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Caped Crusader celebrates Purim

Jack Bader, who dressed up as one of his favorite superheroes for the Purim carnival at Congregation Tifereth Israel, in Glen Cove, enjoyed the arts and crafts table with his mother, Victoria, last Sunday. More photos, Page 3.

Meet City Councilman Grady Farnan

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The Glen Cove City Council has a new member — Grady Farnan. The 61-year-old was chosen to fill the seat vacated a month and a half ago after the departure of Joseph Capobianco, who was elected the city's judge in November.

Retired Glen Cove Judge Richard J. McCord swore Farnan in on Feb. 14 after the council's meeting.

Farnan, a life-long resident of the city, said he could never imagine living anywhere else.

"After my wife and I settled in Glen Cove we didn't want to move out because of the diverse district," Farnan said.

"A lot of our friends and family were still living in the area too."

A 1980 Glen Cove High School graduate, Farnan attended Adelphi University, earning a bachelor's in business administration with a minor in finance. Since then, Farnan built a career in insurance, allowing him to cultivate problem-solving skills.

Longtime Glen Cove residents have likely heard the Farnan name around the city. His father, Ben Farnan, a Glen Cove native who served in World War II and the Korean War. The elder Farnan became the Glen Cove Commissioner of Public Safety in the '70s.

He then became a teacher at the Glenwood Landing Elementary School. He's been recognized for his athleticism in the city's Hall of Fame.

Much like his father, Grady has dedicated much of his time to the community. In 1993, Farnan became co-founder, chairman and treasurer of the Glen Cove Junior Lacrosse League and its scholarship committee. Since then, Farnan has helped arrange for lacrosse players to be part of the city's Memorial Day parade.

I think it's exciting having someone of his caliber sitting on the dais right now with us.

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While working at Liberty Mutual Insurance, Farnan met his future wife, Camille Amodeo. Together, they raised their three children who attended the city's schools. Their eldest daughter Remi, 28, is a project manager for a construction company based out of Manhattan. Gillian, 26, works in the student services activity department at Stony Brook University and Shelbie, 24, works as a lab technician in Nassau that is partnered with the United States Food and Drug Administration.

The Farnans are also deeply involved with St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. Farnan has been the church's head usher for 20 years, and Camille is a member of the Columbiettes.

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck has

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Emerge Rehabilitation receives special three-year certification

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When Linda Dragunat felt dizzy two days into her Florida vacation in February 2019, she went to a hospital, unsure of what was making her feel ill. That day, she lapsed into a coma that lasted six weeks.

Dragunat has Emerge Rehabilitation & Nursing, in Glen Cove, to thank for her recovery.

Dragunat found out that she had suffered septic shock, but doctors couldn't pinpoint exactly where her infection started, and concluded that it was

the result of a microscopic cut somewhere on her body. That small cut was enough for two abscesses to appear on her spine, leaving her paralyzed from the neck down.

Luckily for Dragunat, her cognitive abilities weren't impaired. Brain dysfunction is a frequent and severe complication of septic shock, and occurs in up to 60 percent of patients. It's associated with increased mortality and long-term cognitive impairment. An estimated 10 million Americans are affected by stroke and traumatic brain injury, the second most prevalent injury and dis-

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Leaders: Housing plan undermines neighborhoods

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Many on Long Island already are having a tough time finding affordable places to live. The elderly are priced out of affordable homes, and younger generations are fleeing to more affordable locales — many times out of state.

Lawmakers have tried a number of ways to keep rents low, but the latest plan offered by Gov. Kathy Hochul to build 800,000 new homes across the state over the next decade isn't meeting with a lot of support. Especially on Long Island.

"We don't want Hochul control, we want local control," Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin told a crowd of local elected leaders at the Port Washington Long Island Rail Road station earlier this month.

Clavin believes the governor's proposal is a power grab and doesn't take into consideration the differences between upstate and downstate communities. He worries Hochul's plans will force Long Island to become the sixth borough of New York City.

While the proposal speaks to creating high-density housing, officials say it doesn't address upgrading the existing infrastructure to accommodate the population increase — like roads and utilities. There also seems to be little attention from Albany about how such fast growth could impact schools, which might not be able to keep up.

Rents have risen 30 percent since 2015 in New York City, while home prices have grown 50 percent. The situation is even more dire outside the city where rents are up as much as 60 percent, with some existing home sales rising as high as 80 percent over the last eight years.

According to the Population Reference Bureau, more than half of the state's renters are paying more than 30 percent of their income on rent, the second-highest rate



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HEMPSTEAD TOWN SUPERVISOR Don Clavin says he's not alone in his opposition to Gov. Kathy Hochul's plan to push affordable housing. Officials believe forcing development — even near transit hubs — doesn't consider additional concerns neighbors face such as infrastructure and crime.

in the nation.

Hochul wants to battle that through what she's calling the New York Housing Compact. It's intended to eliminate many of the barriers stopping development of affordable housing — especially around Metropolitan Transportation Authority rail stations — including plans for the state to step in if local government refuse to act.

But that's what really have many local leaders like

Clavin fired up. The town supervisor says Hochul's proposal eliminates the public hearing process, and will allow an "unaccountable, bureaucratic board located hundreds of miles away in Albany to make decisions over what belongs in your neighborhood."

The governor, however, believes the state's housing crisis requires bold actions and an all-hands-on-deck approach.

"Every community in New York must do their part to encourage housing growth to move our state forward and keep our economy strong," Hochul said, according to a release. "The New York Housing Compact is a comprehensive plan to spur the changes needed to create more housing, meet rising demand, and make our state a more equitable, stable and affordable place to live."

The compact, however, suggests local leaders aren't doing enough to address the housing crisis. And that's wrong, said Jennifer DeSena, town supervisor for North Hempstead.

"We have a hearing process," DeSena said. "There are always projects that are being considered

Nassau County is the densest suburban community in the country. We have a lot of housing, and wanting to add an arbitrary number like 3 percent every three years, it's just not realistic."

Pamela Panzenbeck said she's worried about a devastating scenario for the city she leads, Glen Cove, where giving the governor the power to rezone property within a half-mile from a train station to 50 units of housing per acre will hurt more than it will help.

The mayor also believes Long Island towns and cities should be able to decide for themselves what the appropriate land use is.

"Changes such as she suggests would destroy our way of life," Panzenbeck said, "the historic nature and beauty of Glen Cove, and our Long Island communities."

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EMILY AND MIKE Greenberg, left, with their children Max Lucy enjoyed some of the carnival games. Paul D'Acunto, and his daughter, Clara, celebrated Purim with friends and family.

Purim carnival fun at Congregation Tiferith Israel

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Congregation Tiferith Israel held their annual Purim carnival to celebrate one of the most joyous Jewish holidays. The arch 12 event saw children singing, dancing and dressed festively in their favorite costumes. Many people compare Purim to Halloween, due to the festive costumes and candy. But at a Purim celebration any scary costumes or haunted themes are unlikely. Instead, one may see children dressed up as princesses, superheroes and friendly animals. The holiday is a time to reconnect with friends and family.

"It's nice to see the community and get introduced to everything that happens here," Metta Pollio, of Sea Cliff, said. "You get to see a lot of people here you might not know. You can connect with people more."

Purim, which literally means "lots" and is sometimes known as the Feast of Lots, is the holiday in which Jews commemorate being saved from persecution in the ancient Persian Empire.

The Persian Empire of the 4th century BCE extended over 127 lands, and all the Jews were its subjects.

When King Ahasuerus had his wife, Queen Vashti, executed for failing to follow his orders, he arranged a beauty pageant to find a new queen. A Jewish girl, Esther, found favor in his eyes and became the new queen. Moredcai, uncle to Queen Esther, advised her not to reveal her Jewish heritage.

After Moredaci, refused to bow down to the Persian king, Jewish residents in Shushan were threatened by Haman, a prime minister who convinced King Ahasuerus to kill all Jewish citizens, according to the Book of Esther in the Torah.

Haman cast lots, a lottery system, to determine the date he would carry out his



plan: the 13th of Adar. In the end, the heroic Queen Esther saved the Jews when she reveals her Jewish heritage. When King Ahasuerus discovered that his wife Esther was Jewish, he decided to reverse Haman's decree. Instead of the Jews being killed, Haman, his sons, and other enemies are killed.

The story of Purim, which dates to 2500 years ago, is a story of rejecting hatred. The villain of Purim, Haman, is so disliked that whenever he is mentioned during the traditional reading of the story in the Megillah — also known as the Book of Esther in the Bible — everyone shouts and uses noisemakers to drown out the sound of his name.

Rabbi Irwin Huberman, who has led the congregation for the past 16 years, said the carnival is an opportunity for children to associate a synagogue with fun and celebration, and that not all Judaism is serious and philosophical.



CANTOR GUSTAVO GITLIN, above left, made balloon animals for the children.

RICK ORTIZ, ABOVE right, and his daughter Raya enjoyed balloon animals at the carnival.

MARK GLOWATZ, LEFT, Rabbi Irwin Huberman and Connie Glowatz waited to hear the announcement of raffle winners.



Once a board trustee, now a city councilman

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known the Farnans a long time, having taught the children religious education. "He's just a real old fashioned neighborhood guy that watches out for his neighbors," Panzenbeck said.

His commitment to the community inspired him to run for City Council in 2003 and 2007. Though he was unsuccessful, in his 2003 campaign he lost by a close margin. This prompted him to help his community in another way.

In 2009, Farnan was elected to the Glen Cove City School District Board of Education, where he served two terms. As a father of three children in the district at the time, Farnan wanted to ensure that students had the opportunity to pursue higher education. His background in insurance was a plus as he wanted to help the district make well-informed decisions about insurance carriers and construction contracts.

Currently Farnan works with Utica National Insurance Group as a property specialist where he reviews commercial coverage and directs independent field adjusters. He's also in his second year serv-



Grady Farnan

ing on the city's Industrial Development Agency, where he's able to use his insurance background to provide insight to the agency.

