en cada escuela del Distrito.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que de conformidad con el Capítulo 258 de las Leyes de 2008, se agregó la Sección 495 a la Ley del Impuesto sobre Bienes Inmuebles y requiere que el Distrito Escolar adjunte a su proyecto de presupuesto un informe de exención. Dicho informe de exención, que también formará parte del presupuesto final, mostrará en qué medida el valor tasado total en la lista de tasación final utilizada en el proceso presupuestario está exento de impuestos, enumerará cada tipo de exención otorgada, identificada por la autoridad estatutaria, y mostrará: (a) el impacto acumulativo de cada tipo de exención expresado ya sea como una cantidad en dólares del valor tasado o como un porcentaje del valor tasado total en la lista; (b) el monto acumulativo que se espera recibir de los beneficiarios de cada tipo de exención como pagos en lugar de impuestos u otros pagos por servicios municipales; y (c) el impacto acumulativo de todas las exenciones otorgadas. El informe de exención se publicará en cualquier tablero de anuncios mantenido por el Distrito para avisos públicos y en cualquier sitio web mantenido por el Distrito.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que las peticiones que nominen candidatos para el cargo de miembro de la junta escolar deben presentarse ante el Secretario del Distrito en el Edificio de Administración, 22 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, Nueva York, a más tardar el 20 de abril de 2026, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 5:00 p. m. Las peticiones de nominación deben estar firmadas por al menos 25 votantes calificados del Distrito (que representan el mayor entre 25 votantes calificados o el 2% del número de votantes que votaron en la elección anual anterior); debe indicar el nombre y residencia de cada firmante, y debe indicar el nombre y residencia del candidato.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que el registro personal de los votantes es obligatorio de conformidad con la Ley de Educación. Si un votante se ha registrado hasta ahora y ha votado en una reunión anual o especial de distrito dentro de los últimos cuatro (4) años calendario, es elegible para votar en esta elección. Además, cualquier persona registrada en la Junta Electoral del Condado de Nassau conforme a las disposiciones de la Ley Electoral tendrá derecho a votar sin necesidad de registrarse. Todas las demás personas que deseen votar deben registrarse.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, el registro se llevará a cabo con el propósito de registrar a todos los votantes calificados del Distrito de conformidad con la Sección 2014 de la Ley de Educación hasta el 14 de mayo de 2026, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m. en todos los días regulares durante los cuales la oficina del Secretario de Distrito esté en funcionamiento. El registro así preparado se archivará en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito y estará abierto para inspección por cualquier votante calificado del Distrito a partir del jueves 14 de mayo de 2026, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m. de lunes a viernes y todos los días anteriores al día fijado para la elección, excepto el domingo, y los sábados únicamente con cita previa y en el(los) lugar(es) de votación el día de la votación.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que los votantes militares que no están actualmente registrados pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Central de Locust Valley solicitando y devolviendo una solicitud de registro al Secretario del Distrito en persona, por correo a

