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Courtesy Stacey Carathanasis

Oopa! Greeks celebrate in style

The Greek Festival at Garvies Point had many offerings for a weekend of fun including games, rides and entertainment. And for Panagiotis Carathanasis it was also an opportunity to hang out with Jimmy Fallon. More photos, Page 10.

Welcome to your newspaper

This week's Glen Cove Herald is being mailed to every home in the community, and includes a copy Living In Glen Cove, which features stories about the hidden gems that make Glen Cove the inviting and stellar city it is known to be.

Included is the decade-old Cove Animal Rescue, a no-kill organization, which offers sanctuary and love to animals waiting for a "forever" home. Monument Park's tribute to Sgt. Ralph Young, who enlisted in the U.S. Army in World War II and died serving his country, is also included.

And, on a lighter note is the history of Henry's Confectionery, a timeless icon who has served residents and visitors for the past 95 years.

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Virginia Graziosi, DECA champ is GCHS valedictorian

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Virginia Graziosi, Glen Cove High School's 2024 valedictorian, has made waves with her impressive academic and extracurricular achievements, culminating in her acceptance to Purdue University's prestigious Honors College, where she will take part in a pre-veterinary animal science program.

Graziosi has deep roots in the community. Her father, also a Glen Cove native, and her mother, who emigrated from Italy at age 8, have instilled in her a strong work ethic and a dedication to excellence. Virginia's academic prowess is clear: She boasts a grade point average of 106.59.

Throughout her school years, she has been involved in a variety of activities. She has been dancing since age 3, starting at Mary Ann's Dance Studio, in Glen Cove. For the past 11 years she has performed with Let's Make Music and Dance, in Sea Cliff, and her repertoire includes company tap, ballet and company lyrical. She has also taken part in jazz dance and acrobatics, and student-taught "acro" before the coronavirus pandemic. Dance has been a constant in her life, providing a creative outlet and a way to relieve the stress of her rigorous academic schedule.

Graziosi has also been involved in sports, particularly tennis. She picked up the sport in sev-

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Heavenly Jackson, left, Arianna Dimitratos and Oziel Roca won third place among 150 students from across New York state.

Deasy second grade math mavericks place

By JENNA STANCO

Intern

There was a big celebration at Deasy Elementary School on June 4 when second graders Arianna Dimitratos, Heavenly Jackson and Oziel Roca returned home as winners from the New York Statewide Elementary Mathematics Tournament in Albany. The Second Grade Team won third place against 150 students from across the state in the competition, displaying their conceptual understanding and problem-solving skills using game cards.

The students were greeted with a victory parade provided by their classmates and teachers that included posters, ribbons and applause. The entire school participated in the celebration, signifying the importance of these achievements in the community.

The competition, organized by the New York State Education Department and the First in Math Online Program, included a regional qualifying tournament, where Glen Cove's team secured first place, followed by the final showcase, where they competed against nine other schools. This is the Glen Cove School District's second year sending students to Albany for the statewide tournament, as well as the second year where the Second Grade Team came home with third place.

The tournament invited all New York state students in grades one through five enrolled in Suntex International's First In Math online program to participate in the challenge. To reach the final round in Albany, students first partici-



Heavenly Jackson, Arianna Dimitratos and Oziel Roca were celebrated by their classmates and teachers.

pated in the online "Virtual Regional Tournament." This qualifying round included about 16 schools per region, and results narrowed the field to just 50 teams representing 10 regions across the state.

The winners of the regional tournament were awarded \$1,000 for their school. At the statewide championship, the first-place team at each grade level

received a \$5,000 prize for their school, while the second and third-place winners were awarded silver and bronze medals.

The students were accompanied by their families, teachers Meryl Gordon and Nicole Crumlich, Principal Erin Nastri, Anthony Allison, the coordinator of mathematics and Superintendent Dr. Maria L. Rianna, whose unwavering



Children lined the hallways waving pom-poms to create a festive atmosphere.

support was instrumental in their success. The Second Grade Team was met with a plethora of encouragement, throughout the event and while they received their bronze medals.

"We are so excited and proud of the kids," said Gordon, Oziel's teacher. "There's never a competition at this level for children, so this is very exciting for second graders."

Considering two consecutive successful years, the Glen Cove City School District looks forward to participating in future New York state tournaments. The achievements of these second graders have created a legacy that will motivate students for years to come.

CRIME WATCH

ARREST

- A 21-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on June 1 for criminal mischief and criminal obstruction of breathing on Brewster Street.
- A 34-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 30 for aggravated unlicensed operation, equipment violation and driving without a license on Highland Road.
- A 35-year-old undomiciled man was arrested on May 29 for burglary and criminal mischief on Glen Street.
- A 35-year-old undomiciled man was arrested on May 26, for criminal possession of a controlled substance in Village Square.
- A 53-year-old Bayville male was arrested on May 26, for driving while intoxicated, drinking alcohol in motor vehicle on a highway, moving from a lane unsafely and no license on Forest Avenue.
- A 51-year-old Bayville woman was arrested on May 26, for obstructing governmental administration on Forest Avenue.
- A 35-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 25, for criminal possession of a firearm, one count each
- criminal possession of a weapon, aggravated family offense and menacing on Austral Avenue.
- A 25-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 25, for obstructing governmental administration on Austral Avenue.
- A 25-year-old Greenlawn male was arrested on May 25, for driving while intoxicated, aggravated unlicensed operation, passing a red light and other vehicle and traffic law violations on Charles Street.
- A 31-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 24, for one count each of aggravated unlicensed operation, speeding and driving without a license on Glen Cove Avenue.
- A 29-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 21, for aggravated unlicensed operation and driving without a license on Sea Cliff Avenue.
- A 35-year-old Glen Head man was arrested on May 20, for consuming an alcoholic beverage in a public place on Glen Street.
- A 36-year-old undomiciled man was arrested on May 20, for possession of an open alcoholic beverage container on Glen Street.

People named in Crime Watch items as having been arrested and charged with violations or crimes are only suspected of committing those acts of which they are accused. They are all presumed to be innocent of those charges until and unless found guilty in a court of law.



Courtesy the Regency

Veterans take a trip down memory lane

Larry O'Rourke and Anne Casey, both veterans, shared stories of their time in the armed forces on Memorial Day at the Regency while standing in front of the Veteran Wall. Casey, an Air Force veteran, spoke to O'Rourke, who served in the Army, about what it was like "back in the day" for a woman in service.

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Just like FCSB prides itself in being an integral part of the community, so does Nartowicz. His roles have included tenures at the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, steering initiatives at the East Northport Chamber of Commerce, and providing guidance and career direction to Glen Cove students in the Industrial Advisory Board.



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Increasing Your Emotional Intelligence

The philosopher Epictetus said "Men are disturbed not by events, but by the views they take of them." Arising out of "The Good Life", previously reviewed here, comes the W.I.S.E.R. model for reacting to emotionally challenging situations.

Watch. Initial impressions are powerful but may be incomplete. There is usually more to see. When the impression and the emotional response start to interact, take a moment to pause and thoughtfully observe the situation to prevent a potentially harmful reflexive response. As they say in psychiatry "Don't just do something, sit there."

Interpret. We are all seeing the world through our own eyes — what is happening, why it is happening and how it affects us. Our reality is not necessarily that of others. Thinking that a situation is all about us often leads to misunderstanding. When your emotions start to bubble up, it indicates you have something important at stake -- a goal, an insecurity or a vital relationship. Figuring out what's at stake will allow you to interpret the situation better.

Select. Having watched, interpreted and re-interpreted, you must select your response. Instead of reacting reflexively out of stress, slowing down allows us to choose from more options. As "The Good Life" says "Given what's at stake and the resources at my disposal, what can I do in this situation? What would be a good outcome here? And what is the likelihood that things will go well if I respond this way instead of that way?"

Engage. Now you are ready to respond more purposefully — aligning with who you are and what you want to accomplish. You've observed and interpreted the situation, taken some time to consider the possibilities and their likelihood of success, and you then execute your strategy.

Reflect. "How did that work out? Did I make things better or worse? Have I learned something new about the challenge I'm facing and about the best response? Reflecting on our response to a challenge can yield dividends for the future. It's in learning from experience that we fully grow wiser."

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Graziosi set to attend Purdue University

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enth grade, inspired by her friend Theresa Melfi — valedictorian of Glen Cove High's Class of 2022. Graziosi joined the middle school team and, two years ago, the varsity squad, initially playing singles and later transitioning to doubles. Tennis, she said, offered not only physical exercise but also valuable lessons in perseverance, strategy and teamwork.

"I like tennis because I'm in control of the point, and whatever the outcome was, it's because of me," she said of her time playing singles, adding, of doubles, "It was fun learning how to work with, like, your partner, and see how you can balance it out —how you can problem-solve with another person during the game."

Graziosi's interest in business and leadership led her to join DECA, an international network of school clubs that prepare students for business careers, as a freshman. She hopes to eventually own a veterinary practice.

This year she finished fourth in the New York State Hotel and Lodging Management competition, which involved a 100-question exam on mathematics and business law. She also received an award for excellence at the International Career

Development Conference in Anaheim, California, this year, when she competed against 24,000 students. The event tested students' ability to handle ethical dilemmas by acting out potential business scenarios with the competition's judges.

Glen Cove High Principal Allen Hudson said that Graziosi was the first student to participate in the competition in his 19 years in the district, and her success in DECA is a testament to her hard work and strategic thinking.

She is also involved in numerous honor societies. She is president of the high school's World Language Honor Society and co-president of its National English Honor Society, and is also a member of the math, social studies and national honor societies. She says she manages to balance her rigorous academics and all of her activities by being well-organized.

"During AP season I'll use a calendar," she said. "Two months before (exams) I said I was going to study every day. One day could be set for AP bio. It's organization and working hard."

