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CSH Labs Scientist Injured in Halesite Bike Crash

By CHRIS O'NEILL

Adam Siepel of Huntington, a prominent scientist, was critically injured when a truck collided with the bicycle he was riding in Halesite. The incident took place at 3.10 p.m. on Saturday, May 6th, on New York Avenue at the intersection of Gristmill Lan.

Siepel, 50, was taken to Huntington Hospital where he is in critical condition while Daniel Krywak, 52, the driver of the 2018 Chevrolet pickup that was traveling northbound on New York Avenue, was uninjured.

The truck was impounded to conduct a safety check.

Siepel is Chair of the Simons Center for Quantitative Biology and Professor in the Watson School for Biological Sciences at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

He is known for using computational



Adam Siepel

methods in researching comparative genomics and population genetics. This included devising methods for estimating times in history when major population groups diverged and for calculating the probabilities of human genome mutations. He previously worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

A common theme in Siepel's research at CSH Labs is the development of precise mathematical models for the complex processes by which genomes evolve over time. His research group uses these models, together with techniques from computer science and statistics, both to peer into the past, and to address questions of practical importance for human health

Anyone with information on the crash is asked to contact Huntington Police's Second Squad at 631-854-8252.

Two Roslyn Teen Athletes Killed by Drunk Driver

By HEATHER CROSLY

The Roslyn community is mourning the loss of two of its children - Drew Hassenbein and Ethan Falkowitz - who were killed in a horrific drunk driving crash in Jericho.

The two 14 year-old middle schoolers attended Roslyn Middle School, where they were popular students and athletes.

The driver responsible for the crash, 34-year-old Amandeep Singh of Roslyn, was arrested and remains in custody pending trial.

According to the Nassau County Police Department's Homicide Squad Detectives, Singh had a blood alcohol



Amandeep Singh

Singh swerved, crashing into a 2019 Alfa Romeo sedan, killing Hassenbein and Falkowitz, and badly injuring the other two teens in the car.

Singh's vehicle subsequently struck a Volvo, driven by a 49-year-old woman and her 16-year-old son. The woman and

her son were injured and taken to the hospital, but were released from the hospital shortly after.

At Singh's arraignment, District Court Judge Joseph Nocella remanded Singh to protective custody and suspended his driver's license, citing Singh's extensive past criminal history.

Singh appeared in County Court Monday to face multiple charges, including aggravated vehicular homicide and DWI before Judge Anthony

Paradiso in a courthouse packed with hundreds of people; a few in support of Singh, but with the majority upset over the tragic deaths of Drew Hassenbein and Ethan Falkowitz.



Drew Hassenbein



Ethan Falkowitz

level over twice the legal limit, after attempting to flee the scene of the crash. He drove his 2019 Dodge Ram pickup, last Wednesday just after 10PM, in the wrong direction on North Broadway.

Glen Cove to Get \$1.5M Tax Refund

By NOLAN CLEARY

Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck announced that Glen Cove is set to receive a huge tax refund of \$1.5 million dollars "as soon as possible."

The refund was a result of an audit - that revealed that the prior Democratic administration in Glen Cove had systematically overpaid its taxes.

The discrepancies by the Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency had occurred for more than a decade, and were discovered by state Comptroller Thomas DiNaopoli in an audit from 2021.

Glen Cove is set to receive \$778,000 in refunds for the city, while the Glen Cove school district is set to receive \$805,000.

"We gave the people a zero percent tax increase because we had great faith that we were going to get it [a refund] this year," stated Panzenbeck.

Regarding the tax errors from the prior administration, Panzenbeck stated, "We have been assured that that will never happen again...There was a mistake that was made many years ago and it just kept going and going."



Mayor Pam Panzenbeck and County Executive Bruce Blakeman

The city began negotiations for the tax refund last year with Nassau County, shortly after Mayor Panzenbeck and her City Council team took office.

Panzenbeck said calculations for the district were \$30,000 more than what was originally settled.

"They had a number, we had a number and we picked the number in between," the mayor added.

On April 24, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman was authorized to pay the refund to Glen Cove, by vote of the Nassau County Legislature.

Santos Under Arrest - The Leader Told You So

By MARK DEMETROPOULOS

Fraudster US Congressman George Santos (NY-3) was arrested on a 13-count federal Indictment Wednesday. Santos surrendered at the US Federal Courthouse in Central Islip, and was released on \$500,000 bail. Santos had to surrender his US and Brazil passports - although if he escapes to Brazil, he can not be extradited back, as per Brazilian law.

The Indictment covers only a small part of the multiple criminal offenses involving Santos, but as one local Republican commented, "It's a start..."

The North Shore Leader was the first newspaper - in October, 2022 - to call Santos a "Fraudster" and a "Fabulist," and list the criminal offenses that Santos committed - some of which with Santos is now charged.

The New York Times followed-up on the Leader's expose, and published its own expose on December 19, 2022, detailing even more Santos frauds.

