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ASSOCIATIONS**

Nassau County Village Officials Association has elected four village mayors as officers.

Robert Kennedy of Freeport, president

Ralph Ekstrand of Farmingdale, first vice president

Jean Celender of Great Neck Plaza, second vice president

Edward Lieberman of Sea Cliff, treasurer



Top, Kennedy, left, and Ekstrand; above, Celender and Lieberman.

The **Art League of Long Island** in Dix Hills has appointed three members to its board of directors.

Harlan J. Fischer of Head of the Harbor is president of Branch Financial Services Inc. in Smithtown.

Joan Weiss of Jericho is the retired owner of In2MedEd.

Janette Simms of Mineola is a retired independent health care consultant.



New Art League of Long Island board members, top, Fischer, left, and Weiss; at left, Simms.

The **Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation** in Westbury has appointed three members to its board of trustees.



Carmine Asparro of Plainview is a principal with OnPoint Partners, a national managed care consulting firm in Carle Place.



Todd H. Heseziel of Plainview is a partner at the McLaughlin & Stern law firm and administrative partner at its Great Neck office.



Nicholas Lazaruolo of Smithtown is an audit partner at the Grant Thorton tax advisory firm in Melville.

REAL ESTATE

Charles Rutenberg Realty Inc. in Plainview has added four licensed sales agents.

Abraham Pena of Lake Grove was with House Hunt NY Inc. in Melville.

Prince Abraham of Farmingdale was with Exit Realty Achieve in Smithtown.

Sabitini Bisnauth of Jamaica, Queens, was with Exit Kingdom Realty in Forest Hills, Queens.

Mohammad Gill of Valley Stream recently completed a course at Lisore the Real Estate School in Levittown.

— DIANE DANIELS



Top, Pena, left, and Abraham; above, Bisnauth, left, and Gill.

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Chipotle Mexican Grill, which faced food scares over E. coli and norovirus in 2015, was to reopen a store in Sterling, Va., yesterday. It cited a "small number" of illnesses with symptoms consistent with norovirus.

1 store shut, sanitized after illness news in Va.

The Associated Press

Chipotle temporarily closed a restaurant in a Washington, D.C., suburb after reports that customers had become ill, news that sent its shares down more than 6 percent as skittish investors worried about the chain's past food scares.

The company says it shut down a location in Sterling, Virginia, on Monday after learning of a "small number" of reported illnesses with symptoms consistent with norovirus. It said it planned to reopen the restaurant yesterday after a "complete sanitization."

Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. says it is working with health

authorities to understand the cause of the illnesses. The company notes that norovirus, which can cause nausea, stomach pain and diarrhea, does not come from its food supply and said it is safe to eat at its restaurants.

Its shares nonetheless fell 6.4 percent yesterday after Business Insider reported the closure, and they closed down 4.34 percent to \$374.98. Given its history, Chipotle has previously said that any food safety incidents could have an outsized negative impact on its sales, even if reports turn out to be erroneous or stem from factors outside its control.

The company has been

working to bounce back from food scares that included an E. coli outbreak in the fall of 2015 and a norovirus case in Boston later that year. It subsequently said it made tweaks to cooking methods and added training for employees to tighten safety measures.

The Denver-based company also gave away coupons for free burritos and spent more on marketing to win back customers. Sales had been showing improvement against a low bar of comparison. For the first three months of this year, sales were up 18 percent at established locations. That followed a 20 percent decline for all of 2016.

Bank's net income up 13 percent

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Islandia-based Gold Coast Bank said an increase in loans helped lift its net income 13 percent year-over-year to \$645,000 for its quarter ended June 30.

The bank late Monday reported \$365 million in total loans outstanding at the end of the quarter, up 23 percent from the same period a year ago.

Loan originations and draws were \$40 million in the

second quarter, compared with \$23 million in the same period in 2016.

About 25 percent of the bank's loan activity is in New York City, the company has said.

"We've been lending in the Brooklyn area for about four years now, and finally caught up and put a branch there," John Tsunis, chairman and chief executive of Gold Coast, said yesterday.

Gold Coast in April opened

the Brooklyn branch, its first in the five boroughs, at 176 Myrtle Ave. in Fort Greene.

"We are certainly looking at other potential locations in Brooklyn, or other areas of New York City," Tsunis said, adding that the city's "vibrant businesses and density" create a great opportunity for growth.

Gold Coast's deposits increased 18 percent to \$417 million and its assets hit \$462 million, up 17 percent in the last year.