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Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino joined with Assemblyman Jake Blumencranz to place 25,000 adult clams into Town waterways. These clams complement the millions of baby seedlings that the Town plants throughout the year after growing them out in the shellfish hatchery. “Our shellfish planting program not only helps enhance water quality, it bolsters the local economy and helps improve the resiliency of our coastal communities,” said Supervisor Saladino.



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ADDRESS	LIST PRICE	CLOSE PRICE	DAYS ON MARKET
503 Bayville Road, Lattingtown	\$1,599,999	\$1,580,000	88
339 Duck Pond Road, Locust Valley	\$9,875,000	\$9,000,000	274
40 Piping Rock Road, Locust Valley	\$8,895,000	\$7,500,000	222
5 Danton Lane S, Locust Valley	\$3,598,000	\$3,250,000	27
11 Morgan Lane, Locust Valley	\$2,600,000	\$2,500,000	230
19 Frost Creek Drive, Locust Valley	\$2,698,000	\$2,460,000	125
6 Greatmeadow Road, Locust Valley	\$2,248,000	\$2,248,000	17
5 Morgan Lane, Locust Valley	\$1,998,000	\$1,940,000	33
135 Piping Rock Road, Locust Valley	\$1,775,000	\$1,745,000	39
102 Horseshoe Road, Mill Neck	\$11,800,000	\$10,500,000	148
143 Heather Lane, Mill Neck	\$10,250,000	\$9,550,000	179
998 West Shore Road, Mill Neck	\$7,100,000	\$6,442,500	302
6 La Colline Drive, Mill Neck	\$5,495,000	\$5,495,000	148
127 Horseshoe Road, Mill Neck	\$5,995,000	\$5,400,000	301
312 Feeks Lane, Mill Neck	\$3,850,000	\$3,850,000	20
339 Meadow Lane, Mill Neck	\$3,380,000	\$2,975,000	113
1008 W Shore Road, Mill Neck	\$1,899,000	\$1,800,000	252
758 Connecticut View Drive, Mill Neck	\$1,870,000	\$1,750,000	161



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Hochul Pushes High-Voltage “Propel” Contruction Project – Despite Local Opposition

By THOMAS NOTHEL
Governor Kathy Hochul (D-Buffalo) is planning to excavate over 90 miles of local roads and backyards in Nassau and Suffolk Counties to implant high-voltage power lines for her utilities re-wiring scheme called “Propel New York.”

Hochul plans to bulldoze the local neighborhoods, despite massive opposition from virtually every community touched by the scheme.

The plans announced by Hochul would have “Propel NY Energy” - a New York government vendor - engage in massive construction to install a 90-mile series of high-voltage power lines from western Suffolk to Westchester.

The New York Power Authority (NYPA) has awarded three pre-construction contracts to heavy construction firms as they plan to start excavating later this year.

But Hochul’s scheme has unleashed a storm of opposition from Long Island community and government leaders – both Republicans and Democrats – and from environmental and school groups opposed to the massive heavy destruction of local harbors and shellfish beds,

damage to the water table, and threat from the powerful electro-magnetic field (EMF) radiation.

Multiple local school districts have come out against the Hochul project, including the North Shore School

ing that “it does not address the legitimate concerns raised by local residents including protecting the harbors that the community has worked so hard to restore, and the impacts on surrounding neighborhoods and businesses.”

“Have alternative routes have been fully considered,” asked Suozzi in a press release. “After listening to commu-

nity members, we oppose the proposal in its current form, because too many critical questions remain unanswered and too many potential impacts have yet to be fully evaluated.”

The environmental groups Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor and The Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee have expressed major concerns about the Project.

“While we do not doubt that Long Island has a need for more reliable and robust power, we question whether this \$3.2 billion project is a vital component in pursuit of that objective,” wrote Coalition co-presidents Stephanie Sobel and Nino Luciano.

“[The proposal] falls significantly

District, the Roslyn School District and the Syosset School District.

The Towns of North Hempstead, Hempstead and Oyster Bay have all come out strongly against the Project.

“Our residents deserve straight answers—about costs, health impacts, and safety,” stated North Hempstead Supervisor Jennifer DeSena (R - Manhasset). “Until we have full transparency and independent verification, we cannot and will not support this proposal.”

