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FBI Closing-In on George Santos – Now It’s Credit Card Fraud

By RUPERT DEEDES

With the FBI already assembling criminal charges over Congressman George Santos, a new criminal caper – this one involving credit card fraud – has Santos implicated in the plot.

The FBI has already interviewed and retrieved information on Santos stealing \$3000 in charity contributions raised for emergency surgery for the service dog of disabled US Navy veteran Richard Osthoff – which resulted in the surgery being canceled, and the veteran’s dog dying

The FBI has also retrieved records of Santos passing over \$10,000 in bad checks after picking-up puppies from Pennsylvania – which Santos then resold in New York City.

Now, the latest Santos criminal revelation is about ATMs in Seattle, Washington.

Six years ago, on 27 April 2017, a security officer at a branch of Chase Bank in Seattle noticed a man removing a card-skimming device from an ATM. The police was alerted, and arrived minutes later to arrest an Orlando, Florida Brazilian national named Gustavo Ribeiro Trelha.

Trelha, cooperated with the Seattle detectives, allowing them to search his rental car, in which they found an empty FedEx package with a sender address in Winter Park, Florida.



George Devolder Santos

That address was George Santos’s apartment.

CBS News reported that six months earlier, in October 2016, Santos was issued a ticket for failing to stop at a red light in Florida, and that he listed the same Winter Park apartment as his address.

Law enforcement source confirmed to CBS News that Santos was interviewed as part of the ATM probe, but refused to say whether Santos was ever a suspect in the credit card investigation.

Attorney Tiffany Bogosian, a Brazilian-American and an acquaintance of Santos, told CBS News that Santos, in 2020, told her he had served as a “confidential informant” in the Trelha credit card fraud case.

Court documents show that Trelha told investigators that he was paid \$100 per day by a group based in Brazil and Florida to remove and replace ATM card skimmers. In his hotel room in SeaTac, Washington, detectives found another skimming device, three modified ATM cameras, identification bearing a pseudonym – Matos Fontinele – and 10 fraudulent cards linked to stolen numbers.

Prosecutors told the court that Trelha compromised nearly 300 accounts with the card skimmer in just three days in Seattle. They said each night Trelha

uploaded skimmed account information to a “cloud” service, to be accessed by a Brazilian criminal group.

Trelha, who had been in jail for seven months by then, was sentenced to time served and was then turned over to immigration authorities and deported back to Brazil.

Bogosian said she learned of the

Seattle episode while offering Santos advice, as a friend, on a Pennsylvania warrant related to the bounced checks. Amish dog breeders accused Santos of paying with bad checks for puppies, accusations which led to a theft charge, but Santos argued his checkbook had been stolen, and the charge was later expunged.

“Moose Knuckle” Crime Wave Hits Huntington

By MITCH BAXTER

In a bizarre sequence of events, two separate pairs of thugs carried out two identical thefts on two separate occasions from the Saks Fifth Avenue store in the Walt Whitman Shops.

In both incidents, the first on December 17 and the other on December 28, criminals stole three Moose Knuckle jackets and three Canada Goose jackets, valued at \$6,500.

Suffolk County Crime stoppers confirmed to the Leader that these were two identical crimes committed on two different days.

The Moose Knuckle and Canada Goose brands are associated with rap culture, making them a status symbol



The suspects.

among thugs, and have been the subject of many reports of thefts and violent robberies nationwide.

Suffolk County Crime Stoppers offers a cash reward for information that leads to an arrest.

Anyone with information about these incidents can contact Suffolk County Crime Stoppers to submit an anonymous tip by calling 1-800-220-TIPS, utilizing a mobile

app which can be downloaded through the App Store or Google Play by searching P3 Tips, or online at www.P3Tips.com.

All calls, text messages and emails will be kept confidential.

Bayville Bridge Closed – Again For Two Months



The Bayville Bridge

By THOMAS NOTHEL

The Bayville Bridge was again closed to vehicle traffic, starting at 7am on February 14th, in order for more repairs to be done to the Bridge – but the new repairs are promised to take only two months.

The Bridge is scheduled to reopen to vehicle traffic in about 30 days. The drawbridge was closed to marine traffic on January 9, 2023 and is now “scheduled to reopen” on April 9, 2023.

The Bridge was damaged by Hurricane Sandy in October 2012. Repairs were then made to the Bridge, but this did not resolve the long term mechanical and structural issues of the Bridge – which was built in 1938.

The Bayville Bridge is one of only two land connections between Bayville and Centre Island and the mainland. The Bridge connects eastern Bayville to Mill Neck and West Shore Drive which connects to Oyster Bay. The other land link is at the extreme western end of Bayville,

which connects to Lattingtown and Locust Valley.

In 2016 The Nassau County Department of Public Works began a project to rehabilitate the Bridge. Engineering Firm LKB was selected by Nassau County to provide design and construction support services for the project.

For two years, the bridge was either closed – or reduced to an alternating one lane that produced long traffic jams, throughout 2020 and 2021.

“Enough is enough,” stated one irate Bayville resident. “How much more do we have to take. And how long are we going to be lied to ?”

The LKB firm now states that most of the structural and site work has been completed, and the new mechanical and electrical equipment installation is expected to be completed over the next month.

The finally complete bridge is scheduled to be fully operational before the 2023 summer season begins.

Residents, businesses and visitors to Bayville have been greatly inconvenienced by the Bridge closures and malfunctions. Bayville and Centre Island residents are now forced to drive an extra 6 miles through winding local roads in Lattingtown and Mill Neck to get to Oyster Bay.

Hopefully the completion of the rehabilitation project will happen – and will have the Bayville Bridge working for many years.

Proposal: Turn Jericho Homeless Hotel into College Dorms



The empty Hampton Inn.

By THOMAS NOTHEL

The new Hampton Inn on Jericho Turnpike in Jericho was closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic – with ex-Nassau County Executive Laura Curran (D-Baldwin) proposing in late 2020 to open a homeless shelter in the hotel.

The proposal to turn the Hotel into a Homeless shelter was opposed by Jericho school district parents and nearly every local government leaders. The hotel has no kitchen facilities in the rooms, and bringing-in 300 homeless into the center of Jericho – with an estimated 75 students added to the schools – could cause huge disruptions.

