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Corned beef cook-off queen

Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck held 1-year-old Cooper Graham, who suffers from a rare form of eye cancer, as she was crowned the winner of the corned beef cook-off fundraiser for him on March 16 at the Milleridge Inn. Story, more photos, Page 3.

Nosh remains a vital resource

Founded during pandemic, group still fights hunger

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The early stages of the coronavirus pandemic were a time of uncertainty and fear. High unemployment resulted in hunger among adults and children alike. Limited access to school nutrition programs created a frightening scenario for many families.

To make sure local families have access to whole and nutritious foods, Locust Valley's Courtney Callahan, a member of the North Shore Soup Kitchen board of directors, founded Nosh, an extension of the soup kitchen.

Nosh first provided emergency meals for the hungry during a time when Covid-related regulations restricted serving meals, and lines at grocery

stores were growing. Although Nosh was established in 2020, it remains a vital resource to the North Shore.

As Nosh reached its three-year anniversary this month, it can boast having provided groceries equaling nearly 500,000 meals to residents across the North Shore, primarily from Roslyn to Bayville.

According to Linda Eastman, the organization's operations manager, February recorded 140 walk-in recipients at the organization's headquarters on School Street in Glen Cove. The first week of March, there were 218 walk-in recipients, a 78 percent increase over prior months.

COURTNEY CALLAHAN
Nosh founder

“Now that we've seen the numbers rising, it's even more important for us to really con-

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Sharing a story of healing's power through some poetry

By **WILL SHEELINE**
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Former New York Jets running back Hank Bjorklund's life changed forever in 2015, when he began experiencing health issues related to chronic traumatic encephalopathy, the brain disease associated with former football players.

A lifelong athlete, Bjorklund has turned to writing and performing poetry and music as a way to keep his mind sharp and his spirits up.

Bjorklund prided himself on staying fit and healthy throughout his life. Only five months before he began developing health issues, his doctor told him he was in remarkable shape for a man of his age.

“There was a young cardiologist supervising my physical, and at the end of it she told me, ‘You're average,’” Bjorklund recalled. “I was incredulous. I said, ‘Average?’ and she said, ‘Yes, average for a 20-year old.’”

The former professional football player also played for North Shore High School in his youth. Bjorklund played three seasons with the Jets from 1972 to 1974. After leaving football, he studied law at Hofstra University and spent time with his family.

After putting professional football behind him and working as a corporate lawyer, Bjorklund continued to stay active, hiking and traveling with his wife, Victoria.

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2 Bjorklund attracts verse lovers to poetry 'concert'

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In 2015, however, Bjorklund's body began to fail him. His doctors told him that he was suffering from a degenerative neurological disease, which some identified as possibly being CTE-related due to his years playing football. Now wheelchair-bound, Bjorklund said he struggled with the diagnosis, feeling a sense of helplessness.

Until one day when he woke up and began writing poetry as a way to express himself and his emotions. Bjorklund said he enjoyed writing poetry back in high school, but hadn't done so in decades.

"I just felt an urgency to write about my life, to try and make sense of the life I've had," he said. "I felt that I could get more in touch with those feelings through writing poetry."

Bjorklund joined a local group that reads and discusses poetry, made up of residents in the North Shore School District and Glen Cove. The group was run by Nassau County's former poet laureate, Evelyn Kandel, a Glen Cove resident who immediately took a shine to Bjorklund and his wife.

Kandel said she was struck by how expressive and impressive Bjorklund's work was, especially considering the fact that he hadn't written anything like it since he was a teenager. She was moved, she said, when reading and listening to his poetry, as his work tackled themes



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ROUGHLY 40 PEOPLE attended Hank Bjorklund's March 5 concert, at which he sang his poems with musical accompaniment.

such as loss and endurance in the face of tragedy.

"Hank had spent his whole life as an athlete and a lawyer, and yet his work was already fully developed," Kandel said. "He really is an amazing poet."

Through this group and other poetry groups, Bjorklund got to know fellow

poetry-enthusiasts, Diane Menzel and Helen Kotzky, both of Glen Cove. In addition to writing poetry, the two are also musicians who play together at small local venues.

Moved by Bjorklund's story, the two women began working with him to turn his poems into music. Bjorklund said

that his poetic style was inspired in part by the works of Leonard Cohen, so the transition wasn't difficult.

The two musicians explained that they work with Hank to find different ways to adapt the poetry to song. Menzel typically creates the melodies, while Kotzky develops the harmonies, and they play accompaniment and background to Bjorklund's singing during live performances.

"Working with Hank is a very interesting dynamic," Menzel said. "He uses poetry to deal with some of his anxieties and fears and sadness, and then he gives the lyrics to us."

"It's inspiring and fun and fulfilling, and I think we've seen him grow stronger throughout the process," Kotzky added. "He's a lovely person, very humble and grateful that this all came together the way it did."

Bjorklund, Kotzky and Menzel played two concerts at the Sea Cliff Arts Council's building on March 4 and 5. The room was packed with guests, and according to Mark Sobel, the Council's producer at large, Bjorklund's poetic words moved the audience.

"You hear and see what he's going through with his affliction, and to see what he's done to overcome it is just amazing," Sobel said. "Poetry is a healer, and it helps people dealing with difficult situations overcome them."

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RACHEL AND MICHAEL Graham attended the cook-off on March 16 with one-year-old Cooper, who has a rare form of eye cancer. Don Clavin, left, and Jen DeSena, supervisors, Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck, Butch Yamali, Congressman Anthony D'Esposito and Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman participated in the cook-off to help the child..

Corned beef cook-off raises funds for sick child

Cooper Graham has been in and out of Cohen Children's Medical Center for the last year due to a rare form of eye cancer called retinoblastoma. Since the diagnoses, there has been a rally under the CoopStrong banner for the one-year-old during the family's time of need.

On March 16, politicians from Nassau and Suffolk came together and raised \$5,000 for the family during a corned beef cook-off at the Milleridge Inn in Jericho.

"They've been supportive to us from day one and we can't thank them enough," said Cooper's father Michael Graham, who is also an Oceanside fire commissioner, "from Butch Yamali, the owner, to the elected officials. It means the world to us."

City of Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck took home the corned beef trophy, taking it away from Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino who

won last year and received second place this year. Third place went to the Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Jen DeSena. The lowest score went to Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, who Blakeman joked was "so busy in Washington this week he didn't have time to marinate it," and Town of Hempstead Supervisor Don Clavin, who is Irish, won second to last place.

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman praised the community and family for their continued support and resilience.

"Cooper Graham has a serious and rare illness and it's been unbelievable how this Nassau County community has come together for him and for other kids that have this affliction," Blakeman said. "This is a little something from us to try and raise money for research and to find a cure for this disease."