Outside school, Graziosi volunteers at HorseAbility, in Garden City, a nonprofit that focuses on adaptive horseback riding for those

with mental and physical disabilities. She often assists with equine physical or occupational therapy, focusing on relieving first-time riders' anxiety. That experience has further fueled her passion for veterinary medicine, a field she has explored by shadowing veterinarians at various clinics.

"As I spent more time volunteering, I've noticed that as riders approach the mounting block, their faces light up with smiles," she said. "Not only were these riders excited to learn how to work with horses, they felt safe in the hands of their side-walkers. HorseAbility showed me that the comfort animals bring to humans is no longer just my personal experience."

This fall, Graziosi will attend Purdue University, where she plans to complete her undergraduate degree in three years, thanks to her accumulation of AP and dual-enrollment credits, and then go on to veterinary school.

"Virginia is a once-in-a-lifetime-type student," Christine Farrell, Graziosi's guidance counselor, said in a statement. "She exceeds every expectation you set for a student due to her academic achievement, unparalleled work ethic and genuinely kind personality. Virginia is in a league of her own."



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Virginia Graziosi is this year's valedictorian at Glen Cove High School.

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Keiserman ready to take all her work to Albany

By ROKSANA AMID

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From education reform, protecting reproductive rights and the environment, Kimberly Garber Keiserman has set her priorities for a potential first term in the state Senate.

The Port Washington resident has been an active advocate in her local school district, gaining a deep understanding of the budgetary constraints and operational challenges that campuses across Long Island face.

“I experienced many different school systems” moving around a lot growing up, Keiserman told reporters during a recent Herald Roundtable session. “I’m very well aware of the difference between a well-funded school system and a not well-funded school system. Full funding of public schools will be a top priority, ensuring that districts get their fair share of foundation aid.”

Access to post-secondary education — especially for low-income students — is another key focus for Keiserman. Serving on the board of an organization that promotes a two-year college model, Keiserman aims to explore ways to increase access to college and vocational training programs, providing mentorship and support for students facing various barriers.

Her journey into politics was fueled by the 2016 election of Donald Trump. Disturbed by his attacks on various groups and democratic institutions, Keiserman



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Kimberly Garber Keiserman got involved in politics after Donald Trump was elected in 2016, and continued her efforts when controversy erupted around now-expelled U.S. Rep. George Santos. She now wants to take that work to the state Senate.

joined the Port Washington Democratic Club and quickly became a central figure in grassroots organizing.

“I was just so horrified by his attacks on women, immigrants, people of color, the free press, and democracy itself,” she said. “I felt like I need to be part of the fight for democracy and decency.”

Her efforts in supporting a coalition to oust expelled U.S. Rep. George Santos through the Concerned Citizens of NY-03 group are what she describes as a testament to her dedication and effectiveness in political activism.

“We thought we’ll be working together for a few weeks, to get this guy to resign,” Keiserman said. “But it ended up being a lot more work than we expected it to be. It was a great experience, but I wish it didn’t take 11 months.”

In addressing environmental issues, Keiserman stressed the importance of protecting the North Shore’s sole source aquifer from pollution and overuse. She advocates for funding studies, public education on sustainable practices, and policy changes to improve water quality and quantity.

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“We need to be thinking of water as a precious and limited resource, especially here on Long Island,” she said. “We need to be ensuring that those who have polluted our aquifers through industrial practices are paying for the remediation that has to be done.”

If she succeeds in the June 25 primary and ultimately defeats Jack Martins in the general election, one of Keiserman’s first actions would be to join the bipartisan pro-choice Legislative Caucus, emphasizing her commitment to protecting and expanding women’s reproductive rights. She supports codifying these rights into the state constitution, and ensuring comprehensive reproductive care, including pre- and post-natal care.

Despite being a newcomer when it comes to running for public office, Keiserman believes her lack of prior political experience is offset by her extensive advocacy work and community involvement. She aims to provide a strong, effective voice for Long Island in Albany.

“People should vote for me because I will be a fighter for reproductive rights, education, the environment, and sensible gun laws,” Keiserman said. “I think that I’ve demonstrated that I have the ability to flip the seat.”

Schwartz wants to bring new ideas to the table

By WILL SHEELINE

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As the Democratic primary for the state Senate seat currently held by Jack Martins heats up, Brad Schwartz says he has the answers to the challenges facing communities.

Armed with a wealth of policy knowledge and a passion for serving his community, Schwartz claims he is ready to tackle some of Long Island’s most pressing issues head-on. Assuming he ultimately ends up representing Democrats on the ticket in November following the June 25 primary.

He plans to do that by obtaining more state funding for public schools. Recognizing the burden of property taxes — especially on the North Shore — Schwartz proposes a legislative approach to cap the amount residents pay toward school budgets based on the New York state average.

This move, he argues, could reduce property taxes by about 15 percent in the region. By shifting the responsibility for subsidizing the difference to the state, Schwartz believes that school funding need not be compromised.

“That way, the state would be responsible for subsidizing the rest,” he told reporters during a recent Herald Roundtable session, highlighting the importance of ensuring adequate resources for education without burdening local homeowners.



Tim Baker/Herald

Brad Schwartz is running on what he describes as a platform of common-sense solutions to pressing local problems, from property taxes to antisemitism. His bid for the seat currently held by state Sen. Jack Martins depends on how he does in the June 25 primary.

With a degree in public policy and a focus on combating media disinformation, he said that he brings a nuanced understanding of complex issues to the table. Schwartz advocated for legislation to protect residents, particularly children, from predatory social media algorithms.

Moreover, Schwartz said he is not afraid to confront discrimination and inequality. He pledged to combat rising homophobia by championing legislation that upholds LGBTQ+ rights.

Schwartz also said he would work to ensure historical education on sensitive topics like the Holocaust.

“To me, antisemitism is something that goes beyond just an immediate danger to Jews,” Schwartz said. “Usually, when you start to see antisemitism to this degree, it’s a red flag for the whole country.”

Beyond education, Schwartz’s public policy approach is grounded in a commitment to evidence-based decision-making and bipartisan collaboration. He said that, as a state senator, his focus would be on solving problems facing his district.

“I’m not interested in just ideas that come from the Democratic Party,” Schwartz said. “I think everything needs to be looked at on an issue-by-issue basis

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because no single party has all of the answers.”

Schwartz says his concerns extend beyond education and public policy to encompass pressing societal issues like health care, discrimination and hunger. Drawing from his personal experience battling Lyme disease and his involvement in community initiatives like the JCC Community Needs Bank, Schwartz underscored the need for comprehensive solutions that address the root causes of these challenges.

Schwartz said that he believes one of his greatest strengths is his sense of judgement.

“A good legislator is somebody who has good judgment,” he said. “Everything doesn’t have to be a decision. Everything doesn’t need to be acted on.”

Fundamentally, Schwartz said it was his love for his hometown of Roslyn and the entire North Shore community that pushed him to declare his candidacy. He added that he hopes to represent the area he grew up and spent so much of his life in, and felt prepared to do so.

“I really love where I live,” Schwartz said. “I’m a proud New Yorker, and I want to see our region and our state thrive.”



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I wasn't a journalist when I came to the Herald over two decades ago. Although I was an English and political science major at the University of Michigan and had always had a knack for writing, I knew nothing about newspaper writing. When I jumped in and began my swim upstream what I noticed first was that I loved journalism. And once I began my journey, I never stopped moving forward.

What I enjoyed about being a freelance reporter — which is where it all began for me — was interviewing people to uncover and then share their concerns, passions and sometimes need for help. A mother of young twins at the time, I also loved the intellectual stimulation. I'm not certain people know how much research journalists do to become expert about a subject before writing the actual story; you need to know what you are talking about for sure.



LAURA LANE

And then there was the thrill of writing the actual story, bringing the issue to life, uncovering what was hidden and inspiring readers to perhaps hold people accountable or help those who were in need.

I began by working for the Long Beach Herald. My children were 9 at the time and sometimes I'd take them with me if the story was something I thought they would enjoy.

One of my fondest memories was the polka band who performed on the beach. Watching people dance the polka was a thrill in itself for me, being part Polish, but also for my children. I remember we remained on the boardwalk as the sun set, unable to leave until the music stopped.

Around a year later I accepted a part-time reporter position for the Merrick and Bellmore Herolds. That's when my writing focus shifted — I was no longer just covering fun, feature stories.

Sometimes the story was political. Other times it was a breakdown of the school budget before an election.

And once in a while the subject hit me in the gut. As journalists, even though we often remain outwardly detached, we are deeply affected by the people and issues we cover. It can be painful.

I will never forget the heartbreaking story I wrote about Robbie Lavine, a 9 year old who died while playing in a Little League game. It still gives me chills.

"He showed me that morning that he could finally do a pushup right," his father, Dr. Craig Lavine told me, between sobs. "Robbie was nice to everybody."

Although Robbie's story wasn't an

obituary, it served as a precursor to my future. I would go on to write many obituaries. I've always felt a responsibility to pay tribute to the deceased by celebrating and honoring their life. Obituaries became my favorite stories to write.

Soon I was working full time as a reporter for the East Meadow Herald. And then eventually, I became the editor of the Oyster Bay Guardian, a paper that was over 100 years old. It was a wonderful experience.

I found that people in my coverage area loved their hometown and were passionate to preserve it. I wrote about the environment, historical stories, those that highlighted community leaders and several pieces on elections too. There were so many stories to write, many of which to this day I fondly remember.

I was going to leave the Herald, ready for a new challenge. Boy did I get one and I didn't even have to leave!

I was given the opportunity to find two new newspapers, the Glen Cove Herald and Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald. I had never

been to any of my new coverage areas and spent months exploring and gathering stories for our inaugural issues. On March 2, 2017 the first issue of the two papers was published. And yes, I still have copies.