In addition, the Villages of East Hills and Sea Cliff just announced their opposition this week.

US Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-Glen Cove) has announced his opposition to the Hochul Propel scheme, stat-



Propel High Voltage Construction Map (Courtesy of NYPA)

short of what is needed... to be confident that Hempstead Harbor’s ecosystem is protected,” stated the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee. “Any damage resulting from the construction of four cable trenches [must be] immediately addressed.”

“This whole process is broken,” added Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator and former Mayor of Sea Cliff, adding that he was personally threatened by Hochul operatives “with sanctions” on three occasions for raising questions about the process.

Three public school districts have now filed new papers asking the state to deny or dismiss the Propel developers’ application.



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Editorial

THE COLLAPSE OF WOKE ?

In a recent interview, leftist US Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) (D-Queens) laughed off the five-year train fascistic terror of “Wokeness”, giggling that “Woke 1.0 was crazy...”

AOC laughed at the “craziness” of an attempted domestic social and political revolution - that succeeded in destroying countless lives and careers, and deeply traumatized millions of people. And inspired a reaction that itself is none too gentle.

The forces of leftist woke hate were unleashed in 2020, by the diktats of the Covid pandemic. Followed by the “Summer of Love” BLM riots. And the rise of leftist outrage and intolerance - seeking to force people to “take a knee” or use absurd “pronouns” and follow a leftist, anti-western ideology.

The election of Joe Biden that fall - on the promise of “normalcy” - did the opposite of normalcy. Thousands of supporters of then former President Trump were hunted-down, arrested, and jailed.

Churches were shut down. Schools long shuttered. The most vile anti-White racism was encouraged and applauded.

People who dared to speak openly - and in disagreement with the new Mandarins of Wokeness - were brought up on charges, run through kangaroo inquisitions - and fired.

“You can’t say that,” became the new credo of America.

Open racism - refusing to hire or promote White people - especially White men - became official policy. Not out of any desire to better other racial groups materially, but just out of a grudge to “get even” and “show power” - simply to subvert.

The Rule of Law was undermined - as “let’s get him” rather than equal justice under law became the animating motor of law enforcement. Perjury, making false charges all became routine - to the point that no one is really shocked anymore.

This newspaper knows, saw and interviewed too many people targeted for destruction by “Woke 1.0.” People - with mortgages, houses and children - fired for expressing an “un-politically correct” opinion. Or stating a fact that undermined some leftist woke narrative,

And how the Biden administration perverted the US Department of Justice into a “Lawfare” machine - arresting people for nothing - or filing grossly exaggerated perjured charges. Turning routine disagreements - like parents opposing transgender propaganda being forced upon their children - or not being racist and not applying DEI to everything - into criminal offenses. Or worse, into accusations of “domestic terrorism.”

AOC was not there to support the millions of real people gouged and battered in the ab-normalcy of “Woke 1.0.”

But let us never forget what was done, and let us never allow it to happen again.

The Publisher

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THE ADA IS BEING UNDERMINED

To the Editor;

It’s Not Enough to Celebrate the ADA When It is Being Undermined

This Sunday, July 26, marks the 36th anniversary of the day President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law. That is reason to celebrate. But we cannot afford to be complacent.

The ADA is more threatened right now than at any point in its 36-year history, not because Congress has changed the law, but because the Justice Department has stopped enforcing it.

Consider what has happened in just the past year and a half.

In March 2025, the Justice Department withdrew 11 pieces of ADA guidance from ADA.gov. That guidance had helped businesses understand exactly what compliance required. Removing it doesn't change the law, but it makes compliance murkier and gives businesses less reason to get it right.

Then, this summer, the Department went further. In June, DOJ's Office of Legal Counsel issued a legal opinion arguing that the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act never actually required states to serve people with disabilities in the most integrated community setting appropriate, narrowing 25 years of settled understanding of the Supreme Court's landmark Olmstead decision. And on July 20, just days before this anniversary, DOJ made it official: it published a notice in the Federal Register saying it will no longer rely on its own longstanding Olmstead guidance when enforcing the ADA, and that the guidance is "not enforceable."

Let's be clear about what Olmstead said: when a person with a disability wants to live and receive services in their community rather than in an institution, and that placement is appropriate, the ADA requires it. That has been the law. The Justice Department has just told the country it does not intend to enforce it.