MICHAEL GRAHAM, HOLDING Cooper, thanked everyone for their efforts to raise funds to fight the rare form of eye cancer plaguing his son at the corned beef cook-off at the Milleridge Inn on March 16.



BAGPIPER MICHAEL KITSON, above, starts the festivities with a lively tune.

TOWN OF OYSTER Bay supervisor Joe Saladino thanked the judges for their efforts to raise funds to fight the rare form of eye cancer plaguing his son at the corned beef cook-off at the Milleridge Inn on March 16. Saladino found it comical that in the spirit of the day Town of Hempstead Supervisor Don Clavin found comical.

Nassau proclaims 'Big Daddy' Salgado Day

By ANA BORRUTO

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Rich Salgado is known to be one of the “most trusted men among professional athletes,” and an agent to the stars.

As the chief executive of Coastal Advisors, Salgado is an insurance adviser to more than 500 of the most prominent names in the world of sports, business, media and the entertainment industry. Clients include former New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan, Fox Sports analyst Reggie Bush, former NBA point guard Jeremy Lin, ESPN senior NFL Insider Adam Schefter, and actress Melissa Joan Hart.

It's three decades worth of accomplishments and advocacy for the man known as “Big Daddy” — enough for Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman to officially proclaim March 7 as Rich “Big Daddy” Salgado Day. Blakeman honored Salgado in Mineola, joined by Strahan, actor Hisham Tawfiq from NBC's “The Blacklist,” and Schefter.

“It's always an honor for me to recognize somebody who has contributed so much to Nassau County, Long Island, and quite frankly, the whole region — and perhaps we can say the whole country,” Blakeman said. “He's always been a very outgoing, friendly, nice person to everybody he meets — whether they're in a high station in life, or whether they're somebody that's struggling to do a little better for themselves and their family.”



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RICH SALGADO RECEIVES an official proclamation from Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman to make March 7 Rich ‘Big Daddy’ Salgado Day. His friends Anzhelika Steen-Olsen and Michael Strahan praised Salgado for his many accomplishments as an insurance adviser.

Salgado attended New Hyde Park Memorial High School and went on to study at the University of Maryland, where he played college football as a defensive lineman. After graduating, he decided to make a shift from playing football to advising, launching Coastal Advisors in 1996.

Salgado's role is to set up life insurance

policies, help with estate planning, and create other forms of financial protection in the face of adversity.

In addition to running his own insurance company, Salgado is also the chief commercial officer for Gas It Up — a minority-owned mobile fueling company with locations in Texas and on the east coast.

Those attending the recent ceremony talked about Salgado's generous nature, evident in philanthropic efforts like the Big Daddy Celebrity Golf Classic, an annual charity event Salgado started in 2010.

For this year's golf charity event, Salgado partnered with the Sher organization — a women-founded group supporting gender equality and equity. Salgado also founded Big Daddy Youth Football Camp, which focuses on private mentoring and speaking engagements for elementary- and middle school-aged campers.

He's also been known to fly pizzas in for the Super Bowl, said his friend, Anzhelika Steen-Olsen.

“I have come to know him as a man of kindness and benevolence,” said Steen-Olsen, founder of the Sher organization. “A trustworthy friend to many. A funny man who still wears his heart on his sleeve.”

Strahan — who now co-hosts “Good Morning America” on ABC — said he and Salgado became “fast friends” when they first met 28 years ago. At the time, the Texas native had only been living in New York for a couple years, playing for the New York Giants.

Salgado was someone Strahan knew always had his back.

“He is the most gentle, big man I know,” he said. “If I needed to call anybody to do anything at any time, or someone who literally goes out of their way to do things that I'm not even expecting — it's Rich.”

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Medicaid Asset Protection Trust (MAPT) v. Life Estate Deed

Clients often ask whether the home should be deeded to the client's adult children, while retaining a life estate in the parent or whether the Medicaid Asset Protection Trust should be used to protect the asset.

While the deed with a life estate will be less costly to the client, in most cases it offers significant disadvantages when compared to the trust. First, if the home is sold prior to the death of the Medicaid recipient, the life estate value of the home will be required to be paid towards their care. If the house is rented, the net rents are payable to the nursing facility since they belong to the life tenant. Finally, the client loses a significant portion of their capital gains tax exclusion for the sale of their primary residence as they will only be entitled to a pro rata share based on the value of the life estate to the home as a whole.

All of the foregoing may lead to a situation where the family finds they must maintain a vacant home for many years. Conversely, a properly drafted MAPT preserves the full capital gains tax exclusion on the primary residence and the home

may be sold by the trust without obligation to make payment of any of the principal towards the client's care, assuming we have passed the look-back period of five years.

It should be noted here that both the life estate and the MAPT will preserve the stepped-up basis in the property provided it is only sold after the death of the parent who was the owner or grantor. Upon the death of the parent, the basis for calculating the capital gains tax is stepped up from what the parent paid, plus any improvements, to what it was worth on the parent's date of death. This effectively eliminates payment of capital gains taxes on the sale of appreciated property, such as the home, after the parent dies.

There are instances where the life estate deed makes sense however. When the asset is a country house or a beach house that is intended to stay in the family for the next generation, then the life estate deed works perfectly well and may effect a significant savings to the family seeking to protect the asset.

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City enacts OSHA 30 for construction sites

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Construction workers are always in high demand, but their work is among the most dangerous in the country. Horror stories about construction site accidents are plentiful, especially in high density areas like Long Island. There were 5,190 fatal work injuries recorded in the United States in 2021, an 8.9-percent increase from 4,764 in 2020.

In a preemptive measure to decrease work site accidents, the city council voted unanimously in February to amend one of its codes, adding construction site safety training.

The idea was spearheaded by Glen Cove Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, who had been in talks with Vincent Alu, vice president of Laborers Local 66 and a certified OSHA instructor and Grant Newburger, a spokesman for the Building & Construction Trades Council of Nassau & Suffolk Counties.

Silverman said the cost of training would not be a burden to the city because it would fall on developers to ensure their workers are trained.

The self-paced courses range from \$159 to \$215 and can be taken over the phone, or online. Students will be issued a study guide and a card from the Department of

Labor. While the completion card doesn't expire, OSHA recommends taking their outreach safety training every four to five years to stay updated with the latest safety regulations and industry practices.

"It's not just for the workers and worker safety, but it's really public safety," Silverman said. "God forbid something went wrong on a site and something fell on somebody driving by. You can't put a price on someone's well-being."

The addition to the town code would require what's known as the OSHA 30 training. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration act was passed in 1971, to ensure safe and healthy conditions for workers by setting and enforcing standards through providing training, education and resources.