The Town of Oyster Bay sued to block the homeless shelter, and the New York State Supreme Court granted an injunction halting the implementation of the proposal based on Town of Oyster zoning restrictions - which only allow stays of 30 days or less at a Hotel. Following the election of Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman (R-Long Beach), Nassau County chose not to

appeal the injunction.

Now, local developer Michael F. Puntillo is proposing to buy the Hotel and convert it into a Dormitory for New York Institute of Technology (“NYIT”). The plan would lease the building to NYIT. The school sees the proposal as a positive for the School and is discussing terms with the Developer. The dorm would be for students pursuing professional degrees.

Prior to the pandemic, NYIT was housing students at SUNY Old Westbury. NYIT is currently paying for Hotel rooms for some of their students, many of whom are not from Long Island.

Having a secure and dependable dormitory residence would be very important for attracting students since lodging is difficult to find and expensive on Long Island. Having many students in the same building would also be a positive for the School.

Plans have been filed with the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (“IDA”) for a 50 % exemption on the Mortgage Recording Tax and a 20 year Property tax break (amount to be negotiated). In the application the Developer states the Mortgage tax savings is \$82,500 and the yearly property taxes are \$340,197. The Developer states in their application that the project is not feasible without the Tax Exemptions. The IDA website states the application is currently “under review.”

EDITORIAL

CENSORSHIP AND MACHINE POLITICS - AND THE NORTH HEMPSTEAD DEMOCRATS

At the February meeting of the North Hempstead Town Board, the four Democrats on the Board did an extraordinary thing - they decided to ban and censor this weekly newspaper, *The North Shore Leader*. They voted - by a straight 4-3 party line vote - to remove *The Leader* as an "approved" newspaper in North Hempstead.

And they did it while the *Leader* was being praised by national Democrats and Republicans for breaking the story about George Santos' frauds - before last November's election. *The Leader* has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize - the premier award in professional journalism. But that didn't matter to those four party hacks.

Why? Because *The Leader* practices "independent journalism," and is sometimes critical of actions taken by the Town Board, including its Democratic members - just as *The Leader* was the first to be critical of Santos.

Banning newspapers that fail to closely toe one "party line" is a characteristic of fascist or totalitarian regimes. Yet the "North Hempstead Four" - Council members Veronica Lurvey (D-Great Neck), Robert Troiano (D-Westbury), Mariann Dalimonte (D-Port Washington), and Peter Zuckerman (D-East Williston) - all did exactly that by holding a special vote to "ban" *The Leader* and a Spanish-language newspaper from the Town's list of two dozen "approved" newspapers.

What earned the special hatred of Lurvey, Dalimonte, Zuckerman and Troiano?

Perhaps it was the in-depth and very critical coverage of the attempt by those four to impose a Gerrymander on the town's council districts. A Gerrymander - which *The Leader* dubbed the "Lurveymander" - that deliberately "switched the numbers" of two districts, to allow mostly white Democrats to vote twice in two years, while preventing the mostly-minority voters of Great Neck from voting for six years.

"Equal protection" and "one person, one vote" do not allow for some voters to be prevented from voting, while allowing other voters to vote twice. That is basic constitutional law - and for the North Hempstead Four - a potentially criminal civil rights violation.

And deliberately disenfranchising minority voters - while giving white voters two votes - is something right out of Bull Connor and the Jim Crow South. But that is what Lurvey, Dalimonte, Zuckerman and Troiano did. Old fashioned bigotry and machine politics.

People of all political beliefs - Democrats and Republicans - spoke up to defend independent journalism at the Town Board meeting - when the Four moved to "ban" *The Leader*. But the Four didn't listen nor care.

In today's North Hempstead it is fascist Democratic machine politics 1; independent free journalism 0. Lets hope the voters pay attention.

The Publisher

CORRECTION

In the Obituary titled "Longtime GOP Chair - Ambassador Joe Mondello Passes Away" in the August 10th edition of the *Leader*, one of the Pallbearers was misidentified as Joseph Mondello III.

However, we are advised that the Pallbearer was instead Ambassador Mondello's grandson Matthew Mondello.

We apologize to our readers, to Matthew Mondello, and the entire Mondello family, for the error.

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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.

GOVERNOR'S NEW YORK HOUSING COMPACT

To the Editor;

With the New York Housing Compact inserted into the 2023-24 budget, Governor Hochul has relaunched a really alarming attack on local zoning control and on her constituents. This is a deliberate, outrageous and targeted assault on "Home Rule", a concept imbedded in the NYS Constitution (Article IX) which guarantees villages, towns, and municipal entities control over local zoning, "property affairs and government." This assault will silence your voice and the voice of local government.

The New York Housing Compact will MANDATE multifamily housing and density requirements across NY State. It will impose target dates and penalties for non-compliance. Within 3 years 38,000 new housing units will be mandated in Nassau/Suffolk alone. To achieve the State set "goals" for increasing affordable housing stock the Governor has proposed that local zoning codes be overridden.

Of interest, these "goals" include a 3% target housing increase on Long Island and only 1% increase in upstate communities. Failure to meet such "goals" will allow developers to obtain State authorization to ignore local zoning codes and build without local permission. Zoning code items that may be ignored include placement of otherwise illegal housing stock in village/town residential areas, i.e., multi-family housing in single-family zones, without regard to local zoning density, height, and plot coverage requirements, let alone consideration of any environmental, sanitation or other items. The Governor has made only vague suggestions for Long Island villages/towns to "voluntarily" meet her housing goals, such as "repurposing under-

utilized office parks and strip malls to offer new incentives towards multifamily buildings..." (Governor's NYS webpage 1/10/23). Of course, if the "goals" are not realized by the villages/towns, the State can simply give permission to a developer to build wherever and whatever the developer and State want - and village/town zoning codes can be ignored. The Governor's webpage adds: "To expedite rezoning and development of new homes, **specific relief from environmental review** will be included in the new Home Targets & Transit Oriented Development proposals."