Office of the District Clerk, 22 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560, por correo electrónico a aldunne@locustvalleyschools.org, o enviado por fax al (516) 277-5098. La solicitud de solicitud de registro puede incluir la preferencia del votante militar de recibir la solicitud de registro por correo, fax o correo electrónico. Los formularios de solicitud de registro de votantes militares deben recibirse en la oficina del Secretario de Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. el 23 de abril de 2026 para que se le emita una boleta para la votación y elección del presupuesto de 2026.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, aquellos votantes militares que sean votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Central de Locust Valley, pueden solicitar una solicitud para una boleta militar al Secretario del Distrito en persona, por correo a Oficina del Secretario de Distrito, 22 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560, por correo electrónico a aldunne@locustvalleyschools.org, o enviado por fax al (516) 277-5098. En dicha solicitud, el elector militar podrá indicar su preferencia por recibir la solicitud por correo, fax o correo electrónico. Un votante militar debe devolver la solicitud de boleta militar original por correo o en persona a la Oficina del Secretario de Distrito. Para que a un votante militar se le emita una boleta militar, se debe recibir una solicitud de boleta militar válida en la oficina del Secretario de Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. el 23 de abril de 2026. Las solicitudes de boleta militar recibidas de conformidad con lo anterior se procesarán de la misma manera que una solicitud de boleta no militar según la Sección 2018-a de la Ley de Educación. La solicitud de boleta militar puede incluir la preferencia del votante militar de recibir la boleta militar por correo, fax o correo electrónico.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, la boleta militar original de un votante militar debe devolverse por correo o en persona a la oficina del Secretario de Distrito en 22 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Las boletas militares se escrutarán si las recibe el Secretario de Distrito antes del cierre de las urnas el 19 de mayo de 2026 y muestren una marca de cancelación del Servicio Postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o que muestren un endoso fechado de recepción por parte de otra agencia del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos; o recibido a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. el 19 de mayo de 2026 y firmado y fechado por el elector militar y un testigo del mismo, con fecha que se determina no posterior al día anterior a la elección.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que de conformidad con el artículo 2014 de la Ley de Educación del Estado de Nueva York, la Junta de Registro se reunirá el martes 19 de mayo de 2026, entre las 6:00 a. m. y las 9:00 p. m. en cada uno de los tres (3) distritos electorales separados para preparar el Registro del Distrito Escolar que se utilizará en la Votación y Elección del Presupuesto que se llevará a cabo en 2026, y en cualquier reunión especial del distrito que pueda celebrarse después de la preparación de dicho Registro, momento en el cual cualquier persona podrá incluir su nombre en dicho Registro siempre que se sepa o demuestre a satisfacción de dicha Junta de Registro que tiene derecho a votar en la elección escolar para la cual se prepara dicho Registro, o en cualquier reunión especial del distrito celebrada después del 19 de mayo de 2026.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que las solicitudes para boletas en ausencia y por correo anticipado se podrán obtener durante el horario comercial escolar del Secretario del Distrito a partir del 20 de abril de 2026. Es posible que el Secretario del Distrito no reciba una solicitud completa antes del 20 de abril de 2026 y dichas solicitudes deben ser recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito al menos siete (7) días antes de la elección si la boleta se enviará por correo al votante, o el día antes de la elección, si el La boleta debe entregarse personalmente al elector o a su agente designado. Al recibir una solicitud oportuna para enviar una boleta en ausencia o anticipada por correo, el

Secretario del Distrito enviará la boleta por correo a la dirección indicada en la solicitud a más tardar seis (6) días antes de la votación. El Secretario del Distrito debe recibir las boletas en ausencia y anticipadas a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. el martes 19 de mayo de 2026.

Una lista de las personas a quienes se emiten boletas en ausencia y por correo anticipado estará disponible para su inspección en la oficina del Secretario de Distrito a partir del martes 14 de mayo de 2026, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m. los días laborables anteriores al día fijado para la elección anual y el 19 de mayo de 2026, día fijado para la elección. Cualquier votante calificado podrá, al examinar dicha lista, presentar una impugnación por escrito de las calificaciones como votante de cualquier persona cuyo nombre aparezca en dicha lista, indicando los motivos de dicha impugnación. Cualquier impugnación por escrito deberá ser transmitida por el Secretario del Distrito o una persona designada por la Junta de Educación a los inspectores de elecciones el día de las elecciones. No se podrá impugnar el voto basándose en que el elector debería haber votado en ausencia.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que de conformidad con una norma adoptada por la Junta de Educación, cualquier referendo o propuesta para enmendar el presupuesto, o que de otro modo se presente para votación en dicha elección, debe presentarse ante el Secretario del Distrito con tiempo suficiente para permitir que la notificación de la propuesta se incluya con el Aviso de audiencia pública, votación y elección del presupuesto requerido por la Sección 2004 de la Ley de Educación, pero a más tardar el 20 de abril de 2026 a las 5:00 pm; debe estar mecanografiado o impreso en idioma inglés; debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito Escolar; debe estar firmado por al menos 63 votantes calificados del Distrito (que representen el 5% del número de votantes que votaron en la elección anual anterior); y debe indicar de manera legible el nombre de cada firmante. Sin embargo, la Junta Escolar no considerará ninguna petición para presentar ante los votantes ninguna propuesta cuyo propósito no esté dentro del poder de los votantes para determinar, que sea ilegal o cualquier propuesta que no incluya una asignación específica cuando la propuesta requiera el gasto de dinero, o donde exista otra razón válida para excluir la propuesta de la boleta.