Glen Cove is fascinating. It's beautifully diverse, with so many people who are passionate about their city. The veterans have a strong presence, Glen Cove Police work to do the right thing and keep the city safe and I've covered several elections for mayor and city council.

I've always told reporters over the years you'll never run out of stories to report on in Glen Cove. After a few months they agree.

And Sea Cliff — the hippy town of yesterday — is so beautiful with its homes that have wraparound porches and many parks. I do love it there!

Residents work hard to keep Sea Cliff "cool" and the many events I covered there prove they are always meeting that goal. Passion for the village runs deep in Sea Cliff.

I've been cleaning out my desk and tending to the mountain of newspapers I have collected over the years. You my readers have given me so much, so many wonderful memories. Thank you.

After over 20 years I am leaving the Herald to pursue a new challenge. But I will miss you all and thank you for providing me with your trust and some of the best experiences in my life.

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Glen Cove kicks off its annual Greek Festival, attracting hundreds of visitors to embrace the lively event. The celebration was hosted at Garvies Point, where tents were stationed on the lawn, containing food, dance, and live music. Down by the water, patrons were greeted with dozens of carnival rides, games, prizes, and even more food! The festival was complete with performances from Asteri Entertainment NYC, a wide array of Greek treats, attractions for all ages, and more. Attendees from all over Long Island came to take in the cultural festivities, enjoying traditional, freshly grilled souvlaki, mousaka and baklava. Underneath tents, visitors were invited to participate in Greek music and dance, as the musicians took the stage.

—Jenna Stanco



Zacharo Swartwood and Maria Rose volunteered their time to serve food during the Greek festival.



Jenna Stanco/Herald photos

The festival offered a dozen rides, including a giant Ferris wheel to overlook Hempstead Harbor.



Festival goers enjoyed traditional Greek cuisine like Gyros and souvlaki.



Festival attendees enjoyed their meals together under a tent.



Festival goers played many games, one of which included winning fish.

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Jaida Ciampi, Glen Cove's salutatorian

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Jaida Ciampi isn't just Glen Cove High School's 2024 salutatorian; she is a vibrant and multifaceted individual who blends academic excellence, musical talent, athleticism and a commitment to community service.

Her passion for music developed when she was in fourth grade, when she started playing the piano. Initially hesitant, she eventually fell in love with the instrument. Her training evolved as she joined the school's jazz band, and she now play piano in various settings, including the Glen Cove Mansion and at local houses of worship.

Sports have also played a significant role in Ciampi's life. She started playing soccer in elementary school, and took up tennis in seventh grade, competing throughout middle and high school. She also has a unique connection to motorcycles, a passion inherited from her father. From her first pink motorcycle, at age 1, to riding 150cc bikes, Ciampi's enthusiasm is evidence of her adventurous spirit.

Inspired by her mother, a kick line coach, Ciampi joined the Glen Cove High team in her junior year. She also teaches kick line to elementary students.

Ciampi's interest in medicine was ignited in eighth grade, after a motorcy-

cle accident led her to an inspiring orthopedic surgeon, Dr. John Paul DiMauro. Shadowing him — and even taking part in an innovative surgical procedure on a cadaver — solidified her desire to study for a medical career. She has also participated in Hofstra University's Medical Pipeline Program, a summer program that focuses on medical ethics and health policy.

"We talked about how there's so many disparities within the medical field right now, and there's so much work to be done to create equitable health care," Ciampi said. "That's something that, like, really stood out to me. I knew when I go to college, that's another thing I wanted to look into."

During her time with DiMauro, Ciampi recognized a need for more opportunities for students to explore the medical field. She founded the Pre-Medical Club at the high school, and under her leadership, the club has organized fundraisers for diseases, decorated ornaments for nursing homes, made cards for hospitalized children, and hosted a successful Guest Speaker Day featuring 15 physicians from various specialties.

"We have an anatomy class, and we have a college health and professions class, but that was really it," Ciampi said. "A lot of my friends, and a lot of the underclassmen and upperclassmen were interested in medicine. I figured

that what the school really needed was a community where people could explore the medical field together, and go through the college application process together, and have each other's back."

Ciampi's dedication to community service is evident in her extensive volunteer work. From playing piano to reading during Sunday Mass at St. Rocco's Church, she regularly gives back to her community.

Academically, her achievements are nothing short of remarkable: She has a grade point average of 106.02. She has been accepted by Duke University, where she plans to double major in biology and global health — the latter in order to address disparities in health care access and equity.

"A pinnacle of the person that I am is really community service," Ciampi said. "I love working in my community in any way that I'm able to give back. I try to give back because this is the place that has built me up and supported everything that I've wanted to do."

Glen Cove High School Principal Allen Hudson said Ciampi is a humble student, and her success is a testament to the power of passion and hard work.

"You know, it's one thing to be super smart, super intelligent, and really kind of be all about yourself," Hudson said. "Whereas Jada is the opposite. She uses her intelligence to help other people throughout the entire community. We're



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Jaida Ciampi is Glen Cove High School's 2024 salutatorian.

excited — she makes Glen Cove High School look really good, since she's involved in so many things."

"Jaida is an exceptional student," Alyssa Andersen, her guidance counselor, said. "She is successful because she does not shy away from something that challenges her, she confronts it head-on and works on it every day. I have never encountered a student like Jaida before, and her success here is just the beginning."

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VIEWFINDER **Is there a teacher, mentor, or friend who impacted you throughout your high school experience?**

By Danielle Schwab & Tim Baker

Nicolas Albarano (with Barry LeBron, music teacher), Rockville Centre
Mr. LeBron, since sophomore year, has encouraged me to do NYSSMA, jazz ensemble and Tri-M Music Honor Society. He's helped me to develop my musical talent (piano) in and outside of school.



Christian Auguste (with Arthur Ergistre, director of science), Uniondale
I approached Mr. Ergistre with an idea for a paid peer tutoring program and with his guidance, he pushed me in the right direction. He has always been super supportive of what I want to do, and he's always encouraged me.



Stephen D'Amato (with Courtney Prestianni, guidance counselor), Wantagh
One person that stands out the most to me is my guidance counselor, Ms. Prestianni. She always helps me problem-solve and come to the best decisions. She treats me like one of her own kids.



Camdresa Davis (with Peter Buckley, English teacher/track coach), Baldwin
During my sophomore year, I faced one of the most difficult challenges of my life, which was the loss of my mother. Mr. Buckley was always there for me. I was able to talk to him and he helped me realize that even though I had lost someone close to me, I would never be alone.



Johnna Rodriguez (with Briar Falvo, English teacher), East Rockaway
I had Ms. Falvo in middle school and high school. Even when I didn't have her, she always made time for me. When I was struggling with my English class or problems personally, I went to her and she would give me advice.

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STEPPING OUT

Ripe for the *pickin'* Venture forth to local strawberry fields



Strawberry Shortcake

By Karen Bloom

June means ... strawberries. Those luscious berries await during this precious — short-lived — season. So gather up your gang and venture out to one of the many u-pick growers for a day in the berry patch.

The season reaches its peak here as spring transitions into summer, as the fruit grow and ripen throughout May and June.

Everyone can agree that local is always best, so skip those California and Florida supermarket berries and head out to one of the many farms nearby where you can pick your own. Then when you return with your bounty, be sure to whip up some yummy strawberry creations. These fresh gems are always terrific on their own, of course, but when used in a recipe, they'll jazz up any meal.

Strawberry Shortcake

The quintessential summer treat never goes out of style.

- 3 baskets of fresh strawberries
- 1/2 cup sugar
- Whipping cream
- Vanilla

1. Remove the stems from the strawberries. Slice into thin (1/4- to 1/8-inch slices). Put into a large bowl. Add 1/4 cup to 1/2 cup of sugar (depending on how sweet the strawberries are to begin with) and mix into the strawberries. Set aside at room temperature to macerate (which means that the sugar will soften the strawberries and help release their juices).
2. After the strawberries have been sitting for 20 minutes or so, take a potato masher and mash them a little. Not too much, just enough to get more juice out of them.
3. Whip the cream, adding a drop or two of vanilla and a teaspoon of sugar.
4. To serve, break up one biscuit per person into big pieces into a bowl. Ladle strawberries over the biscuit (either scratch-made or Bisquick recipe). Add a dollop of whipped cream.

Biscuits from scratch:

- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 12 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1. Sift the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt into a large bowl. Toss with a fork to combine. Cut the butter into the flour mixture with a pastry cutter or a fork until the largest pieces of butter are the size of peas. (Or pulse several



Strawberry Tarts

times in a food processor.) 2. Combine the cream and vanilla in a liquid measure. Make a well in the center of the flour and pour the cream mixture into the well. Mix with a fork until the dough is evenly moistened and just combined; it should look shaggy and still feel a little dry.

3. Gently knead by hand five or six times to create a loose ball.
4. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and pat it into an 8-inch square, 3/4 to 1-inch thick. Transfer the dough to a baking sheet lined with parchment or silpat, cover with plastic and chill for 20 minutes in the refrigerator.
5. Heat the oven to 425° F. Remove the dough from refrigerator. Cut the dough into 9 even squares and spread them about 2 inches apart from each other on the baking sheet. Bake until the biscuits are medium golden brown, 18 to 20 minutes.

Makes 9 biscuits.

Classic Bisquick biscuits:

- 2 1/3 cups Bisquick baking mix
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons sugar

1. Heat oven to 425° F. Stir baking mix, melted butter, milk, and sugar in a mixing bowl until soft dough forms.
2. Drop by 6 spoonfuls on to a greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes or until golden brown.

Makes 6 biscuits.

Strawberry Tarts

All the sweet goodness of strawberry shortcake in a small bite.