The Governor, despite being a former town councilwoman, clearly knows NOTHING about your local community and cares less. There has not been the slightest thought given to items such as environmental implications, utilities, emergency services, traffic, parking, sanitation, sewer systems, school system capacity, etc; etc... let alone the type of community in which you want to live. The level of condescension and attitude that constituents are either too ignorant to know what is best for them, or too distracted by the demands of making a living on Long Island to notice the Governor's intention, is appalling. Your Governor pretends that "out-migration" from NYS is the result of a housing crunch that a "one size fits all" mandate can fix. She would be far better advised to confront the real reasons for "out-migration." Among these are the progressive criminal justice agenda

that she either feels powerless to control or unable to rein in; the extreme tax load that constituents shoulder; and the fact that NYS ranks 49th in the State Business Climate Index.

Predictably, the Governor has linked her New York Housing Compact to an increase in school aid - obviously an attempt to get legislators to vote for the budget, despite the fact that the mandatory compliance items contained therein will have serious negative impacts on their suburban constituents. Going to war with constituents is not the way for the Governor to address the issues of either housing or out-migration from New York State. This approach will only breed further distrust and resentment. The New York Housing Compact should be removed from the proposed 2023-24 NY State budget.

Suffolk County Village Officials Association

About the Suffolk County Village Officials Association: SCVOA's mission is to inform, support, and advocate on behalf of the 32 villages of Suffolk County. The Executive Board of village mayors works tirelessly in its commitment to create a strong, effective, cohesive organization that promotes an exchange of ideas and strategies that enable village government to faithfully serve the more than 130,000 Suffolk County village residents.

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Op-Ed: Governor Hochul's Misguided Housing Plan

By MAZI MELESA PILIP

Governor Kathy Hochul has proposed a housing plan, which, if adopted, will have drastic consequences for our county and communities. The Hochul plan seeks to create 800,000 new housing units across the state in the next 10 years, with a special focus on Long Island. For Long Island, the target is for 38,218 new units from 2023-2025.

Governor Hochul's proposal would require local municipalities to rezone properties within one half-mile of a transit station. The new zoning must allow a minimum of 50 units per acre. The half-mile radius would be measured from the station itself or station parking lots. The proposal would prohibit restrictions on height as well as reasonable requirements relating to property line setbacks, lot coverage and minimum parking spaces. In my legislative district, that would include communities that fall within these parameters involving the Great Neck and Manhasset train stations and have a ripple effect that would directly impact nearby residents in communities such as Great Neck Village, Kensington, Thomaston, Great Neck Estates, Great Neck Plaza, Manhasset and others throughout Nassau County.

The state would also establish percentage increases for housing for each town that local leaders unanimously say are unrealistic in the three-year time period. If a town or village fails to meet its



Legislator, Mazi Melesa Pilip

target, the state will impose a process whereby developers could appeal the denial of a local municipality to a "state housing approval board," which could overrule the local determination. In other words,

decisions with respect to housing proposals would no longer be made by local elected officials but would be made by bureaucrats appointed by the state.

Furthermore, the proposed housing plan would forbid review of development projects under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), thereby eliminating the evaluation of important factors such as traffic, air quality and any other significant adverse environmental impacts.

For generations, residents have left the city and come to the suburbs for the quality of life, open space, decreased housing density, good schools and safe streets. The quality of life in our communities has remained consistent for decades, primarily because residents demanded policies that protected against overdevelopment.

Long Island relies upon a fragile sole source aquifer for our drinking water. Increasing housing density will endanger that water supply, overcrowd our schools and increase strains on our critical infrastructure from sewage treatment to the supply of gas and electric to fire and police services. There will be more cars on the road and more congestion.

In fact, Long Island has been gradually transforming with more transit-oriented development in communities like Mineola, Patchogue, Farmingdale and

others. Rather than accept this gradual progress, the state will force a radical transformation. The "one size fits all" approach ignores the fact that each community is different and what makes sense in one community makes no sense in another.

I have joined with other elected officials throughout our region to oppose this ill-conceived plan and will fight against it every step of the way.

Mazi Melesa Pilip, Nassau County Legislator, 10th Legislative District.

Ferro, Bontempi Secure New Heating System for Northport Farm



Stephanie Bontempi Feeds a Goat

installation process is already underway," said Councilman Salvatore Ferro.

"I am so excited that this work has begun so quickly, as we still have some cold months ahead. Teaming up with Councilman Ferro is a perfect example of how we can get things done in government," said Legislator Stephanie Bontempi.

Councilman Salvatore Ferro has joined efforts with Suffolk County Legislator Stephanie Bontempi to bring a new heating system to Lewis Oliver Farm in Northport. The historic community landmark serves as a sanctuary and home to a group of rescued farm animals. The farm, which dates back to the mid-1800s currently relies on plug-in heaters for the winter. After hearing about the potential plug-in heating fire hazard, Councilman Ferro immediately reached out to his colleague in the County to see how they could collaboratively improve safety conditions at the farm.

The installation process of a new heating system is underway with the duct work installation already completed. Councilman Salvatore Ferro also



Sal Ferro Feeds a Goat

announced that he wants to bring awareness to the farm and encourages everyone to visit the sanctuary located at Burt Avenue in Northport which also features original barns; botanical and vegetable gardens; native wildlife; and a country store and education center.

Op-Ed: Santos' Sister Gave Him \$26K - But Refused to Pay Her Own Rent

By STEVE LEVY

How crazy a world are we living in today where the tenant who failed to pay her rent for two years had enough money reserved to donate nearly \$26,000 to her brother's political campaign?

That's exactly what Tiffany Santos, the 29-year-old sister of now-US Congressman George Santos, did during a period in which she was refusing to pay her rent.

She stopped paying rent on her \$2,000-per-month Queens apartment in March 2020 and accumulated arrears of approximately \$41,000. She refused to pay a dime to her landlord, even though she received more than \$30,000 in government rent relief through COVID programs.

Notice I didn't say she was unable to pay her rent. It's obvious that she had at least some funds available to give to her landlord. But why would she thumb her nose at her rental obligations and instead give the money to her brother's campaign?

The answer is simple. She knew there would be no repercussions for not paying her rent.



Steve Levy

She knew we have a crazy system in this state that rewards tenants for not paying their rent. They view the delinquent one as the victim and the small-time landlord as the oppressor.