The new law addresses safety requirements for a minor construction site,

which will require that each worker complete a 30-hour OSHA safety training class. Safety requirements will require

someone to be assigned to the site, ensuring that each worker has a 30-hour OSHA safety certificate. The permit applicant, holder, or any person performing work on behalf of the permit holder will need to certify to the director of the city's building department, Scott Grupp, that the safety requirements have been met for the project and the workers who will work on it. No permit will be issued without a certification from the permit holder.

A permit holder must also maintain a daily log identifying each worker with proof of the safety certification. This log will be

required as a prerequisite of a certificate of occupancy or completion for the project. The penalties for first time violations range from \$1,000 up to \$10,000. For a sec-

ond, penalties increase to \$3,000 up to \$10,000, or 15 consecutive days imprisonment.

Alu said that he wants to raise the standard of safety. Right now, the towns of North Hempstead, Hempstead and Babylon have passed the same law.

Alu said he finds it critically valuable and important that cities and towns address new safety standards since there is an influx of what he calls a cheap workforce coming from other states daily.

"We find ourselves competing with \$10 an hour guys with zero training," Alu said. "What OSHA does is create a culture of safety amongst the workforce on a particular job."

Newburger said a construction worker dies in the state while on the job once every five days, a number he finds unacceptable. And 87 percent of those deaths are nonunion.

Silverman advises that if developers decide to hire non-union and untrained workers, they may save some money upfront, but if an accident happens, that can cost workers more money in future.

"We just want to make sure that when one of our members and even a non-union construction worker goes to work in the great city Glen Cove, they come home at the end of the day," Newburger said.

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Hofstra looks to conquer CAA rivals

By ANDREW COEN

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Hofstra University's men's lacrosse team learned the hard way a year ago to not leave its postseason fate in the hands of someone else.

After defeating Towson 15-14 on a late goal in the regular season finale, the Pride watched on the bus ride back to Long Island the Delaware-Fairfield game needing a Blue Hens defeat to earn the final spot in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) tournament. Delaware ended all hope with a 14-12 win that denied Hofstra a chance to compete for the CAA's automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

"Two years ago we made the CAA tourney on a tie breaking scenario and last year we lost out on a tie breaking criteria," said longtime Hofstra head coach Seth Tierney, who in 2021 experienced the opposite feeling when Hofstra qualified for the four-team CAA tourney from a Towson 12-11 loss to Drexel in the final weekend of the season. "There is no getting around it that these conference games have more weight to them."

Hofstra, which was picked to finish fifth in the eight-team CAA, dropped its



JUNIOR KERRY WALSER scored 22 goals last season and will be asked to produce at a high level given the absence of Nikki Mennella.

league opener 12-11 to Fairfield on Saturday making its remaining seven league games that much more important.

The Pride have been led offensively so far this season by sophomore attackman John Madsen, a Locust Valley High School product, with 16 goals through the first six games. The Pride boast many potential scoring weapons including Rory Jones, Gerard Kane, Griffin Turner, Colton Rudd and Justin Sykes,

The defense brought back experience in senior goalie Mac Gates and long-stick defensive midfielder Corey Kale, who were named to the preseason All-CAA Honorable Mention Team along with Jones. The close-defense features veterans Tom Ford, Tim Hegarty and Danny Ochs. Redshirt freshman defenseman Ryan Kiernan, a Rockville Centre native and Chaminade graduate, is also making strides.

"Ryan Kiernan is a hard worker and his family did a wonderful job bringing him up," Tierney said. "His days are certainly bright in the very near future."

Hofstra will next take the field on Saturday at league newcomer Monmouth before battling Towson in the CAA home opener on April 8 at 3 p.m. The regular season concludes on April 29 under the lights at Shuart Stadium against Long Island rival Stony Brook in the teams' first meeting since the Seawolves joined the CAA.

Pride loses top scorer to injury

Hofstra's women's lacrosse team was hit with some early adversity when top scorer Nikki Mennella suddenly was lost for the year with a knee injury.

The freshman from Smithtown had already struck for 23 goals in six games before getting hurt in the fourth quarter of a 14-11 loss at Army on March 4. Hofstra showed resilience after losing Mennella with a 15-2 romp over Wagner three days later followed by a near upset of 20th-ranked USC in a 9-8 defeat on March 12.

"All year we have been building a great dynamic and belief system and the team has really bought into it," Smith said. "We have learned to stay positive."

With the absence of Mennella, junior Kerry Walser is taking on more of a leadership role on offense. She tallied three



Photos Courtesy Hofstra Athletics Communications

LOCUST VALLEY NATIVE John Madsen, right, is off to a hot start for the Pride with 16 goals in six games.

goals and an assist in the USC loss after notching 22 goals in 2022.

Senior Taylor Mennella, the older sister of Nikki, has the most points on the team with 26. The Pride's boast a number of other scoring threats including senior Katie Kelly, graduate student Rachel Graff, who graduated Columbia last year and Lauren Colletti.

On defense, Hofstra has forced 5 turnovers led by Trinity Reed, Brynn Hepting, Kendall Smith and Kayla Robertson along with graduate student midfielder Kayla Gatti. Freshman goalie Luchianna Cardello has emerged as the starting net-minder after leading Massapequa High School to

back-to-back Nassau County Class A titles.

Hofstra (4-5) opened with a 14-6 win against Long Island University and 11-8 at then 25th-ranked Vanderbilt before dropping four straight. The Pride opened CAA play with a 13-12 loss at William & Mary with a late comeback falling just short and will host Towson in their conference home opener this Saturday at noon. The CAA schedule closes on April 28 at league newcomer and national power Stony Brook.

"It's a new season," said Smith of the CAA schedule, where the top four teams make the conference playoffs. "We have to treat every game like it's our last."

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Can Grady Farnan serves on IDA and council?

By **ROKSANA AMID**
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Glen Cove Councilwoman Marsha Silverman voiced concern over a portion of the city's code during the March 14 council meeting. There is a potential conflict of interest, she said, between new Councilman Grady Farnan's service on both the city council and its Industrial Development Agency.

"There is a city council member sitting on this podium who, on Feb. 28, voted in this chamber and voted upstairs in another chamber meeting," Silverman said. That is written in our code that is a conflict of interest, and that is not supposed to happen."

The code Silverman was referring to — C2-13, titled Restrictions Upon Appointment of Council Members to Other Offices reads: "No member of the city council shall be appointed to any office, position or employment, except for the Office of Mayor, the compensation of which was increased or fixed by the city council while such councilperson was a member, until after the expiration of one year from the date when such councilperson ceased to be such a member."