- 6 2-1/2-inch tart shells
- 1 1/2 quart fresh strawberries
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Whipped cream

1. Wash and remove caps from the strawberries. Set aside the best half of the berries; combine the remaining berries, whole or cut, sugar and cornstarch in saucepan.
2. Cook, stirring frequently, 5-6 minutes or until the berry mixture is very thick. Stir in the lemon juice. Cook. Select a few of the reserved strawberries for garnish; add the rest, whole or cut, to the cooked mixture.
3. Pour into the baked pastry shells. Garnish with the whipped cream and remaining whole or cut berries.



Jessie's Girl

Drag out that neon once again and give your hair its best '80s 'do. Those crazy days are back — as only Jessie's Girl can pull off, on the Paramount stage. So slip on some Jordache jeans, legwarmers, grab an extra-large bottle of Aqua Net, and get ready to dance the night away. There is no decade like the '80s, and no band that has mastered the music of the era like Jessie's Girl. Hear all of your favorites by Prince, Madonna, Eddie Money, Duran Duran, Whitney Houston, Cyndi Lauper, Pat Benatar, Van Halen, J. Geils Band, The Police and many more. The show is led by New York City's top rock and pop vocalists and backed by a phenomenal band, who get everyone into that 'Back to the '80' vibe. Throw in a load of super-fun choreography, audience participation, props, costumes bubbles and confetti — and you have a party that audiences don't want to leave.

Friday, June 14, 8 p.m. \$45, \$37.50, \$25. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or [ParamountNY.com](https://www.ParamountNY.com).



'So Happy Together'

The Happy Together Tour is back with an evening of groovy tunes. The touring sensation that has crisscrossed the nation delighting audiences for more than a decade returns with a show full of '60s and '70s chart-toppers — an undeniable 61 Billboard Top 40 smashes. Surely an evening of hit after hit after hit that will have you heading home whistling the soundtrack of that beloved era. Returning favorites and new additions in this edition include The Turtles once again, the evening's musical hosts. They are joined by Jay and the Americans, The Association, Badfinger, The Vogues and the Cowsills. The Turtles, of course, are best known for their harmony-heavy California pop sound. With such hits as 'Elenore,' 'She'd Rather Be With Me,' 'It Ain't Me Babe,' 'You Showed Me' — and the title of the tour, 'Happy Together' — the band ruled the airwaves in the late '60s. Rewind time and groove to the classics as you see these legends live on the same stage.

Saturday, June 15, 8 p.m. Flagstar at Westbury Music Fair, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. Tickets available at [LiveNation.com](https://www.LiveNation.com).

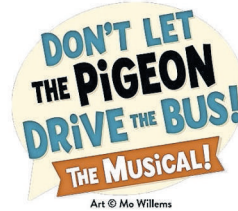
THE SCENE

June 22

Fab Faux

The Beatles live on — in the form of the Fab Faux. The acclaimed band brings out the best Beatles moments, appearing on the Paramount stage, Saturday, **June 22**, 8 p.m. With a commitment to the accurate reproduction of Beatles' repertoire, The Fab Faux treat the seminal music with unwavering respect, known for their painstaking recreations of the songs (with emphasis on the later works never performed live by the Beatles). The musical virtuosity of The Fab Faux — in actuality five New York City-based musicians — upends the concept of a Beatles tribute band. Far beyond being extended cover sets, their shows are an inspired rediscovery of The Beatles' musical magic.

The Fab Faux tackles the group's most demanding material onstage in a way that has to be experienced to be believed. In addition to their note-for-note accuracy, the band is famous for blurring the lines slightly and injecting their own musical personalities into the performances. Imagine hearing complex material like "Strawberry Fields Forever" or "I Am the Walrus" performed in complete part-perfect renditions; or such harmony-driven songs as "Because", "Nowhere Man", and "Paperback Writer," reproduced with extra vocalists to achieve a double-tracked effect. That's The Fab Faux experience. \$55, \$35, \$30, \$25. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.



Family theater

Families will enjoy another musical adventure, "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!" ripped from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved children's books, on the Long Island Children's Museum stage, Friday, **June 14**, 10:15 a.m. and noon; also Saturday, June 15, 2 p.m.; Sunday, June 9, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, June 19, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Back by popular demand after a sold-out 2023 run, see Pigeon, Bus Driver, and some zany passengers sing and dance their way to help Pigeon find his "thing" in this upbeat comedy based on Willems' popular Pigeon books.

Featuring a live band to bring the jazzy score to life, audiences will thoroughly enjoy singing and flapping along with The Pigeon and friends. The audience is part of the action, in this innovative mix of songs, silliness and feathers. It's an ideal way to introduce kids to theater and the humorous stories from Willems' books. \$10 with museum admission (\$8 members), \$14 theater only. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.

Game Time

Drop by Bayville Free Library, Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m., for casual table games. Bring your own games or use games offered by the library such as; cards, Canasta, Mah Jongg, Scrabble, chess, checkers, backgammon, and jigsaw puzzles. No registration required. 34 School St. For more information, visit BayvilleFreeLibrary.org or call (516) 628-2765.

Dancing in the Street

The Oyster Bay Main Street Association hosts its 13th season of "Dancing in the Street," an annual series of free dance evenings on the streets of historic downtown Oyster Bay. Building on the success of previous years, OBMSA welcomes dancers of all ages and skill levels. "Dancing" begins on **July 5** and continue every Friday until **Aug. 16**, 6:30-:30 p.m.

The event takes place on Audrey Avenue around the Bandstand. Use 74 Audrey Avenue for GPS. Feel free to bring a chair if desired. With special "Dancing in the Street Block Party" will be held on Aug 2. And Audrey Avenue will be shut down to make way for activities, music, food, and drinks. For more information contact Diane J. Meltzer, Promotion Chair, at diane.writes4@gmail.com

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Seasonal Sprouts

Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for a Seasonal Sprouts session, Wednesday, **June 19**, 11 a.m.-noon. Children (ages 4 to 6) can explore the grounds on a guided walk within the formal gardens and informal woodlands. Families will enjoy activities and plant a flower to take home. \$10 per child. Registration required. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information, visit OldWestburyGardens.org or contact (516) 333-0048.

Broadway show outing

Glen Cove Public Library hosts a trip to see "Water for Elephants," a new Broadway musical, Wednesday, **Sept. 25**. Tickets are \$139 and include seats near the orchestra and transportation. The bus will leave the library at 9 a.m. Register at the information desk with a credit card or check payable to Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave. Visit GlenCoveLibrary.org for more information.



Celebrate Israel

Salute Israel, while welcoming Eisenhower Park's summer concert season, at the annual Celebrate Israel concert, presented by Jewish Community Relations Council of Long Island, Sunday, **June 30**, 6 p.m. Israeli superstar Raviv Kaner performs. Bring seating. Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. For more information, visit Facebook. com/jcrcli.

Summer sounds

Enjoy '60s tunes with "Just Sixties," at the free outdoor concert, Friday, **June 21**, 7:30 p.m., hosted by the Glenwood Landing American Legion Post 336. The local cover band plays all the '60s-'80s hits. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Libations will be available The Foxhole downstairs lounge. 190 Glen Head Road, Glen Head.



Marching through history

Step back in time and observe different eras of military history, at Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Saturday and Sunday, **June 15-16**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. As you "march through history" be side by side with knowledgeable and welcoming reenactors from Long Island and numerous other states portraying soldiers, their uniforms and weaponry from Colonial America through more recent conflicts.

With firing demonstrations throughout the day, as well as tent and camp life displays. \$15, \$12 children, \$12 seniors 60+. Old Bethpage Village Restoration, 1303 Round Swamp Road Old Bethpage. Visit OldBethpageVillage-Restoration.org for more information or call (516) 572-8409.

Having an event?

Items on The Scene page are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to thescene@liherald.com.

Midsummer Jazz

Enjoy some summertime tunes at Old Westbury Gardens, Thursday, **June 20**, 7-9 p.m. Hear jazz standards and original compositions by musician and composer Glafkos Kontemeniotis and his trio Monk for President, with Vince "Kazi" McCoy on drums and Fred Berman on double bass. Before, during, or after, stroll the gardens decorated with floral arrangements and illuminated with lanterns. Drinks and appetizers provided; you're welcome to bring a picnic dinner. \$30. Reservations required. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information, visit OldWestburyGardens.org or contact (516) 333-0048.



Summer tunes

Visit Eisenhower Park for its Noontime Concert series, Wednesday, **June 26**, noon-2 p.m. The Long Island Harmonizers perform four-part barbershop a cappella. Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. Their repertoire ranges from traditional barbershop to the Great American Songbook and Elton John. Bring seating. For information, visit NassaucountyNY.gov.

Flag Retirement Ceremony at Glen Head American Legion

Glenwood Landing American Legion Post 336, conducts a dignified and solemn ceremony to respectfully retire unserviceable American flags, Saturday, **June 15**, 9:30 a.m. Unserviceable flags deposited in the big mailbox the driveway by June 14 will be included in this year's ceremony. 190 Glen Head Road, Glen Head.

City Council meeting

The Glen Cove City Council meets, Tuesday, **June 25**, 7:30 p.m., in City Hall main chambers. 9 Glen St.

Oyster Bay Music Festival

The Oyster Bay Musical Festival brings the next generation of world class musicians to Long Island for a week of free concerts in historic, charming, and unusual landmarks along the Gold Coast, **June 27 to July 4**.

