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Oyster Bay Supervisor Joseph Saladino and Town officials will join with the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce, local supporters and sponsors to announce plans for this year's Oyster Festival, returning to Oyster Bay hamlet October 17th and 18th. Story on page 7.



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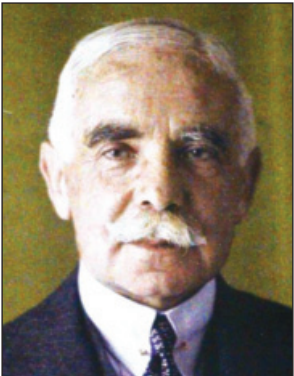
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Oheka Castle Facing Bankruptcy Auction Sale

By MARK DEMETROPOULOS
Oheka Castle, the century-old West Hills estate built by financier Otto Kahn - who hosted grand parties in the 1920's that inspired the Great Gatsby - is now in bankruptcy and will be sold at auction on October 27th.



Otto Kahn

American novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald memorialized the lavish parties and gilded lives of north shore Long Island's "Gold Coast" during the 1920's in his classic novel "The Great Gatsby."

Otto Hermann Kahn was a German immigrant who built a fortune in banking and railroads - and then built for himself Oheka Castle from 1916 to 1919 - as the largest private home in New York State.

Kahn named the Castle as an acronym from the first two letters of his own name - "Oheka" ("O-He-Ka").

The castle was completed in 1919

and sits in West Hills on the Huntington-Oyster Bay town line - and perched just above the Cold Spring Harbor LIRR station.

Kahn passed away in 1934 and following his death, the estate changed ownership several times.



Gary Melius
(Courtesy Oheka)

The Castle has seen a parade of the rich and famous glide through its gilded halls: It has been used to film movies and rock videos - including Taylor Swift's recent video for her hit song "Blank Spaces" - and more notorious events, like the wedding of scandal-plagued US Congressman Anthony Weiner and Hillary-aide Huma Adedin - presided over by former US President Bill Clinton.

Melius' holding company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection last year, citing that the Castle had less than \$60 in its bank account and was more than \$63.5 million in debt.

The Castle was purchased in 1984 by Long Island real estate developer Gary Melius. Melius invested tens of millions in restoring and rehabilitating the Castle, converting it into a hotel and conference center.

Melius purchased the estate for \$1.5 Million; and then spent over \$40 million for its restoration.



Oheka Castle located at 135 West Gate Drive, Huntington.

Prior to Melius's company filing bankruptcy, he was able to get approval by Huntington Town Board for the construction of 95 townhouse-condominium units on part of the 22-acre property which is on Oheka Castle's land.

None of the townhouse-condos have yet been built, and it is not clear that the planning approval will transfer to a new owner through bankruptcy. Oheka Castle will go on the auction block on October 27, 2026.



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FOR US CONGRESS (NY-1)

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And north shore Suffolk residents should cast their vote for incumbent Republican, Nick LaLota.

The reason that homeowners now have a SALT tax deduction of \$40,000 - up from \$10,000 - is thanks to LaLota.

He held-up President Trump’s budget and tax bill until Trump and the Republican leaders in Congress agreed to LaLota’s SALT demands.

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LaLota’s Democratic opponent Chris Gallant has - like LaLota - served in the US military - but is a first-time candidate with an under-funded campaign.

LaLota has earned re-election. *The Leader* endorses Nick LaLota for US Congress.

MARIO MATTERA
FOR NYS SENATE

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His advocacy for the north shore - whether protection of our schools or dealing with the plague of deer overpopulation - has been consistent.

The Leader endorses Mario Mattera for NYS Senate.

DAVE WEBER
FOR NYS ASSEMBLY

The race for the Huntington North Shore Assembly District is an open race - with the resignation of incumbent Keith Brown.

Dave Weber is a Trustee of Northport village, and owner of a local boatyard.

In a State Assembly where Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than a 2:1 margin, it is important that Republicans like Weber be elected to check the power of one party.

The Leader endorses Dave Weber for NYS Assembly.

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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.

HOW DARE THE LEADER REPORT ON TRANSGENDER TEACHERS

To the Editor:

I am writing as a licensed mental health counselor and a parent in the Locust Valley School District, in response to the September 24 article, “Transgender, ‘Only Fans’ Controversies Roil Locust Valley Schools.”