Silverman stressed that many for-

mer councilmembers including John Perrone and Rocco Totino, who both served on the city's zoning boards, resigned from their positions to serve on the city council. Danielle Fugazy Scagliola resigned from her position on the Community Development Agency as well before becoming a city councilwoman.

After the meeting, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said Farnan was already on the IDA before being appointed to the council.

"It's not like he was on the council and then I appointed him to the IDA," Panzenbeck said. "He's on a special committee on the IDA. Had he not been there, we wouldn't have had a quorum."

Farnan declined to comment.

"It's a one-year appointment," Panzenbeck said. "And he's on a committee

that needs to have a quorum,"

Tip Henderson, the city's attorney, said the code details the protocol the city takes if councilmembers intend to leave their position to take a paid position within the city.

"If a councilman was going to leave and become a controller for the city, and that council person was on the council when the controller salary was increased, that council person couldn't take that position as controller for a year after he left or she left the council," he said.

The code was enacted to prevent situations where the council could raise the salary of a city

position, Henderson added, where a council person could then resign and take that position. The code has nothing to do with serving on multiple unpaid positions.

Additionally, Henderson said, municipal law states members of the IDA may include representatives of local government, school boards, organized labor, and business, and that these positions often overlap.

"The fact that they have this municipal office is actually the motivation to put them on the IDA," Henderson said. "The person who sits on the council has background and information that can be very helpful to the IDA, and because they are two separately different boards that don't have a conflict, they are compatible with one another. It is perfectly appropriate for a council person to be seated on the IDA."

Municipal law states, specifically in Glen Cove, the mayor shall appoint the members of the Industrial Development Agency.

Silverman said she sees ethical conflicts since the various city boards provide a system of checks and balances.


One hypothetical example Silverman cited was for the potential of the IDA to approve Payment in Lieu of Taxes programs. If a developer wants to change a zone and ask for a PILOT, there could be a potential circumstance where a city councilmember could negotiate to have the PILOT approved for the developer in private.

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DYLAN BERNARDO, FAR left, Ryan Gagas, Dominic and Vincent Granieri and Jack Bernardo waited patiently for the St. Patrick's Day parade to begin.

Sunshine, smiles at St. Patrick's Day parade

St. Patrick's Day enthusiasts celebrated on a warm and sunny day with a parade in downtown Glen Cove on March 19. The heart of the parade, as always, was its exciting mix of marching groups, including bands of Irish pipers and other musicians, along with vintage cars, costumed performers, fire and police units, and much more.

Each year people come from all over the island to celebrate the popular holiday

and then often stay to dine at local restaurants and meet with friends.

This year's Grand Marshal for the parade was Ryan W. Doherty, a sergeant with the New York MTA Police and a Bayville resident.

All profits from the parade go to the charity of the marshal's choice, which Doherty has selected as the Winters Center for Autism, in honor of his cousin, Joseph Winter, who died from complications from Covid-19.

JARRED KAHN, RIGHT, brought his daughter, 9-month-old Madison to her first St. Patrick's Day parade.

A LEPRECHAUN, FAR right, told Aidan Logan where to find a pot of gold.





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DRESSING FOR THE occasion were, Lauren and Desi Brennan, Kristin, Colin and Allie Smith. Nearby, Lexi Ann Briones, 14, the Glen Cove Downtown Sounds Teen Idol, marched in the parade with the Grinch and Keith Way, who came as the Tin Man.



TOMMY AND HENRY Faranda, 10 and 8, above, were wowed by the fire engines at the parade.

GOING TO THE annual Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day parade is an opportunity for friends and family to meet for an afternoon of fun, left.

DON AND MILLIE DeRiggi, above, left, always go to the parade.

THE PARADE MARSHAL Ryan Doherty, of Bayville, above, center, is a sergeant with the New York MTA Police, and a son of Irish immigrants.

Jewish War Veterans celebrate 127 years

Nation's longest-running veterans organization wants more members

By DANIEL OFFNER
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It's been 127 years since a small group of Jewish Civil War veterans got together to discuss antisemitism and the lack of Jewish servicemen in the military.

That was 1896. Today, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America is still going as the longest-running veterans organization in the country. And it brought together members of Jewish War Veterans Post 652 — which includes members from all across Nassau County — to get back to basics and talk about hate.

“Their singular purpose was to show the world that, despite words of the contrary, Jews have always been part of the fabric of the United States of America since its inception,” said Gary Glick, commander of the Jewish War Veterans Department of New York. “We were hopeful following World War II and the defeat of Nazi Germany would be the end of antisemitism and hate for some time. But it continues to raise its ugly head quite often, and we are presently witnessing another period of this vital phenomenon, even in our own country.”

Members gathered at Central Synagogue-Beth Emeth in Rockville Centre last week to not only celebrate, but also to reflect. Hatred appears to be at its highest levels since World War II — something even Nelson Mellitz, the national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, told a joint session of Congress earlier this month, explaining that the level of discrimination is the worst it has ever been in his lifetime.

“We will defend the rights of everybody in the United States, and we will continue to do so,” Mellitz said. “As antisemitism continues to grow in the United States, the JWV asks you, congress members, to specifically help defend our country's freedoms, and go forward and fight antisemitism and all forms of hate and bigotry, wherever it exists.”

Even today, however, Jews make up a small fraction of the military. A 2009 survey from the Military Leadership Diversity Commission revealed just 1 percent of soldiers identified as Jewish, compared to 2 percent in the general population.

During World War I, the Jewish War Veterans established the Jewish chaplaincy in the military, and fought to include the Star of David on the graves of Jewish soldiers.

Prior to the start of World War II, the group also helped lead a protest march and boycott of Nazi Germany and its goods, and would campaign for the 1938 Foreign Agents Registration Act, which led to several Nazi leaders in America being deported.

The organization continued its efforts long after the wars were over, too. It campaigned to include religious and racial protections in the GI Bill, stood against the Ku Klux Klan and the John Birch Society during the Cold War era, and even established a National Museum of Jewish Military History.

At the local level, it advocates for fellow veterans and help get them benefits they often were unaware they were eligible for. Following the coronavirus pandemic, several veterans had become more isolated, during which time Glick and others worked to connect with them and help get them the care they needed.

Yet, despite the organization's stoic history, the Nassau County chapter has seen a steady drop in membership in more recent years. It's primarily from a failed attempts to publicize the group's existence, Glick says, fearing this could spell the end of the Jewish War Veterans unless someone takes action.

“Complacency will get absolutely nothing accomplished,” Glick said. “If you want to be the last of the



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JOE SCAROLA, COMMANDER of the Nassau County American Legion and a member of Legion Post 303 in Rockville Centre, was welcomed to celebrate the organization's 127th anniversary along with longstanding members of the Jewish War Veterans.