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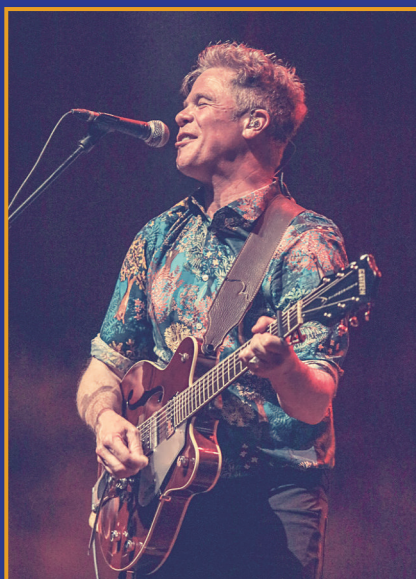


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21-A-569	DOXEY JOHN	33,334.36
21-A-572	DOXEY JOHN	169.44
21-A-654	SHERIDAN FARRELL	11,671.87
21-A-655	SHERIDAN FARRELL	3,293.83
21-B-563	PEKICH PETER A.	1,008.66
21-C-4	SMITH RICHARD	6,243.82
21-C-5	SMITH RICHARD	375.10
21-C-6	SMITH RICHARD	716.88
21-C-9	MEDCOR HOLDING CO	2,400.81
21-H-56	PETULLA MARCELLO & LAURA	2,651.61
21-N-1-57	WIRKOWSKI E.	11,245.59
21-N-1-473	LAIRD ADAM & RINA BHATTRAI	3,336.52
21-N-1-478	SELMA REAL ESTATE LLC	4,595.69
21-N-1-489	KHURANA BOBBY	3,721.28
21-10-15	BOBES VICTOR	5,485.23
21-18-102	BECKETOLD GENE & JOAN	2,323.97
21-27-9	LUZYNSKI CAROL	3,076.88
21-39-50	LI CLAUDETTE G.	2,870.32
21-39-78	BARRETTA LUIGI	225.06
21-79-1	19 HAZEL GROVE INC	22,317.95
21-79-25	19 HAZEL GROVE INC	541.81
21-84-237	GIERTL JAN & KVETOSLAVA	10,546.23
21-88-306-A	LIVADAS KRISTINE	116.66
21-250-7	MOSCA ANTHONY & RAQUEL	5,050.11
21-251-13	YORK APRIL M.	4,627.48
21-256-7	BUNCE JOAN ANN	191.71
21-256-8	BUNCE JOAN ANN	3,968.02
21-256-78-A	LA MARE WIN LLC	16,480.77
21-256-79	LA MARE WIN LLC	191.71
21-256-97	FERGUSON WILLIAM	5,025.12
21-258-35	MELLENDEZ JOHN & RUTH	8,051.19
21-258-38	GAETANA RUSSO IRREV TRUST	7,633.71
22-2-45	SACCHETTO GIOVANNI & P.	2,793.36
22-6-406	GENUA CIRIACO & ANTONETT	9,436.62
22-6-407	GENUA CIRIACO & ANTONETTA	9,828.42
22-A-26-1	RUSSELL PLACE REALTY CO. INC.	2,622.68
22-12-8	SOLOMITA PHILIP & LENA	5,635.29
23-2-41	IRONSIDE PATRICIA E.	6,744.89
23-2-256	PN RESTAURANTS LLC	11,007.01
23-2-259	CONSTANTINOROCO & LUCIA	13,247.84
23-2-261	CONSTANTINO ROCCO & LUCI	1,995.57
23-3-11	BARRY CHRISTOPHER	5,114.11
23-3-15	GANCI DAVID	5,365.21
23-3-423	CAMVA EQUITIES LLC	7,077.47
23-5-10	STIMOLA NANCY	11,504.01
23-5-22	SMITH RICK	6,298.35
23-5-23	SMITH RICK	19,441.19
23-5-26	SCHOOL STREET REALTY	10,340.62
23-8-14	DAVID MCCALLA 2019 HOUSE TRUST	6,118.55
23-8-723	4 COSGROVE DRIVE CORP	8,216.53
23-D-31	LOWELL BARBARA C.	17,297.73
23-E-50	43 RAVINE AVE CAPITAL MANAGEME	11,162.23
23-E-404	E.H.E. CORP.	6,239.40
23-E-457	AFSB REALTY LLC	2,923.53
23-E-512	AFSB REALTY LLC	35,810.73
23-H-473	LUIGI SCOTTO FAMILY TRUST	17,522.80
23-H-530	CASALE FRANK & KATHRYN	25,092.12
23-J-1-18	SNOW IAN	1,878.02
23-J-1-19	SNOW IAN	17,507.61
23-16-5	M PETULLA REALTY CORP	4,181.69
23-21-148	176 FOREST LLC	20,677.14
23-23-33	YODER DEAN	3,490.00
23-28-127-U-302	SABATINO MICHAELNA	2,044.08
23-30-19	DIPAOLA G.& I.	5,310.16
23-31-26-A	GRELLA LESLIE & JOSEPH	200.03
23-37-29	ELAINE SCHWARTZ LIVING TRUST	11,112.21
23-44-32	ACE HOME DEVELOPMENT LLC	4,899.45
23-48-20	BUDRAITIS F.	7,902.75
23-53-4	PARK JIN & MIN KYUNG	5,555.57

23-54-47	COSTANTINO ANGELO	7,886.07
23-55-74	RULE TRANSFER INC	6,977.42
23-55-133	JOHNSON BENJAMIN	6,293.86
23-55-155	RIZZO GLENN	5,386.09
23-55-427	TODESCO PHILIP	19,841.58
23-56-6	PETULLA MARCELLO	4,219.02
23-56-20	FERREIRA JUAN RODOLFO	3,073.26
23-57-13	ZUCCARELLO LEONARDA	9,605.73
23-58-8	MISEJE ALBERT	3,243.36
23-60-8	FENNEBRESQUE DEBORAH J	15,438.73
23-61-2	RHEIN JOHN	5,641.07
23-63-9	UFFNER GARY & LAURIE	6,458.76
23-68-15	BRADLEY EAMON & SUZANNE	19,386.89
30-D-85	WEBBER KERRY	3,392.78
30-D-1-566	APPLIED SYSTEMS MARKETING LLC	138,962.22
30-D-3-21	SUJESKI HERBERT A. JR	7,877.73
30-36-30	SALVATORE SPARACIO	30,578.30
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30-40-103	CHAMBERLAIN ESTATE OF JOHN	241.72
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30-42-122	ZAHLODINA MARGARITA	6,819.22
30-48-37	ABBONDANZA GIUSEPPE	4,012.90
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30-56-65	69 FOREST AVE LLC	13,801.06
30-56-69	69 FOREST AVE LLC	25,928.36
30-60-22	SHOUMAN MARTIN & SYLVIA	3,980.50
30-60-70	GEORGIOULAS KONSTANINOS	8,769.71
30-61-13	LUISI EDITH & MARIA	2,353.92
30-64-14	MATTHEWS LINDA	5,749.05
30-72-9-A	MELISSINOS GEORGE & DIMITRA	508.48
30-76-48	SOUZA-FERREIRA MARIO & ELSA	11,895.82
30-79-3	PARK HON DAL & SAM WOOK	4,604.22
30-79-4	LEUNG SHUI CHUN NG	4,280.21
30-79-21	OH JIHYUN	9,679.27
30-87-2	GLEN COVE MANSION HOLDING	18,518.24
30-87-3	GLEN COVE MANSION HOLDING	184,248.65
30-87-4	GLEN COVE MANSION HOLDING	30,785.82
30-92-4	KASSAR JR. WILLIAM	16,656.74
30-92-14	LOMBARDI JOSEPH	9,075.16
31-2-128	DOXEY JOHN	566.83
31-2-278	KIEL MARION	8,202.85
31-6-17	VINCENT VALENZUELA	4,640.23
31-8-380	OROZCO JUANA	3,692.49
31-9-29	ACUNA F.& H.	1,562.69
31-9-38	ZAKI NABIL & SAMUEL NEVINE	4,118.20
31-B-653	KAJIC-PIPLICA DIANA	14,888.55
31-E-139	28 MARGARET STREET REALTY LLC	7,961.09
31-E-354	6 LEE GRAY CT LLC	2,343.79
31-E-377	28 MARGARET STREET REALTY LLC	516.81
31-E-378	28 MARGARET STREET REALTY LLC	516.81
31-F-6	CASTRONOVO CRAIG	1,533.75
31-F-9	MCCAULEY JOHN & NATALIE	5,035.06
31-F-18	TIRADO CATALINA	6,802.37
31-F-70-1	BREWSTER USA LLC	14,818.85
31-F-79-306-406	ARCADIA LANDING LLC	3,429.37
31-F-79-306-512	PACIFICO CAMILLE A.	3,429.37
31-F-79-306-704	BATMAZ ALI	6,952.69
31-F-88	BASILE-VILLALTA CHRISTINE	7,886.07
31-J-420-2	DELAOUR WILLIS & MARGARET	17,831.63
31-22-18	YEE JOHN	6,652.32
31-27-19	CASTRONOVO JAMES & CRAIG	2,817.66
31-36-340	MOSCATO FRANCO	2,918.90
31-38-6	MCCAULEY NATALIE	5,818.68
31-46-5	DIBLASIO ANTHONY	4,435.75
31-50-11	ROEDER JOHN	7,394.23
31-50-125	PACHECO MARIO	11,362.29
31-51-11	NAZAROVA ELENA	13,079.58
31-51-81	FIRSCHING JOSEPH V.	3,721.28
31-51-569	MILLER DOLORES	18,964.96
31-52-8	HAUG FRANCES	6,327.18
31-55-20	RUIZ MARTHA	4,085.95
31-67-2	ROTHBLOOM MILDRED	3,354.96
31-68-5	VISSICHELLI T. & DOYLE B.	4,984.50
31-69-6	MOURKAKOS ATHANASIOS	10,896.36
31-70-12	WEPPLER MARGARET	11,487.33
31-71-3	ROSENGARTEN ALAN & ANNE	3,814.45
31-85-26-U-106	SINGH SUJAN	9,282.49
31-85-28-U-213	JAI ESTATES LTD.	3,053.21
31-85-28-U-216	KAVANAGH P.C. EDWARD L.	7,858.38
31-86-84	TANG YUBO	15,430.40