The article bundles two noncomparable stories under one “controversies”-headline. I will set the first aside (Ed: that the school district fired a teacher appearing on a porn site) — the article itself offers no evidence anything occurred in a school setting — and address the second: speculation about a 24-year-old educator's gender, including what gender they were allegedly assigned at birth and whether they are supposedly “transitioning.”

That is not a professional qualification. It is nobody's business. This educator is state-certified and hired to teach kindergarten.

Evaluate educators on their qualifications, professionalism, performance, judgment, and how they treat the children entrusted to them. Turning someone's identity into a community referendum does not protect children; it teaches them that dignity is conditional. New York law protects employees from discrimination based on gender identity and expression, but we should not need a statute to understand the principle: judge people by their character, their actions, and their work.

An educator’s gender, actual, perceived, alleged, past or present, is not a professional qualification. It never should have been presented as though it were.

This article should never have been published. Treating speculation about a private citizen’s gender identity as community news is irresponsible journalism, and it does a disservice to the very community this paper claims to serve.

Heather Lorne
Bayville, NY

Editor's Note: It is clearly a “matter of public concern” when a 24 year old Transgender is hired to teach local kindergarten children. The School Board itself recognized that when it held a meeting with the parents of the children affected.

This newspaper has written about the horrors of “child mutilation” caused by the twisted ideological promotion of transgenderism on children. Thousands of children were surgically and chemically mutilated in America under the ruse of "gender-affirming care."

Hospitals and medical associations - in the United States and Europe - now broadly admit that was “wrong” and that sexual mutilation has destroyed the lives - and “mental health” - of countless children and youth.

This newspaper reports the truth - and will not be cowed into “not reporting” a public controversy.

THE END OF IMPORTED PRESCRIPTIONS

To the Editor:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has a dangerous new rule beginning Oct. 22 that will threaten the healthcare of millions of Americans.

The rule, “Indefinite Suspension of the De Minimis Exemption for Mail Shipments,” will effectively end Americans' ability to personally import their prescription medicines.

Importing prescription drugs from licensed international pharmacies is the only lifeline for seniors on limited incomes, people with high-deductible health plans, and the uninsured. That’s why CBP and the FDA have allowed it for decades. Due to the much lower cost of medications in Canada and other countries, imported medicine is their only option.

Many imported drugs can be less than half the U.S. price. These necessary medicines prevent blood clots, treat diabetes, and much more. This CBP rule will cut off access to the only affordable prescription drugs for millions, and that will lead to unnecessary harm and preventable deaths.

I ask readers to immediately call or write our Senators and U.S. Representatives and demand they stop CBP from implementing any rule-making that restricts Americans from importing personal-use prescription drugs from licensed pharmacies in Canada or other countries.

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New York, NY

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Op-Ed: AI Superiority Is a Matter of National Security

By STEVE LEVY

China's paid influencers must be quite proud of themselves for having so quickly shifted U.S opinion against the construction of new AI data centers.

The social media influence program has been so successful that it has both Democrat and Republican officials alike running for the hills when it comes to supporting the establishment of these needed AI centers throughout the nation.

Initially, there was great enthusiasm about what AI could do for our nation and the world. It was not only going to be an incredible economic boom, as evidenced by the extraordinary growth of AI stock funds (which have bolstered the retirement funds of the majority of Americans), but the advances themselves would cure diseases, including cancer and Alzheimer's, and dramatically enhance our quality of life.

Some localities were gushing over the incredible amount of tax revenue that they were receiving from the new AI centers established in their region.

While "60 Minutes" did a rather negative segment on AI recently - claiming that electric rates went up in Loudoun County, Virginia due to the presence of an AI center, they failed to mention that the county's residents paid \$5800 less



Steve Levy

each year in property taxes because they hosted the center, which accounts for 45% of the county's revenues.

The left-leaning program also failed to mention that Virginia has implemented regulations preventing electric bill increases to be passed along to the ratepayers.

But then the tide suddenly shifted. People were starting to believe the influencers who were claiming that AI was going to blow up the world, siphon away all local water supplies, and make electric bills go through the roof.

It has now been clearly documented that a major player in pushing this narrative is, in fact, influencers paid for by the Chinese Communist Party.

We are in a race to determine who will dominate this sector. And, make no mistake, the stakes could not be higher. Whichever nation controls AI will wind up controlling the world's economy and maintain military superiority.