DISTRITOS ELECTORALES ESCOLARES

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que se han establecido distritos electorales en el distrito escolar. Los límites de los Distritos Electorales, según adoptados por resolución de la Junta de Educación, y el lugar en cada distrito electoral para votar serán los siguientes:

Distrito Electoral de Bayville

Escuela Intermedia Bayville, 50 Mountain Avenue, Bayville (descripción del distrito electoral: antiguo Distrito Escolar Union Free No. 6, Ciudad de Oyster Bay, Nueva York)

Distrito Electoral de Brookville:

Salón Comunitario de la Iglesia Reformada de Brookville, 2 Brookville Road, Brookville (descripción del distrito electoral: antiguo Distrito Escolar Union Free No. 3, ciudad de Oyster Bay, Nueva York)

Distrito Electoral de Locust Valley

Escuela Primaria Ann MacArthur, 100 Ryefield Road, Locust Valley (descripción del distrito electoral: antiguo Distrito Escolar Union Free No. 4, ciudad de Oyster Bay, Nueva York)

Fecha: 11 de marzo de 2026

Por Orden de la JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR CENTRAL DE LOCUST VALLEY
Alison Dunne, Secretaria de Distrito

Obituaries

ABBONDANDOLO, Giuseppe of Glen Cove, NY on March 26, 2026 at age 68. Cherished father of Michael. Beloved son of the late Pamira and the late Michele. Loving brother of Nicola and Angiolina Stanco (Aniello). Proud uncle of Luigi, Michael and Lucy. Great uncle of Olivia, Joseph, Giada and Aniello. Dear nephew of Joe and the late Carla. Also survived by many loving cousins. www.DodgeThomas.com



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KRITIS-GARIP, Brittany Alina, on April 13, 2026, age 32, of Oyster Bay, NY. Beloved wife of Fernando Garip III. Cherished daughter of George and Maryann Kritis.

Loving sister of Anthony Kritis (Jessica), and Niko Kritis. Devoted granddaughter of Rosemarie Ward. Cherished niece of John Kritis (Patricia), Irene Kritis, Kevin Ward (June), and Michael Ward. Dear daughter in law of Fernando Garip, Jr. Also survived by many loving cousins, relatives, and friends. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneral.com

CACIO, Margaret J. "Margie" of Glen Cove, NY on April 4, 2026 at Age 77. Beloved wife of Victor. Loving mother of Adam. Dear sister-in-law of Doreen (John).



Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

JESAITIS II, Karl Francis, It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Karl Francis Jesaitis Jr. of Glen Head, NY, who departed this life peacefully on April 11, 2026, at the age of 56.

Karl passed away, surrounded by the love of his family, and he left behind a legacy of devotion, kindness, and quiet strength that will never be forgotten.

Karl is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Lisa (née Basso), and his cherished and beloved son, Angelo. His sister and brother-in-law, Diane & Rocco, and his nieces and nephews.



LOPIPERO Sr. Peter Charles, born on a crisp Halloween in 1945 in Manhattan, he began a journey that led him to a storied life on the North Shore of Long Island. A 1963 graduate of Uniondale

High School, he pursued a creative future at SUNY Farmingdale and the New York School of Interior Design, where he earned his bachelor's degree and developed the keen eye for aesthetics that defined his forty-five-year Interior Design career in Oyster Bay. His life changed forever during the 1966 Christmas season at Gimbel's in Roosevelt Field, where he met Diane.

They married on July 6, 1968, beginning a 58-year partnership built on love and shared ambition. After starting their family in Merrick, they moved to Mill Neck in 1978. There, they created a vibrant home filled with the warmth of family, the spirited presence of farm animals, and the music he played on his piano. He found great peace in the saddle, riding horses through the pastoral landscape he loved. Dedicated to his community, he served on the Board of the Boys & Girls Club of Oyster Bay/East Norwich and was instrumental in the Meadowbrook Hounds Pony Club. In later years, he was rarely without his devoted Basset Hounds, Max and Ruby. He is survived by his wife, Diane; his children, Peter Junior (Victoria) and Jessica (Jerry); his grandson, Mason; and seventeen great-nieces and nephews. He leaves behind a legacy of elegance, music, and friendships forged over half a century.