She wound up entering into a settlement paying fifty cents on the dollar. She is supposed to pay \$1,000 per month going forward. I wouldn't bet the farm that she'll pay it.

We have a culture that tells students they don't have to pay back their loans, while telling those entering our country illegally they can be rewarded with free health care and college tuition. The problem with this culture of no consequences is that it makes the rest of society who pays its bills a bunch of suckers.

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High School Achievements Abound in Oyster Bay



Twelve students from Oyster Bay High School were named top scorers in the Mathematical Association of America's American Mathematics Competition 10 and 12. Pictured with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Francesco Ianni (right), Director of Guidance and Interim Principal Melissa Argaman (back left), Board President Laurie Kowalsky (second left), Supervisor of Mathematics Carla Pimentel (third left).

Administrators, community members, staff, students and their families, gathered in Oyster Bay High School's auditorium for the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Board of Education meeting on Feb. 7. The meeting featured several student recognitions and a comprehensive mid-year report from Oyster Bay High School's Director of Guidance and Interim Principal Melissa Argaman.

Ms. Argaman shared building highlights such as the school's updated art hallway, and the successful Baymen T.V. and Bay News Now broadcasting programs. She also shared highlights from the business, counseling, family and consumer science, fine and performing arts, math, phys-

ments, Ms. Argaman introduced Eric Bramoff, director of physical education, health and athletics, who congratulated the Oyster Bay High School boys and girls cross-country teams on a successful season. Mr. Bramoff shared that the boys were named Nassau County Champions and he invited each runner from the boys and girls team to the stage to receive a certificate. These outstanding cross-country athletes received All-Conference and All-County titles for their athletic performances. Additionally, Oyster Bay High School had one County Champion, Christopher Tardugno.

Toward the end of the presentation, Jessica Bader, director of humanities,



Members of Oyster Bay High School's cross-county teams were recognized during the board meeting. Pictured with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Francesco Ianni (right), Director of Guidance and Interim Principal Melissa Argaman (back left), Board President Laurie Kowalsky (second left), Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics Eric Bramoff (third left) and cross-country coach Kevin Cotter (fourth left).

ical education and health, science, technology, world languages and English and social studies departments. Through a slideshow of photos, Ms. Argaman spoke about the wonderful opportunities that Oyster Bay High School students have been able to experience in each department this year.

During the math portion of the presentation, Ms. Argaman invited Carla Pimentel, supervisor of mathematics, to the podium to recognize 12 students for being named top scorers in the Mathematical Association of America's American Mathematics Competition 10 and 12. The AMC's are a series of examinations that not only build problem-solving skills, but also foster a love of mathematics through friendly competition. These students were among 300,000 students that participated this fall in the AMC 10 and 12.

Following the mathematical achieve-

introduced four seventh and eighth grade students who shared their "soapbox" speeches with the board and the community. As part of an Interdisciplinary Project, students were tasked to create two-minute speeches based on research and deliver them to their classmates. They picked topics that they were passionate about and the four students who were selected practiced and modified their speeches in preparation for the board meeting.

Jack Gerbosi presented on "Steroids in Sports," Athena Halkias presented on "Cell Phone Addition," Padric Hamlin presented on "Beach Pollution," and Ella Kopacz presented on "Olympic Village Construction."

The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District congratulates all the students who were recognized for their outstanding achievements.



Oyster Bay High School student Ella Kopacz shared her speech on "Olympic Village Construction".
Photos: OB-ENCSD

Raynham Hall Museum Awards Students for Poetry Writing



(Center) Vernon School sixth grader, Joel Redondo, 1st place winner.

Raynham Hall Museum, home to the first documented Valentine's poem in the USA, announced the winners of its 2023 Valentine's Day Poetry Contest for students in grades 4 to 6. An awards ceremony, to which students' family, friends, and teachers were invited, welcomed Town of Oyster Bay officials to bestow citations to each awardee. Students also received gift cards to the museum's shop and passes for museum admission. To read the prizewinning poems, visit raynhamhallmuseum.org.

Fourth grade winners in order of first, second, and third place, and honorable mention, were Anna Elize H. Bakalis, Nikolas



Anna Elize Bakalis, 1st place 4th grader from Vernon School.



Ainsley Bobker, 1st place 5th grader, from Maplewood Intermediate, Huntington

Tsiopstias, Harper Wilson, and Alessandra Dimilta, all students at Vernon School in Oyster Bay.

Fifth graders were Ainsley Bobker and Ashley Millman, both students at Maplewood Intermediate in Huntington, and Layla Zahirovic and Reese Davey, both of Vernon School. Sixth graders were Joel Redondo, Milania Watelier, Olivia Lewis, and Mia Nikolopoulos, all students at Vernon School.

The competition was reviewed by George Wallace, Writer-in-Residence at the Walt Whitman Birthplace and first poet laureate of Suffolk County; Jessica Bader, Director of Humanities for Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Schools; and Elaine Palmer, retired educator and Raynham Hall board member.

Talented Oyster Bay Senior Presented with Gold Key Award



Oyster Bay High School senior Paige Sweeney was presented with a Gold Key.
Photo: OB-ENCSD

Paige Sweeney, a senior at Oyster Bay High School, has recently been recognized as a Gold Key award recipient in the prestigious Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers,

the award program honors creative students in grades 7-12 through different art and writing categories.

Sweeney was presented with a Gold Key for an original motion poem that she created in Dr. Deirdre Faughey's Advanced Placement Language and Composition class last year. For one of the class assignments, Dr. Faughey asked her students to create a short video that presented a poem visually. Sweeney wrote an original poem and created a stop-motion video. Her entry, "There is Time" was considered in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards' Film and Animation category.

As a Gold Key Award winner, Sweeney is now in the running to be considered for a national award. This includes national medals and scholarship awards. National winners will be announced on March 22. The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District congratulates her on this outstanding achievement.