It's not much different than the stage we were at in the 1940s, when the concept of building an atomic weapon was within the realm of possibility.

The idea of Nazi Germany getting hold of this weapon before America was so frightening to physicist Albert Einstein that he overlooked his pacifistic tendencies and pleaded with President

Roosevelt to get on it and beat the Germans to the bomb. This resulted in the Manhattan Project, which indeed helped America win this race. And thank God we did.

Einstein later backtracked on his decision to push for the bomb, but there's no question that he was correct in doing so in the first place.

Some back then might've said that the idea of building a nuclear weapon is so scary that we must forge agreements from every nation not to pursue it. But that would've been pure folly. We weren't going to be able to enter into a moral agreement with Hitler or Japan that we would all hold back. We knew they were gunning for it and they knew we were as well, and that's just the way it was going to be.

The idea that we could somehow trust China, a criminal nation that lies, cheats and steals on an everyday basis, on an AI slowdown is pure lunacy.

They are hoping that we would be so foolish and naive as to enter into such an agreement and hold back our efforts to win the race, while they would surely continue in a clandestine manner to pursue AI until they attained dominance.

We must be equally leery of submitting to the suggestion of some AI company owners, who have suggested that we allow a conglomerate of democracies to oversee the industry's decisions.

If the U.S. will never allow ourselves to be submissive to an international criminal court, which would love to con-

trol and punish us, there is no way we will ever allow ourselves to be subservient to a Brussels-EU-like entity.

This is not to say that there are not very legitimate arguments being made by localities. But the solution is not very difficult.

We can indeed make sure that those companies that stand to gain tremendously by the establishment of these centers pay back to the community so that the locality is actually enriched with the lowering of their tax and electricity bills.

It's estimated that we're about six months ahead of China in this race. The moratoria that are being proposed throughout the nation may be just enough to help China not only catch up, but actually surpass us.

Some have tried to make the claim that a temperature increase of 1° Centigrade over the next century poses an existential threat to America and the world. While climate change is indeed real, such doomsday talk is greatly exaggerated. On the other hand, the idea of China obtaining dominance in the field of AI is indeed an existential threat to America's survival.

We can put safeguards in place. But what we can't do is surrender this race to our economic and military adversaries who wish us harm.

And to the AI naysayers of this era such as Bernie Sanders who want to stifle AI development, it's likely they will

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Oyster Fest Returns this October 17TH and 18TH



(L-R) Russ Lundstrum owner of Coach Grill, and Cooper Bluff, Sean Acosta owner PTRC, and Michael O'Niell shucking oysters, the star of the festival.

The annual Oyster Fest will return this fall to the streets of the downtown and Theodore Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay. Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilwoman Vicki Walsh, Town Clerk Rich LaMarca, Assemblyman Jake Blumencranz and organizers and sponsors of the 43rd Oyster Fest announced the return of the iconic sea-side festival this October 17th and 18th. The event is sponsored in partnership with the Town of Oyster Bay and the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce.

“From great live music to delicious food, craft and merchandise vendors, amusement rides, seafood court, food trucks and so much more, this year’s Oyster Fest has something for everyone,” said Supervisor Saladino. “The Oyster Fest showcases our beautiful Town and historic sites while helping to raise charitable funds for local non-profit organizations such as the Boys & Girls

Club, Life Enrichment Center, Friends of the Bay and Youth and Family Counseling. We’re also putting the local oyster back in Oyster Fest, with oysters being served coming from Long Island growers and harvesters.”

In addition to delicious food vendors, various merchandise exhibits, amusement rides, oyster eating and shucking contests, and Newton Shows Carnival, this year’s Oyster Festival will once again take part in the Town’s shell recycling program, through which the Town collects shells from local partners to strengthen the marine ecosystem. Anyone interested in volunteering to take part in the shellfish recycling efforts during Oyster Fest can contact the Town’s Department of Environmental Resources at (516) 677-5752 or visit www.oysterbay-town.com/volunteer to sign up.

This year’s event will also feature a special Sensory Friendly Family Hour, which will take place one hour before the Festival officially opens on Sunday. Sponsored by Sensory Island, from 10am to 11am Sunday, October 18th, all rides will open specifically for children with sensory sensitivities.