Taken together, these actions send an unmistakable signal: this Administration

is willing to return to the days when people with disabilities were isolated and segregated. It means the government will not enforce the basic tenets of a law that bipartisan leaders in Congress passed and a Republican president signed.

The best way to celebrate the ADA's anniversary is to work to keep it alive. Write to your members of Congress. Ask them to require the Administration to enforce the law it already passed. This is an election year: ask every candidate where they stand.

In 1990, the nation came together, Democrats and Republicans alike, to say that people with disabilities deserved equal rights. The ADA was born from that conviction.

For me, this is personal. The ADA, and the enforcement of that law, meant my son John could get a public education alongside his brothers and friends. Because of that, he has started his own business, created jobs, and become an advocate for people with differing abilities in his own right.

We cannot fail John, and we cannot fail the millions of people like him. On this 36th anniversary of the ADA, let's come together and renew our commitment to the law that changed millions of lives.

Mark X. Cronin
Co-Founder John’s Crazy Socks
and Abilities Rising

MANY DIFFERENT WAYS TO LEARN

To the Editor;

There is more than one way to learn. The formal method is the classroom. Elementary, junior and senior high school. This is of course the minimum standard for our society today.

Many of us spent years in other classroom studies. Today many people are studying online or via correspondence. There was a day when such a concept seemed ridiculous and even unacceptable but now is common.

Education does not always involve disciplined classroom type studies.

Another method of education is trial and error, or “doing.” We learn by doing. You can read about farming all day but it’s another thing to do farming. Planting, tending and harvesting are learned by actually attempting the process. Anyone would be smart to work with an experienced farmer for a season. Often when we start doing anything different we will mess up a few times but that’s how we grow and become better. We often fail and learn from the failure. This enables us to try again with a plan to do better next time.

We also learn by seeing. I saw the ocean on television but never saw the ocean personally until I was 23 years old. I had heard about flying but had never flown until I was 27 years old. I had heard about the Grand Canyon and the Eiffel Tower but never saw either until later in life. Twenty plus years ago my wife and I experienced much of Israel and many of the religious sites that I had read, heard and had talked about for years. If I could have seen these sites when I was much younger it would have enhanced my biblical understanding. You can read about a place but it’s far different when you can see and experience it first-hand.

Another way to learn is by listening. Many today don’t have the ability to listen because they are always talking. If you will listen to others you will soon know everything they know plus what you know. If you talk all the time then you won’t learn anything from other people.

Another way to learn is experiencing what you don’t like and then moving forward to something else. You may learn that you don’t want to own your own business. I’ve known people who have lost everything owning their own businesses including all their retirement savings. Or, you may have learned you simply cannot work for someone else and being your own boss is the only way you can survive. Either way is often learned through a few years of experience.

Keep reading, doing, listening, trying and keep learning.

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Op-Ed: Nassau's Financial Control Board - Place It on The MTA Instead

BY STEVE LEVY

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman declared loudly at a recent meeting with the Nassau Interim Finance Authority (NIFA) that the county should no longer be under the auspices of a New York state financial control board.

He has a point.

It has now been over 25 years since one of the wealthiest counties in the nation was placed under "financial review" from Albany.

They weren't the first, and they won't be the last, but it may be one of the longest periods for a county to remain under the control of such a board.

Unlike Suffolk and many of its towns, which have raised taxes over the last several years, Nassau County has not hiked taxes in four years. It is also running a surplus, in large part because of hundreds of millions of dollars that were granted to the county from the federal government in the aftermath of the pandemic.

There seems little justification to keep a control board over the county unless it's political in nature, in which the state — which is run by Democratic officials, including Blakeman's opponent, Governor Kathy Hochul (D-Buffalo) — simply wants to maintain leverage over the Republican-controlled county.

What's incredibly ironic is that, while the New York state government has continued to force Nassau to have its finances under the microscope and requires approval for many of its actions from the Democrat-controlled state board, there is no such financial control board for the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), which is always teetering on the brink of fiscal collapse.

This column has long been calling for our state leaders to declare the MTA insolvent and impose a financial control board, which would have the authority

to cut spending, as well as tear up its present contracts with its ridiculously onerous provisions that have allowed for outlandish work rules and unsustainable overtime, salaries, and pensions.