ERIC SPINNER, COMMANDER of Jewish War Veterans Post 652, discusses the importance of 127 years for the national organization as well as the recent anniversary of Iwo Jima, one of the turning points of World War II's Pacific conflict.

GARY GLICK, COMMANDER of the Department of New York Jewish War Veterans, delivers his message about the organization's 127-year history combating hate regarding Jews in the military. He also spoke about the uncertainty of the group's future in the face of rising antisemitism.

Why Beth Emeth?

The Jewish War Veterans celebrated its 127th anniversary at Central Synagogue-Beth Emeth in Rockville Centre last week — the very same temple where Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn served for 25 years.

Gittelsohn, who served during World War II, was tasked by his supervising chaplain with providing the eulogy as soldiers buried the dead following the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945, where nearly 7,000 Americans were killed, and another 20,000 wounded.

JWV, sit back and enjoy your bagels and lox and we will drift into sunset unnoticed. We need to work together to be successful, and I'm hopeful to see some positive movement in this direction.”

Eric Spinner, commander of Jewish War Veterans Post 652 in Bellmore — and member of American Legion Post 1033 in Elmton — said that as many veterans get older, the number of people joining the post have gotten smaller. Currently, the Nassau organization boasts nearly 120 members, which has steadily declined over recent years.

“I didn't know about it until two years ago,” Spinner said. “That's when I joined.”

Spinner hopes by informing more people about the Jewish War Veterans and what it does to help provide services and recover medals for all veterans, that more people will be inclined to join their group.

“We welcome new Jewish veterans to our ranks,” Spinner said, “and we welcome patrons, too, who are not veterans, but who support our goals and aims.”

The post also welcomes anyone from the community willing to donate to help fund its cause.

To learn more about the organization, its history, and ways you can help, visit We-Are-Vets.us.

And for more information on the national group, visit JWV.org.

Springtime's holiday table

Those festive traditions make return

By Karen Bloom

As we eagerly step forward into spring, Passover and Easter beckon. It's a moment to cherish age-old traditions and create new ones with family and friends, as we greet the season.

Welcome the flavors of spring and bring some sunshine to your table.



Classic Chicken Soup with Matzah Balls

- 6 quarts of water
- 1 whole chicken + extra package of wings (optional)
- 2-3 large carrots, chopped
- 3 ribs of celery, chopped
- 1 onion, cut in half
- 1 medium turnip or 2 small turnips, chopped
- 2 parsnips, chopped
- 1 bunch of dill
- 1 bunch of flat leaf parsley
- 1/2 tablespoon whole peppercorns
- Few sprigs of thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric for color (optional)

Place chicken and vegetables in a 16 or 20 quart pot and cover with 6 quarts of water.

Make a bouquet garni with the fresh dill, parsley, peppercorns and thyme. Add bouquet garni to pot.

Bring pot to boil and let simmer for 1 hour. Skim the foamy stuff off the top several times while soup is cooking.

Remove chicken and veggies from pot. Allow soup to simmer additional hour with the cover on.

Shred chicken while still warm. Save about half to put into the soup, use the rest for chicken salad or sandwiches.

Allow soup to cool, and place in fridge. Skim any remaining fat off the top. Reheat to serve. Add chicken, matzah balls and desired vegetables.

Matzah Balls

- 2 tablespoons chicken fat or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup seltzer
- 2 teaspoons grated onion
- 2 teaspoons parsley (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pinch white pepper
- 1 cup matzah meal
- 4 jumbo eggs

Mix the eggs well. Add the fat or oil, seltzer, herbs, spices, onion, and matzah meal. Mix thoroughly. Cover and chill for several hours, even overnight.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.

Dip your hands in cold water and make about 12 matzah balls. Drop them into the boiling water, cover, and simmer for about 30-40 minutes. Remove with slotted spoon.



Bird's Nest Chocolate Cupcakes

- 24 pastel-colored paper baking cups
- 1 1/2 cups cake flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup Dutch process cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 sticks (12 tablespoons) butter, room temperature
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 2 large eggs
- 2/3 cup freshly brewed coffee, cooled to room temperature
- Chocolate Pudding Frosting, recipe follows
- Pastel-colored candy-coated chocolate pieces
- Chocolate decorating decors

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line two 12-cup muffin pans with cupcake liners and set aside.

Sift together the flour, sugar, cocoa powder and baking soda and add to the bowl of a stand mixer. Add the butter, buttermilk and eggs and beat on low until moistened. Raise the speed to medium and beat until light and fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the coffee and beat until fully incorporated. Divide the batter evenly among the muffin cups, filling each about 3/4 full. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center of a cupcake comes out clean, 22 to 25 minutes. Transfer the pans to wire racks and allow the cupcakes to cool completely.

Remove the cupcakes from the muffin pans and spread each with frosting, setting aside 1/2-cup of frosting. Place 3 candy-coated chocolate pieces on center of each to resemble eggs.

In small re-sealable food-storage plastic bag (or piping bag), place remaining 1/2-cup frosting; seal bag. Cut small hole in one bottom corner of bag; pipe frosting around chocolate pieces to create ridge on each cupcake.

Carefully spoon chocolate decors onto frosting ridge and around chocolate pieces to resemble nest.

Chocolate Pudding Frosting:

- 1 pint heavy whipping cream, very cold
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- One 3.9-ounce box dry pudding mix, chocolate fudge flavor

In a stand mixer fitted with a whip attachment, whip the cream at high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the sugar, vanilla extract and pudding mix and whip until smooth.



An Evening of Entertainment

Broadway leading man Brian Stokes Mitchell headlines Molloy University's An Evening of Entertainment gala, joined by Seth Rudetsky and the South Shore Symphony Orchestra. The two-time Tony Award winner has enjoyed a career that spans Broadway, television, film, and concert appearances with the country's finest conductors and orchestras. He received Tony, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Circle awards for his star turn in 'Kiss Me, Kate,' He also gave Tony-nominated performances in 'Man of La Mancha,' August Wilson's 'King Hedley II' and 'Ragtime,' among his star turns in other notable Broadway shows. His talents extend to producer, arranger and orchestrator on his three solo albums, besides contributing to more than 20 albums. A versatile and in-demand singer, his concerts always captivate his audiences.

Friday, March 31, 8 p.m. \$50-\$175. Madison Theatre, Molloy University campus, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. (516) 323-4444 or MadisonTheatreNY.org.