“Many children with sensory needs find large festivals overwhelming, and this Sensory Friendly Family Hour gives them and their families a chance to enjoy the rides at their own pace before the crowds arrive,” said Councilwoman Walsh.

This year’s Festival also welcomes players from the Savannah Bananas, who will be on hand to meet fans, share some baseball magic and sign autographs on both Saturday and Sunday. The event also welcomes back the Kings of the Coast Pirate Show, a high-energy pirate demonstration located by the waterfront. There will be live music featured both in the park and along Audrey Avenue, with various musical acts performing throughout the weekend. Parking at Oyster Fest is extremely limited, and residents are encouraged to park at alternate locations and take a shuttle bus ride to the festival – details

on transportation alternatives are available at theoysterfest.org.

The Oyster Festival is among the largest waterfront festivals on the East Coast, attracting up to 200,000 people from all over the tristate area to Oyster Bay hamlet. This year’s event is presented by Property Tax Reduction Consultants, and powered by Optimum, Legame Permanent Jewelry, Catholic Health and Nassau Financial Federal Credit Union. For more information on this year’s Oyster Fest, taking place on the streets of Oyster Bay and throughout Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park on Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th, visit www.theoysterfest.org.



Amy Reily Hanley Director of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce address the crowd with Supervisor Saladino.



(L-R) Town Clerk Rich LaMarca, Property Tax Reduction Consultants, President & Founder Sean Acosta, Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilwoman Vicki Walsh and Assemblyman Jake Blumencranz, announce details of the 43rd Oyster Fest.

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The Best Apple Pie in Bayville

By Victoria Siegel
 The Friends of the Bayville Library once again held the very popular Apple Pie Contest to determine who makes the best Apple Pie in Bayville. The judges representing the library, the American Legion Post 1285, and the Bayville Fire Company had a very difficult time arriving at their decision since each of the six submitted pies were delicious, however, they courageously arrived at a decision. The delighted baker was Mirtha Gil who received the prize of a Lecrueset Pie Plate.



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Dress up in costume and bring your little ghosts and goblins (two & four-legged varieties welcome) for a ghost parade through town. Please bring lanterns and noisemakers!

The Raynham Hall Museum is looking for additional volunteers to help carry our ghostly puppets. If you are willing and able to carry something heavier than an apparition, please send your interest to info@raynhamhallmuseum.org.

Enjoy ghostly entertainment, a DJ, food & drink for purchase, and more! Participating vendors include Gimme Burger, Oyster Bay Brewing, Outlaw Street Eats, Penelope Bean & Co. Coffee, and The Toy Box. A big thank you to our parade collaborators: The Life Enrichment Center at Oyster Bay, The Town of Oyster Bay, Oyster Bay



The haunted parade!

Main Street Association, Oyster Bay Chamber of Commerce, and our wonderful volunteer, DJ John Hubbard!

The Parade takes place Friday, October 30, at 6:00 PM at Oyster Bay High School on East Main Street, float west to Audrey Avenue Extension, and boogie with the spirits at the Derby-Hall Bandstand in Townsend Park. The dance party ends at 8:30 PM.

Grenville Baker B&G Club Celebrates Annual Day for Kids

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club recently celebrated its annual Day for Kids with a “Welcome Back Circus,” welcoming more than 400 children and families for an evening filled with fun, entertainment, and community spirit.

Guests enjoyed bouncy houses, carnival games, crafts, balloon making, music and dancing with a DJ, along with popcorn, cotton candy, and Mr. Softee ice cream.

A special thank you goes to PSEG Long Island, the event’s Presenting Sponsor, and UBS, the Entertainment Sponsor, for their generous support.

“We are grateful to our corporate partners for their generous support,” said Melissa Rhodes, the Club’s CEO. “Their continued commitment helps bring smiles to the faces of families throughout our community.”



Clowning around with all the kids.

The Club extends a special thank you to our valued community partners whose participation and support helped make the event a success: CEC, Girl Scouts, Kiwanis Club of Glen Cove, La Fuerza Unida, League of Women Voters, Locust Valley Library, North Shore Day Camp, and Operation Safe Child. Their dedication to the children and families in our community helps make events like Day for Kids truly special.

The Club also thanks its many local business sponsors for helping make the event possible.

For more information about Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, visit www.gbbgc.org.