Farnan said he wants to continually gauge what the community needs by asking questions. His experience in insurance will help him to understand the many financial layers and emotions that impacts structuring budgets. He wants to do what's best for residents.

McCord said that the new councilman is the type of person who will have strong beliefs, but won't let disagreements interfere with the way he treats or works with others.

"I am confident that he'll do everything he can to work with the other council members and the mayor to do what's best for the people of Glen Cove," McCord said.

City Councilwoman Barbara Peebles knows Farnan through their volunteerism at the church. Peebles said she's seen his honesty and dedication to the community.

"I think it's exciting having someone of his caliber sitting on the dais right now with us," Peebles said.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Francisco Rosario

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND North Shore Hispanic Chamber board members celebrated Connie Pinilla's swearing in. As the chamber's first woman president, Pinilla said she hopes to expand membership.

Chamber has a new president

The North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce swore in its first woman president, Connie Pinilla.

Formed in 2019, the chamber helps the Hispanic community by providing education and resources that allow businesses to thrive. Since its inception, the chamber

has bridged cultural and language barriers to businesses in need.

Pinilla said she plans to bring more professionals like lawyers and accountants to become chamber members. She hopes this will broaden the chamber's network and create a network of professionals for small businesses.

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

- A 43-year-old Freeport male was arrested March 11, for criminal contempt and harassment on Mason Drive.
- A 49-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on March 10, for criminal possession of a controlled substance on North Lane.
- A 38-year-old Hempstead male was arrested on March 9, for circumvent interlock/operate MV without device, and operate MV without stop lamps and unlicensed driver on Glen Cove Avenue.
- A 35-year-old Glen Cove female was arrested on March 8, for assault and

criminal Mischief of East Avenue.

- A 56-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on March 3, for DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation, operating a motor vehicle with .08 of one percent alcohol or more, and operating a motor vehicle without stop lamps on Landing Road.

- A 22-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on March 1, for criminal contempt on Madison Avenue.

- A 34-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Feb. 26, for aggravated criminal contempt, criminal contempt, assault, criminal possession of a weapon and harassment on Mill Hill Road.

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Death with Dignity: Hospice Care

The recent announcement by 98 year old Jimmy Carter, our long-lived president, that he was opting for hospice care at home instead of additional medical intervention, is in keeping with the trend towards dying with dignity. Hospice care arises when an illness is either no longer responding to medical treatment, no medical treatment is available, or the patient has decided they want to transition from treatments intended to prolong quantity of life to treatments intended to improve quality of life.

One of the great misconceptions about hospice care is that it is the cessation of medical care. Dr. Sunita Puri, author of "That Good Night: Life and Medicine in the Eleventh Hour" defines hospice care as "intensive comfort-focused care, provided with the goal of minimizing the physical, emotional and spiritual suffering that patients and their families experience when somebody has possibly six months or less to live." While hospice can usually take place at home it can also be in a facility and is paid for by Medicare Hospice Benefit.

The hospice "team" consists of (1) a nurse

to assess and manage pain and provide hands-on-care, (2) a social worker, to offer emotional support and help with planning, (3) a physician to interface with the patient's primary physician and consult on pain and symptom management and make house calls, (4) a hospice aide to help with personal care needs, such as bathing, (5) clergy to offer spiritual support, (6) volunteers to help in a variety of ways, and (7) a bereavement specialist to provide grief and loss counseling.

Regrettably, hospice care in the US averages only about three weeks, due to the fact that people are reluctant to talk about topics like suffering, quality of life and whether treatments are adding to or detracting from someone's quality of life. Delaying those conversations leads to very late referrals to hospice.

As Dr. Puri points out, "Hospice is not about giving up...hospice is about acknowledging where your body is at, at a given stage of illness, and honoring that and honoring the person that you are, which is distinct from the illness you are suffering...hospice attempts to maximize dignity and minimize suffering."

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D'Esposito rejects Santos' try to join his fraud bill

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Like many new congressional members, George Santos is looking to get his name on key pieces of legislation in front of the U.S. House of Representatives — the higher profile the better.

But unlike other congressional members, Santos is falling short. Even with members of his own New York Republican delegation.

Santos sought — and failed — to be included in two legislative proposals offered by fellow Nassau County U.S. Rep. Anthony D'Esposito aimed to prevent House members convicted of financial or campaign fraud from profiting off such federal violations and fabrications.

If passed, the No Fame for Fraud Resolution would change rules governing the House, intending to ensure current members indicted for violations of the Federal Election Act of 1971 or any other offenses — which would cause them to lose their congressional pension — cannot financially profit off their story.

The second part of the package is the No Fortune for Fraud Act, intended to guarantee any current or former House members found guilty of violating the

Federal Election Act of 1971 or other laws cannot make money off their story and will lose their pension.

These profits include compensation for biographies, media appearances or other creative works.

"I am committed to advancing good, accountable government here in our nation's capital, and that includes preventing elected officials who broke the public's trust from profiting from their misdeeds," D'Esposito said, in a release. "Con artists, liars and fabulists who lied their way into Congress should not be able to monetize their lies, and this legislative package would ensure they are unable to do so."

The congressman didn't call out Santos by name, but Santos has been accused of lying about his past — including schooling, work history, and even his family. He is currently under a number of investigations — primarily for campaign fundraising — but has resisted calls to resign. Even from members of his own party.

The former New York Police Depart-

ment detective said after spending a majority of his career "keeping criminals off the streets of New York," he hopes to "keep fraudsters out of the halls of Congress" with this new legislation.

Surprisingly, Santos told NBC News he believed D'Esposito's proposal was a "good bill" about "good governance." Santos has introduced a bill of his own directly affecting elected officials, with his aimed squarely at the President of the United States. His bill demands mental competence examinations as part of the presidential qualification process.

Santos recently sat down with British tabloid journalist Piers Morgan and admitted to lying about attending Baruch College. He even apologized. But he didn't admit to much else, except that he's a "terrible liar."

The congressman also faces several complaints from the Federal Election Commission regarding his campaign finances, contributions and fundraising methods. Last month, Santos named Andrew Olson as his new treasurer

after the FEC warned he could not raise or spend money without one. Then, earlier this week, Santos announced his intention to seek re-election — a move that was required of him to help keep his latest fundraising up-to-date.

The House Ethics Committee created a subcommittee to investigate Santos, and if they discover he has broken any laws, it could call for his expulsion.

Joining D'Esposito on his bill are Republicans Nick LaLota, Brandon Williams, Mike Lawler, Marc Molinaro and Nick Langworthy. D'Esposito has openly called for Santos to step down from office, as well as many of his GOP colleagues.

LaLota said no House member, regardless of what side of the aisle they stand on, should be able to "profit off their crimes, lies, indictments or fraud."

"Liars and cheats should not reap any reward from their deception," LaLota said, in a release. "I ran on restoring transparency and accountability to our government because I believe that our constituents should be able to trust their representatives and know that we are fighting for them every day — helping make our country a better, safer, and more prosperous place. Not trying to land a deal with Netflix."

I want to keep fraudsters out of the halls of Congress.

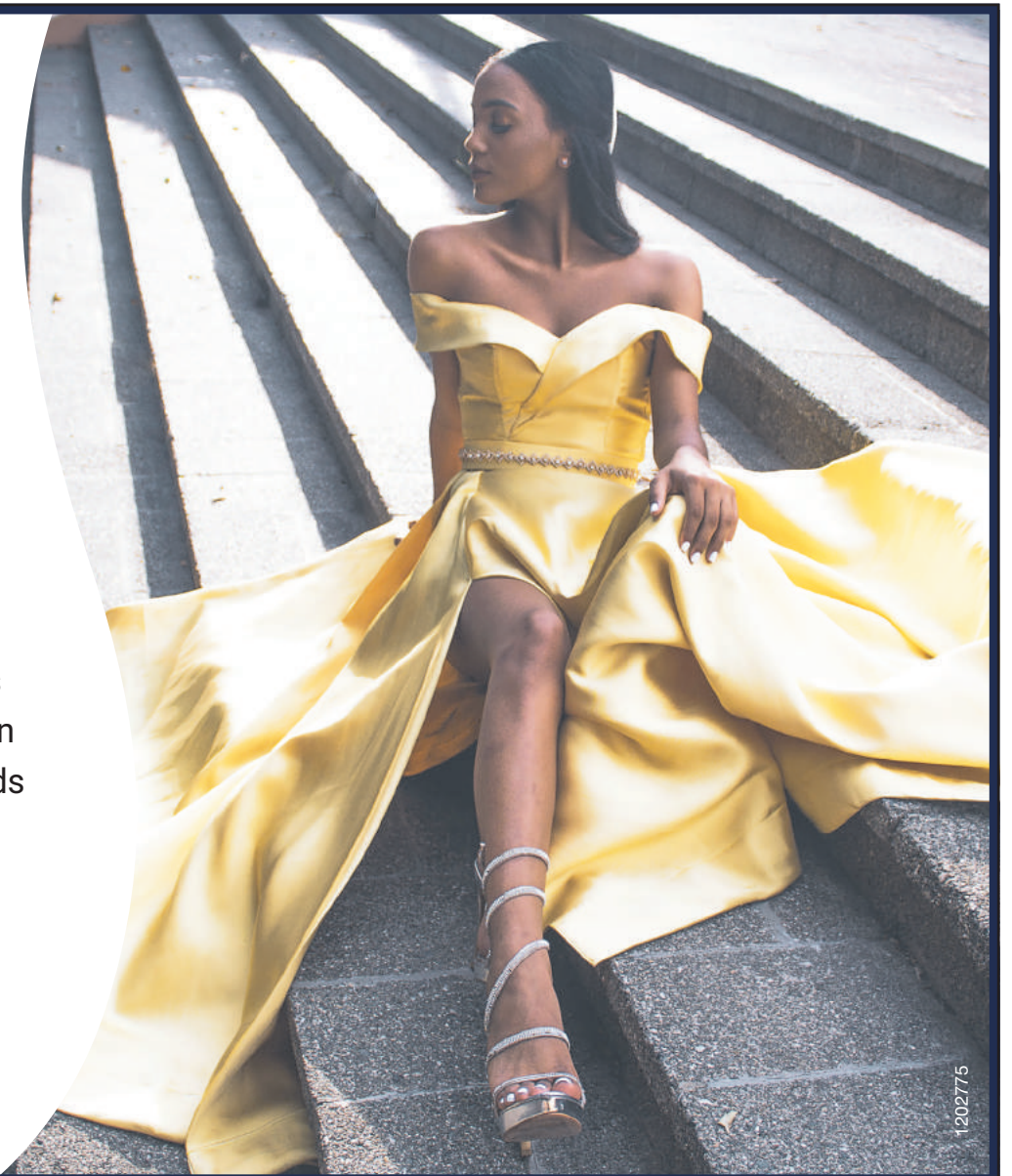
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New LIRR rollout gets mixed reviews

The good, the bad, and the bumps in-between

By JUAN LASSO & KEPHERD DANIEL

of the Herald

For weeks, the ideal stage had been set for the full launch of Grand Central Madison, finally connecting the Long Island Rail Road to the bedrock of Midtown Manhattan.