NAPOLI, Michael F. Napoli, 68, of Sea Cliff, NY, passed away on April 7 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Born on June 16, 1957, in Glen Cove, NY, Michael was raised in Sea Cliff. He attended St. Boniface School and North Shore High School in Glen Head, and later studied at St. John's University and Ohio University. Michael began his career as a broker on the New York Stock Exchange and later became a restaurateur, where he was known for his entrepreneurial spirit and dedication. He is survived by his beloved spouse, Annie Artale Napoli; his sons, Christopher Napoli and his wife, Corinne, Casey Napoli, and Alex Napoli; his mother, Deirdre Rabago of Port Washington; his brother, John Napoli and his wife, Roxanne, of Port Washington; and his sister, Patricia DeNicolo of Boca Raton. In Lieu of flowers, please donate to the Nicholas Pedone Foundation. <https://www.fighthard-smilebig.org/>. www.Whitting.com



ROSS, William "Barrett" of Locust Valley, NY on April 16, 2026 at Age 87. Beloved husband of the late Alice. Loving father of Katy (Dave Weber), Jeanne and Jennifer. Adored grandfather of Meghan (Bobby), Dave "Bert" Weber, Emily and Barrett. Proud great-grandfather of Bode and Natalie. Predeceased by his siblings: Lee, Patricia, Audrey, Kevin and Jay. Dear brother in law of Maureen Ross. Also survived by loving nieces and nephews. Mr. Ross retired from the NYCTPD. He was a 45 year member of the Locust Valley Fire Department and a 10 year mail man of the Locust Valley Post Office.

Born in the Bronx, Barrett served in the Army before joining the New York City Transit Police. After retiring from the force, he worked as a bartender at the Locust Valley Inn, where he became a familiar and beloved presence—like Norm from Cheers, known by all. He later worked as a mailman out of the Locust Valley Post Office.

A devoted member of his community, Barrett volunteered with the Locust Valley Fire Department for over 45 years. He was a gifted storyteller with a distinctive sense of humor and always had a tale to share.

Family was his greatest pride. He and his beloved wife, Alice, shared an extraordinary 63 years of marriage. Together, they raised three charming daughters and found joy in being grandparents and great-grandparents. He was a grateful father-in-law of Dave. He also held a special place in his heart for his sister-in-law, Maureen, whom he cherished dearly.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Locust Valley Fire Department. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



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Roland Auctions Breaks House Record for Work of Art

Roland Auctions, Glen Cove recently broke its house record with the highest selling work of art in the auction house's history, nearing the half-million dollar mark.

In Roland's Important Art and Jewelry Auction March 28, a newly discovered prime-period "metascape" painting by acclaimed Indian Modernist painter Akbar Padamsee attained \$481,000 from a buyer in India. This sale culminates the growing prominence of modern and contemporary art at Roland Auctions over the last few years, with art sales topping many of its auctions.

The much-anticipated artwork was a 1962 abstract cityscape oil on canvas in yellows, oranges and browns, with impasto details and in a gold leaf frame. It came from the estate of Elizabeth Debevoise Healy after being tucked away in a sprawling East Side Manhattan apartment for the last 60 years.



Setting an in house record for the auctioneer was this Indian Modernist painter Akbar Padamsee (1928-2020) cityscape painting that attained \$481,000 from a buyer in India.



Korean Joseon ink on silk landscape in a scroll, Chung Sun (Kyunjae)

Padamsee was one of the pioneers and stalwarts of Indian modern art, going to live in Paris from his native Mumbai in the early 1950s. Hailing from the same estate was an Ernst Wilhelm Nay (German, 1903-1968) abstract watercolor. The untitled work of colorful circles and othershapes was signed and dated lower right and sold for \$48,750.

In celebration of Asia Week New York, which immediately preceded this auction, were several lots, led by a Korean Joseon ink on silk landscape in a scroll. The Korean hanging scroll, Chung Sun (Kyunjae), in the manner of Nineteenth Century, depicted a mountainous landscape and made \$22,100.

Also on offer was an antique Sri Lankan bronze standing Buddha, Eighteenth-Nineteenth Century, with headdress and open elongated earrings, going out at \$2,925. Another highlight was a gilt bronze Maitreya Bodhisattva with a lotus stand gilt, Liao dynasty, Eleventh Century, which earned \$5,850.



Gilt bronze Maitreya Bodhisattva with a lotus stand.

In the jewelry arena, a David Webb cultured pearl and diamond fringe necklace, designed as a four-strand necklace centered by diamond plaque suspending a fringe of cultured pearls, realized \$19,500; a Buccellati citrine and diamond clip and earrings set, Twentieth Century, made \$10,400; and a pair of Seaman Schepps chalcedony and sapphire starfish earrings caught \$3,900.



This Grand Tour Venetian Murano and micromosaic mirror.