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Op-Ed: AI Superiority

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 look very foolish a decade or two down the line after our technological advances cured diseases that have sickened our loved ones and increased productivity to such an extent that the typical work week may indeed be able to be lowered by a noticeable margin.

Of course, we should explore kill switches and collaborate on installing commonsense safeguards, but as noted above, the idea that we will save humanity from an AI disaster by the U.S. unilaterally halting its progress is recklessly naive, since our enemies will not be so constrained.

As the science advances, so will be the risks associated with it. It is something we are going to have to live with

and control, just as was the case with nuclear weapons.

As long as some nation can obtain nukes, there’s no way we will ever get rid of all nukes. Likewise, as long as one nation can always push the AI envelope a bit further, we will never get to the point of a no-risk AI scenario. So we had better win this race.

Steve Levy is President of Common Sense Strategies, a political consulting firm. He served as Suffolk County Executive, as a NYS Assemblyman, and host of the “On the Right Side Podcast.” He is the author of “Solutions to America’s Problems” and “Bias in the Media.” www.SteveLevy.info, steve@commonsensestrategies.com

3RD Annual Sgt. Hendricks Memorial Crossfit Challenge

Sunday, October 18, 2026 the third Annual Sgt. Robert A. Hendricks Memorial Crossfit Challenge and Fundraiser will take place at the Locust Valley High School.

Come and support veterans by participating in the challenge in



Sgt. Robert A. Hendricks

honor of the 2012 Locust Valley Graduate, Sgt. Robert A. Hendricks.

The event starts at 11:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM. The Locust Valley High School is located at 99 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley. To register go to: <https://www.creeperwod.com/>

Locust Valley Garden Club Designs Living Terrariums



Holding their terrariums are Ronnie Feeg, Valerie Collins and Ronnie Thyben
 Photos: LVGC

BY DAGMAR FORS KARPPI

The Locust Valley Garden Club (LVGC) is sending its members home with their own miniature gardens - in a terrarium that each member has designed.

Terrariums are clear glass or plastic containers filled with soil and plants, designed to function as a miniature, self-contained ecosystem.

The word "Terrarium" is derived from the Latin words "terra" (earth) and "arium" (place).

They allow people to cultivate delicate or tropical greenery - indoors - with minimal long-term maintenance.

Although terrariums traditionally house plant life, they are also frequently used as temperature- and humidity-controlled habitats for small land-dwelling animals, such as insects, reptiles or amphibians

Jane Benstock, the LVGC program chair, shared the podium with member Kathleen Courtney, and thanked her for donating all the succulents and tropical plants that she grew in her hothouse.

Members had a choice of making a succulent or tropical plant Terrarium: Tropicals need more watering.

Jane provided all the materials needed for the plantings, which included; corks on long skewers to tamp down the different layers of plant materials, the pebble base, substrate layer, plants, a glass container and small objects to emphasize the miniature look.

“To keep your terrarium healthy, place it in indirect sunlight, not direct which

may cause plant burn”, explained Jane. “Depending on the plants you’ve used you will only need to water the terrarium once a month maybe less. Keep an eye on them to see if anything looks dry, and use a watering bottle to pinpoint the water in the area you want to water”

“The strength of our club is in our members who actively contribute in many ways to make our meetings a wonderful experience,” added Jane. “As they say, ‘it takes a village...’”.

Thanks were given to Priscilla Thompson, Ronnie Feeg, President Sallie McNeill Rynd and Lucy DeVito - for helping members with their terrarium creations.

“It was one of our best attended meetings ever,” said Ronnie Feeg, LVGC corresponding secretary.

The LVGC also hosted six local garden club presidents who comprise the Nassau North Section of the Second District of New York State garden clubs of which Ronnie Feeg and Lucy DeVito are the section co-chairs. They are Fern Cohen (Sands Point); Ronnie Thyben (Glen Head); Elizabeth Parrella (Munsey Park); Anna Deriu (Port Washington); Linda Hanan (Syosset); and Sallie McNeill Rynd (Locust Valley).

The next LVGC meeting - on October 21st - features a talk on “Putting Your Garden to Bed”.

Meetings start at 10 a.m. at the Locust Valley Library, with a \$15 donation for the program and a buffet luncheon. For information call Lorraine Tassis at 516-759-5694.



A completed terrarium with pond, lady bug and lantern.