The 13 count Indictment relates to three criminal enterprises: 1) Santos opened a fake "PAC," never registered it, took-in over \$50K, and then stole the money for his own personal use - for rent, car payments and "designer clothes;" 2) Santos fraudulently took some \$25K in NYS unemployment insurance benefits, while he was actually employed; and 3) Santos filed a perjured Personal Financial Disclosure with the US House on September 6, 2022, that

fraudulently claimed his net worth at \$11 million, when he actually had net worth of barely above zero (\$0.00).

Notably missing from the federal Indictment are any charges relating to the hundreds of fraudulent "receipts" and "expenses" that permeate Santos' Federal Elections Commission ("FEC") campaign filings. This newspaper - The North Shore Leader - detailed how Santos claimed he "loaned" his campaign \$580K in March, 2022 - but has just amended his FEC filings to make that fake "loan" disappear.

Also missing were any charges relating to the Go Fund Me charity fraud - stealing \$3,500 from disabled US Navy veteran Richard Osthoff - raised to pay for emergency surgery for his service dog "Sapphire." The surgery was canceled after Santos stole the money - and Sapphire died, leaving Osthoff devastated.

Missing too were criminal charges relating to the Credit Card / ATM skimming and theft ring Santos ran, or charges relating to Santos' fake "investment fund" Harbor City Capital, that was shut-down by the SEC and the US Department of Justice in 2021 as a "Ponzi Scheme."

"He needs to go away," stated US Congressman Nick LaLota (R-Huntington) from the neighboring 1st district, who has called upon the US House to expel Santos. "I want to concentrate on important things like the border, China and debt. He is a complete embarrassment."



George Devolder Santos

EDITORIAL

ENDORSEMENTS IN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Next Tuesday, May 16th, is one of the most important dates on Long Island. It is the date of our School Board elections.

School taxes constitute 2/3 of our local property taxes - much more than the County, Town or Village taxes. And the quality and reputation of a school district can build-up or knock-down an entire community.

The disruptions of Covid, Lockdowns, Closed Schools, Forced Masking, Forced Covid vaccinations, the BLM-Antifa Riots, and the intrusion of race ideology - Critical Race Theory - and Gender identity ideology has opened up "school wars" all over this country.

Thankfully most of the most radical and divisive political ideology has stayed away from our area schools - but not all. In East Meadow a gang of would-be neo-Marxists took over the administration, and systematically "blackballed" every Republican or conservative applicant for a teaching position. That's illegal, but they didn't care.

Let's keep our schools normal. Let's keep those who push "politics" and "anti-science" and "anti-history" off our Boards.

The Leader has met and interviewed dozens of local school board candidates, and makes the following endorsements. They are all good, caring people. Good for our children and our schools:

LOCUST VALLEY (Vote for Four (4))

Lauren Rant Themis
Nick DellaFera
Matthew Barnes
Holly Gaddy Esteves

OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH

(Vote for Two (2))
Laurie Kowalsky
Caitlin Amatrudo

COLD SPRING HARBOR

(Vote for Three (3))
Kate Dellicarpini
Nick Cerrone
Bill Wollman

EAST MEADOW (Vote for Two (2))

David Carl
Jessica Ricco-Simeone

HUNTINGTON (Vote for Two (2))

Amaru Jones
Xavier Palacios

Remember to Vote on Tuesday, May 16th

The Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Leader has received several unsigned letters to the editor. We will respect an author's request for anonymity, but must have your name, address, and phone number. We want to hear from you and publish your opinions, so in the future, kindly include the above requested information.

STEALING CHECKS FROM MAILBOXES

To the Editor:

Be vigilant!
A Silver Lexus with Florida plates stopped by my mailbox last week and was going through my mail.

My neighbor stepped out to talk to them and they sped off. Cops were called and came to take a report.

I have heard that check washing is on the uptick.

Betsy Bible
East Norwich

VOTE TUESDAY MAY 16TH

To the Editor:

After living and working in several U.S. cities and abroad, I was excited to return to the Bayville Locust Valley area to start my family more than ten years ago. Today, I'm proud to call Bayville home and to continue deepening my family's almost 40-year roots here. As a long-time resident, taxpayer and mother, I'm invested in our schools, our commitment to high quality education, the preservation of childhood and our local culture. I feel privileged to experience this precious time of my children's lives immersed in the natural beauty, peace and safety of our vibrant, family-oriented community bound by strong relationships and shared values.

Today, I ask for your support of my candidacy for the Locust Valley Central School District Board of Education. I believe our Board is an essential connection point between our students, parents and taxpayers, and our school administrators, educators and staff, and it would be an honor to serve these key stakeholders in strengthening mutual trust, respect and communication. With responsibility for the oversight of our district, my promise is to actively listen, to bring a 360-degree view to any matter, and to

work with empathy, discipline and accountability in this important role.

I'm a graduate of St. Dominic High School in Oyster Bay and Hofstra University, and an executive leader with more than sixteen years of experience in the global financial services industry. I have a proven track record of building and leading teams, managing budgets, developing and implementing effective communications strategies for a spectrum of business priorities and engaging stakeholder audiences in a wide range of complex financial topics. It's my deep experience navigating corporate America that gives me a unique view into the modern skills, abilities, resilience and critical thinking our students must learn and embrace in order to thrive as future professionals, workers, thinkers and leaders in an increasingly complex world.