Each year, we read about a new deficit facing the MTA and, each year, they explore yet another fare or tax increase, the last being congestion pricing, which was supposed to stabilize the authority.

We warned back then that giving more money to this beast will not satisfy it.

The MTA's problem is not a lack of revenue; it is

uncontrolled spending. We knew that, as soon as the money from congestion pricing was implemented, the state would fold in contract negotiations and give another unsustainable raise. That is now being blamed for yet the latest deficit and the need for more money from taxpayers and commuters.

Enough is enough.

The state should stop obsessing over Nassau County and instead focus its attention on the runaway train at the MTA - and finally place the MTA under a financial control board.

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Steve Levy

Children's Snapper Derby & Bluefish Tournament Returning To Oyster Bay September 20th

Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and Town Clerk Rich LaMarca invite residents to attend the Town's 4th Annual Children's Snapper Derby to be featured at the famed Bluefish Tournament on Sunday, September 20th, at Theodore Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay.

"This fun family event is open to youngsters ages 14 and under with fun prizes and awards for winners, as well as giveaways for all participants," said Supervisor Saladino. "This fun event provides a great opportunity to introduce children to the wonderful recreational sport of fishing."

The Snapper Derby will take place between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., during the Town's Bluefish Tournament, at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park by the fishing pier. There is a \$15 registration entry fee. Participants are invited to bring their own equipment, including poles and bait, as supplies are limited. Children will be placed into two age groups, ages 7 and under, and 8-14. Winners will be based on number of snappers caught - catch and release only - with awards and prizes being given out for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each age group. Family fun activities will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"We are thrilled to bring this fun event to Theodore Roosevelt Park and invite all children who enjoy fishing to sign up and participate," said Clerk LaMarca. "There will be free refreshments, shirts and raffles for all participants, as well as awards and prizes for top winners."



Children snapper fishing in Oyster Bay.

Photo: Patricia Mavros Brexel

Registration will be available online at: www.oysterbaytown.com/sports beginning July 28th. For more information on registration, residents can contact the Town's Recreation Office at (516) 797-7945.

The Bluefish Tournament also on Sunday, September 20th, at Theodore Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay, from 4:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Fee \$40.00, tailgate party and raffles included. Call (516) 797-7945 for registration details.

CORRECTION

The TR Audubon Sanctuary article and photos on August 4, page 11, two names were inadvertently misspelled, Rishi Woo and Mimi Rosenwald.

We apologize for the errors.

Urgent Blood Drive

The New York Blood Center is holding a much needed blood drive at St. Gertrude's Parish Center, 28 School Street, Bayville. Sunday, August 23rd, from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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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Tuesday, September 15 at 3 PM

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One Click Away from Trouble

Wednesday, September 16 at 2 PM

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Jason Crosby's Local Performances

By OLIVIA EVERETT

Glen Cove's own Jason Crosby was visiting the East Coast from California for several gigs, including his own group, the Crosby Collective at the Brooklyn Bowl, with the Dave Diamond Band at Still Partners in Sea Cliff and at the Cathedral of the Incarnation with Half Step, a Grateful Dead Tribute band. The regular keyboard player with Half Step was unavailable at the last minute and Crosby was a natural to fill in, as he performed regularly with Bob Wier and Phil Lesh, members of the original Grateful Dead, before they passed away.

The cathedral was crowded with fans as they danced under Gaia, the twenty-foot sculpture of the earth. Last year a huge moon sculpture was on exhibit and this year the earth sculpture by the same artist, Luke Jerrams. The sculpture was illuminated from within and constructed for detailed NASA imagery. The slowly rotating sphere offered visitors the perspective of the earth that only astronauts view from space, although it is 2.1 million times smaller than the actual planet earth.

The installation at the Cathedral in Garden City was titled The Fragile Earth our Island Home. Bayville resident The

Jason Crosby

Very Rev. Canon Michael Sniffen Ph.D. Dean of the Cathedral, announced the installation and the concerts and events that would take place there during the exhibit.

The Earth Installation.