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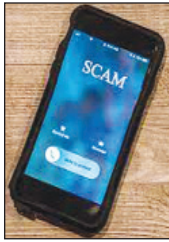
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Scam Warning from Police

Residents are being encouraged to be aware of scammers who are trying to steal their money this holiday season. On December 12th, a Glen Cove resident received a phone call from his grandson stating that he was in trouble. The crying grandson explained that he was in a car accident and seriously injured a pregnant woman, resulting in his arrest. The District Attorney then got on the phone and explained to the victim that his grandson needed \$10,000 for bail. The District Attorney then sent two associates to his house who collected the money and left. Unfortunately, the caller was not a District Attorney, and the grandson had not been arrested and was in school at the time. This is a common scam being run by thieves who just want to steal your hard-earned money. Members of the community should become instantly on guard when anyone asks for money over the phone or the internet. In this case, the District Attorney will never call you for bail money, and a simple phone call to their grandson would have uncovered the scam.

Some of the recent scams that have occurred in Glen Cove this holiday season include the following: A person was convinced to send nude pictures to another on a dating site. That person was then extorted to send money, or those pictures would be exposed to their social media contacts.



A Glen Cove resident was contacted on the phone that he had won a million-dollar lottery and a new car. All the victim had to do was pay \$2500 for taxes and fees upfront. The man then bought \$2500 in gift cards from the local CVS and supplied the caller with the card numbers. After paying the \$2500 to the caller, the million dollars and the new car never arrived.

“Everyone should be aware that they could be a victim of a scam. Scammers can be very convincing, and they want to pressure you into making rash decisions. Scammers will use the time to their advantage because they don’t want their victims consulting family, friends, or the police before completing their scam. Whenever you are requested to buy gift cards as a payment you should realize you are probably being scammed. When shopping or leaving a bank be aware of scammers who might approach you to distract you while another swipes your handbag or valuables. If you feel you might be a target of a scam, consult a family member or friend, and don’t make a rash decision that you’re going to regret.

The Glen Cove Police Department is open 24 hours a day every day. If you are a victim of a scam or think someone is trying to scam you contact the Glen Cove Police Department at 516-676-1000.”

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Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park is located at, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, New York.

Photo: Patricia Brexel

Town of Oyster Bay Board Honors Running Club



Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilman Steve Labriola and members of the Town Board with the Greater Long Island Running Club

Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilman Steve Labriola and members of the Town Board recognized the Greater Long Island Running Club for raising \$2,500 in charitable funds to benefit the Life Enrichment Center at Oyster Bay, a senior center that provides vital services to help older adults stay active, healthy

and engaged. Through the Supervisor’s 5K Run hosted each October in Oyster Bay, proceeds are donated to a selected charity. Life Enrichment Center Executive Director Judy Palumbo accepted the donation from Greater Long Island Running Club Corporate Secretary Tracey Epstein of Plainview.

Burns Night at The North Shore Historical Museum



L-R David McCormick, Calum Pasqua, Jim and Gaitley Stevenson Mathews

BY VICTORIA CROSBY

The North Shore Historical Museum recently held a Burns Night Celebration in honor of the Scottish poet Robert Burns, featuring NSHM Trustee Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews singing Scottish songs, with Jim Stevenson-Mathews, his husband, accompanied him on keyboard.

NSHM, which was once the Old Courthouse, was decorated with a Scottish flag and a portrait of Robert Burns, who was born in 1759 and died at

the age of 37 in 1796. He is most famous for his poetry and song lyrics, including; My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose, Ye Banks and Braes O’ Bonnie Doon and Annie Laurie.

The program followed Scottish tradition and opened with greetings and a recitation from David McCormick, then musical performance of Scottish music with Gaitley and Jim Stevenson-Mathews and Calum Pasqua on the fiddle.

The procession and Address to a Haggis, was by David McCormick, and then the toast.

During the intermission guests could enjoy Scottish foods, including haggis, neeps and tatties, that’s mashed turnips and mashed potatoes. Haggis is a sort of very large sausage, similar to black pudding, made with minced sheep liver, heart and other parts, mixed with oatmeal, spices, suet and onions.

Scottish treats, Fife Bannan (an oatmeal bread) and shortbread were also served.

David McCormick is originally from Prestwick, Scotland and annually performs at Mohonk Mountain House’s Scottish Weekend.

Calum Pasqua, originally from Brooklyn, performs Scottish fiddle music and highland bagpipes. He was the first American to be both invited to, and win, the Glenfiddich Fiddle Championship, held at Blair Castle in Blair Atholi, Scotland.

Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, who has worked professionally as a singer and actor, is descended from Scots who settled in the Cape Fear region of the Carolinas. He performs frequently at Highland Games and Scottish festivals in the US.



Calum Pasqua

Jim Stevenson-Mathews is a founding member of the Scottish Dance Band, Highland Oasis, and has been performing folk music for close to fifty years. He also performs each year at Mohonk Mountain House’s Scottish Weekend.

The program closed with music and a farewell to Robert Burns.

NSHM is located at 140 Glen Street in Glen Cove.

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Obituaries

CALOBRISI, Diane Angela, passed away peacefully at her home in Glen Cove, NY at age 83 on February 12, 2023. Loving mother to Christopher McClean of Kew Gardens and Ruthanne Mencaroni (husband Mike) of Stony Brook and proud grandmother to Tyler (Dade), Julia (Mencaroni) and Mike Jr. (Mencaroni) all of Stony Brook.

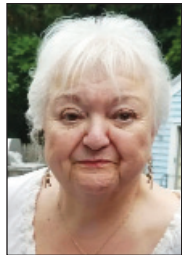
She also leaves behind a brother Lou and was predeceased by sister Marylou. Diane enjoyed a lengthy career as a nurse and was also a voracious reader in her spare time as well as being an avid fan of British real-crime television dramas. She was a passionate cook and enjoyed sharing recipes with her grandchildren. Donations may also be made as a tribute gift in her name to Reading Is Fundamental (www.RIF.org). www.Whitting.com

CAPOBIANCO, Angelina M. of Glen Head, NY on February 16, 2023 age 88. Wife of Neil. Mother of Anthony (Carolyn), Joseph (Candace) & Michael (Elizabeth). Sister of Theresa Bacon, Michael Carrera & the late Rose Masone. Grandmother of 7. Great grandmother of 5. Also survived by many nieces & nephews. Angelina was an active & longtime member of St. Hyacinth's Church. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery. www.dodgethomas.com

CHRISTIANSEN, Rita, age 96, of Oyster Bay, went to her heavenly home on Feb. 14, 2023. She was a beloved mother to Lynn (Matthew), and the late Ralphie. Loving grandmother of Heather (Joshua). Proud great grandmother of Masson and Griffin, Dear sister of the late Elvira and Aldo. Rita was a woman of faith who loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, her family, friends, and the community of Oyster Bay, for over 80 years.