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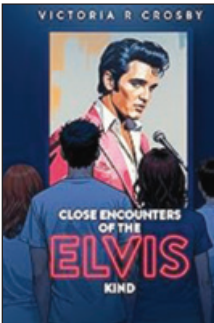


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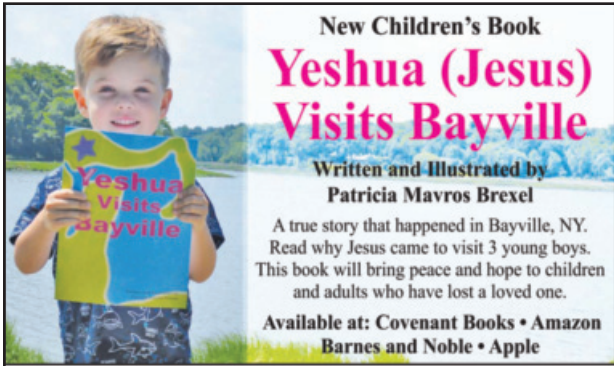


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Obituaries

ACERRA, Michael Louis, passed away peacefully on October 3rd, 2026 at the age of 75. Born in Levittown, NY, Mike was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend to everyone who got the chance to meet him.

Son of Salvatore & Stella, Mike grew up in Hicksville, and was a standout basketball player at St Dominics High School. After playing collegiately at Southern Connecticut State University, he began a career in golf that would last over 40 years, including being the head golf pro at Plandome Country Club.

Above all else, the connection he had to his family was the thing he cherished most. His selflessness, kindness, and humor, will remain a lasting source of comfort to his loved ones.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Lorena; his daughter, Nicole and her husband Michael, son Mike and partner Demi; his adored granddaughter, Ella; his brother James, and sister, Mary.

Donations can be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation. www.Whitting.com



D'AVINO, Candeece B. Dwyer of Flanders, NY formerly of Glen Cove, NY on September 24, 2026 at Age 65. Beloved wife of Raymond. Dear sister of Sean Dwyer (Leslie). Adored aunt

of Lauren, Lindsay and Leah. Interment to at Locust Valley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to Cancer.Org www.DodgeThomas.com

Di MAGGIO, Salvatore of Glen Cove on September 27, 2026 at the Age of 88. Beloved husband of Rita. Loving father of the late Rosario, Antoinette (Michael) Bellomo, the late Pietra, Pietra Maria (Michael) Corwin. Rosaria (Sebastiano) Massarotto, the late Emanuele Salvatore



and Salvatore Jr. (Carolina). Adored brother of the late Nina (the late Nicola) Candela, Maria (Calogero) Carollo, Franca (Gaetano) Di Maria, the late Raffaele (Pina), and Francesco (Piera). Proud and cherished grandfather of Matthew, Jessica (fiance Michael), Michael Jr., Nicholas, Francesco and Isabella. Salvatore was preceded in death by his parents, Rosario and Antonina Di Maggio. He was also preceded in death by his three beloved children Rosario, Pietra and Emanuele Salvatore, who passed away in infancy. Though their time on earth was brief, they remained forever in his heart. We find comfort knowing that he is now reunited with his precious children, whom he loved and carried with him throughout his life. Also survived by many loving sisters, brother, sisters and brothers in law, and many nieces and nephews.

Salvatore was born in Torretta, Sicily, Italy. He married his future wife, Rita in 1965 and shared 61 wonderful years together. They raised their family first with their three daughters in Sicily and in 1980 migrated to the United States, where they made their home in Glen Cove for the past 46 years. In Glen Cove is where he had his youngest, his son, Salvatore Jr.

Many people knew Salvatore as their friendly landscaper who had a deep passion for gardening. He loved growing so many different vegetables and herbs, especially the cucuzza. He loved making his own home made wine and the annual sauce making of 35 bushels of tomatoes. Above all, he was a family man, a devoted husband, loving father, cherished son and brother, and a loyal and treasured friend to so many. Throughout his life, he touched countless people with his wisdom, quick wit, humor, kindness, and unwavering sense of family. Salvatore cherished every moment spent with the people he loved.

He was the person people turned to for advice, for a laugh or simply because they knew that he would always be there.