The Brubeck Brothers

Jazz giant Dave Brubeck's sons celebrate their dad's life and career, with their sentimental multimedia tribute 'The Brubeck Brothers Quartet Celebrates Dave Brubeck's Centennial.' To honor Brubeck's legacy, Chris and Dan Brubeck, who performed and recorded with their father since the 1970s, curate this memorable concert with their own Brubeck Brothers Quartet. With the brothers as the foundation, guitarist Mike DeMicco and pianist Chuck Lamb complete this dynamic quartet. Through stories told by his sons and music performed by the quartet, the show invites audiences to travel along the timeline of Brubeck's extraordinary life and career. Their creativity, technique and improvisation can be heard in their uncompromising music, which reflects their dedication to melody, rhythm, culture and the spontaneous spirit of jazz.

Thursday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. \$52. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville. Tickets available at TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100.

THE SCENE



April 15

Paula Poundstone

The nimble, witty comedian visits the Landmark stage, Saturday, **April 15**, 8 p.m. Paula Poundstone is known for her smart, observational humor and a spontaneous wit that has become the stuff of legend. Appearing on stage with a stool, a microphone, and a can of Diet Pepsi, Poundstone's legendary material keeps her audience thoroughly entertained this fast-paced evening of standup. Her ability to interact with her audience has been hailed for years, and there's no slowing Poundstone down as she continues to rip riotous laughter for all who witness her talent. \$60, \$53, \$43. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.

Swashbuckling History of Women in Piracy

March 25

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.

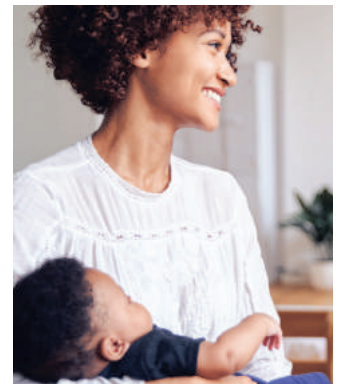
Irish Genealogy: An Introduction

Glen Cove Public Library offers a virtual presentation on Irish genealogy. Saturday, **April 1**. It 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@glencoverlibrary.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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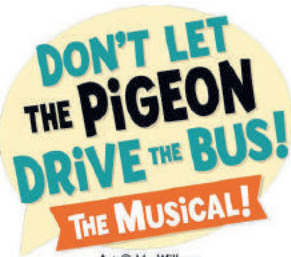
Glen Cove Fire Department requests participation in an emergency blood drive, Saturday, **March 25**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast and a "Thank You" t-shirt provided to donors, at 10 Glen Cove Ave. in Glen Cove. Appointments can be made at NYBC.org. For more information call Pete Prudente at (516) 606-0014.

The Manhattan Transfer

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 Clifff. 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, Thursday and Friday, **March 30-31**, 10:15 a.m. and 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.

Senior assistance available

Stop by Bayville Free Library, to speak with a counselor from the Office for the Aging, Monday, **April 3**, 2 p.m. Discuss long-term care, aging in place, senior centers, and varying needs of county residents. 34 School St., Bayville. Register at BayvilleFreeLibrary.org. For more information contact adultprograms@bayvillefreelibrary.org or (516) 628-2785.



'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 25**, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 26, 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 30, 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.

Bird walk

Join the South Shore Audubon Society on a bird walk, Sunday, **March 26**, starting at 9 a.m. All are welcome. Walk leaders, other birders and nature enthusiasts are happy to share their knowledge and experience with newcomers. Bring binoculars. Walk will be canceled in case of rain or snow. For more information, visit SSAudubon.org. To register, text your name and contact information to Joe Landesberg at (516) 467-9498.

Retro69

The Woodstock tribute band performs, Sunday, **March 26**, at My Father's Place supper club. The band "recreates Woodstock," performing its show in the same order of the original 1969 festival, running from Havens through Hendrix. Doors open at noon, concert is at 2 p.m. \$35 in advance, \$40 at door. The Metropolitan, 3 Pratt Blvd., Glen Cove. For tickets/information, visit MyFathersPlace.com or call (516) 580-0887.

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.





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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

AVISO LEGAL
AVISO DE UNA REUNION ESPECIAL DE LA BIBLIOTECA DEL DISTRITO EL 4 DE ABRIL DE 2023, DE LA BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA DE GLEN COVE PARA VOTAR EN EL PRESUPUESTO DE LA BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA Y PARA ELEGIR A UN ADMINISTRADOR BIBLIOTECA
 POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevara a cabo una reunion especial de los votantes calificados de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove en conformidad con lo dispuesto en la Seccion 260 y 270 de la Ley de Educacion de Estado de Nueva York, en dicho Distrito el 4 de Abril de 2023 entra las 9am y las 9pm Dicha reunion sera de ayunda para los siguientes fines:
 Para votar sobre las siguientes prosiciones: SE HA RESUELTO que el presupuesto propuesto de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Glen Cove segun lo preparado por los Fideicomisarios de dicha Biblioteca publica para el ano 2023/2024, y segun se haya modificado, se apruebe por la presente; y que la cantidad de los mismos, menos los recibos, se aumenta mediante la recaudacion de un impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles gravables en dicho Distrito Escolar. Con el fin de elegir; un (1) Fideicomisario de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove por un (5) mandato de cinco anos. La votacion sobre los asuntos mencionados se emitira mediante urnas.
POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA que la junta de la Biblioteca, en conformidad con lo dispuesto en la Seccion 260 y 2007 de la Ley de Educacion, convoca dicha reunion Especial de Distrito.
SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que las peticiones que nominan al candidato para el cargo de administrador de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove deben presentarse al secretario entre las horas de 9am y las 5pm., a mas tardar el 6 de marzo de 2023, el trigésimo dia anterior a la eleccion, momento en el cual sera elegido el candidato asi nominado. Cada peticion de nominacion debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito, debe estar firmada por al menos veinticinco (25) votantes calificados del Distrito, debe ondica la residencia de cada firmante y debe indicar el nombre y la residencia del candidato. Los formularios de muestra las peticiones se pueden obtener del Secretario de Distrito en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva

York
SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que una copia de los gastos estimados propuestos para ser votados estara disponible en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York, entra las 9am y 5pm todos los dias, except los sabados, domingos o festivos durante los catorce dias anteriores a dicha reunion.
SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que la Junta de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove realizara una audiencia especial sobre el presupuesto el 21 de marzo 2023 en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York. a las 7pm
SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que los votantes calificados del Distrito pueden inscribirse entre las 9am y 4 pm. La fecha final para registrarse para la reunion que se celebrara el 23 de marzo de 2023 es el 6 de marzo 2023. Si un votante ha votado en alguna eleccion en los ultimos 4 anos 2019 o si es elegible para votar conforme al Articulo 5 de la Ley Electoral, el o ella es elegible para votar en este eleccion. Todos las demas personas que deseen votar registrarse. La lista de registro preparada por la Junta de Elecciones de Condado de Nassau se Archivarán en la oficina del secretario de Distrito de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, Nueva York, y estara abierta a inspeccion por cualquier votante calificado Del Distrito entre las horas de 9am y 4pm hora vigente cualquier dia despues del martes 6 de marzo 2023 y cada uno de los dias anteriores a la fecha establecidos para la Eleccion de la Biblioteca y la Votacion de Presupuesto, except los sabados, domingos o dias festivos, incluida la fecha establecida para la reunion.
BOLETAS AUSENTES POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA, que las solicitudes de boletas de votacion en ausencia. Para la Eleccion de la Biblioteca y la Votacion de Presupuesto se puede solicitar en las oficinas del Secretario del Distrito, de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York. Tales solicitudes deben recibirse al menos (7) siete dias antes de las elecciones si se va a enviar la boleta al votante. Ninguna boleta de votante ausente sera votada a menos que haya sido recibida en la oficina de Secretario de Distrito, en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, Nueva York a mas tardar a las 5:00 pm hora del dia, en el Fecha de la eleccion.

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT MEETING ON APRIL 4, 2023, OF GLEN COVE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO VOTE ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET
AND ELECT ONE TRUSTEE OF THE GLEN COVE PUBLIC LIBRARY
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special meeting of the qualified voters of the Glen Cove Public Library will be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law of the State of New York at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, in said District on April 4, 2023 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Said meeting will be held for the following purposes:
 To vote on the following proposition:
RESOLVED that the proposed budget of the Glen Cove Public Library, Glen Cove City School District, as prepared by the Trustees of the said Public Library, for the year 2023/2024, and as the same may have been amended, be and hereby is approved; and that the amount thereof, less receipts, be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property in the said School District. For the purpose of electing; one (1) Trustee for the Glen Cove Public Library. For a (5) five-year term.
 The vote on the aforesaid matters will be cast by ballot in a ballot box.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Library Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law hereby calls said Special District Meeting.
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating the candidate for the office of Trustee of the Glen Cove Public Library must be filed with the Clerk of the District between hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., no later than MARCH 6, 2023, the thirtieth day preceding the election, at which time the candidate so nominated is to be elected. Each nominating petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

Sample forms of the petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the District at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York.
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the proposed estimated expenditures to be voted upon shall be made available at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day other than Saturday, Sunday or holiday, during the fourteen days preceding such meeting.
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Glen Cove Public Library will hold a special budget hearing on March 21, 2023 at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York at 7:00 p.m.
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York. The final date to register for the meeting to be held on March 21, 2023 is March 6, 2023. If a voter has voted in any election within the last 4 years (2019) or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of Election Law, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. The registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. prevailing time, on any day after Tuesday, March 6, 2023, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Library Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, including the date set for the meeting.
ABSENTEE BALLOTS PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that an application for an absentee ballot for the Library election and budget vote may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk, of Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York. Such application must be received at least (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received at the office of the District Clerk, Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., New York, not later than 5:00

p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election.
 Gina Rant
 Clerk
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LEGAL NOTICE
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 successors in interest, 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
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF 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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 Attorneys for Plaintiff 12 Tulip Drive
 Great Neck, NY 11021
 (516) 487-6655
 BY: JOSHUA LEVY, ESQ.
 #100184
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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 DISTRIBUTEES 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**
 Mortgage 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.
NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF 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 mortgage company 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 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 COURT.
 Dated: March 6, 2023
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
 Attorney for Plaintiff
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LEGAL NOTICE
REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF NASSAU
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4, Plaintiff - against - LARRY BLUMSTEIN, et al Defendant(s).
 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 2, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the North Side steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court located at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, N.Y. 11501 "Rain or Shine" on the 25th day of April, 2023 at 3:00 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff, Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau and State of New York.
 Premises known as 1 Richardson Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579.
 (Section: 21, Block: 222, Lot: 431)



Courtesy Courtney Callahan

COURTNEY CALLAHAN, NOSH'S founder, far left; former Glen Cove mayor Tim Tenke; Linda Eastman, Nosh's head of operations; and Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton joined forces to help families in need during the coronavirus pandemic. Nosh has been a vital resource in the community for three years.

Nosh marks three years of community service

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tinue this mission and make sure that we can provide for all the families and the rising numbers that are coming to us," said Christine Rice, Nosh co-founder and director of the Glen Cove Senior Center.

Presently, Nosh is making 245 deliveries per week to local families, with 30 volunteer drivers. Eastman said the organization is seeking more Spanish-speaking drivers and volunteers.

"Every single person who has been involved with Nosh, whether it was dropping off pasta or peanut butter one time or someone writing a big check, every single person who has been involved in Nosh has enabled us to continue," Callahan said.

Although NOSH has helped to serve

the community for the past three years, the organization faced its own hardships.

Lacking a budget to pay rent, Nosh needed a rent-free location to operate from. Alan Hudson the principal, of Glen Cove High School, thought that the school building might be able to provide a space adjacent to its own food pantry. He involved district superintendent Maria Rianna; together they created a first home for Nosh.

The high demand for food forced the organization outgrow its home at the high school, and Nosh moved to The Church of St. Rocco.

The effort grew again with demand as the pandemic dragged on, and Nosh moved to the Glen Cove's James E. Donohue Veterans of Foreign War Post 347

with adequate space to store all the food. Volunteers also had enough space to pack bags with emergency meal kits to distribute from the parking lot to walk-ins or van drivers who deliver to homes.

However, the permanent home didn't last long. A fire broke out at the post in 2021. No one was inside the building at the time of the fire, and no injuries were reported.

According to Rice, 200 deliveries were destroyed by the blaze. While the Glen Cove Fire Department responders saved the building, everything on the second floor was lost, including 23 refrigerators and freezers full of meat and produce and a few thousand pounds of dry goods — enough to feed the families for two months.

Nosh needed a new home base, again.

The need was generously met by The People's Pantry of Oyster Bay, St. Hyacinth Church, The View Restaurant and Grill, and the Glen Cove Senior Center, each provided temporary work spaces until Nosh contracted for its present home last September at 32 School St., a former art studio owned by Peter Holdman, the owner of God Loves You in downtown Glen Cove.

After meeting with three commercial businesses that were interested in the space, Holdman said he turned down the prospective renters when he heard that Nosh was interested.

The new permanent home on School Street allows the organization to welcome additional walk-in clients who can pick items from Nosh's food pantry to customize their meals.