Following his graduation from Glen Cove High School, multi-instrumentalist and vocalist, Crosby has shared the stage with many other musical greats including Jackson Browne, the Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton, Dave Matthews, B.B. King, the Allman Brothers, the Blind Boys of Alabama, Bruce Springsteen, Widespread Panic, Pete Seeger, Bonnie Raitt, Joan Baez, Jenny Lewis and others.

For further information visit jason-crosby.com

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Photo: Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce.

By VICTORIA CROSBY
Many years ago, while I was deciding which house to buy on the North Shore, a voice on the radio announced. “Beautiful Downtown Glen Cove is restaurant row…….” I believe the ad was sponsored by the Glen Cove Chamber of Commer. So, I chose to live in Glen Cove. Now more than forty years later, the restaurants have changed but the diverse food offered has only been enhanced over the years.
The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce Culinary Delights 28th annual event was held at the beautiful Glen Cove Mansion, one of the several former estates still in use in Glen Cove, built for the Pratt Family. Over forty restaurants and food services participated from all over Long Island. Some have been involved in this event for many years and several new restaurants that have opened more recently partici-

pated for the first time, offering a wide variety of delicious foods ranging from appetizers to ice cream and desserts and everything in between; a taste testing feast for all who attended. Glen Cove is known for restaurants from many cultures.
Dr. Maxine Cappel Mayreis, GCCC President, welcomed more five hundred guests noting that there are many in the community suffering from food insecurities, so a portion of the proceeds were donated to NOSH Delivers, a nonprofit organization that serves many families and individuals in the local community.
There were more than twenty sponsors of the event, including sponsors whose businesses were promoted on the Chamber website and all other media.
Food stations were set up in the larger rooms, as the many guests perused the more than a hundred baskets, carefully choosing which ones to bid on. The many varieties of delicious foods and beverages were available in the mansion, on several levels and outside on the patio.
Sometime after the event a donation

of three thousand five hundred dollars was donated by the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce to Nosh Delivers Inc.
The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce mission “is to enhance the health and profitability of its member businesses by helping to develop, encourage, promote and protect the commercial, industrial, professional, financial and general business interests in the City of Glen Cove and its economic region.”
For further information visit glen-covechamber.org.

Sol Vibration in Sea Cliff Celebrates Grand Opening



Cutting the ribbon with many elected Officials. Photo: Patricia Brexel

Sol Vibration, a new holistic wellness studio offering sound healing, mindful movement, and energy alignment, celebrated its Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
The community was invited to celebrate with co-founders Graciela Bustos and Cathy Henderson, a founding member of the all-female rock band Antigone Rising, which has toured with legendary artists including The Rolling Stones, Aerosmith, The Allman Brothers Band, and others.
Sol Vibration offers a welcoming space where guests can reduce stress, restore balance, and support overall well-being through vibrational healing experiences, including sound healing, mindful movement, and energy alignment. The Grand Opening featured studio tours, opportunities to meet the founders, and information about the studio's wellness programs and services.
Sol Vibration is located at 316 Sea Cliff Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579. Please check out their website for more information www.solvibration.com.



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Long Island Celtic Festival Returns to Old Westbury Gardens



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The sounds of Irish music, Highland dance, and bagpipes will fill the grounds of Old Westbury Gardens when the Long Island Celtic Festival & Highland Games returns Saturday, August 22, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Headlining the Main Stage is Irish tenor Andy Cooney, known as “Irish America’s Favorite Son” by The New York Times. Cooney will be joined by Long Island favorites Harpers Ferry and The Chivalrous Crickets, along with professional Highland dance company Shot of Scotch NYC.

Beyond the Main Stage, four pipe and drum bands will perform throughout the grounds, while students from regional

Families can visit Wee Celt Land for magician Zach Alexander, face painting, and birds of prey presented by Sweetbriar Nature Center. Visitors can also explore Celtic vendors, enjoy food from local and regional food trucks, as well as at our Café in the Woods, see classic British automobiles, and watch traditional spinning and weaving demonstrations, just to name a few of the day’s attractions.

“During the Celtic Festival, Old Westbury Gardens comes alive with music and tradition. I especially look forward to the incredible performances by the bands that play on the Main Stage throughout the day and the talented students from our regional step dancing schools. Whether you come for the Highland Games, the food, or simply to enjoy a beautiful day in the Gardens, it’s a wonderful way to experience the rich traditions of Celtic culture,” said Maura Brush, President & CEO of Old Westbury Gardens.