As a working mother devoted to my three young children in our schools, LVCSD volunteer Robotics coach and class mom, I'm proud of the cherished relationships I've established with many parents and educators across our district. I'm passionate about strengthening our shared commitment to academic excellence, specifically in fundamentals such as reading, writing, mathematics, science and history and exploring the integration of key tenets of classical education into our curriculum. And I believe the expansion of bespoke learning pathways throughout the K-12 experience to meet every child's unique developmental, learning and social needs is critical. Every student, whether innately academically inclined or better served through a mix of teaching methods, should be well-positioned to achieve their absolute personal best.

I see where I believe we as a district shine, and where we may have some opportunities to improve. As such, I'd like to see the Board work with our parents and educators to put more rigor into additional topics and experiences at age-appropriate intervals, including:

Kindergarten – 5th grade:

- An earlier introduction to foreign languages such as Spanish, and the classical language of Latin, the key to academic vocabulary and grammar
- An earlier introduction to musical instruments and chorus resulting in the culmination of an annual concert for the K-2nd grades
- Mindfulness and meditation
- The continued reduction of the use of Chromebooks in our K-2nd grades
- Fall vegetable and greenhouse gardening throughout the year
- The reintroduction of a tailored program for innately skilled academic performers to keep them challenged, engaged and better socialized among peers beginning in the 3rd grade

Middle and High Schoolers:

- More regular instruction in digital literacy skills to build a healthier awareness of cyber risks and create a stronger sense of self-protection when conducting business and/or social activities online
- Evaluating our current business education curriculum offerings and increasing the number and quality of personal financial literacy courses
- Enhanced data science courses
- Critical reasoning skills and the classical art of debate as well as a focus on the art of speech, expression and questioning
- Enhanced life skills and technical/vocational training
- Mindfulness and greater opportunities for structured physical exercise
- Cultivating our students as environmental stewards and strengthening a deeper connection to the natural world through disciplines such as waste reduction and management, gardening and aquaculture

Foundational to a student achieving their personal best is ensuring they have a strong sense of who they are and their most basic needs are met in school every day. They must feel safe and secure from persistent intimidation or bullying if a situation arises; they must have good nutrition; and

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Op-Ed: "Yes" to More Sewers; "No" to More Suffolk Taxes

BY ROB TROTTA AND STEVE LEVY

There is a consensus that expanding sewers in Suffolk County could help improve the environment and allow for needed targeted economic expansion. But we vehemently oppose unnecessarily raising the county sales tax once again to accomplish this noble goal.

The people of Suffolk County have already agreed graciously to tax themselves repeatedly for environmental protection, including an extra quarter-penny sales tax increase already on the books to provide open space purchases, stabilization of sewer rates, and cleaning of waterways.

Suffolk residents have agreed to spend approximately \$1 billion since the inception of this program to preserve our environment. Sadly, a law passed in 2011 that would have allocated approximately \$200 million by now for sewer expansion was rescinded in 2014 so that almost all of those surpluses could be rerouted to close budget holes. Had the wording of the original law been kept intact, almost two-thirds of all sewer surplus money accumulating year over year would have gone into new sewers. Instead, over the past decade, in excess of \$187 million was diverted to plug fiscal gaps.

Notwithstanding that wrong-headed decision, there is still a plethora of funds available to allow the expansion of our sewer districts without gouging the taxpayers any further. For starters, the coun-



Steve Levy



Rob Trotta

ty was the fortunate recipient of over \$580 million in free money from the federal government after the pandemic (not to mention the hundreds of millions of extra dollars unexpectedly flowing in due to huge sales tax revenues that accompanied inflated spending spurred by federal policies).

These funds are so liberally allocated that even supporting sewer construction is permissible, as evidenced by the \$10 million infusion of federal funds for sewer expansion in Patchogue and millions more for the Forge River in Yaphank.

Still, more money is available that came from Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

Meanwhile, a total of \$113 million flows into the county each year via the present quarter-penny tax program. Thirty-two percent, or \$36.4 million, is allocated towards property tax relief and

should not be disturbed.

However, another \$48.5 million annually accumulates for land acquisition and water quality programs. Since sewers are equated to water quality, why not use that funding for sewer expansion? That's half a billion dollars over the next decade.

We must recognize that the land acquisition program today is far different from the program in the 1980s. Back then, there were thousands of undeveloped acres ripe for the picking. Over that time, the county has purchased tens of thousands of acres.

Now that most of the prime sensitive parcels have been preserved, the pace of preservation has dramatically slowed down with only 540 acres preserved over the five-year period of 2017-2021, averaging \$8 million per year. Yet, we receive \$35 million a year into the acquisition fund.

Why not face reality and reallocate that funding towards needed sewers? Consideration could even be given to splitting those revenues for sewers and open space, especially in the neglected West End.