Or so it seemed.

Limited shuttle service between Jamaica station and Grand Central Madison gave commuters roughly four weeks to try out the new travel routes in advance of the big day, warming them to the idea of the \$11 billion East Side terminal.

But as the new service rolled out, some reinforced their concerns. While a number of service lines have been expanded, others have been completely rescheduled. And there were those who worried about inadequate direct service to Penn Station and Atlantic Terminal after timed connections would be eliminated at the Queens station, as well as through direct transfers across platforms at stops like Jamaica under the new schedules.

Then, full-service started Feb. 27, and contrary to the MTA's calculated expectations, the ensuing first days of its historic Midtown terminal turned into the most dizzying and distressful for commuters in recent memory.

Riders — coping with the rush-hour meltdowns at Jamaica station and onboard Penn Station-bound trains — poured their anger and disbelief onto social media. Images and posts showed commuters cramming into train aisles. Others making frantic sprints to catch their connecting lines. And many finding themselves tightly jammed inside an antsy crowd of riders on waiting platforms.

By the end of the first week, MTA officials rushed to provide relief in the form of extra train cars added to roughly 30 of its busiest trains, most of them rush hour excursions on the Penn Station service routes, as well as ramping up the frequency of shuttle service between Brooklyn and Queens.

While the adjustments have managed to ease overcrowding and quell a frantic commuter flow, the fumbled full launch of Grand Central Madison has left some commuters scratching their heads — and shaking their fists — at what went wrong.

The reason, according to Long Island Rail Road interim president Catherine Rinaldi, can be chalked up to a miscalculation on how many commuters would actually shift from Penn Station to Grand Central.

The LIRR's original service plan was designed to accommodate a "60-40" split of ridership, with most still traveling to Penn Station. So far, however, the split has been more "70-30," although new ridership figures are still pending.

For all the initial bumps, however, Barry Kleinworm — a diamond inventory manager in Midtown Manhattan — said full service to the East Side was a "home run" decision.

"Grand Central station is only five minutes from my office, so I'm loving it," the Woodmere commuter said. "Before, I had to walk 20 minutes from Penn Station. So this is a benefit for me for sure."

It's something that should have happened 30 years ago, said Jack Halpern, who rides the Far Rockaway branch.

"I'm a lawyer, and my office is in the Grand Central area," he said. "But of course, I don't go all the time what with hybrid work. It would have been really helpful to have this service pre-Covid when I was going five days a week."

Despite the benefits, however, Halpern did note that finding his way in and out of Grand Central has proven difficult.

"When exiting the station, going up the escalators is ridiculous, so I use the elevators. But they're not all in the same area," he said. "Entering the station, there is no clear signage on the street level to point you to what looks like a temporary construction elevator that takes you



Courtesy Marc A. Hermann/Metropolitan Transportation Authority

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY chief executive Janno Lieber and Long Island Rail Road interim president Catherine Rinaldi are re-routing four Grand Central Madison trains back to Penn Station after higher-than-expected ridership on the West Side.

down into the station, so they have to make the signage a little clearer."

Melvin Medina says commuting on the Babylon branch is "not so bad," but feels the benefits tilt toward Grand Central commuters at the expense of everyone else.

"There used to be an express train straight to Penn Station," the commuter from Bay Shore said. "Now, by around 8 a.m., I have to transfer to Wantagh to get to Penn, and the train stops at every stop."

"At the end of the day, you've just got to plan ahead. But I don't really agree with all the changes made."

Then there are commuters like Debby Washington who say navigating the new train schedule changes has been nothing but daily stress.

"I hate it. It's just so much confusion going on," the Wantagh commuter said. "It's just not organized right now. The schedule is crazy, and the trains come out of nowhere with no announcements."

"I'm paying a lot of money in taxes, and my service is not that great. In fact, it's getting worse."

But a lot of that might simply be a resistance to change, based on long-term familiarity to what's already been in place — even if what's there now wasn't all that great.

"I think people are used to what they had before, and so if you've been commuting to Penn Station for decades, it definitely throws a wrench in your regular routine," said Amy Zervas of Merrick. "I travel to both stations, but I prefer Grand Central because there are fewer people on those trains. Either way, I've had no issues."

While opinions appear sharply divided, Rinaldi reassured commuters that changes are being made as needed.

"We are going to be continuously making adjustments based upon ridership and loading data. We look at it every single day," she said. "The Long Island Rail Road team is all over the rollout in terms of looking for trends, what ridership is looking like, what trains are popular, and adjusting accordingly."

What lawmakers have to say

Assemblyman Brian Curran

"Clearly the opening of Grand Central Madison is a benefit, but my office has received numerous complaints regarding schedule changes, specifically additional travel time for our commuters on the West Hempstead line where riders at Malverne and Westwood now experience an approximate hour gap in travel times from the old schedule."

Sen. Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick and myself were informed that the Long Island Rail Road would re-evaluate scheduling times for the West Hempstead line if data was provided regarding commuters' preferred changes. We decided to hand out voluntary surveys to commuters about the issue."

Assemblyman Charles Levine

"We have all known for years that the Oyster Bay line is the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's biggest loss leader. With the advent of East Side Access, the MTA has had to reroute and reprogram any number of trains from the Oyster Bay line. The biggest challenge is that the OB line runs on diesel-powered trains that need to stop at Mineola where there is a transfer for riders to get on electric trains to go into the city."

We do not have express trains running directly into Penn Station as we had in the past before the new train schedules. The result is there is less availability for Oyster Bay commuters to travel than there was before, and riders are not pleased — nor should they be pleased. I'm confident, however, that the MTA leadership is aware of this issue and will be addressing it."

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MEMBERS OF THE Congregation Tiferith Israel came together to celebrate Purim with songs. Barbara Bsaron, right, helped organized the evening's event.

CTI celebrates Purim

Keeping with tradition of creating incredibly fun and exciting holiday programs for the entire Jewish community, Congregation Tiferith Israel celebrated Purim on March 6 with groovy costumes inspired by the 1960s.

Purim celebrates the saving of the

Jewish people from Haman, an official of the first Persian empire, who was planning to have all of Persia's Jewish subjects killed. The earliest observances of Purim are believed to have taken place in the fifth century, and the holiday is usually celebrated in March.



STEPHANIE LIEBOWITZ, LEFT, and Ellen Hurwitch sang during the Purim celebration.



DIANE STILLERMAN WAS joy was contagious, when she danced and sang to songs by the Beatles.

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NCC follows through on insurance increase

By **ANDRE SILVA**

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It had to be done, and they did it. Nassau Community College's board of trustees made a plan to increase health care premiums for its faculty and staff official — something the employees union says that has spent months negotiating a new contract says could effectively reduce salaries by as much as \$5,000.

The new insurance premiums begin March 23, and simply reflect a cost increase by their carrier, NCC officials said. They were allowed to pass on the increase despite a lack of a new contract based on a past agreement that allowed the board to make such increases under an expired contract.

The insurance increases, according to union president Faren Siminoff, could effectively act like a pay cut.

"These are the actions of people with no soul," Siminoff said. "The college was asked by Nassau County if they needed more funding, and the college told them they do not need supplemental income. Instead the college decided to bleed its faculty dry."

The educators union and trustees board has been negotiating full-time faculty contracts since last July, hoping to work out a deal before their contracts expired a month later. The union has rallied multiple times since then, but there is still no new contract on the table between NCC and its full-time faculty.

NCC attorney John Gross said the imposed health care provisions were not "pulled out of thin air." In fact, the union knew about the existing contract provision, which was negotiated decades ago.

"The college board is a public agency, and they have a fiduciary responsibility to effectuate what's in the contract," Gross said. "If the (college board) said no to this (imposing health care premiums), they would be giving up thousands and thousands of dollars."



Tim Baker/Herald file

This time around, the union is entertaining a proposal for new employees to pay about 20 percent of health care premiums, and existing staff members are willing to give roughly 2 percent of their salary toward the cost of premiums during their last negotiation sessions.

But the college has known health care premiums were rising since last December, Siminoff said, and that those costs would be passed along to employees. So why did the school wait until after the new year to notify faculty members of the change, during the open enrollment period?