Discounted advance tickets are available online through August 19, with ticket prices increasing on August 20. Tickets will also be available at the door. The festival will be held rain or shine.

For tickets and complete festival information, visit www.oldwestburygardens.org/celtic-festival



Shot of Scotch, a professional dance troupe.

Irish dance schools showcase their talents. The festival’s Highland Games, presented by Albany-based Empire Throwing Club, will feature traditional competitions including the caber toss, stone put, and sheaf toss.

Victoria Crosby’s Book Signings

Author, poet and longtime reporter for the North Shore Leader, Victoria Crosby, recently held two book signings on Long Island. First at the Red Pheasant on Main Street in Northport with her children’s book Marty’s Posh Party, a lesson in table manners and etiquette; then afternoon tea at Jeanine’s American Bistro in Glen Cove reading excerpts from her book PoeticVic BritCentric, a collection of British themed poetry. Books by Victoria R. Crosby are available on Amazon and on all media platforms.



The Red Pheasant in Northport

Barbara’s Garden at the Locust Valley Library Gets a Boost



Members of the Club who have assisted over the years with its maintenance. (L-R) Allyn Adams, Irene Duque, Marie Zabielski, Kassie Miller Roth, Sallie McNeill Rynd and Lucy DeVito.

BY VERONICA D. FEEG

With Spring comes renewal, and the LVGC members have made plans to help boost the beauty of Barbara’s Garden at the Locust Valley Library this year. With a grant from the National Garden Clubs “Plant America” funded by Espoma products, members have organized teams to bring new plantings to the beauty of the existing space known by many in Locust Valley as the “treehouse garden,” based on its white gazebo and birdhouse peeking through the greens over the tennis courts at the top of the hill. The grant provides fertilizer and soil products and the opportunity to compete for a \$500 prize from the National Garden Clubs for the best “before” and “after” photos. Staff from Hicks Nursery and Garden in Westbury assisted President Sallie

McNeill Rynd to pick out fertilizer and soil that will work best over the next months and into next Spring.

Barbara’s Garden was dedicated to Barbara Kassner after her retirement decades ago. She was a library employee for 37 years and served the patrons of the library who had long benefited from the more than 30 plants set around the 100-year old library

building that she carefully tended to over the years.

Club members have divided the work of clean-up, planning, planting, weeding and mulching. More importantly, members are on “watering teams” to tackle the hot summer months as needed. We thank members of the committee for their work over the years in maintaining this peaceful space around the gazebo that is used for quiet reading and small group events.

The Locust Valley Garden Club meets every third Wednesday of the month in the library community room. New members who enjoy gardening are always welcome. Donations of garden mulch or special plants for Barbara’s Garden are also welcome. Contact Larraine Tassis at ltassis@aol.com for more information.

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Obituaries

ARORA, Aseem, on Aug. 8, 2026, age 48, of Bayside, NY. Beloved son of Vinod and Veena Arora. Loving brother of Ashima (Kumar). Devote uncle Devan and Diya. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



CASAVIS, David, age 74 (born June 10, 1952) of New York, NY, passed away suddenly on July 10, 2026.

Beloved brother of three siblings, including his two sisters, also survived by many nieces and nephews. He grew up and was raised in Spring Valley New York.

David was a writer, who wrote several books including the Thomas Crown Affair chronically a corrupt state department's corruption in the nation of Guyana. David, also, was an adjunct professor in SUNY Westbury here on Long Island, where he taught for many years encouraging students, to travel and follow their dreams. He also appeared on television as a commentator. He was an avid world travel and candidate for public office in New York City. David was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and a longtime member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

HUBERMAN, Irwin, Rabbi at Congregation Tifereth Israel of Glen Cove, New York, died on 1 August 2026 in Bayamon, Puerto Rico following a brief illness. He was 73 years old.

Rabbi Irwin was born on 30 June 1953 in Montréal, Quebec, to Leon and Charlotte Huberman. He worked as a photographer for the Ottawa Citizen following his graduation from Carleton University with a Bachelor of Journalism in 1974. In 1976 he moved to Fort McMurray, Alberta, where he founded the Fort

McMurray Express, one of the first two newspapers in the area. He played a leadership role in Fort McMurray's fledgling Jewish community, as well as volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club and coaching children's softball and soccer teams. He later wrote a book on the history of Fort McMurray, The Place We Call Home.