Salvatore was the beloved husband of Rita, with whom he shared an extraordinary 61 years together. Their life together was filled with love, laughter, family traditions, celebrations of the big moments and appreciation for the small stuff. They built a life together, raised a beautiful family and created a lifetime of memories that their family will carry forever. In December 2023, Salvatore and Rita became United States citizens

In June 2022 Salvatore was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and was only given a few months to live with a maximum of 18 months. A typical Life Expectancy for older adults in this age bracket, average survival is typically measured in months rather than years (often ranging from 6 to 15 months). AML is a fast-growing aggressive blood cancer. With Salvatore's strength, perseverance and family support, he beat those odds for 52 months, placing him in the 2% survival rate. If you are able to support this cause and fight this disease, please consider donating to: <https://donate.lls.org/tnt/donate>.

His presence and the legacy of love he built blessed all of us. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Rest in eternal peace, Totò/Papà / Nonno. You were deeply loved, and you will be missed more than words could ever express. Your love will continue through all of us, generation after generation. May he now rest peacefully in the loving embrace of his children, reunited once again in Heaven. Entombment at St. Charles Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

HAAR, Mary Ann, on Oct. 5, 2026, age 84, of Bayville, Beloved wife of Steven Haar. Loving mother of Michael, Laura Haar-Mujunen (Jani), and Jennifer Patten (Mike). Cherished grandmother of Emma Patten and Trevor Patten. Dear sister of Jack Cardinale (Janet).

Interment Pinelawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her memory to American Cancer Society or the American Parkinson's Disease Association. www.oysterbayfuneral-home.com



HOLOLOB, Peter Hololob was born in 1948 in a Polish displaced persons (DP) camp in Solingen, Germany after World War II. His father and mother were forced

laborers after the Nazi's took them from their homes. They came to America in 1951 on an American Troop Transport Ship. His father worked in the Hubble factory and his mother a homemaker. His parents were able to achieve the American dream by purchasing a 3 family home in Bridgeport, CT. He had 4 great friends and felt himself fortunate to have a happy childhood and did not feel himself to be poor. On his own, Peter took the cross town bus to attend St. Michael's Elementary school and later attended Bassick High School in Black Rock, CT. He earned extra money on the weekends by doing landscaping work. There was always something to do at home as well.

In 1969 he joined the U.S. Air Force. After basic training he was stationed in Da (Continued on page 14)



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Da Nange, Vietnam. There he was assigned to work as a photographer and photo specialist technician. He took any necessary photos on the base and processed the film taken by the cameras from the surveillance planes. When he came back to the States he was stationed in Blytheville, AR and Mountain Home, Idaho among other posts. During his leisure time he made lifelong friends and acquired new skills in hunting and camping.

Quinnipac College in New Haven CT was his choice to study accounting after being honorably discharged from the Air Force. He met his future wife Teresa through an introduction from a mutual friend and they continued to correspond by writing letters. They were married in 1976 in the old St. Hyancith’s Church in Glen Cove. He and Teresa purchased their home in 1978 and their daughter Michelle Anne was born the following year in 1979.

He worked for the ILGWU (International Ladies Garment Workers Union) for 25 years. Until United States manufacturing shifted to being done overseas, then Peter pivoted to working in the accounting office at the Merchant Marine Academy at Sands Point, NY for the next 15 years.

After retirement he took his family on a few trips to locations like Yellowstone, Grand Canyon and Florida. He enjoyed different genres of music from country, jazz, popular standards, rock, instrumental, Caribbean, zydeco and classical.

Although a quiet man by nature, Peter enjoyed theater arts and comedy and loved hearing and telling a good joke. He was motivated in the upkeep of his home and was dedicated in learning new skills through reading and videos (pre-Internet).

He developed medical issues for the last 15 years which were attributed to Agent Orange. Eventually leaving him 100% Disabled. Through time his body deteriorated but his mind was always

alert. He believed that he would endure. In the last month of his life, he suffered great pain all over his body and could not eat which weakened him further until there was no hope in fighting the infection.

Peter was a loving family man who developed his active Catholic faith at St. Paul’s the Apostle church. If there was one word to describe him it would be kindness. He was a positive thinker who loved life and felt God would help him surmount all obstacles. However the diagnosis was negative from his team of doctors and there was no possibility to restore his health. The pain was excruciating and nothing could be done. As if on cue, Reverend Peter the Chaplain walked into his hospital room and saw the situation and anointed him immediately and gave him apostolic absolution, in seconds he rolled his blue eyes to heaven and went to his next assignment.

Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. www.DodgeThomas.com



RICOTTA, Thomas R. of Glen Head, NY on September 30, 2026 at the age of 90. Beloved husband of the late Lucy "Lucia". Loving father of Felicia (the late Philip) Stazzone, JoAnne (Bob) Finn and Teresa (Michael) Silversmith. Devoted Papa of Michael (Mia) Stazzone, Angela Stazzone, Daniel Stazzone, Thomas (Meredith) Silversmith, Bobby (Jillian) Finn, Andrew (Victoria) Silversmith, Michael (Carly) Silversmith, Andrea (Billy) Kamenides. Cherished Papa- Tom of Sophia, Nicholas Stazzone, Gregory, Christopher Jacobs, Jacob, Cody, Jachari, Beverly Stazzone, Lucia, Joseph, Finn, Sophia and Jack Kamenides. Stella, Paris and coming soon Santino, Caleb, Gabriel, Cassidy Silversmith. Adored brother of

the late Anthony (the late Marion) Ricotta, Vincent (Lucille) Ricotta, Gloria (the late Mario) Guiliano. Jeanette (Ari) de Oliveira and many nieces and nephews. Entombment at Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury, NY. www.DodgeThomas.com



RUP, Julia of Glen Cove, on September 25, 2026 at Age 78. Beloved wife of Zbigniew. Loving mother of Margaret, Peter and Damian (Magdalena). Dear sister of Maria, Wladslaw, the late Stanislaw and the late Helena. Proud grandmother of Matthew, Max, Nathan, Timothy and Kamil. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



VALENSISE, Michele of Glen Cove, NY on September 24, 2026 at Age 92. Beloved husband of Melina. Loving father of Mary (Charles) and Melinda (Robert). Dear brother of Salvatore (Niki), Rita (Armando), the late Agostino, Angela, Frank, Joseph, Carmela and Rose. Proud grandfather of Anthony, Nicholas, Peter, Ava and Robert. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Interment at East Hillside Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

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Storm Cancels St. John’s Fair

BY VICTORIA CROSBY

One of the many results of the recent bad weather was the cancelation of what would have been the 74rd annual St. John’s Fall Fair. The preview party was held on Friday night with many items sold that night. However, due to the predicted Nor’easter over the weekend, the Rev. Molly Jane Layton, members of the Vestry and the fair chairpeople made the decision to cancel.

Some people showed up on both days in the wind and rain, despite the announced cancellation. People said they had been coming every year for so long and they weren’t going to let the weather stop them.

The usual entry fee was discarded since the fair had been officially canceled. The church had created special hand stamps with a new logo which were in place of wrist bands, as they had seemed to slow down the entry process in previous years. They were not used this year but will be next year.

Booths inside the church buildings were open including The Gilded Estate, Jewelry and The Barn.

Rev. Molly Jane Layton was grateful



The Barn is open every Sunday.

St. John’s for the support of the many sponsors, individuals and businesses, whose support helped cover the costs of the fair despite the cancellation, and all the volunteers, especially those who helped the weekend with all the rain.

Donation trucks picked up many items, so nothing was thrown out.

Although the income was down this year there will still be items available for sale at The Barn, and monetary donation are still being accepted. Grants to charities will be made from the proceeds of the fair.

Check the website for information. Stjlat.org

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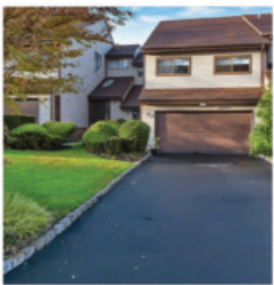
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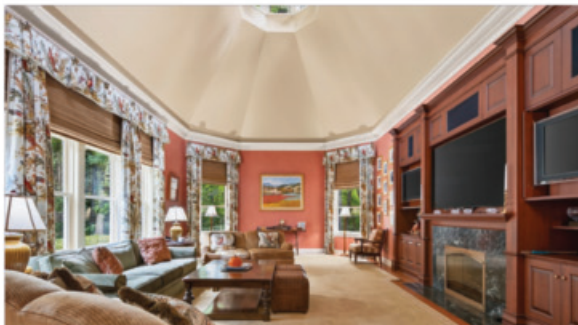
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