City Sec/Blk/Lot	Property Owner	Total
21-4-30	AMERICAN DREAM RENOVATIONS LLC	3,258.56
21-5-1	SANDERS LEROY	2,295.49
21-9-356	WHITMAN ELIZABETH FRACASSA	4,031.87
21-A-569	DOXEY JOHN	15,343.57
21-A-572	DOXEY JOHN	130.36
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21-C-4	SMITH RICHARD	3,612.55
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21-C-6	SMITH RICHARD	637.31
21-C-9	MEDCOR HOLDING CO	1,226.32
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21-39-78	BARRETTA LUIGI	161.20
21-79-1	19 HAZEL GROVE INC	9,813.69
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21-251-17	BUCHANAN DAVID W.	2,324.05
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF NASSAU,
DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE STRUCTURED
ASSET INVESTMENT
LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2004-1, Plaintiff, vs.
RICHARD J. SMITH A/K/A
RICHARD SMITH, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).
Pursuant to an Order
Confirming Referee
Report and Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly
entered on February 28,
2024, I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public
auction on the front steps
on the north side of the
Nassau County Supreme
Court, 100 Supreme Court
Drive, Mineola, NY 11501
on July 9, 2024 at 2:00
p.m., premises known as
10 Albin Street, Glen
Cove, NY 11542. All that
certain plot, piece or
parcel of land, with the
buildings and
improvements thereon
erected, situate, lying and
being in the City of Glen
Cove, County of Nassau
and State of New York,
Section 21, Block C and
Lot 44. Approximate
amount of judgment is
\$498,854.40 plus interest
and costs. Premises will
be sold subject to
provisions of filed
Judgment Index

#600848/2019. This
foreclosure sale will be
held on the north side
steps of the Courthouse,
rain or shine. COVID-19
safety protocols will be
followed at the
foreclosure sale. If proper
social distancing cannot
be maintained or there
are other health or safety
concerns, the Court
Appointed Referee will
cancel the sale.
Mark Ricciardi, Esq.,
Referee
Eckert Seamans Cherin &
Mellott, LLC, 10 Bank
Street, Suite 700, White
Plains, New York 10606,
Attorneys for Plaintiff
147200
LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GLEN COVE
BOARD OF ZONING
APPEALS
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that a PUBLIC HEARING
will be held by the Glen
Cove Zoning Board of
Appeals on Thursday,
June 20, 2024, at 7:30
p.m. at the Council
Chambers, City Hall, 9
Glen Street, Glen Cove,
New York, when all
interested persons will be
given an opportunity to
be heard.
The hearing will be on the
application of Gennaro
Cuzzolino on behalf of
Select Capital Group, Inc.
residing at 2125 Deer
Park Ave, Deer Park, NY
11729 requesting
Variances from Sections
280-56 B (6) (10) and

280-45 R (1) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to construct a new 831 sq ft addition at the rear of 35 Duck Pond Rd., Glen Cove, NY.

The proposed addition will result in lot coverage of 15.5% (3,332 sq ft) where a maximum of 15% (3,215.4 sq ft) is permitted. The proposed addition aligns with the existing 32.5 ft exterior west wall extending it 15 ft north and has a non-conforming 4.9 ft side yard setback, whereas 10 ft are required. The structure also encroaches on the sky plane exposure on the West elevation. The subject property is in the City's R-2 Half Acre Residence District and designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 23, Block 25, Lot 02.

The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.

Dated: May 31, 2024
BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 147425

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GLEN COVE
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The hearing will be on the application of Apostolos Malatos requesting variances from Sections 280-56 C 280-56 D (4) (2) and 280-45 R (1) for the construction of a two-story multi-car garage with a caretaker (accessory) apartment above. The property is located at 47 Town Path, Glen Cove in the R-2

Zoning District and is designated as Section 23, Block 09, Lot 05 on the Land and Tax Map of Nassau County.

Applicant seeks the following variances for said property.

1. Glen Cove City Code §280-56 C - Applicant has an existing lot area of 37, 280 sq ft where the minimum required lot area for an accessory apartment is 40,000.

2. Glen Cove City Code §280-56 D (4) - The proposed structure has lot coverage of 1,318 sq ft when the maximum lot coverage for garages is 500 sq ft.

3. Glen Cove City Code §280-56 D (2) - Applicant is proposing a garage height of 27 ft from the surrounding grade when the maximum height shall not exceed 14 ft to the ridge line above surrounding grade.

4. Glen Cove City Code §280-45 R (1) - The proposed structure, intrudes 14.33 ft into the required sky exposure plane.

The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.

Dated: May 31, 2024
BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 147426

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GLEN COVE
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The hearing will be on the application of Stuart Gregory residing at 24 Highfield Rd., Glen Cove, NY, requesting a variance

from Section 280-45 R to maintain a new detached two-car garage on the premises. The westerly wall of the structure and roof encroach within the sky exposure plane.

The property is located within the R-2 Zoning District designated as Section 21, Block 40, Lot 25 on the Land and Tax Map of Nassau County.

The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.

Dated: May 30, 2024
BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 147424

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GLEN COVE
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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The hearing will be on the application of Thomas DeVito, requesting a variance from Section 280-56 B (4) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to construct a new covered front porch with less than the required front yard setback. The minimum front yard setback shall be 30 feet or the prevailing front yard setback, whichever is greater. The Applicant proposes a front yard setback of 79.30 ft, while the prevailing front yard setback is 89.76ft.

The subject property is located at 37 Red Spring Lane, Glen Cove in the R-2 Half Acre Residence District and is designated as Section 31, Block 51, Lot 75 on the Land & Tax Map of Nassau County.

The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.

Dated: May 31, 2024
BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 147422

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GLEN COVE
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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The hearing will be on the application of Dario Gaitte requesting variances from Sections 280-55 C (9), 280-45 T, and 280-45 R to maintain a conversion of a detached two-car garage into a pool house with less than the required 10ft setback from any property line. The structure has a setback of 5.7 ft from the rear property line, a 6.3 ft setback from the west side property line and is non-compliant with the sky exposure plane at the rear of the property.

The property is located at 39 Circle Drive, Glen Cove in the R-3 Zoning District and is designated as Section 23, Block F02, Lot 13 on the Land and Tax Map of Nassau County.

The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.

Dated: May 30, 2024
BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 147423

Juneteenth to celebrate freedom and culture

By ROKSANA AMID

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A Juneteenth celebration will be held at Morgan Memorial Park on June 15, an event that will feature music, food, vendors, cultural performances, and speeches from local leaders, including the council and the mayor. The First Baptist Church Choir will perform, and a poem titled "Juneteenth," written by Victoria Crosby, will be read. There will also be activities like free hair braiding and haircuts.

The celebration comes from the efforts of Leyla Watson, founder and president of I Am My Sister. Roderick Watson is the executive director of I Am My Brother, an affiliate initiative under I Am My Sister.

Leyla Watson said although the city celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. with a parade, the celebration is limited to the city's school district, which doesn't appeal to those who are not directly connected with the schools such as having a child in the district.

"When you are a small demographic in a city, it's really easy to get lost," Watson said. "Whether it's [the Greek festival] or St. Rocco's [feast] or something for the Spanish community, we think that it's important to that demographic to celebrate their culture, and we just don't see it for the black community."

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day, was established as a federal holiday in 2021, and is celebrated on June 19. It commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and marks the day in 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the end of the Civil War and the abolition of slavery in accordance with President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. This announcement came more than two years after the proclamation was issued on Jan. 1, 1863.

Founded in 2010 in Gastonia, North Carolina, I Am My Sister has focused on building a strong sisterhood among young women, promoting self-discovery, self-love, health, wellness, and leadership. Leyla Watson moved the organization's corporate office to Glen Cove in 2018.

"Our goal is to boost the journey of life, self-discovery, and self-love for young women," Watson said. "We provide programs that help them with positive self-image, leadership, advocacy, and career exploration while building a support system — a sisterhood."

In addition to celebrating Juneteenth, I Am My Sister and I Am My



Courtesy Leyla Watson

Sydney and Autumn Johnson enjoyed taking part in I Am My Sister programs.

Brother continue their mission of supporting young people in Glen Cove. Their programs, such as the I Am My Sister Club, Beauty Fit Me, and Mind Your Mental, offer leadership development, health and wellness education, and mental health support. These initiatives aim to empower young women and men, helping them build confidence, leadership skills, and healthy lifestyles.

"Our work is about exposing young people to opportunities they might not otherwise have," said Watson. "We want them to know that they have a support system and that their dreams and aspirations are valid and achievable."

Roderick Watson, a former Glen Cove councilman, therapist and social worker, is also planning a series of community assessments starting mid-July with I Am My Brother. These assessments will involve roundtable discussions with men in the community, followed by sessions with youth to identify areas where support is needed. Watson hopes these initiatives will foster a stronger, more connected community in Glen Cove.

Leyla Watson highlighted a common stereotype about large gatherings of Black and Brown communities, saying many associate these events with potential trouble, leading to an increased police presence. Watson emphasized the need to demonstrate that there is much more to the Black community than the negative stereotypes often perpetuated by society. By highlighting the rich culture, achievements, and contributions of Black people, the aim is to foster a more accurate and appreciative understanding of the community.

"It's not an event just for Black people," Watson said. "It's an event to celebrate a culture and for us to celebrate the journey towards freedom, and equality and justice. It's also to celebrate our history and invite others to learn about it as well as celebrate with us."

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OPINIONS

This is the best part: All of summer lies ahead

Hardly any summer lives up to its hype.