She spent over 25 years working for U.S. Life and Company in New York City. She loved to play piano and accordion and sing solos in church; her favorite song was "Blessed Assurance." Her down Syndrome son, Ralphie, would often join in the singing, which was always a delight! She will be greatly missed. The family would like to thank the staff at Christina Fellowship House in Syosset, New York, for their kindness and care of

the last five years. In lieu of flowers, donations to the AHRC Nassau in Brookville, NY, an organization close to Rita's heart, can be made at www.ahrc.org. Interment Bayville Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



DeLUCIA, Nancy of Glen Cove, NY on February 14, 2023 age 85. Mother of Joanna (Robert Alexander) & the late Peter. Adored Grandmother of Nicole Alexander. Sister of Ralph Vetrino (Sandy) & Vincetta Graziose (Ronnie). Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery. www.Dodgethomas.com



EWALD, Mary Anne Lubanko, nee Kump, died peacefully on January 3rd in Greenport, New York. She was born July 8, 1932, to Joe and Georgiana Kump in Huntington, New York. She and her younger brother Joe spent their youth in Queens, New York where her family ran a successful wood-working company. While at Marymount College in New York City, she met Walter A. Lubanko, and married him on July 21, 1953. They moved to Brookville, New York, and raised four sons, David, Stephen, Mark, and Matthew. After the death of Walter in 1999, she moved to Lattingtown, New York. She met her second husband, Ken Ewald, while doing volunteer work at Glen Cove Hospital, marrying in 2004. During the next year, they relocated to Greenport, New York where they resided until their deaths. Ken passed in 2018.

Mary Anne enjoyed her family time tremendously. Holiday gatherings in her Vermont home were truly special. Hunting the perfect Christmas tree in the forest to cut, handmaking ornaments and sipping hot chocolate by the fire were always times filled with laughter. Fourth of July fireworks at the Creek Club were another favorite annual event, and every visit by her grandchildren was an invita-

tion for them to determine which of her collection of cookie jars held her special chocolate chip cookies. Her kindness and efforts made each day a special occasion.

Abundantly creative and talented, Mary Anne was an avid gardener, artist, and crafter. She could often be found puttering in her beautiful gardens, and her paintings adorn the walls of her children's and grandchildren's homes. Flowers from her numerous gardens were pressed and mixed with butterflies to make decorative pictures. A standout among her many projects is the needle-point rug depicting all fifty state flowers that held a place of pride under the dining room table where family meals were enjoyed.

Mary Anne's friends formed a close-knit support group for each other. The "Pine Needlers" traveled yearly to golf courses around the US. Ladies' Day at the Creek Club was always well attended, and any gathering of four group members resulted in a lively bridge game. Drinks and chats at the Creek beach cabanas were mandatory after any activity.

After raising four sons, Mary Anne finally got her girls. Seven granddaughters (Valerie, Kaia, Emily, Elise, Rachel, Margaret [Maggie], and Jennifer) were born before her lone grandson (Isaac). Her great grandchildren are Caroline, Jessamine, Julian, Clint, Paige, Olivia and Everett. She was preceded in death by Mark (2020) and Jennifer (2015)



GARDNER, William Patrick, né Gorzelski, who worked as a photographer for this newspaper in the early 1970s when it was the *Locust Valley Leader*, passed away Sunday, Feb. 12, at Keystone House hospice in Wyndmoor, PA, after a brave battle with gastric cancer. A world traveler and connoisseur of cultures often described as "delightful" by those who knew him, William would have been 70 years old on Feb. 27th.

The son of the late Vincent and Sadie Gorzelski of Locust Valley, William graduated in 1971 from Locust Valley High School and later received B.A. degrees in English and in Anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley. He had a long career in the hospitality and travel industries, starting in the Grand Canyon then Death Valley before he began his studies at UC Berkeley.

William subsequently spent many years in sales and customer service at United Airlines and later at US Airways, which became part of American Airlines. Having worked in Honolulu, San Francisco and New York, he had his most recent posting in Philadelphia and lived in nearby Collingswood, NJ. Until the diagnosis of his illness in August of 2020, he traveled constantly and joyfully, all the while adding to his encyclopedic knowledge of world history and its various cultures.

William is survived by a sister, Patricia Gorzelski Naples of Northport, NY, three nephews and one niece. He was predeceased by his sister Barbara Gorzelski Pellicci.

At William's request, there will be no memorial service. Burial was at St. Bridget's Cemetery in Housatonic, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the University of California at Berkeley.

GARVIE, Ann Marie on February 12, 2023, of Bayville, NY. Beloved wife of John. Loving mother of Ann Marie and John Jr. Cherished Nana of Shayne, and Ethan. Dear sister of Josephine Gannon, Loretto, and the late Maureen. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations to American Lung Assoc.

MACLEAN, Doris H., aged 101 yrs., passed peacefully in her sleep at home during the afternoon of Sunday, February 5, 2023. Doris was predeceased by her beloved husband of 68 years Walter M. Maclean in July of 2022. Doris is survived by her son Walter Maclean (wife Ann), daughter Pamela Chan (husband Frederick), granddaughters Jennifer and Margaret Chan, grandson Ian Maclean (wife Kayla), great-grandson James Maclean, step-grandson Cole Fiedler (wife Megan, daughter Emersyn), sister-in-law Jean Mayes and many loved nieces and nephews. Doris was a native of Saskatchewan, Canada and resided in California for 20 years before moving to Sea Cliff, New York where she lived for the last 56 yrs. Born the third of three children on the family farm in Madison, Sask., to James W. and Ethel B. Hansen, Doris attended the two-room school in Madison, completing her last two years by correspondence course. Following graduation she studied nursing at Winnipeg General Hospital in Manitoba, Canada, becoming a Registered Nurse in 1944. After her graduation she moved to

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Ban on Historic Nautical Painting Roils US Merchant Marine Academy



USMMA Superintendent Joanna Nunan

By CHRIS O'NEILL

Charges of censoring art and anti-religious bias are roiling the US Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, after its new – Biden - appointed – woke Superintendent covered over historic artwork with sheets, because of the religious nature of some of the scenes depicted.