There is also an additional \$46 million in the sewer stabilization fund balance which could be used for more sewer construction, since the amount flowing into the fund each year is larger than what is needed to keep rates from increasing more than 3% annually.

Immediately before the pandemic, Suffolk was rated by the state Comptroller as the most fiscally stressed county in New York. The county was confronting a huge structural imbalance and enormous fiscal challenges.

Then came COVID and a seemingly insurmountable deficit transformed into a surplus in the hundreds of millions. The county, schools and municipalities are flush with money, so why would we be calling on our taxpayers to fork over even more from their pockets?

Our state has seen more residents flee to cheaper pastures than any other state in the nation. Our property taxes are among the highest in the nation, while our combined sales tax is higher than Florida's, even though they have no state income taxes.

If Suffolk didn't have all this extra money available, it would be a tough call as to whether we'd have to entertain an even higher sales tax to construct sewers.

But when the blindfold is peeled off and residents see how much money is already available for sewer construction, it would constitute malpractice to saddle our already over beleaguered taxpayers with yet another unnecessary tax increase.

Steve Levy served as Suffolk County Executive from 2004 to 2011.

Rob Trotta is currently serving his fifth term as a county legislator from Smithtown. This was re-printed from Long Island Life & Politics

Huntington Hosts Indian Spring Festival of Holi



Town Attorney Deborah Misir, Legislator Stephanie Bontempi, Town HR Director Brooke Lupinacci, and Receiver of Taxes Jillian Guthman at the Holi Celebration

BY CHRIS O'NEILL

Huntington's Town Attorney Deborah Misir hosted the second annual celebration of the Indian spring festival of Holi at the Town, with several Town officials, dancers and local residents in attendance.

"Holi is the Hindu spring festival of colors, love and rebirth," noted Misir. "The celebration commemorates the victo-

ry of good over evil, and the eternal and divine love of the Gods Radha and Krishna."

Holi is celebrated in India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh, and across the world wherever there is an Indian diaspora. In the Caribbean, where Indians are a majority in Guyana, Suriname and Trinidad, the festival is known as Paghwah.

Huntington Receiver of Taxes Jillian Guthman was present, and spoke in welcome to the Indian community leaders present.

Brooke Lupinacci, the Town's Human Resources Director, who is running this year for one of the open seats on the Huntington Town Board was also present. Lupinacci donned colorful garlands and welcomed the South Asian community of Huntington.

Also present was Suffolk Legislator Stephanie Bontempi, who has made out-

reach to the growing South Asian community in Huntington a mark of her openness and good government service..

Another special guest was the Hon. Omya David, the Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Guyana.

"We are so honored to be joined by a distinguished representative of the government of Guyana," noted Misir. "It is a testament to the new era in Huntington that international leaders are paying attention to what is going on here."



Some of the crowd celebrating the Indian spring festival of Holi-Paghwah



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Lauren (Rant) Themis



- Currently serving as a Trustee on the LVCSO Board of Education and mom of 2 children in elementary, lifelong Locust Valley and Bayville resident, and 2000 graduate of LVHS.
- Instrumental in extending elementary play, new lunch program with fresh and healthy options, curriculum transparency, fiscal accountability and strong investment strategies, new turf field & facilities improvements, expanded special education support staff with low budget increases.

Matthew J. Barnes



- First time candidate - Attorney & founder of a boutique law firm specializing in commercial litigation and corporate governance, merger and acquisition tax attorney, lead strategist for dispute resolution positioning, and accustomed to working collaboratively to craft sensible solutions, with a child attending LVCSO.
- Unique skillset for insightful financial analysis, promote independent academic thought and increased parental involvement.

Nicholas DellaFera



- First time candidate - 2008 LVHS graduate & lifelong resident with 3 children who will go to LVCSO, career in the pharmaceutical industry.
- Dedicated to providing a safe & secure learning environment & will collaborate with all stakeholders to protect students, committed to improving curriculum to ensure a well-rounded education with emphasis on meritocracy & advocating for students to reach their full potential.

Holly Gaddy Esteves



- First time candidate - Executive leader and mother of three with transferable skill sets in finance, health and wellness, marketing, PR, safety, policy and corporate governance.
- Proven record in corporate leadership, unique insights into skills for the future, academic and operational excellence, enhancing foreign language and technical skill, ensuring psychological and physical safety, and reducing digital distractions.

LOCUST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Election - Vote Tuesday, May 16th

Country Plaza Delicatessen's 50TH Anniversary



Gift of Life Pres. Robbie Donno, with a portrait of the late Artie Stein, and Kathy Gibson



The late owner Arthur Stein Jr.'s daughters; Alexis, Laura, Mindy and Chloe.

By PATRICIA BREXEL

Arthur Stein Jr. opened the Country Plaza Delicatessen in Locust Valley in 1973. Known to locals by its nick name "The Million Dollar Deli". Yes their prices might be a little higher than other delis but the quality of their food and the portion sizes can not be beat.

Saturday May 6, the deli held an 50th Anniversary party in the parking lot. The band *Face to Face* entertained the large crowd with great rock music. People enjoyed delicious free food, drinks and snacks.