How could it, when we've waited nine months for school to be out, slogging through dark, snowy days and freezing weeks? We've waited for the warming breeze, the gentle waves, the fresh cherries and soft-shell crabs. We



**RANDI
KREISS**

waited, and here it is ... now! All this freedom is too wonderful to grasp.

Our vacation time from work lies ahead, too, and we want our adventures, and our kids' camps, and the rentals in the mountains or by the shore to be restorative and fun. In June it's still possible that

the big family reunion in the Poconos will be a life-altering love fest. In June, the outdoor concerts are still anticipatory joy.

These are the best days of summer, when everything is possible. Here, pinned to this spot in time, there are no rampaging wildfires, no floods, no hurricanes, no Covid surge, no family feuds. Yup, the dangerous possibilities all lie ahead.

Pre-summer is the golden window of

good weather and unlimited expectations. That's why people keep booking weekends in Maine, forgetting that last year they waited on line in the 95-degree heat for a \$30 Kennebunkport lobster roller. These are the days of anticipatory dreaming.

On summer weekends, families head to our beaches, the Berkshires, the Jersey Shore or out East. Everyone is trying to recapture summer memories while forgetting the kids' rainy-day tantrums or the traffic in the Hamptons or the prices at the farm stands that used to be a bargain. This is the time of dreaming and planning; there will be enough time in September to absorb the realities that subvert these fantasies.

In the big picture, we don't know yet what kind of summer this will be historically, meteorologically or politically. Will it leave an indelible mark? Will our collective destinies stay the course or take a detour?

I remember the summer of 1967, when some 100,000 young people, widely known as hippies, descended on San Francisco, specifically the Haight, and protested the war in Vietnam, lived in casual encampments, did some drugs and wore flowers

in their hair. It was a significant cultural shift, which led to the end of the war and the beginning of a real push for civil rights, women's rights and racial equality.

My big regret is that I didn't go; I

wasn't part of history. I was planning my wedding and looking for a job. I didn't go to Woodstock, either, in the summer of 1969. My heart and mind were with the progressive causes, but the path I saw for myself was fixed and somewhat narrow.

So, young folks, this summer, get out there and live your days. Summer 2024 will not come around again. The calendar from mid-June to Sept. 21 is blank.

The summer could sweep in dramatic change. Anything can happen. The days are hot already and very long; worry is in the air about drought and wildfire and political unrest.

On an individual level, this is the time to plan our downtime activities. Is this the summer you get out on the kayak? Learn to surf? Start hiking the Appalachian Trail? Rescue a puppy and use the summertime to train it? Maybe send the kids off to camp and get reacquainted with your partner?

For me, this is the summer to finally

read "War and Peace," all 1,200 pages. Truth? The last 50 summers have been my summer to read "War and Peace." Never cracked the cover, but it doesn't matter; I hold on dearly to the possibility.

The freedom of some unstructured time allows us to prepare for the upcoming election. A minefield covers the ground between June and November. It seems unlikely to me that any of the legal cases against Donald Trump will be resolved in time to make a difference. We have, as individuals who are citizens of a great democracy, the time to think about what kind of man we want to be president. I will be casting my vote for Joe Biden, the sitting president who has displayed decency and solid, pro-American, forward-thinking policies. I hope that others who have the time and inclination will seriously weigh the kind of America we want to live in.

We don't want to get terribly serious because, after all, it's about to be summer. Put your feet up. Grab a bowl of Washington State cherries, and if "War and Peace" seems daunting, pick up a National Geographic and learn the important stuff, like "Do Spiders Dream?"

Relax with one eye open. The summer of 2024 is about to unfold.

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Some advice Joe Biden badly needs

According to the political calendar, it is five months until voters go to the polls in the 2024 elections. Between now and that fateful day, the two political parties will have spent over a billion dollars campaigning. Being a Democrat, it isn't my business to tell the Republican Party how to run its presidential campaign,

but I have some thoughts about the Democratic effort to re-elect President Biden.

Up to now, the president's campaign has centered on such things as the infrastructure bill he signed into law in 2021 and its funding for new roads, bridges and other needed

public-works programs. There is no doubt that such expenditures are important, and should be stressed, but the election is more about other critical issues.

When Bill Clinton ran for the White House, James Carville, his campaign strategist, uttered those now famous words, "It's the economy, stupid." Carville was right, and Biden would ignore that dictum at his peril. These days,

everything is about the economy. People vote with their pocketbooks, and the issue has to be dealt with by the Democrats.

Over the past few years, prices have skyrocketed, and it isn't the fault of the president. The executives of the companies that produce gasoline, food and other necessities don't care about the average person. They have jets to service them, and take luxury trips around the world to ease their tensions. They raise their prices just before the quarterly earnings call to satisfy Wall Street, not Main Street. There's nothing wrong with telling America who the culprits are and bashing the business tycoons.

A recent Washington Post column by Catherine Rampell tells an interesting story about the economy. The headline is "Nearly everything Americans believe about the economy is wrong." Rampell wrote that a recent Harris poll revealed that Americans' thinking about the economy is often at odds with reality.

Most Americans believe the economy is shrinking. In fact, the economy has been growing for the past two years. The poll also found that 49 percent of

the country believes that the unemployment rate is at a 50-year high. In fact, unemployment has been below 4 percent for over two years. It isn't the

media's fault that the voters think that way; it's because politicians don't tell the story well.

If you talk to average voters, they believe they were better off four years ago than they are today. That is in fact a total fallacy. In 2020, we were dealing with the coronavirus disaster, and then President Trump had failed to warn the nation about the perils we faced, in order to avoid the political fallout. The

public was encouraged to try crazy medicines, none of which saved any lives.

There were so many other bad things happening under Trump that Biden should be talking about. When Trump took office, the unemployment rate was 4.8 percent. When he left it was 6.3 percent. (It is currently under 4 percent.) There were supply chain disruptions and widespread lockdowns, and we were suffering from a recession. Thanks to a tax program that gave the rich big cuts, the national debt swelled by \$7.8 trillion, an increase of 40 percent.

As for the current state of politics, Biden will have plenty to talk about.

Even though the Trump campaign is much more under control, the candidate isn't. Trump goes off script all the time, and says lots of crazy things. His base voters won't abandon him, but the undecideds are up for grabs, and they could be Biden voters. But Biden has to find a message that appeals to them.

Another challenge for the president is the third-party candidacy of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Right now Kennedy would get about 14 percent of the estimated vote. He may be appealing to protest voters, but it's up to the Biden campaign to let the world know how nutty this guy is. There is enough of a record on Kennedy's past statements to bring his poll numbers down and reduce his possible threat in November.

Incumbents are often underdogs in an election year, and Biden needs to run a campaign that focuses on pocketbook issues and explains them in simple terms. He will get countless other gifts from the uncontrolled candidate that is Donald Trump. But it's time for Biden to retool his efforts and appeal to the voters he so badly needs.

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There's also the four-time Atlantic League of Professional Baseball champion Long Island Ducks. And, for the past couple weeks, anyone trying to make their way around Eisenhower Park, in East Meadow, couldn't help but get caught up in the excitement of the International Cricket Council Men's T20 World Cup, in which India upended Pakistan in a highly anticipated international rivalry.

But our true champions are much closer to home. In fact, they are in our own backyards, if not in our own homes. They are our school athletes — young men and women who spend hours conditioning, training and drilling to step out on a baseball diamond, a track, a tennis court, a football field, a basketball court, a lacrosse field, or a soccer or rugby pitch to try to win it all in front of their families, friends, neighbors and peers.

And then, after all that, they go back to their studies, so they can have the best shot at a successful future.

We are proud of every one of them for what they accomplish. And we support them as they look for ways to win, and

cheer them when they do so.

They always give us reason to cheer for them, and even more when they win titles — like the South Side High School boys' lacrosse team taking home the state Class B boys championship in a thrilling overtime win over Victor.

And they are hardly alone. The boys' track and field team from Baldwin High captured its first county championship in more than a decade, while the girls' track and field team from Oceanside did the same, over rival Syosset.

The boys from Malverne won a county championship of their own in track and field, while the Valley Stream North girls celebrated a number of individual county champions, like Moanna Thelusa in discus, Nattaly Lindo in shot put, and the Fessler sisters, Paige and Brooke, finishing first and second, respectively, in the high jump. We also have to mention the amazing work of the North Shore girls' track and field squad, which came away with the Class A championship.

And don't even get us started on the excellence in softball from the previous week, with Kennedy and Seaford winning Long Island championships, while Oceanside took home the Class AAA crown.

Then there was the Wantagh girls' lacrosse team beating Manhasset for the Nassau Class C championship, while the Lynbrook boys' tennis team won a conference title.

And then there are county champion-

ships for the Calhoun girls track team, the Clarke baseball team, and the Wantagh boys lacrosse team.

We could go on. There is a lot to celebrate — no matter what the scoreboard shows.

These young men and women are learning teamwork, leadership and resilience. As they work together to achieve common goals, they learn the value of collaboration and mutual support. The highs of victory and the lows of defeat provide lessons in handling success with grace, and the rest with dignity.

These experiences are invaluable as these athletes prepare to face the myriad challenges of adult life with a balanced and determined mindset. They also provide opportunities for college scholarships and career advancement, opening doors to higher education that might not have otherwise been available for many.

Their journeys also serve as a powerful unifying force within communities. On Long Island, where villages and hamlets have distinct identities, high school sports can bridge divides and create a sense of shared purpose.

High school sports are much more than a venue for cheering on the home team. They are a cornerstone of physical health, personal development, academic excellence and community cohesion. By supporting and investing in them, we are nurturing the next generation of leaders, scholars and community members, ensuring a vibrant and dynamic future for Nassau County.