"Usually in November or December, if you have an insurance policy through your job, you're permitted to change your policy," Siminoff said. "So, while most of us

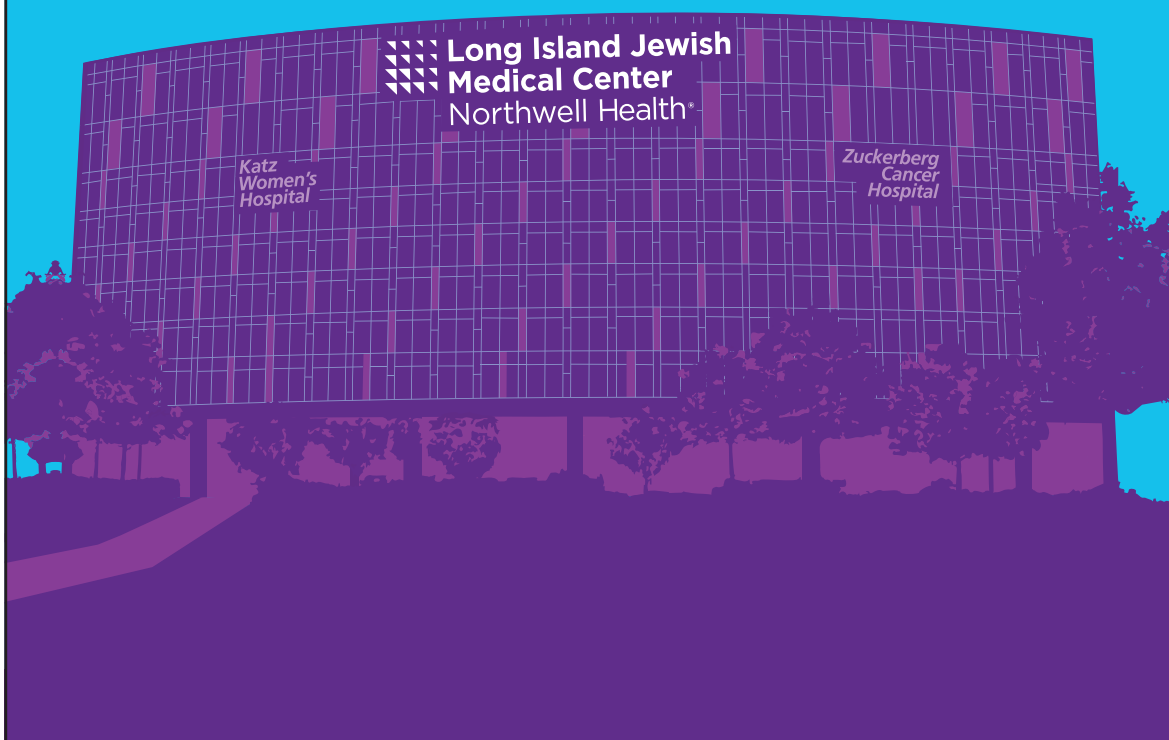
are the college's plan, there are many faculty members who could be covered under a partner's plan. In order for them to switch coverage plans, they have to do it during open enrollment."

Although NCC denies the increase being nothing more than ensuring they're good stewards of their accounts, Siminoff is convinced the health insurance increase is being used to help with the school's negotiating position, or at the very least retaliate against and punish the union members.

"It's really a huge pay cut," the union president said. "Many faculty members told me, 'If I had known they would charge us healthcare premiums in December during open enrollment, I would have changed my policy.'"

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S board of trustees announced their intention to impose health care premiums on staff members, effectively reducing salaries by \$5,000 on average, according to the union representing full-time faculties, who say it's a negotiation tactic.

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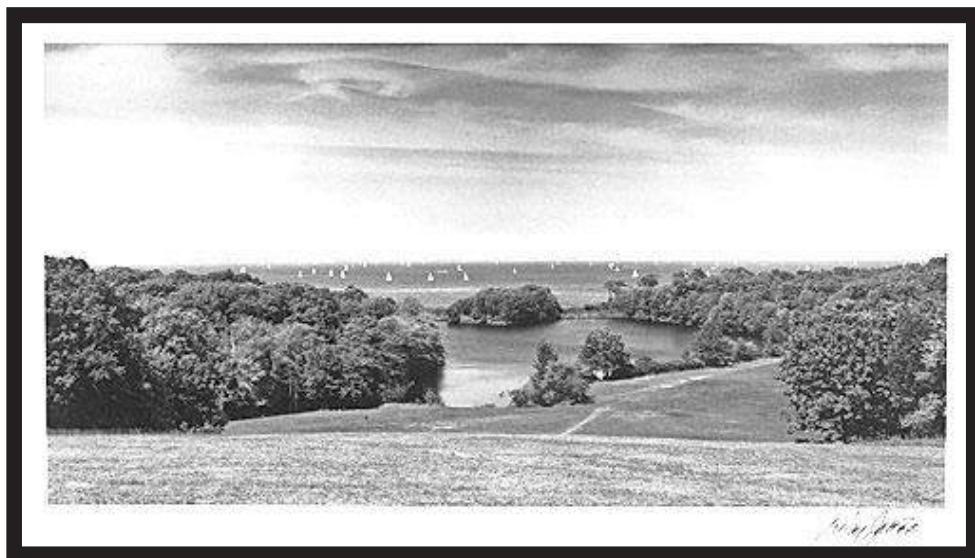
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Eyes on nature

By Karen Bloom

Since the invention of the camera, photographers have been enthralled by interpreting the natural world. We (viewers), in turn, are captivated by what their cameras reveal.

As we spring forward, we're all eager to enjoy the landscape as it emerges from its winter "hibernation." It's the subject of Heckscher Museum of Art's current exhibition, "Viewfinders: Photographers Frame Nature," on display through April 16.

Viewfinders explores artists's varied responses to the relationship between nature and humans. These lens-based works reveal the divergent ways in which nature continues to fuel documentation of the human experience and imagination — from images symbolizing the untamed power of nature, to those where the landscape has been abused for human consumption. The exhibit — featuring 64 works from 34 artists — traces the lure of photography through the centuries, culminating in contemporary times where every person with a smartphone has the power to "frame" nature.

Guest Curator Susan Van Scoy, associate professor of art history at St. Joseph's University, combed through the museum's permanent collection to explore the myriad ways artists respond to the landscape and how their responses have shaped our perception of nature.

"Landscape and photography have always been closely intertwined. In fact, the world's first automatic photograph was a landscape and photography was first referred to as 'sun pictures' or 'drawings from nature,'" Van Scoy says. "Artists have long used landscape as a vehicle to explore other issues such as poetry, spirituality, philosophy and environmentalism. The images in Viewfinders are no exception. They are teeming with hidden meaning."

Legendary American photographers such as Edward Steichen, Larry Fink and Berenice Abbott are represented, as are newly acquired photographs by Kenji Nakahashi and Jeremy Dennis. Van Scoy also selected a substantial number of works by notable Long Island image makers.

Beyond traditional forms of landscape photography, Van Scoy was excited to introduce what she describes as the "contemporary takes," which explore environmental issues such as climate change and reclaiming the land.

"Everyone enjoys seeing landscape, now it's being used as a background for protest," she says. "Artists have an important role to help



people shape the future of the environment and change our behaviors."

Visitors will notice a "local flavor" to the exhibit, such as N. Jay Jaffee's photo of Lloyd Harbor's Caumsett Park Preserve.

As Van Scoy explains: "The Olmsted family landscape architectural firm created some of the most famous and unnatural 'natural' sites in the world, including New York City's Central Park and Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve. Yet some visitors view these parks as nature in its untouched state. Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve has been a favorite subject of artists such as Jaffee and Neil Scholl, whose photographs capture the landscape architects's signature picturesque landscapes in the park.

"Visitors just love the Caumsett shot," she says. "Many people don't realize its history."

Picturesque scenes are just one aspect of what's on view. From the whimsical — such as Barbara Roux's mise-en-scènes in wooded areas with frames or mirrors placed against a leafy ground, to natural images that show the power of nature in Kenji Nakahashi's abstract take on Hurricane Gloria — nature in all its forms is documented.

"I want people to be able to look at these works and relate to them," she says. "I love when you can relate an image to your everyday life and also learn something new at the same time."

The takeaway from Van Scoy: "We are reminded that humans are always small in relationship to the power of nature."

Top left: N. Jay Jaffee's Long Island Sound from Caumsett (1990) — a gift of Paula W. Hackling — is an example of landscape photography that follows a formula used in early 17th century paintings.

Top right: Barbara Roux's Night Rises Up (1998) merges the subjective individual with the natural world.

Bottom: Kenji Nakahashi's Decoration for Hurricane Gloria (1985) reflects nature's untamed power.



- Now through April 16
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- Heckscher Museum of Art, 2 Prime Ave., Huntington (631) 380-3230 or Heckscher.org



Patti Lupone

A true Broadway legend returns her Long Island roots, visiting Tilles Center with her acclaimed one-woman show. 'Don't Monkey with Broadway' is a celebration of her life-long love affair with Broadway, as she indelibly interprets classic theatre tunes by the likes of Richard Rodgers, Lorenz Hart, Jule Styne, Stephen Schwartz, Charles Strouse, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, Cole Porter, and Irving Berlin. She explores her love affair with Broadway and offers up her opinion and concerns for what the Great White Way is becoming today, in this intimate concert, which includes behind-the-scenes anecdotes.

Sunday, March 19, 7 p.m. \$110, \$75, \$55. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville. (516) 299-3100 or TillesCenter.org.



Willie Nile

The singer-songwriter comes to the Landmark on Main Street stage for an exciting evening of roots rock, with special guest James Maddock. Nestled somewhere between power-pop and American folk, you will find Willie Nile strumming his guitar. A true believer in rock 'n' roll, over the years Nile has made admirers out of such names as Bruce Springsteen and Pete Townshend who personally requested him to tour with The Who, among others who sing his praises. The New York Times called him 'one of the most gifted singer-songwriters to emerge from the New York scene in years,' among the many accolades he has received. The timeless qualities of melodic craft, lyrical insight and emotional engagement that have endeared Nile to listeners around the world throughout a three-and-a-half-decade recording career continue to be prominent in his live performances.