There were also many give aways, and free tee shirts, and raffles. First prize of your sandwich name on the board went to Jeff Converse, Second prize of free coffee for a year went to Mr. Graham. Third prize of a gift card went to Bill Simons.

All the proceeds from the raffles went to the Gift of Life, Inc. which was Artie's passion. The organization, founded here on Long Island, provides life saving heart surgeries for children worldwide.

He served as President and Chairman of the Board. In 1994, Artie and his family opened their home to host two Russian children and their mothers in the United States. He traveled on med-

ical missions to Jordan, Israel, Russia, Haiti and Honduras.

Kathy Gibson from the Locust Valley Rotary club was at the party. She said that "8 years ago she helped Artie raise \$30,000.00 for the Gift of Life by sky-diving out of an airplane!"

Sadly Artie Stein passed away in



Co-owner and manager Dennis



The "Million Dollar Deli"

2020. His daughters, Alexis, Laura, Mindy, Chloe, manager Dennis, and all the great employees are carrying on his legacy of community service.

Stop by the deli their service and food never disappoints.



The Band Face to Face entertained the crowd.

Photos: Patricia Brexel



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Oyster Bay East Norwich Boys & Girls Club Ladies Night Out



Lisa Cotte LoMonaco, boutique owner and jewelry designer.

BY VICTORIA CROSBY

Ladies Night Out at the Crescent Beach Club was a great success for the Boys & Girls Club of Oyster Bay/East Norwich Bahnik Youth Center. There were thirteen Boutique vendors featuring



A beautiful sunset on the Long Island Sound.

a variety of items including jewelry and clothing, gift items, plants, and chocolates. 20% of all sales at the boutiques would be donated to OBENBGC. Ladies could sip wine as they perused the items for sale and the many Raffle baskets that lined the wall. There were over thirty raffle baskets which included basket themes for gardeners, and one for a teacher, gift certificates for fine dining and shopping, an ice cream maker, beau-



Dr. Susan Moor and her plant purchase.

ty treatments and much more. The grand raffle prize was a Gucci Ophidia GG medium tote bag. Co-Chairs Marie Bahnik and Michele Bahnik Mercier headed up a committee of over twenty ladies who helped organize the event.

Ladies who attended including mothers of children who attend programs at OBENBGC, committee and board members, and women who want to support a worthy cause. The event was a little lower key than in the past. Lori Bahnik attended but didn't speak as she usually does, nor did the co-chairs, since the sud-



So many raffles from generous donors.

den death of Lori's husband, Roger Bahnik, in February this year.

The fantastic sunset over the LI Sound that night, with the sandy shores of Bayville and the palm trees at the Crescent Beach Club, made everyone feel as though they were in the Caribbean.

A delicious chicken dinner was served, followed by a wonderful selection of tiny desserts.

Tappan Beach Restaurant "On-Track" to Re-Open



The former Blu Iguana on Tappan Beach

(courtesy Facebook)

BY RUPERT DEEDES

The former Blu Iguana restaurant on Tappan Beach in Glenwood Landing and Sea Cliff, is "on track" to re-open by Memorial Day, under new management, after a kitchen fire and no insurance shuttered the favorite beach venue last fall.

The Oyster Bay Town Board approved a new restaurant concession at its March 21st meeting, and the new operator will be the Bayville-based Oyster Bay Restaurant Group. The new firm will invest \$80,000 in improvements, and have a three-year operating lease.

The restaurant building is located on Tappan Beach, and is owned by the Town, which then issues a license for an experienced restaurant business to run the operation.

A kitchen fire last fall shut the restau-

rant and caused over \$100,000 in damage to the building. The former concessionaire, J&T Beach Corp of Bellport, was given notice of termination by the Town on April 21st, with Town Attorney Frank Scalera citing the inadequate insurance and dirty kitchen conditions.

"The floors and walls were coated in grease," noted Scalera in his termination letter to the former concessionaire. "Oyster Bay owes a duty to its residents to ensure that a concession for the 2023 season operates in a sanitary manner in accordance with both the expectations of the Town, and its residents".

Tappan Beach is a popular beach for Oyster Bay residents, on the east shore of Hempstead Harbor, with a pool, marina, playground, parking and the beach restaurant.

ELECT MARK EISENBERG, CFP®

MAY 16TH LVCS D Board of Education

- **Education** - Bring back the focus of our board to one topic, Education.
- **Safeguard** - Make sure every student feels safe in our schools.
- **Rights** - Fight for every student to get the resources they deserve.
- **Protect** - Parent's right to do what is best for your child.
- **Taxes** - Lower taxes. Be financially responsible.



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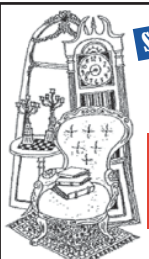
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Letters to The Editor

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they must be permitted the grace to be clear, present and focused in their complete school experience. I hope to expand upon the solid work already done to create integrated policies blending effective bullying mitigation strategies with any consequence model; to ensure that our district-wide security measures are evaluated and operate at the highest standards; and to continue to improve our offerings of high-quality food as well as safe options for children with food allergy disease.