Now, members of the US Congress are demanding that US Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg take action to stop the censorship of art, stop the anti-religious bias, fire the Superintendent, and take down the censor's sheets.

Last month, Merchant Marine Academy Superintendent Joanna Nunan

restricted access to the academy's landmark painting "Christ on the Water" - done by Hunter Wood, a merchant marine who served in WWII.

The painting depicts a Christ-like figure - with arms outstretched - in front of a lifeboat of injured merchant seamen lost at sea. The US merchant marine lost 9,521 mariners who were killed in submarine attacks and war losses during WWII.

Nunan became superintendent just three months ago - in December, 2022 - and has been accused of immediately forcing a "woke agenda" on the academy. Last month the Academy hosted an "LGBT pride month" exhibit and an LGBT mural has been installed in the main causeway though which the midshipmen walk every day.

US Congressman Jim Banks, a four-term representative from Indiana, has blasted Nunan - and her boss Buttigieg - pointing out to Buttigieg that "in 2019, the US Supreme Court ruled that historic displays with religious symbolism are not a violation of the constitution."

"Covering this painting isn't about 'constitutional concerns,'" stated Banks. "It is just the latest example of the Left's woke agenda."

Banks has demanded that Buttigieg and Nunan remove the censor's sheets, and allow the historic painting to be dis-



The painting uncovered (left) and now covered (right) at the US Merchant Marine Academy

played – as it has been for the past 70 years.

Nunan responded that her action in censoring the painting was in response to the complaints of 18 people, but would not make clear whether those were midshipmen - or outside activists.

One of the complainants, Mikey Weinstein, founder of the incongruously named "Military Religious Freedom Foundation," in a January 10th letter addressed to Nunan, issued a "demand" that the Academy "expeditiously remove

the massive, sectarian painting illustrating the supremacy of Jesus Christ." and then ordered that the painting be covered over with a cloth sheet.

After that, a Petition signed by 4,400 merchant marine midshipmen, alumni and family asked for the removal of this curtain.

Nunan then removed the sheet, but limited access to the room. She changed the room's status, and barred most people from access or use of the room where the painting is displayed.



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to southern California with her parents where she joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, serving at the Army's Hammond General Hospital in Modesto, CA and Madigan General Hospital at Fort Lewis, WA caring for wounded servicemen returning from the Pacific Theater, until her discharge with a rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the fall of 1946. Following her discharge from the Army, Doris pursued her Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health Nursing from the University of California, Berkeley, graduating in 1949. With her studies complete, Doris worked as a school nurse for the Richmond School District in Richmond, CA. She was active in the local chapter of the Sierra Club, as well as numerous local church and civic groups. She met her husband Walter in 1953 and they were married in Alameda, CA in 1954. In 1965, the family moved to Glen Cove, NY, relocating to Sea Cliff in 1966. While Doris did not continue her nursing career in NY, she pursued many other interests while raising her children and being a homemaker. She was an avid gardener, sewer, baker, and bridge player as well as a member of the Women's Propeller Club. She and Walter were fifty plus year members of the Sea Cliff Yacht Club where she developed a mixed appreciation for sailing. They also traveled widely throughout North and South America, Europe, and Asia. She is remembered by those who knew her well as a soft-spoken, kind, funny, modest,

resilient, and considerate lady who never gave up, no matter what life threw at her, handling everything with grace and dignity. No local services are currently planned, and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in her memory to either the Yosemite Conservancy or a Veterans charity of your choice. www.Whitting.com

REILLY, Charles H. –peacefully surrounded by family on Feb. 17, 2023, age 95, of Oyster Bay, NY. Beloved husband of the late Julia of 66 years. Cherished father of Thomas Reilly, Donna Botero (John), Victoria Siegel (Jesse) and Jennifer Riemer (Jason). Devoted grandfather of Michael (Ryan), David, Erich Luebker (Emily), Kelly Campanile (Susi), Hannah Fusaro (Joseph), Leeann Siegel, Jacob Siegel, William Riemer and Julia Riemer. Proud great-grandfather of Nathan, Liliana, Brody, Scarlett, Adriana and Benjamin. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

WILLETT, Roger, on Feb. 14, 2023, age 93, of Bayville. Beloved husband of Therese. Loving father of Michael, Lorraine, Anthony, Therese Herrero (Michael), and the late Jeannine Light (Gary). Cherished grandfather of Jason Light, Marissa Light, Shannon Light, Ashley Herrero, Grace Herrero, and Brennan Willett. Dear brother of the late Gordon. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and relatives and friends. Interment St. Charles Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

NSSP Reopens after Covid



Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and members of Kiwanis Club of Glen Cove cook hot nutritious food for the homeless at the First Presbyterian Church.

BY VICTORIALCROSBY

The North Shore Sheltering Program, which housed the homeless men of the area at the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove for more than twenty years, had to close for the past few years due to Covid, but has now reopened as a shelter for the rest of the winter.

During Covid the homeless men were housed by NSSP in local boarding houses and food was supplied. Now the shelter is up and running again the men are provided with a warm, safe place to stay overnight in sleeping bags provided by Northwell Hospital, and given a hot meal provided by volunteers from the community. The men are checked by a nurse before entering the shelter, they can shower and are provided also with breakfast and some food to go in the mornings.

The shelter will be open until the end of March. It usually opens to the day after

Thanksgiving, but this year it opened on February 1st.

The North Shore Soup Kitchen, where most of the homeless men would go for lunchtime meals three days a week, was also closed during the pandemic, but creative ways were found to make sure that they didn't go hungry. NOSH also provided food donations as well as essential items such as socks, underwear and toiletries.

There is a sign-up list for volunteers to cook for the men. These are groups from churches and schools or individuals. For Valentine's Day this year St. John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church parishioners cooked and served the men at the shelter. NSSP is funded by private donations and fundraising events. If you would like to support NSSP by a financial donation or to prepare and serve a meal visit www.northshoreshelteringprogram.org

Huntington's William Naughton Passes Away

BY PRIYA PERSAUD

Longtime Huntington Highway Superintendent William J. Naughton has passed away at the age of 89.