Saturday, April 1, 8 p.m. \$30, \$25. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.

THE SCENE



April 13

The Brubeck Brothers

Jazz giant Dave Brubeck's sons celebrate their dad's life and career, with "The Brubeck Brothers Quartet Celebrates Dave Brubeck's Centennial," on the Tilles Center stage, Thursday, **April 13**, 7:30 p.m. Chris and Dan Brubeck bring their multimedia show to the LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville. To honor Brubeck's legacy, the

Brubecks, who performed and recorded with their father since the 1970s, curate this memorable concert with their own Brubeck Brothers Quartet. Through their stories, with music performed by the quartet, the show invites audiences to travel along the timeline of Brubeck's extraordinary life and career. Tickets are \$52; available at TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100.

Swashbuckling History of Women in Piracy

Explore the history of the notorious female pirates such as Anne Bonney and Mary Read and decide whether they were rogues, she-devils or trailblazers, Saturday, **March 25** at 2 p.m., at North Shore Historical Museum. 140 Glen Cove St., Glen Cove, For more information, call (516) 801-1191.

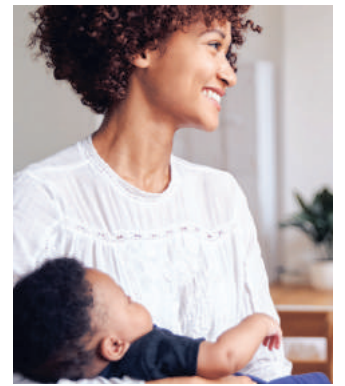
Irish Genealogy: An Introduction

Glen Cove Public Library offers a virtual presentation on Irish genealogy. This session will explore the sites of the major repositories and principal archives in Ireland. To register visit GlenCoveLibrary.org. For more information contact Lydia Wen at (516) 676-2130, ext. 132, or LWen@glencovelibrary.org.

Johnny Mac Band

Enjoy lively tunes with the Johnny Mac Band, Saturday, **March 25**, starting at 8 p.m., at Still Partners. The band is known for their spicy rhythm and blues, phat funk and hot jams, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. Visit StillPartners.com for information.

Every Thurs.



Breastfeeding Support Group

Mercy Hospital offers a peer to peer meeting for breastfeeding support and resources, facilitated by a certified breastfeeding counselor, **every Thursday**, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Bring your baby (from newborn to 1 year) to the informal group setting. All new moms are welcome, regardless of delivering hospital. Registration required. Call breastfeeding counselor, Gabriella Gennaro, at (516) 705-2434 to secure you and your baby's spot. Mercy Hospital, St. Anne's Building, 1000 North Village Ave., Rockville Centre. For information visit CHSL.org.

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The Manhattan Transfer

March 30

The 10-time Grammy winning vocal group celebrates their 50th anniversary,

performing at The Space, Thursday, **March 30**, 8 p.m. The group looks back on a career that has spanned genres from pop to jazz to rock and roll and more, in this special evening that highlights their long and dazzling career with their signature pitch-perfect vocals and impeccable style. Tickets are \$65-\$175; available at Ticketmaster.com or TheSpaceAtWestbury.com. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury.

Senior Lunch Program

Enjoy visiting friends, with a delicious lunch and chair yoga, at the popular senior program hosted by Mutual Concerns, **every Tuesday**, at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, at 253 Glen Ave., in Sea Cliff. Those interested in joining the lunch program can call Peggie Como at (516) 675-7239.



On stage

Mo Willems' popular The Pigeon comes alive on the Long Island Children's Museum stage, Friday **March 17**, 10:15 a.m. and noon; Sunday, March 19, noon. Pigeon is eager to try anything. LICM, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.

Whaleboat Chats

Explore the fascinating history of whaling, Saturday, **April 1**, 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m., at The Whaling Museum & Education Center. Examine the museum's whaleboat, touch a harpoon and more, during the drop-in chat, 301 Main Street, in Cold Spring Harbor. For information, visit CSHWhalingMuseum.org.

Lunch and lecture with Bettina Berch

Examine work of trailblazing female photographers Mattie Edwards Hewitt and Frances Benjamin Johnston, Saturday, **March 25**, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Planting Fields Arboretum. Join author Bettina Berch for a lunch-lecture, at 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay. For more information, visit PlantingFields.org.

Woman's Club of Glen Cove

The Woman's Club of Glen Cove hosts its monthly luncheon, Tuesday, **March 21**, 11:30 a.m. The philanthropic club, which raises and distributes funds to charities in Glen Cove, meets at the View Grille, 111 Lattintown Road, in Glen Cove. For further information on becoming a member, text Yvette Menezes at (516) 673-1061.



'Forever Plaid'

Plaza Theatrical is ready to spring forward with "Forever Plaid," an affectionate musical homage to the close harmony guy groups that reached the height of their popularity

during the '50s, Saturday, **March 18**, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 19, 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 23, 2 p.m. The show features such hits as "Three Coins in a Fountain," "Heart and Soul," "Catch a Falling Star," and "Love is A Many Splendored Thing." It's performed at Plaza's stage at the Elmont Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. \$49, \$45 seniors. Elmont. For tickets, call (516) 599-6870 or visit PlazaTheatrical.com.



Family theater

Everyone's favorite cat comes to mischievous life in this theatrical adaptation of the Dr. Seuss classic, presented Plaza Theatrical Productions, Sunday, **March 19**, noon. See what goes on during that rainy day when two siblings are home alone with their pet fish while their parents are out of town, and the tall cat wearing a hat appears. Tickets are \$15. Visit the Plaza stage at The Showplace at Bellmore Movies, 222 Pettit Avenue, Bellmore. For information/tickets, go to PlazaTheatrical.com or call (516) 599-6870.

Having an event?

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Kerri Scanlon is a leader in Long Island medicine

By JORDAN VALLONE
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Kerri Scanlon knew from a young age that she was destined to be a nurse. Her mother, Mildred O'Connor, had a successful career in the field. And she convinced her daughter to follow in her footsteps.

"Seeing her love of the career, and then seeing her in action in the facility she worked at," Scanlon remembered, "she just had this incredible love for what she did."

Scanlon was fortunate to receive a scholarship that allowed her to study at Columbia University. It was there she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing, and then a master's in advanced practice nursing.

Now the executive director of Glen Cove Hospital, Scanlon celebrates her 30th year as a nurse.

For the last 25, she's been an integral member of Northwell Health, New York's largest health care provider that oversees the operations of Glen Cove Hospital. Having worked closely with Northwell's leaders for years, when Scanlon was offered the opportunity to lead the hospital in 2019, she couldn't turn it down.

"Glen Cove, at the time, was really a hospital in transition and needed direction," she said. "I love Glen Cove. I love the community. I love the people. I was welcomed with great arms."

Just months into her new role, Scanlon — and health care professionals like her around the world — would face a much different problem: the coronavirus pandemic. As early as February 2020, Scanlon told her Glen Cove team to get ready. And expect the worst.

Epidemics were nothing new for Scanlon. Her career included HIV/AIDS as well as the avian flu in the 2000s. But the first wave of Covid-19 was something she'd never seen before. Glen Cove did all it could to offer the best possible care to its patients, collaborating and completing



Courtesy Northwell Health

GLEN COVE HOSPITAL executive director Kerri Scanlon, center, addresses a crowd of health care professionals, working in a unit converted to treat coronavirus patients.

research with larger hospitals, and opening up an acute rehabilitation facility to treat patients who'd spent months in intensive care.

"It kind of defined us as the little engine that could," Scanlon said.

The pandemic helped Scanlon identify areas of growth for the hospital, and she says it's now better fit than ever to advance into the future.

"Is Glen Cove thriving?" she asked. "Is Glen Cove going to be here 10 years from now? Heck yes. We just celebrated our centennial, and the health system is more than ever investing in Glen Cove. We're budgeted this year to make money, not lose money. And that's a huge change."

The 247-bed community hospital offers a lot, including a state-of-the-art brain injury unit, but Scanlon wants people to know the full scope of care Glen Cove provides. It has renowned doctors in the fields of gynecology, endocri-



nology and breast care — areas of the body where typical women encounter conditions.

A geriatric-only facility is opening in Oyster Bay, she added, to offer age-friendly services to older adults.

Employee happiness is key to running a successful hospital.

"We want to continue to focus on our patients, and focus on our customers, and the only way to do that is to focus on our staff," Scanlon said. "Because if they're not happy, our patients aren't going to be happy."

A mother of two, Scanlon resides in Nissequogue. Her 26-year-old daughter also works in health care, so Scanlon is used to giving advice to young women wishing to advance in the field.

"My greatest advice always is to focus on doing the best that you can do today," she said. "Everybody is so focused on what's the next thing — it's this generation. They're constantly under so much stress. The opportunities are greater for women, but I think the level of stress is even greater."

Women have made excellent strides in health care, Scanlon said, but there's always work to be done.

"There's not enough women at the table for (health care) decisions across the country," she said. "I think it's constantly focusing on that, and diversity and inclusion — ensuring that it's all women we're including at that table."

"Historically, as women, we didn't pay it forward to other women. I think that's changed dramatically — I'm so happy to see this. My biggest thing is mentoring other women."

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Strokes, aneurysms, and headaches – oh my!

By **HERNESTO GALDAMEZ**

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Headaches are the worst. They come at the worst time, but can be treatable with a pop of Tylenol or Advil. But have you ever asked yourself if it could be something more?

If it is, knowing when to seek medical attention is what those who tuned in to the recent Herald Inside LI webinar were looking for as Dr. Kimon Bekelis shared his expertise on the critical differences between a brain aneurysm and a stroke — and how to treat or prevent either one.

A brain aneurysm is a weak spot in the blood vessel in the brain that can burst. An estimated 30,000 people in the United States suffer a brain aneurysm rupture each year, according to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation.