After moving to Edmonton, Alberta in 1993, Irwin worked for government at provincial and federal levels, managing several successful election campaigns and drafting health and environmental policy. He was active in Edmonton's Congregation Beth Shalom, serving as its President for several terms.

In 2005, at the urging of his wife, Patte, Irwin began studies at the Academy for Jewish Religion. He commuted between his studies in New York and his work in Edmonton—2,500 miles each way—for several years. At the time of his death, Rabbi Irwin had 1.4 million Delta SkyMiles. In 2007, he was invited, as a reb, into Congregation Tifereth Israel of Glen Cove, New York, the oldest continually-running synagogue on Long Island. He was ordained as a rabbi in 2010.

For nearly twenty years, Rabbi Irwin presided over the weddings, funerals, conversions, and bar and bat mitzvahs at CTI. He energized and grew the congregation with a leadership of infectious joy that was proactive, welcoming, and non-judgmental. He made a priority of children, as well as those in the congregation with disabilities. He performed one of the first Jewish same-sex weddings in Nassau County. He reached out to local churches and mosques to strengthen interfaith bonds, and to join forces in countless charity efforts. He touched countless lives in his community and well beyond it. Irwin was a gifted musician, and led many of CTI's services playing his guitar, a 1967 Gibson Hummingbird that was a gift from his father. He loved the Dave Clark Five, the Byrds, Peter, Paul, & Mary, Joni

Mitchell, Dire Straits, Paul Simon, Cat Stevens, and the Beatles. He collected baseball and hockey cards, as well as coins and stamps, all hobbies begun in childhood and nurtured by his parents and grandparents. He was devoted to the New York Mets, the Montréal Canadiens, and the Montréal Alouettes—and often mourned the loss of the Montréal Expos. His favorite movie was Harold and Maude.

He is survived by his wife Patte (75); his daughter Jessica Sheva (43) and her husband Blair (44), his stepdaughter Sarah (47) and her husband Paul (43), and his stepson John(46); his brother Ron, sister-in-law Adeena, niece Jackie (Avidan), and nephews Sean (Joanne), and Mitchell; several cousins; and, finally, by his grandchildren, Mason (18), Brooke (15), and Clara (7). www.Dodgethomas.com



LEWIS, Hunter, of Bayville, New York, passed away unexpectedly as the result of a tragic automobile accident in San Diego, California, on July 22, 2026, at the age of 32.

Born on April 17, 1994, Hunter was known for his adventurous spirit, kind heart, and free-spirited nature. He had a remarkable ability to connect with people and will be remembered for his warmth, infectious smile, sense of humor, and the joy he brought to everyone fortunate enough to know him. Hunter found purpose in helping others and believed deeply in the power of hope, second chances, and living each day to the fullest.

Hunter was predeceased by his loving parents, John Lewis and Francine Blackwell, as well as his beloved grandparents. He is survived by his devoted brothers, Taylor Lewis and Gabriel Brown; his loving aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family; and many cherished friends who will forever carry his memory in their hearts.

Though Hunter's life was cut far too short, the love he shared and the memories he created will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. While our hearts are forever changed by his loss, we find comfort in the memories he leaves behind and in the light that will continue to shine through everyone who loved him. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

MAZZA, Robert C., on Aug. 7, 2026, age 97, of Old Brookville, NY. Beloved husband of the late Mary. Loving father of Laura Santangelo (Vincent), Robert Mazza (Betsy), Janet Mazza, and Stephen Mazza (Rich Palermo). Cherished grandmother of Stephen, Robert (Morgan), Susan (Bryce), Peter, Jake (Jen), Ryan (Emma), Jennifer (Tyler), Julia, and Mary. Proud great grandfather of five. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends.

Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

MEYER, Alfred E. of Locust Valley, NY on July 31, 2026 at Age 90. Beloved husband of Marcy. Loving father of William M. (Leslie) and the late Michelle. Also survived by extended loving family members including Tony Smith (Ute) and Joanie DiMenna.

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