And I will work to reduce our children's access to smartphones, cameras and social media during school hours through feasible policies sensitive to the need for students and parents to be able to reach each other at times during the school day in middle and high school. Now more than ever, as we continue to learn about the real dangers to our children's social emotional well-being and academic performance posed by early and/or sustained exposure to social media, we must protect them from the onslaught of digital distraction and prepare them for how to effectively navigate the digital world with autonomy and

accountability as they mature.

I believe we can achieve all of our aspirations over time while fulfilling our financial commitments and fiscal responsibilities through precision budget management, cost optimization and operational excellence. We owe it to all our stakeholders.

I am here as a parent to serve you and your children in full partnership and as one team with our dedicated educators, administrators and school staff. I have a deep love for our kids and their limitless potential, and I am completely invested in our community as a whole. I will bring the right mix of pragmatism and optimism to help our children develop as empathetic, intellectually curious lifelong learners who work hard, chart their course through life and pursue their biggest dreams.

I am proud of the work our current Board has done for our district, and I believe we have some of the best teachers in the world. But we can continue to do more and better, and we will be more effective if we are unified. I want our children to grow up in a place that deeply respects a wide spectrum of differences in talent, ability, culture, creed, race and

more, but importantly, elevates and celebrates our common traits as people. I believe many of us want the same things for our children, but we must reconcile our varied strategic views on how best to achieve those goals.

I humbly ask for your confidence and your trust. Please show up on Tuesday, May 16 to vote for "Row 5."

Respectfully yours,
Holly Gaddy Esteves
Bayville, NY

LOCUST VALLEY ELECTION

To the Editor;

I am writing in support of both Meredith Wachter and Krystina Tomlinson for the positions of Trustee of the LVCS Board of Education. I have had the pleasure of knowing both candidates for 10 years respectively and during this time, I have seen both candidates demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities, dedication to our community, and passion for all of our community's children. I know each of them to be of the highest character with both possessing the toughest work ethic. They are hard-working, highly intelligent and effective people as well as attentive and engaged parents, dear friends and responsible, reliable community advocates. Both candidates can be trusted to act in all of our children's best interests because I have witnessed them do exactly that for the past 10 years. My wife and I always know that we can count on them without

reservation to act in the best interests of our children and to make rational and intelligent decisions. Meredith and Krystina are two of the most reliable, generous and capable people I know. Both were tireless advocates and organizers of countless drives, plans and get togethers all with one thing in common, to make the lives of our children as good as they can be. They are examples of what's best in all of us with the wisdom and character to ensure fairness in the administration of the duties of an LVCS Board of Education Trustee. They will build consensus, listen to those around them and work diligently to find solutions to the real problems facing our district because that is what they have done as long as I've known them. They organized the 2020 LVI Graduation at Center Island Beach. That was an amazing memory to have during the worst of COVID. They organized birthday drive byes and made certain that COVID would not rob any of our children of anything if they could help it. They have coached, taught, driven and loved my children. I cannot thank each of them enough for all they have done for our children nor could I offer anything other than my unreserved support for their campaign. I hope you will consider joining me in voting for Meredith Wachter and Krystina Tomlinson for Trustee of the LVCS Board of Education and in thanking all the candidates for their efforts to make our community a better place for us all. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gregory Hach, Esq.
Upper Brookville

Obituaries

COURTNEY, D'Shawna of Glen Cove, NY on April 29, 2023 at Age 31. Beloved daughter of Marcus, Elizabeth and Jennifer. Loving mother of Devin and U'Zaire. Dear sister of many siblings. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Interment is private. www.dodgethomas.com



MARTINETTI, Judy L. nee Tillotson, formerly of Bayville, NY on May 3, 2023 at Age 75. Beloved wife of Bill. Dear sister of the late Carol H o l m b o e . Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. www.dodgethomas.com



GALLO, Wanda of Glen Cove, NY on May 8, 2023 at Age 80. Beloved wife of Italo "Benny". Loving mother of Marisa Dunn, Benny, Elizabeth and John. Dear sister of Walter Szeremeta. Cherished grandmother of Thomas, Katherine, Joseph, Emma and Matthew. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Prayer Service at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Burial at East Hillside Cemetery. www.dodgethomas.com



VARGAS, Idalia of Glen Cove, NY on May 8, 2023 at Age 98. Beloved mother of Osvaldo Concepcion and Carlos Fernandez. Loving grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 22. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove on Saturday 4:00 - 7:00pm. Prayer Service at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home on Saturday. Interment in the Dominican Republic. www.dodgethomas.com

Public Notice

Public Meeting – Locust Valley Fire District

A Special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners is scheduled as follows:

May 15, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

All meetings are open to the public and held at Fire Headquarters, 228 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, N.Y.