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Thank you, Gov. Hochul

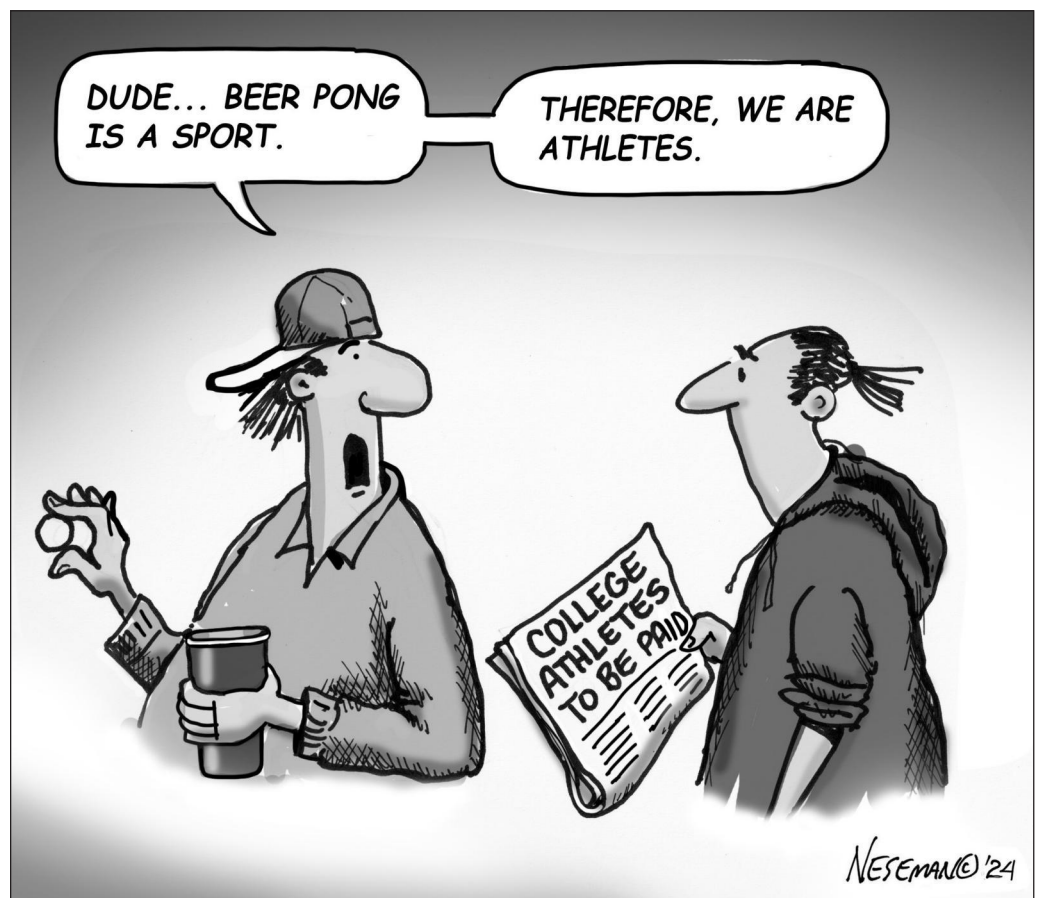
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Voters deserve thanks, too. Every library budget vote in Nassau passed this spring, with an average approval rate of 77 percent! Over 5,000 Nassau residents signed up for new library cards last month. Libraries truly have something for everyone, and we invite all to check us out this summer.

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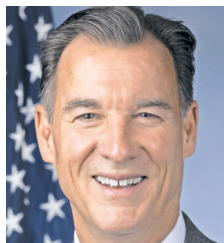


OPINIONS

Biden's mandate will bring 'order to the border'

Last week, President Biden signed an executive order shutting off asylum requests and automatically denying migrants entry to the United States when the number of people encountered by American border officials exceeds a new daily threshold.

I was honored to attend the White House ceremony announcing the new executive action to fix the asylum system and speed up deportations.



**TOM
SUOZZI**

In May, together with my Republican colleague Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, of Pennsylvania, I urged the president to consider issuing

an executive order to help "bring order to the border" by restricting the abuse of the asylum process by cartels guiding migrants between ports of entry, and raising the credible fear standard to a higher threshold.

I was buoyed by a Politico.com article highlighting my message of bringing order to the border and calling me "the Democratic avatar of reclaiming

the immigration issue from the GOP."

The president has taken action — and now the GOP needs to stop acting out. No more excuses. To those Republicans who now say it's too little, too late: Voters won't be fooled. The Republicans in Congress failed to act on the bipartisan Senate bill proposed earlier this year, and their failure to act now is a cynical act of harming the country for their own political gain.

It's time to stop the rhetoric and call a vote. Let's secure the border and modernize legal immigration.

I have visited the southern border three times, meeting with border patrol agents, local law enforcement officials, mayors, businesses and nonprofits. I have seen the chaos there.

We cannot and will not solve complicated border and immigration problems simply by issuing executive orders. In Congress, Democrats and Republicans must work together. Only a bipartisan legislative solution will end the crisis.

For too many years, too many politicians have spent their time weaponizing immigration policy, but haven't done a thing to fix it. The last immigration reform legislation was passed

almost 40 years ago, in 1986. These laws are hopelessly outdated, and do not consider what's happening today. Crime organizations and cartel "coyotes" are ruthlessly bringing people to our borders under false pretenses, teaching

them how to scam the system, how to say the "right words" to claim asylum. The present border system was designed for fewer than 400,000 people, and now we are forced to deal with more than 2 million.

Asylum cases are taking up to eight years, and the fact is that during the first quarter of 2024, only 9 percent of asylum applications were accepted.

According to Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, immigration courts have a backlog of nearly 3.6 million cases. Of those, just under 1.3 million immigrants are awaiting asylum hearings.

The data indicate that courts are failing to keep up with cases. As of last month, 1,305,443 new cases had been filed in 2024, while 517,675 cases had been completed.

We need more border agents, more border officials and many more border judges.

Senators Chris Murphy, a Democrat from Connecticut; James Lankford, a Republican from Oklahoma; and Kyrsten Sinema, an independent from Arizona, negotiated a bipartisan compromise to hire more border agents, appoint more immigration judges, build more walls, ease the asylum backlog, and send money to states and cities crushed by the economic burden of migrants.

The bipartisan Senate compromise legislation would strengthen border security and legislatively repair the outdated asylum system. It was thwarted when former President Donald Trump demanded that Republican members of the House and Senate refuse to give President Biden "a win."

This is partisan politics at its worst. Republicans seem more interested in scoring political points than solving the border crisis. As Sen. Mitt Romney said, "It's appalling."

For the good of our country, Congress must find common ground and pass legislation. I'll work across the aisle to do what our leaders haven't — secure our border. Close the routes used for illegal immigration, but open paths to citizenship for those willing to follow the rules and pay a fee to help finance it all.

Tom Suozzi represents the 3rd Congressional District.

Voters won't be fooled by Republicans who say his order is too little, too late.

LETTERS

Abortion, women's equity loom large in November

To the Editor:

As the presidential election approaches, understanding the opinions of both President Biden and Donald Trump is pivotal when thinking about which candidate to vote for. Specifically, when it comes to abortion rights and women's equity on both a national and global scale, the two candidates have differing opinions and differing degrees of action, and it is hyper-important for women to be informed about their standpoints, so they understand who to vote for in November.

In terms of abortion rights, Trump and Biden have starkly different opinions. Although Biden has stated that he is a practicing Catholic who doesn't necessarily personally support abortion, he has avidly stated that women deserve the right to choose, no matter where they live, and that abortion care should be a human right. Trump, on the other hand, wants to leave abortion rights up to the states, meaning that each state can choose whether or not abortions should be legalized, potentially taking away that right to choose.

In terms of the international policy surrounding women's equity, Biden and

Trump have similar policies, but their commitment to those policies is of varying degrees, and they have different motives for supporting women's equality. They have both tried to combat women's inequity through financial support of efforts in other countries, but Biden has directed hundreds of millions more dollars to those efforts than Trump.

Biden also states that women's equality is a moral issue, something that should be intrinsically guaranteed to populations around the world. Trump, however, mainly sees women's equality as an opportunity for economic growth. Biden also claims to aid specific countries that may need help promoting gender equity, making Trump's policy appear weaker and less specific. These differences must be recognized by the people they would affect the most: the voters.

We reach out with the hope that you are aware of the stakes of this election, and that you share our concern for its possible outcomes. We strongly feel that in a world where information is hidden, falsified, misconstrued and polarized, it is important that our reputable local media outlets continue being dedicated to the truth — now more than ever.

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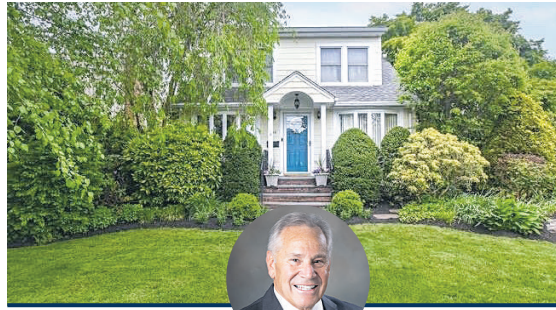
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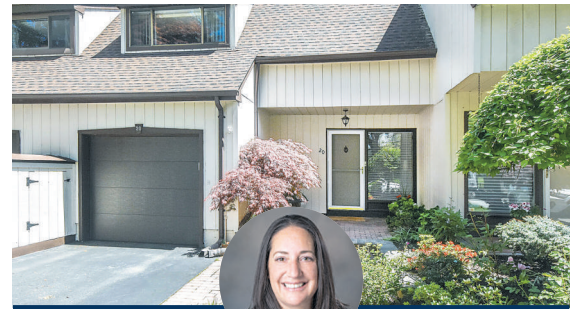
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