This untitled Ernst Wilhelm Nay (German, 1903-1968) abstract watercolor achieved \$48,750.

A selection of decorative items included a Grand Tour Venetian Murano and micromosaic mirror, Nineteenth Century, with alternating floral and figural cartouches that sold for \$18,200; a Robert Delandre (French, 1879-1962) patinated bronze sculpture titled "Allégorie de la Vitesse," signed in casting and with a Chardon Bronze foundry mark, brought \$3,900; and an Art Deco sterling silver Saratoga trophy tray, probably by Baltimore Silversmith Manufacturing Company (the Schofield Company), engraved "The Eastern Horse Club Hunters Steeplechase Saratoga, New York August 23rd 1929," earned \$7,800.

Rounding out the auction was a pair of Louis XVI carved and gilt marble top consoles, Nineteenth Century, with floral carved apron

and gilt details, on fluted legs, and with book matched marble tops, that earned \$11,700, while a monumental Italian Neoclassical console table, Nineteenth Century, possibly Venetian, sold for \$4875.

Prices quoted include the buyer's premium as reported by the auction house. For information, www.rolandauctions.com, (It pays to advertise in *The Leader*)



This pair of Louis XVI carved and gilt marble top console tables, Nineteenth Century, with chrysanthemum carved apron and gilt details, brought \$11,700.

Grenville Baker B&G Club Announces Youth of the Year

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club is proud to name Yerald H. as its 2026 Hon. Colin F. O'Donnell Youth of the Year. Yerald, a high school junior, has been a Club member since kindergarten. Like many other children, the Club is a second home but for Yerald, it has also become a place where she can express herself freely and build confidence.

At first Yerald described herself as shy and socially awkward. However, the staff embraced her and encouraged her to participate in activities. It was at the Club that she was able to grow at her own pace. "The Club did not force growth, it nurtured it," she said.

"Yerald has always fully embraced all the programs we offer, but her most significant impact has come through her involvement in the Keystone Club, where she has dedicated over 100 hours to community service," said Senior Director of Teen Programs, Stephanie Canales.

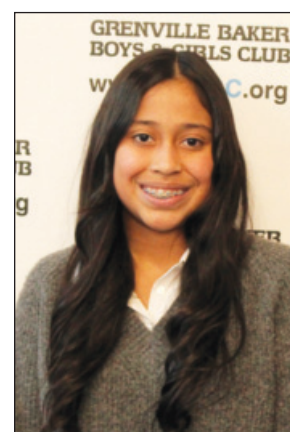
"Home is not always defined by walls or a roof. Sometimes, it is a feeling of a steady sense of comfort, belonging, and security that settles quietly within

you. For me, that feeling has always existed at the Boys & Girls Club. The Club is more than a place I attended after school; it is the place that shaped my character, strengthened my confidence, and helped me grow into the person I am today," said Yerald.

Earning high marks in school, Yerald hopes to attend Molloy College to study nursing. She is especially interested in neonatal intensive care, believing that every newborn deserves the chance to grow up healthy. After a Club trip to Glen Cove Hospital, where she and other teens shadowed employees, she began volunteering there and is now gaining valuable insight into her future career.

Each year, one remarkable teen is selected by a panel of impartial community judges. As Youth of the Year, Yerald will serve as a role model and mentor for other Club members.

Youth of the Year is a national program through Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Next, in May Yerald will advance as a candidate for New York State Youth of the Year in May. Stay Tuned!



Yerald

Urgent Blood Drive and Free Pancake Breakfast



St. Gertrude's Parish Center

The New York Blood Center is holding a much needed blood drive at St. Gertrude's Parish Center, 28 School Street, Bayville. Sunday, April 26th, from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are highly encouraged at: <https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/33968> or call Ed Willie at 516-776-0743 or email: EJWillie@gmail.com.

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Glen Cove, NY

Located in the private enclave of Matinecock Farms, this fully renovated 6-bedroom Colonial offers state-of-the-art living on nearly an acre of beautifully landscaped property with a heated 20 x 38 ft. gunite pool. The sun-filled interior features a luxurious main floor primary suite with sitting room and spa-like en suite bath, along with elegant principal rooms, a gourmet eat-in kitchen, and seamless indoor-outdoor flow. A fully finished lower level with guest suite and exceptional amenities completes this turnkey residence. MLS# 864070. \$4,195,000.



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