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- KRYSTINA TOMLINSON**
- Locust Valley homeowner for over 18 years
 - Parent of 2 children in the district (current 8th & 6th grade middle school students)
 - Elected & Served as Co-President of Locust Valley Elementary Parents Council with Meredith Wachter from 2019-2021; Co-Treasurer of LVEPC from 2021-2022; active board member beginning in 2015.
 - Elected & Served as Co-President of Coordinated Parents' Council with Meredith Wachter from 2021-2023 Middle School Parent Council Board Member
 - Elected & Served as Treasurer of Lattingtown Harbor Property Owners Association (LHPOA) for 4 years (2 terms)
 - Retired attorney, cum laude graduate of Brooklyn Law School. Corporate associate at Hogan Lovells, large international law firm, and senior in-house counsel for a technology company where I was responsible for leading complex contract negotiations with top tier banks and technology companies, strong familiarity with cloud computing and data privacy concepts (increasingly important areas for schools).
 - Successfully organized and fundraised for many initiatives at the elementary and middle school levels and looking forward to supporting the high school
 - Proud product of a public school education from kindergarten straight through to college. Graduate and 3 sport varsity athlete of New Hyde Park Memorial HS; undergraduate degree from Binghamton University in upstate New York



- MEREDITH WACHTER**
- Locust Valley resident & homeowner for over 16 years Parent of 4 children in the district, current 10th grader, 8th grader and two 5th graders
 - Elected & Served as Co-President of Locust Valley Elementary Parents Council with Krystina Tomlinson from 2019-2021; Co-Treasurer of LVEPC from 2021-Present; active board member beginning 2016
 - Elected & Served as Co-President of Coordinated Parents' Council with Krystina Tomlinson from 2021-Present
 - Advocated for and spearheaded the capital improvement of the LVI driveway and arrival/dismissal procedure, creating a safer, more efficient flow of cars and buses
 - Co-Director Oak Neck Athletic Council Girls Lacrosse 2022-Present
 - Oak Neck Athletic Council Girls Field Hockey Coach 2017-2021
 - Oak Neck Athletic Council Girls Lacrosse Coach 2018-2022
 - Ralph Lauren Corporate Buying and Creative Services Teams
 - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Child Life Services
 - Boston University Graduate, College of Communication, Bachelor of Science in Advertising
 - Proud product of Manhasset Public Schools academics and athletics, 3 sport varsity athlete, recruited to play NCAA Division I lacrosse

Lindsay Fox
32 Valley Avenue
Locust Valley, N.Y.

May 7, 2023

Dear Locust Valley School District Community,

I have been lucky enough to work alongside Krystina Tomlinson and Meredith Wachter for over seven years in various volunteer roles within the Locust Valley School system. I have witnessed their unwavering commitment to our children's education and wellbeing first hand. Their consistent attendance at the Board of Education meetings, budget presentations, on committees and their willingness to share their insights and updates from those meetings with fellow parents and neighbors has made them an invaluable resource for the school community. Their ability to effectively lobby for the best interests of our children, teachers and our community is unmatched. They have a proven track record in every position they have held and I whole heartedly believe they will be an enormous asset to our Board of Education. Their experience with district stakeholders, the knowledge and perspective they have acquired clearly sets them apart from other candidates. Please join me in securing the best for our children and LVCS D's future by voting for Krystina and Meredith on May 16th.

Thank you,
Lindsay Fox



Michele & Paul Capobianco
24 Andrew Place
Locust Valley, NY 11560

May 7, 2023

Dear Locust Valley Central School District Families,

As parents of two children who currently attend the Locust Valley Central School District, as community members, residents, and homeowners of Locust Valley for the past 10 years, and as a current employee who has worked for LVCS D for 22 years, we feel fortunate to have crossed paths with two of the Locust Valley Board of Education candidates, Krystina Tomlinson and Meredith Wachter.

Through the years we have seen nothing but hard work and dedication from these two women for our school district and our community at large. They have been coaches, girl scout leaders, class moms, event chairs and chaperones to our children. They have been voices, liaisons, advocates, and fighters for us as parents through their many roles in the parent councils.

Their multiple achievements have helped improve our already thriving district. Their commitment to always getting the job done is endless. Their dedication to listening compassionately to parents and experts about important topics, such as Special Education, mental health and student accountability has proven effective. Their positive relationships with school administrators, principals, teachers, staff, and parents are productive and admirable. Their knowledge base about academics and extra curriculars is vast. They demonstrate unwavering integrity, and both love and pride for our entire Locust Valley Central School District community. That is why we will be voting for Krystina Tomlinson and Meredith Wachter for the Locust Valley Board of Education on May 16th, "Doing Better, Together."