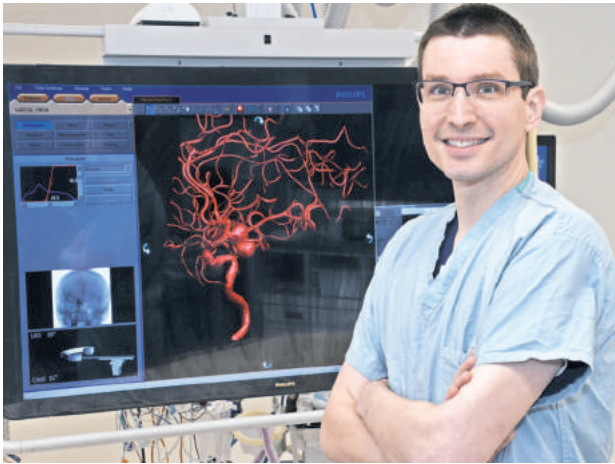
“Because it’s a fairly rare disease,” Bekelis said, “I think it hasn’t been as mainstream.”

Symptoms of a brain aneurysm can be confused with a headache. If it’s allowed to rupture, it could mean everything from brain damage, to coma, or even death.

Bekelis is a certified neurosurgeon with training in invasive endovascular neurosurgery. He is also the chairman of neuro-interventional services for Catholic Health Services of Long Island, and co-director of the Neuro Intensive Care Unit at Good Samaritan Hospital.

He’s also the director of the Stroke & Brain Aneurysm Center of Long Island, located in Babylon. With all that experience, if Bekelis comes across someone with a stiff neck, blurred or double vision and confusion, he knows he needs to take action right away. The feeling of an aneurysm is like someone hitting you with a hammer:

“It is a very severe event when they rupture,” Bekelis



Courtesy Stroke & Brain Aneurysm Center of Long Island

DR. KIMON BEKELIS from the Stroke & Brain Aneurysm Center of Long Island in Babylon, recently discussed the differences between a stroke and brain aneurysm.

said. “But people do survive.”

Preventing an aneurysm varies from not smoking or using tobacco products, having a healthy diet, and checking your blood pressure and exercising regularly.

But if worrying about aneurysms aren’t enough, Bekelis also warns about strokes. They are caused when blood supply is blocked in part of the brain, or when a blood vessel bursts.

More than 795,000 people in the United States suffer a stroke each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“Detecting and identifying a stroke fast is the most

important factor in guaranteeing that somebody is not going to have a deficit,” Bekelis said

The American Heart Association created an acronym it believes will help determine if someone is having a stroke. “FAST” is short for face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and time to call 911.

The “deficit” of a stroke can vary from impaired speech, limited physical abilities, weakness or limb paralysis. But just like aneurysms, there are ways to prevent strokes, Bekelis said.

Monitor blood pressure and cholesterol. Cut cigarettes. Monitor weight. And, of course, exercise. And there could also be a “magic” pill that might help, too.

“When it comes to aspirin, it used to be a general recommendation that if you’re over the age of 55, they would put you on a baby aspirin,” Bekelis said. “Nowadays, it’s been modified a little because aspirin has been found to slightly increase the risk of bleeding if you don’t have any risk factors.”

Thinner blood might be good for strokes, but could be bad for other conditions. So, adding a baby aspirin regimen is something Bekelis says should be monitored by a doctor.

It’s challenging to know what the brain is trying to tell us in a headache. But when you know something doesn’t seem right, Bekelis says it will be hard to miss.

“When it comes to a stroke, the symptoms — you can’t miss them,” the neurologist said. “When it comes to a headache, things are a little bit more murky, and headache is a symptom of aneurysm rupture possibility.

“An aneurysm headache is like the worst headache of your life. If it’s one of those, seek immediate medical attention.”

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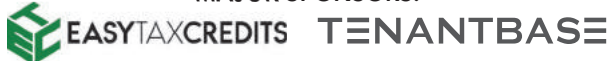
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IT TOOK LINDA Dragunat, a former patient of EmERGE Rehabilitation & Nursing, seven months to recover from septic shock. She credits the rehabilitation center for her recovery and her ability to lead an independent life.

EmERGE helps patient walk, lead an independent life

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ability in the United States.

“The only thing I could move was my head. I could talk, but that was it,” Dragunat said.

She remained in Florida until doctors could safely remove her tracheotomy tube to let her take a private helicopter back to New York. From there, Dragunat went to Burke Rehabilitation Hospital for evaluation but was told that the likelihood of her ever walking again was slim.

Despite the lack of confidence from the rehabilitation center, she was determined to stay on the path to recovery. From there, Dragunat went to EmERGE Rehabilitation & Nursing in Glen Cove, the only rehabilitation center that would accept her for treatment. She received treatment from June 1, 2019 to Nov. 23, 2019, and now walks with a cane. She is living a more independent life and remains thankful that EmERGE accepted her.

“It was the best decision my husband and I made,” Dragunat said. “I can walk again, and there’s no way to describe how that feels.”

Dragunat is one of the lucky few who defeated the odds. According to the World Health Organization, some type of neurological disease affects more than one billion people globally, and nearly 7 million people die every year as the result of a neurological disorder.

Since opening in 2018, EmERGE has cared for patients like Dragunat discharged from hospitals, but aren’t ready to live at home. In January, EmERGE become the first sub-acute rehabilitation center to be awarded a three-year certification by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities for its neurological rehabilitation program.

CARF issued the accreditation to Lisa Foundas, clinical program manager of neurological services and Wendell Miller,

the administrative program manager of neurological services who directly treated Dragunat.

“She and I would fight every day because I was determined to get her to move.” Miller said. “Yet she was also determined to fight, all she wanted to do was to go to Aruba.”

The center’s goal is to restore a brain-injured individual to the optimum level of physical, cognitive, and behavioral functioning. Patients are often treated for strokes, hip replacements, traumatic brain injuries and other similar ailments. Patients who receive treatment for neurological damage typically receive 45 minutes of treatment but EmERGE offers treatment for three hours per day.

“There’s such a need for traumatic brain injury, neurological diagnosis, because a lot of times [patients] go into the acute or sub-acute care hospitals and wonder where they go next,” Miller explained. “We want to be that that facility where we take our patients and families and support them to get them home.”

CARF have streamlined the process of vetting organizations to ensure their credibility.

A service provider begins the accreditation process with an internal examination of its programs and business practices. Then a team of expert practitioners selected by CARF conducts an on-site survey where the provider must demonstrate it conforms to a series of rigorous and internationally recognized CARF standards. The application process took two years.

“There was always a stigma for years about sub-acute rehabs, that you’re not always getting the best of care,” Foundas said. “But this CARF accreditation proves that we do, as sub-acute, have what it takes.”

It was the best decision my husband and I made. I can walk again, and there’s no way to describe how that feels.

LINDA DRAGUNAT, former patient of EmERGE Rehabilitation & Nursing.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NASSAU
INDEX NO.: 610145/2022
DATE FILED: 8/2/2022
SUMMONS

L&L ASSOCIATES
HOLDING CORP.,
Plaintiff,
-against-
TOMASO FOLLA, ANGELA
FOLLA and ANGELINA
FALLO, if they be living, if
they be dead, their
respective heirs-at-law,
next of kin, distributees,
executors, administrators,
trustees, devisees,
legatees, assignees,
lienors, creditors, and
generally all persons
having or claiming under,
by, or through TOMASO
FOLLA, ANGELA FOLLA
and ANGELINA FALLO, if
they be dead, whether by
purchase, inheritance,
lien or otherwise,
including any right, title
or interest in and to the
real property described in
the complaint herein, all
of who and whose names
and places of residence
are unknown to the
plaintiff,
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA; NEW YORK
STATE
DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION AND
FINANCE; NASSAU
COUNTY TREASURER,
“JOHN DOE #1” through
“JOHN DOE #12”, the
last twelve names being
fictitious and unknown to
plaintiff, the persons or
parties intended being
the tenants, occupants,
persons or corporations, if
any, having or claiming
an interest in or lien upon
the premises, described in
the complaint,
Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED
DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY
SUMMONED to answer
the complaint in this
action, to serve a copy of
your answer, or, if the
complaint is not served
with the summons, to
serve notice of
appearance, on the
plaintiff’s attorney within
twenty (20) days after the
service of this summons,
exclusive of the date of
service (or within thirty
(30) days after the service
is complete if this
summons is not
personally delivered to
you within the State of
New York), and in case of
failure to appear or
answer, judgment will be
taken against you by
default for the relief
demanded in the
complaint.

Plaintiff designates
Nassau County as the
place of trial. The basis of
venue is the location of
the subject property.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED
DEFENDANTS: The
foregoing Summons is
served upon you by
publication pursuant to
an Order of the Hon.
David P. Sullivan, a
Justice of the Supreme
Court, Nassau County,
entered Feb. 23, 2023
and filed with the
complaint and other

papers in the Nassau
County Clerk’s Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE
ACTION is to foreclose a
tax lien and to recover
the amount of the tax lien
and all of the interest,
penalties, additions and
expenses thereon to
premises k/a Section 21,
Block H, Lot 279.

NOTICE
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LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to
this summons and
complaint by serving a
copy of the answer on the
attorney for the tax lien
holder who filed this
foreclosure proceeding
against you and filing the
answer with the court, a
default judgment may be
entered and you can lose
your home.

Speak to an attorney or
go to the court where
your case is pending for
further information on
how to answer the
summons and protect
your property.

Sending a payment to the
tax lien holder will not
stop this foreclosure
action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY
SERVING A COPY OF THE
ANSWER ON THE
ATTORNEY FOR THE
PLAINTIFF (TAX LIEN
HOLDER) AND FILING THE
ANSWER WITH THE
COURT.