Throughout his 26 years of dedicated service, Naughton managed several major storms that wreaked havoc upon the town, including Superstorm Sandy and the Nor'easter of 2012.

These storms shut down multiple roads and produced over 530,000 cubic yards of debris. Under his superb guidance in those trying times, his department was able to haul away all of the debris and clear the roads.

In 2021, Naughton was honored with Rofay Drive being renamed for him. Rofay Drive is near the highway department headquarters.

"Bill was an entirely devoted and beloved public servant in his longtime stewardship of Huntington's roads and highways," stated Councilwoman Joan Cergol. "I am grateful for his service and



Council members Gene Cook and Joan Cergol join Naughton for the street renaming.

wish his wife, Lynn, and family my heartfelt sympathies."

In honor of Naughton, the Huntington Town Board ordered that the flags both in Veterans Plaza at Town Hall and all throughout the Town to be lowered.

Naughton was laid to rest on February 14, 2023 in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Barbara Jo Brundige Has Passed Away

BY MAUREEN DALY

A well-known local realtor and community leader, Barbara Jo Brundige, passed away on Thursday, February 9th. Barbara Jo was 77 years old and suffered a lengthy battle with breast cancer. She died peacefully at home with her family at her side.

Barbara was predeceased by her parents Howard and Ida Mae Shoen, who were the founders of North Shore Day School in Glen Cove. Barbara Jo graduated from Friends Academy and Skidmore College. She earned her master's degree in Education from Hofstra University.

Barbara Jo filled her roles as mother, wife, grandmother and aunt with passion and love. Professionally she followed in her parents' footsteps in running North Shore Day School. Barbara went on to



Barbara Jo Brundige

also earn her real estate broker's license, working throughout Nassau County and the Hamptons. Barbara brought her enthusiastic "can do attitude" to everything she did.

An avid tennis player since the age of 12, Barbara played regularly at Nassau county Club. Barbara Jo is survived by her husband

James: her son James Jr (Vanessa), Jonathan (Lisa), Joseph (Shelly) and Jesse (Gabrielle). She was beloved grandmother to Jordan, Peyton, Mason, Taylor, Cooper, Madilyn, Ava, Celine, Orson and Cal.

A Celebration of Life was held on Thursday, February 16th at the First Presbyterian Church in Oyster Bay. In Lieu of flowers the family requests that donations in Barbara Jo's memory be made to the Red Cross.

Trip Kings Rocked Bayville



The Trip Kings Photo: Facebook

Last Saturday night the Trip Kings gave a great performance at the Bayville Community Center which has been the venue for many past musical Saturday Nights. The Village Arts Council has been sponsoring these events to standing room crowds for the past few weeks and will continue for many more. The Village of Bayville has been posting on Facebook as to the date and time for these most enjoyable performances.

With lighting and placement of tables

and tea lights, one can easily be transported to one of the many little clubs that sprung up in the late '50s and early '60s. Its a wonderful endeavor and one that has been very favorably received. Why not think about spending announced Saturday nights at the Bayville Community Center @ 88 Bayville Ave.-You will be glad that you did.

The Bayville Arts Council was an idea that was discussed between Former Mayor Victoria Siegel and Philip Pecorino (who is now the Chairperson). This idea was shared with then Mayor DeNatale and Tr. Bob Nigro who had previously expressed such interest. The Village Board approved the establishment of the Arts Council and the work began. Mayor Minicozzi is also very supportive of the work of the Arts Council, whose mission is...to bring your neighbors art to the neighborhood.

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Oyster Bay Fencer Commits to New York University



Friends and fencing teammates show their support for Oyster Bay High School senior Aurora Aschettino (middle) as she committed to NYU.

Oyster Bay High School senior Aurora Aschettino will continue her fencing career at New York University in the fall. The outstanding student-athlete signed her commitment letter on Jan. 25 at Oyster Bay High School in the presence of proud building and central administrators, coaches, faculty, family, friends and teammates.

While sitting at a beautifully decorated NYU table in the school's Hall of Fame lobby, Aschettino was praised by Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics Eric Bramoff and her high school fencing coach John Bruckner. They spoke highly about her high school fencing career and the many accolades that she has received.

Bramoff reflected on when he first met Aschettino and how well she worked with her teammates. He also highlighted how much she cares for her team and her coach.

"She is working with the younger fencers and her teammates, and she is

always coaching," he said. "That is something that not only has been built into the fencing program but that she has taken to the next level."

Following his remarks, Bramoff invited Bruckner to the podium where he spoke about his five years coaching Aschettino and her journey as a fencer.

"Aurora is among the hardest working student-athlete I've worked with in my 27 years of coaching fencing at Oyster Bay," he said. "She is truly a leader, as well as an unyielding player. She has worked very hard to master her skills, timing, strength and quickness. For an athlete to excel as she has is truly amazing."

Bruckner highlighted how Aschettino improved as a fencer each year, starting as a seventh grader. Among her many fencing achievements, she has been ranked number two in the Nassau County standings and has earned a spot All-County First Team and All-Long Island. She was also selected by Newsday as the 2022 Newsday Fencer of the Year. Aschettino recently earned her C rating and is currently undefeated this season with 21 victories.

The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District congratulates her on an outstanding fencing career at Oyster Bay and wishes her the best of luck as she continues her passion for the sport at NYU.

Inventory is low, and there is still time to list as the spring market approaches!

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Homes available in current inventory

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What inspired you to work in real estate?

I was inspired to pursue real estate because of my interest in architectural design and creation of homes as my father was a contractor and I grew up seeing the process blossom. I also appreciate the older homes and history of Locust Valley.

Which room in a home is your favorite?

I love all aspects of a home including the basement which tells so much about the home— the start to a masterpiece, but the great room is where stories and memories unfold.

Do you have a tip for home buyers and sellers?

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How long have you been an agent with Daniel Gale Sotheby's?

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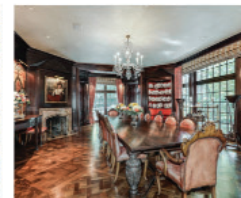
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