Thank you,
Michele and Paul Capobianco



ELECTED & SERVED AS CO-PRESIDENTS OF THE COORDINATED PARENTS' COUNCIL (CPC) FROM 2021 - PRESENT

Worked to build bridges between parents' organizations, the Superintendent and the Board of Education

Comprised of representatives from the district's five parent organizations, worked together to promote cooperation and collaboration on matters of mutual interest and concern

- Frequent participants on interview committees for teacher and administrator positions
- Serve on and contribute to multiple district committees, and including Safety, Advisory, Site Based, Profile of a Graduate
- Creative problem solving to encourage voter turnout for budget and BOE elections
- Attended over 90% of all in-person BOE meetings since 2017

Through sharing information and ideas, strengthened the efforts of individual councils and improved educational opportunities and experiences for all students

- Creative problem solving to encourage voter turnout for budget and BOE elections
- Inspire, motivate and organize parent volunteers to help with school and council events
- Lead by example by consistently volunteering as a team for events organized by other parents and community members

- Advocated to gain students the opportunity to choose a new instrument when entering 6th grade
- Advocated planning in the Middle School to anticipate schedule shifts out of honors classes to maintain small class sizes
- Advocated planning in Middle School athletics to anticipate number of teams needed for upcoming season to maximize possible participation
- Advocated to update all dated MS/HS athletic uniforms

ELECTED & SERVED AS CO-PRESIDENTS OF LOCUST VALLEY ELEMENTARY PARENTS COUNCIL (LVEPC) FROM 2019-2021

Advocated and organized the re-implementation of important and treasured elementary school traditions such as the Veteran's Day celebration, multiple grade level field trips, Bring an Adult to Lunch, Author's Day, National Circus Project and created documents that will help ensure that they are maintained for years to come

Organized spirit events, activities, contests and newsletters during school shutdown to foster community morale and help maintain the elementary experience for the children

Advocated for, organized and led an in-person graduation for the LVI 5th Grade Class of 2020 at Centre Island, involved working with local elected officials, principals, parents, teachers and vendors to provide a memorable graduation for children and families despite school closure

Created and implemented a grant program for the 2019-2020 school year which enabled AMP & LVI teachers to purchase materials needed to enrich the learning experiences, above and beyond what is covered by district

Varied and elaborate fundraising, raising over \$100,000 for parent council

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Voters Head to Polls to Decide Fate of Dysfunctional Board

BY NIALL FITZGERALD

As voters across Long Island head to the polls for school board races, East Meadow is deciding the fate of a scandal-plagued board. Lawsuits, investigations, and controversy have rocked the district.

Earlier this year, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum was caught bragging about implementing a covert political agenda without parental knowledge and illegally rigging a hiring process to blacklist conservative teachers.

A former East Meadow Superintendent and BOCES President wrote to the district voicing his concerns. The board responded with a threatening letter – and then voted down the regular BOCES contract for special needs students. Amazingly, the Board then admitted it was done in political retaliation.

In the past, a rival school board member was kicked off the board citing “excessive leave.” A trivial and archaic “back door” option to get rid of an elected member.

In February, Comptroller Tom DiNapoli reported that the district paid \$1.1 million in excessive overtime costs to custodians while schools were closed during the pandemic.

The district is currently embroiled in a costly \$35 million lawsuit from past employees alleging racial and age discrimination.

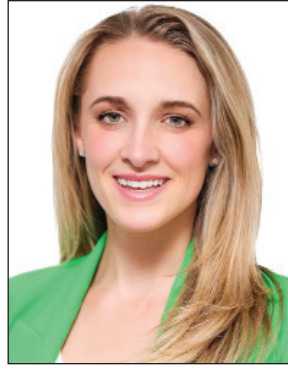
East Meadow residents have packed recent school board meetings in record numbers, only to be turned away after a



Alisa Baroukh



David Carl



Jessica Ricco-Simeone



Phil Servider



Shaun Weissman

“fake” time limit was implemented to prevent further outcry.

At the “Meet the Candidates Night,” Board President Alisa Baroukh cited purchasing more computers as proof the board is “moving in the right direction.” Car Salesman Shaun Weissman,

Baroukh’s running mate, said the current board needs to be more “transparent.”

Their opponents in the school election - Child Welfare Lawyer David Carl and Educator Jessica Ricco-Simeone - countered that “change is desperately needed.” They both stressed that parents deserve to

have a role in their child’s education and the board answers to the taxpayers.

Phil Servider, the fifth candidate, did not attend. At a budget meeting earlier in the week, he fought with the board for more than an hour over “unnecessary” hiring practices.

Authors Visit

In celebration of National Library Week, Locust Valley Intermediate and Bayville Intermediate invited authors Greg Pizzoli and James Bruchac, respectively, to come to the schools on April 28 and speak to students about how they fell in love with writing.



James Bruchac
Photo: LVCSD

Pizzoli is a Philadelphia-based author and illustrator known for the graphic novel series *Baloney* and *Friends* and New York Times Best Illustrated titles “Tricky Vic”, “The Quest for Z” and “Pizza! A Slice of History.” Pizzoli spoke to students about how his love for drawing and writing started at an early age and read from “Pizza! A Slice of History” in the auditorium. Fourth graders William Benazzi and Jack Scheider recreated one of Pizzoli’s graphic novel covers, which the author signed for the students.

Author, cultural educator and wilderness expert James Bruchac came to Bayville Intermediate to recount Native American folklore from his children’s books including “How Chipmunk Got His Stripes.” Bruchac taught students how these tales taught children lessons about to be safe in the wilderness and showed students animal tracks he collected on hikes.

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