Dated: August 1, 2022
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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GLEN COVE
PLANNING BOARD
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that a PUBLIC HEARING
will be held by the City of
Glen Cove Planning Board
on Tuesday, March 21, at
7:30 p.m., at the Council
Chambers, City Hall, 9
Glen Street, Glen Cove,
New York 11542, when
all interested persons will
be given an opportunity
to express their views.
The hearing will be on the
application of RXR Realty
Investments LLC seeking
a special use permit and
site plan approval for the
construction of a self-
storage facility including
a new 3-story, 244,503
square foot building,
accessory parking, and
loading facilities, situated
on four parcels
comprising 3.31 acres
located at 26 Morris Ave,
Glen Cove, NY 11542,
designated on the Nassau
County Land and Tax
Map as Section 21, Block
A, Lots 6, 425, 427 & 428
within the city’s I-3
Industrial District.

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:

January 26, 2023
ANDREW KAUFMAN
Chairman
GLEN COVE PLANNING
BOARD
138036

LEGAL NOTICE
SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
INDEX NO. 008022/2014
COUNTY OF NASSAU

REVERSE MORTGAGE
SOLUTIONS, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
OF NASSAU COUNTY,
ADMINISTRATOR TO THE
ESTATE OF MARGARET
WEPPLER; JAMES
WEPPLER, AS HEIR AND
DISTRIBUTE TO THE
ESTATE OF MARGARET
WEPPLER; THOMAS
WEPPLER, AS HEIR AND
DISTRIBUTE TO THE
ESTATE OF MARGARET
WEPPLER; JENNIFER
CARTER, AS HEIR AND
DISTRIBUTE TO THE
ESTATE OF MARGARET
WEPPLER; UNKNOWN
HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTES
TO THE ESTATE OF
MARGARET WEPPLER,
any and all persons
unknown to plaintiff,
claiming, or who may
claim to have an interest
in, or general or specific
lien upon the real
property described in this
action; such unknown
persons being herein
generally described and
intended to be included
in the following designation,
namely: the wife, widow,
husband, widower, heirs
at law, next of kin,
descendants, executors,
administrators, devisees,
legatees, creditors,
trustees, committees,
lienors, and assignees of
such deceased, any and
all persons deriving
interest in or lien upon,
or title to said real property
by, through or under
them, or either of them,
and their respective
wives, widows, husbands,
widowers, heirs at law,
next of kin, descendants,
executors, administrators,
devisees, legatees,
creditors, trustees,
committees, lienors and
assigns, all of whom and
whose names, except as
stated, are unknown to
plaintiff; CAPITAL ONE
BANK USA, NA; NEW
YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION AND
FINANCE; UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA; RICHARD
CHESHIRE,
Defendants.

Plaintiff designates
NASSAU as the place of
trial situs of the real
property
SUPPLEMENTAL
SUMMONS
Mortgaged Premises:
2 HIGH PINE
GLEN COVE, NY 11542
Section: 31, Block: 70,
Lot: 12

To the above named
Defendants
YOU ARE HEREBY
SUMMONED to answer
the Complaint in the
above entitled action and
to serve a copy of your
Answer on the plaintiff’s
attorney within twenty

(20) days of the service of
this Summons, exclusive
of the day of service, or
within thirty (30) days
after service of the same
is complete where service
is made in any manner
other than by personal
delivery within the State.
The United States of
America, if designated as
a defendant in this action,
may answer or appear
within sixty (60) days of
service. Your failure to
appear or to answer will
result in a judgment
against you by default for
the relief demanded in
the Complaint. In the
event that a deficiency
balance remains from the
sale proceeds, a judgment
may be entered against
you.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF
ACTION AND RELIEF
SOUGHT**

THE OBJECT of the above
caption action is to
foreclose a Mortgage to
secure the sum of
\$885,000.00 and interest,
recorded on January 20,
2011, in Liber M 35602 at
Page 292, of the Public
Records of NASSAU
County, New York.,
covering premises known
as 2 HIGH PINE, GLEN
COVE, NY 11542.

The relief sought in the
within action is a final
judgment directing the
sale of the premises
described above to satisfy
the debt secured by the
Mortgage described
above.

NASSAU County is
designated as the place
of trial because the real
property affected by this
action is located in said
county.

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entered and you can lose
your home.

Speak to an attorney or
go to the court where
your case is pending for
further information on
how to answer the
summons and protect
your property.
Sending a payment to the
mortgage company will
not stop the foreclosure
action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY
SERVING A COPY OF THE
ANSWER ON THE
ATTORNEY FOR THE
PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE
COMPANY) AND FILING
THE ANSWER WITH THE
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Dated: March 6,
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OPINIONS

A depressing tale of two fibbers

No one has given me a riddle to consider for a long time. But I can think of one. What's the difference between U.S. Rep. George Santos and Fox News? The answer is that there is none. Neither can handle the truth.

Santos is two and a half months into his term in Congress, and even though some of his colleagues have condemned him, there seems to be no possibility that he will be removed from public office in the near future, so the lies will continue until the prosecutors call. With Republicans controlling the house by a very



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slim margin, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy is badly in need of every vote. Even if Santos were a real-life Jack the Ripper, no effort would be made to oust him.

Fox's case is much more serious. It's one thing for a candidate to lie his way into office. It's another thing for a network to knowingly distort the news to

millions of Americans and have no one who can discipline it.

The whole world knows what happened on Nov. 6, 2020, and on Jan. 6, 2021. There was a national election, and when the final tallies were in, Joe Biden won the presidency by roughly 7 million votes. The election deniers, led by Fox, ranted and roared, but Congress certified the election. It was done, over. But faced with a potential catastrophic loss of viewers, and profits, the network knowingly and willfully lied about the results, continuing to spread the nonsense that the election had been "fraudulently" conducted.

As if the election denialism wasn't enough, Fox's Tucker Carlson, armed with 40,000 hours of security video, now claims that the Jan. 6 insurrection was really a peaceful protest. There are people like former President Donald Trump who want you to believe that, but the footage that Carlson will never show tells the horrible story of the attack on the U.S. Capitol.

The next phase of Fox's big lie was its promotion of the falsehood that Dominion voting machines were manip-

ulated to change votes from Trump to Biden. Fox gave airtime to numerous people who claimed that the voting machines were controlled by the government of Venezuela and other countries, which compounded the notion that the election had been stolen.

Dominion now has a major defamation suit against Fox. The litigation has resulted in the release of hundreds of pages of sworn testimony of Fox chairman Rupert Murdoch, wherein Murdoch states that he knew Fox was falsely claiming that the election had been stolen. Also among the evidence are emails and texts exchanged between Carlson and other Fox voices, admitting they had few doubts about the election results.

It's one thing for a member of Congress, one of 435, to lie all the way from the campaign to the Capitol. It is a much bigger thing for a federally licensed television network to knowingly spread falsehoods about an election and a subsequent riot to millions of gullible people who are willing to believe those distortions.

It's one thing to lie your way into office. But a network that knowingly distorts news?

It will be extremely difficult, under defamation law, for Dominion to prevail and for Fox to be punished for its deliberate conduct in its zest for profit and viewers. So, when you compare one man's falsehoods with a television network's commentators knowingly distorting the truth about issues of worldwide concern, there's a big difference. Santos will eventually meet his fate, but what will happen to Fox?

Eventually, Murdoch will be forced to write a check for millions of dollars to compensate Dominion for its claimed damages. That will be considered little more than the cost of doing business, and in time the story will fade away.

But, sadly, there is no mechanism to adequately punish a network for its willful neglect of the truth. In the end, the only group that will have any say over Fox's future is its viewers. If they fail to punish the network, it is a message to all the George Santoses of the world that blatant lying is permissible conduct.

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The sun shivers and shudders northward

"You can cut all the flowers, but you cannot keep Spring from coming."

—Pablo Neruda

Don't believe me. Don't believe the National Weather Service. But come hell or high water (and both are coming!), you better believe the Farmers' Almanac.



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Those dudes, with their secret algorithms and witching sticks, are forecasting a challenging spring, followed by a beastly hot summer.

Spring will officially arrive next Monday at 5:24 p.m. EDT, when the sun crosses the equator, sailing north. However, the Farmers' Almanac says cold temperatures, freezing rain and even snow may dot the northern landscape well into April. You were expecting daffodils and lilacs? You know very well that nothing rolls the way it used to, including the weather.

Eventually the lilacs will bloom and our hearts, slowed and steadied by hours and days in sedentary hibernation, will dance to a livelier beat. We will have sur-

vived, and only sunny days will lie ahead. At least, that's what the poets say.

Have you seen any of the early signs of spring?

According to the Almanac, worms begin to emerge from the ground this month. Indeed, the March moon is called the full worm moon.

Birds are migrating northward, along the path of the sun. Apparently, the increasing sunlight inspires birdsong.

Of course, trees, shrubs and flowers are reactive to temperature and sunlight. According to the F.A., since ancient times, people have used flora as indicators of when the time is right to plant. For example, when the crocus blooms, it's the cue to plant radishes, parsnips and spinach.

The agonizing turn from hard winter to early spring feels hopeful. You don't have to live on a farm to study the Farmers' Almanac and appreciate the old-time folk tales and wisdom. Did you know, for example, that you could balance an egg on its end during the vernal equinox? It's true. You can balance it on other days as well, but it makes a good story.

Many of us have been suffering serious winter fatigue or worse, exacerbated

by Covid isolations. Too many older residents in our communities have been shut in all winter, hindered by the cold and the fear of falling on the ice. People have been afraid to drive. For several weeks, amid successive storms, cabin fever went viral.

I offer an it-can-always-be-worse story. We have kids and grandkids out West in a small High Sierra mountain town you may be reading about. The teenage grandkids have had two days of school in the last two-plus weeks. High walls of snow line the few roads that have been plowed. The interstate that connects them to the rest of the world has been closed on and off for weeks. In the last 10 days, 12 feet of snow fell. That isn't a typo. And last weekend they were expecting another three feet.

The kids have been entertaining themselves by jumping off the roofs into the snow. They dug a path out of the house for the dog, who would rather stay inside by the fire, thank you. My grandson's high school closed for a time because the roof was caving in. People who live there to ski can't ski. No hiking. No biking. No skateboarding. Epic cabin fever abounds.

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Even here on Long Island, you can admire the pristine mornings for just so long. Cravings for carbs have driven our meal choices. Our skin is pasty, our muscles like Jell-O. I have faith that any day now, the mercury will start rising and the sun will dry out the soggy flowerbeds where spring flowers are trying to set roots. The season may not have turned yet, but we have reason to hope, and I will predict a balmy end to April.

The Almanac agrees. They say it will be a slow and stormy warmup, but it will come. What will also come is another blast of wicked weather this summer. According to the F.A., "Another threat of severe weather, this one more widespread, is forecast around the time of the June solstice, as a surge of very warm, humid, and unstable air triggers showers, violent thunderstorms and possibly even a twister or two" in the central and eastern parts of the country.

Let's ground ourselves in this moment. The rule is: When the sun takes its place over the equator, it is spring in the northern hemisphere. Winter is all memory; summer is just over the horizon. It is inevitable, and it is elemental. As Neruda says, "You can cut all the flowers, but you cannot keep Spring from coming."

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Trouble waking up? You know who to blame.

Where did our collective societal grudge against mornings come from? Our fictional universe presents mornings as bright sunlight pouring through our curtains. Birds happily chirping outside our windows. The smell of freshly brewed coffee — and, if we're lucky, a hearty breakfast of pancakes and eggs.

Reality, however, includes tightly pulled curtains. Birdsong drowned out by the 12 alarms we've set on our iPhones. And by the time we get that coffee, we're already in the car and stuck in the drive-through.

Yet we as a society don't truly show how much we dislike mornings until it comes to daylight saving time — when we push our clocks ahead an hour at the start of spring, with the hope of enjoying more sunlight and fewer stars.

In fact, the whole idea of daylight saving is to push more sunlight into the evenings, and less into our mornings. So, if we were hoping for more sunlight to fill our bedrooms as we wake up, we better consider sleeping in.

If your day starts at 6 a.m., then you're experiencing what it was like at 5 a.m. just a week ago, when standard time was still in effect. And really, it *is* still 5 a.m. — just not in the reality where the Uniform Time Act of 1966 exists.

Twice a year, we revisit the same argument: Why is moving our clocks backward and forward still a thing? We debate the origins, the supposed environmental benefits, and how all of that applies — or

doesn't apply — to today. In general, we come to the same conclusion: We don't like moving our clocks back and forth twice a year.

Why do we still do it? Blame Congress. And not just for the 1966 bill signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, but for not ending this nonsense once and for all in the decades since then.

We actually came very close to making daylight saving time permanent across the United States with a Senate bill introduced by Marco Rubio. Modeled after a similar bill that had passed in Rubio's home state of Florida, the Sunshine Protection Act earned support on both sides of the political aisle — from Democrats like Sheldon Whitehouse, of Rhode Island, to Republicans like then President Donald Trump himself.

The bill was actually passed by the Senate last year through unanimous consent, although some senators later complained that they didn't know the bill was part of a consent package, and that if they had, they would have voted against it.

Yet all the Sunshine Protection Act needed was a thumbs-up from the House, and President Biden's signature. It got neither, and thus, last weekend, we got to experience once again a shift in time for no other reason than to make evening daylight longer.

Is this all much ado about nothing? No, says neurologist Beth Ann Marlow, who teaches at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. She has studied clock-changing across the country for the past five years,

and found that “the transition to daylight saving time each spring affects health immediately after the clock change, and also for the nearly eight months that Americans remain on daylight saving time.”

Marlow shared these findings with TheConversation.com last year, saying that the question shouldn't be whether to end clock changes, but whether we should stick with standard time or daylight saving. Her choice? Standard time, which is closer to geological time, when the sun is highest at noon.

While daylight saving might allow for more sports to be played in sunlight after school, it also means that many who wake up before 8 a.m. to catch a bus are doing so in the dark.

Having the sun set earlier — at least according to our clocks — could help with sleep, too. Extended light in the evening delays the brain's release of melatonin, the hormone that promotes drowsiness. It's even worse for teenagers in the throes of puberty, Marlow adds, when melatonin already gets a late release, meaning our young minds are getting even less sleep.

Too often, we continue to embrace practices because they've always existed — Black Friday, scrambling an egg, making our beds in the morning only to mess them up again at night. But there are some practices that should indeed become a remnant of the past. And changing our clocks twice a year to accommodate daylight saving time can't be eliminated fast enough.

LETTERS

Hochul's housing plan is no good for the North Shore

To the Editor:

Just as a proposed bridge or tunnel from Oyster Bay to Westchester would have drastically and forever changed the way of life in our communities, so too would Governor Hochul's proposed “housing compact” that mandates what is effectively a “one-size-fits-all” unreasonable and heavy-handed high-density development in our area and across the state.

Eliminating environmental reviews and overriding the zoning authority of local governments is not the answer to providing more affordable housing.

The governor's initial proposal called for municipalities within 15 miles of New York City, which includes Oyster Bay and most of Nassau County, to amend their “land use tools” to allow for at least 25 housing units per acre within a half-mile of any railroad station. But the current budget proposal increases that to 50 units per acre. It also stip-



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My mixed memories of leading the parade

St. Patrick's "Day" is actually several weeks of events commemorating Irish culture and traditions and Irish-America's contributions to the American mosaic. The highlight event, of course, is the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade up Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, on the actual St. Patrick's Day, March 17. But



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there are parades throughout the metropolitan area in the weeks leading up to and following the big day.

I can recall marching in numerous parades in communities including Bethpage, Glen Cove, Islip, Mineola, Rocka-

way, Rockville Centre and Wantagh. These were festive, upbeat events. What drew attention and controversy, however, was when, as Nassau County comptroller, I was elected by parade delegates to be grand marshal of the New

York City parade in 1985. The centuries-old struggle between the Irish and the British, euphemistically called the Troubles, was then in the 17th year of its latest manifestation in Northern Ireland, which included shootings, bombings, mass imprisonments and hunger strikes to the death.

I had visited Northern Ireland numerous times, including a fact-finding trip to Belfast with Senator Al D'Amato in December 1980, just after his election. Then I served as a member of a tribunal in Belfast investigating abuses by the British army and observing trials of accused Irish Republican Army members in non-jury courts. From these visits, where I met with people on all sides, and from my own study and analysis, I concluded that the main cause of the violence in Northern Ireland was British oppression and denial of human rights to the Catholic community. I concluded that the only solution would be all-party talks, which would include

Sinn Fein, the party representing the IRA and a majority of the Catholic population in Northern Ireland.

Not surprisingly, the British government of Margaret Thatcher denounced my election as grand marshal of the

1985 parade. So, too, did the Irish government, which announced that it would boycott the parade and not allow any Irish official to march or participate in it in any way. Both governments pressured Cardinal John O'Connor to break with tradition and refuse to greet me on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral on the day of the parade. This led to a one-on-one meeting

between the cardinal and me just days before the parade, following which O'Connor agreed to review the parade and recognize me as the duly elected grand marshal.

This incensed British officials, who increased the pressure on O'Connor, which only moved him to support me more strongly and make our public

handshake (labeled by British media as the "handshake of shame") the centerpiece of parade coverage. A consequence of all this controversy was death threats, which made it necessary for me to wear a bulky bulletproof vest and be escorted by Nassau County Police Department detectives and NYPD undercover officers along the 40-block parade route and then the rest of the day on the reviewing stand.

Fast-forward 13 years. By then a congressman, I had worked closely with President Bill Clinton and British and Irish officials to advance the Irish peace process, culminating in the Good Friday Agreement in April 1998, which brought peace to Ireland for the first time in almost 800 years. Sinn Fein had been a party to the talks, and was a key signatory to the agreement. Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, the prime ministers of Great Britain and Ireland, the leaders of the countries that years earlier had condemned me as grand marshal, thanked me for my efforts!

Peter King is a former congressman, and a former chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security.

On St. Patrick's Day in 1985, I needed a police escort and a bulletproof vest.

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ulates that each municipality that fails to meet target goal of a 3 percent housing increase within three years would face penalties that essentially would have a state board taking control of local zoning decisions and substituting its determination for the voice of the local representatives most directly involved with a community, its infrastructure and its quality of life.

Here's how that would play out. Even using the 25-units-per-acre formula, the Village of Mill Neck, which has fewer than 400 homes now, would have to add 588 new housing units. Oyster Bay hamlet would have to add 2,129 units, Locust Valley, 2,234, and Syosset, 7,409.

This density would not only reduce open space, but also strain our aquifer system to the point of increasing the likelihood of saltwater intrusion, which is already happening in the Great Neck area and could close existing water wells. The residents in our area who rely on private wells would be left without a source of water.

At the same time, all these units would create more septic waste. This could overwhelm the Oyster Bay sewage treatment plant, and for areas outside the sewage district, require thousands of septic systems that could add more nitrogen to our bays

and harbors, which in turn could lead to algal blooms, fish kills and damage to the wetlands that filter stormwater. The development would also increase the area of impervious surfaces, such as pavement for parking all those additional cars, which would create more stormwater runoff and further deteriorate our waterways.

Even worse, the proposal calls for eliminating environmental reviews so these projects can be fast-tracked. If anything requires a careful environmental review, it is exactly this kind of development.

Finally, it is wrong for the State Legislature to enact this kind of sweeping change as part of the budget process and not through separate legislation.

For these reasons, Friends of the Bay, the Oyster Bay-based environmental organization, strongly opposes the proposed housing compact. We urge all residents surrounding Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbor and their watershed to contact their state legislators immediately to express opposition, because this proposal may be voted on in the next few days.

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