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Approximate amount of lien \$624,040.05 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 018968/2009. Malachy P. Lyons, Esq., Referee. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue,

Suite 840 New York, NY 10170 Tel. 347/286-7409 For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 Dated: March 1, 2023 During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at

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CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ A search warrant at N3 Smoke and Cigar Shop March 20 allowed authorities to seized cash, flavored vaporizers, candies and chocolate bars containing tetrahydrocannabinol, according to police. Emine Ali, 52 of Glen Cove, was arrested and charged with several counts of criminal possession of a controlled

substance and three counts of criminal sale of a controlled substance. Ali was arraignment on March 21 at First District Court in Hempstead.

■ A 56-year-old Glen Cove female was arrested on March 14 for possession of a forged instrument, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle without financial security on Hill Street.

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OPINIONS

Remembering Judy Heumann

My friend Judy Heumann died March 4 in Washington, D.C., where she lived. Her name might not mean too much to many of you. But to thousands, and I do meant thousands, of people who struggle every day with physical disabilities, her name is gold.

I met Judy when we were students at Long Island University's Brooklyn Center. I worked on the college newspaper, *Seawanhaka*, and she was a ferocious member of the student council.



**JAMES
BERNSTEIN**

This is Judy's story. I never wrote about her, but it's time I did.

She was 18 months old when she was diagnosed with polio. She spent her entire life in a wheelchair. At LIU Brooklyn, she wheeled faster than most of us walked. She rolled into the college newspaper office filled with arguments, always ready for a duel, whether with the paper, the faculty or the administration. The fights, although fierce, always ended with a smile and a laugh.

When she graduated in the early 1970s with a B.A. in speech and theater, she

wanted to teach in a public school. The New York City Board of Education turned her down because she was in a wheelchair. Never willing to give in, she sued the city. The *New York Times* wrote a front-page story about her case, and the *Times's* editorial board backed her. Then Mayor John Lindsay voiced his support.

She won her case, and never stopped winning.

I remember long late-night chats with her in those days, with me worrying that she would lose the case, and she expressing only confidence. She became the first New York City schoolteacher in a wheelchair.

In the late 1970s, she moved to California, there to take on the federal government on behalf of disabled people. Joseph A. Califano Jr., the U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under President Jimmy Carter, had been slow to implement President Richard Nixon's Rehabilitation Act, which outlawed discrimination by any institution receiving federal money.

Judy wanted to light a fire under Califano, and organized a mass demonstration, occupying the San Francisco office of HEW for almost a month in what has been described as the longest non-violent

demonstration of a U.S. building in American history.

I urged Judy to be careful, but that word was never in her vocabulary.

San Francisco's mayor at the time, George Moscone, sent over mattresses.

The Black Panthers delivered ribs and fried chicken. Judy won. Califano got moving on legislation to benefit the disabled.

Later she wound up in Washington, working for the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare (now the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions). In 1993, she became assistant secretary of the office of special education and rehabilitation services under President Bill Clinton, a post she held until 2001.

These were busy and heady times for Judy, and she would whisk into New York, call from the airport and promise to meet "the next time" she was in. At least, I thought, we never lost touch.

Her whirlwind life never stopped. In 1970 she had formed an organization called Disabled in Action, which is now international in scope. She traveled the world, advocating for the rights of the disabled.

She became good friends with Hillary

Clinton, and accompanied the first lady on her trip to China in 1995.

After working in the Clinton administration, she was an adviser, fellow, or board member with such organizations like the World Bank, the Ford Foundation and Human Rights Watch. She somehow found time to meet and fall in love with Jorge Pineda, who was also in a wheelchair.

As a youngster, Judy had been a film star. She was a camper and a counselor at Camp Jened, a camp for disabled children, in the Catskills. The place became the subject of a movie, "Camp Crip," which starred Judy. In a newspaper interview, she described the camp as a "playground," but also said it had a bigger meaning.

"It was a liberating time," she said. "We could be ourselves, and it absolutely helped formulate futures."

I would not see much of Judy during those hectic years of hers in California and Washington, but she was really never far from my mind. I remembered those long-ago late-night talks, when she was so full of optimism. How, I wondered, how could she be?

But now I know. Whenever I think I can't do something — anything — I think of Judy.

James Bernstein is editor of the Long Beach Herald. Comments? jbernstein@liherald.com.

Feeling lost? Books are our GPS in the world.

Do you think we haven't seen the likes of Marjorie Taylor Greene before? The story of shamelessly ambitious, undereducated bigots scrambling for traction in government is old. Read "All the King's Men," by Robert Penn Warren.

Do you think Trump is an unprecedented phenom? See above. See Mussolini. See



**RANDI
KREISS**

Pinochet. Except that Trump got lucky, got elected to the highest office in the United States and proceeded to disgrace the presidency during his time in the White House. It has been our national nightmare, but all this has happened before, and in

other countries.

Are you agonizing over the rise in racism and the purposeful undermining of truth? Do you despair when you read about book bans, bolder antisemitism and anti-gay, anti-trans and anti-choice initiatives? There's plenty out there to ring our alarm bells.

However, jingoistic groups have risen to power before. The names and dates change, and the boundaries of civility

stretch in different directions, but human nature seems immutable, for better and worse.

Extremist movements have always found fertile ground in America. We are a violent country, forged in revolution, pushing our way west over the land and the bodies of native peoples. We even fought against one another in a war that killed well over 600,000 Northerners and Southerners.

I see two paths to comfort and sanity during this uncertain time. One is having faith that the pendulum will swing back to a middle ground again in America. History tells us that life plays out on a never-ending loop. Nothing is new under the sun, the Bible says.

I think of this when I hear that our political and social and cultural division is "unprecedented." I think of this when I read that we've taken a hard turn and are headed over a cliff, with no way back. My hope is that political chaos will resolve in time if we continue to push back against undemocratic policies.

The other balm is reading, digging into fiction and nonfiction, finding the humanity that binds us all together, even as we disagree and wrestle over national values

and policy. We self-educate as we read; we learn tolerance for other ways of life.

Book bans will not stand over time. In the age of information, it is impossible to control what Americans read, unless we tip into a dystopia like North Korea, an unlikely evolution.

Yesterday I read David Remnick's interview with Masha Gessen in *The New Yorker*, and educated myself about life for people who are trans or gay or both or don't fit into a category. I recommend it.

Recently I read "The Glass Hotel," by Emily St. John Mandel, a fictionalized account of the Madoff Ponzi scheme. Living in our time and reading about fakery and chutzpah and hollowed-out lives is somehow reassuring. We realize that, again, there are no new themes or behaviors, just new names and places.

Have you heard of "All My Puny Sorrows," by Miriam Toews? Talk about writers as alchemists: She weaves a family story around a centerpiece of sisters, one who desperately wants to die, the other desperately trying to save her from suicide. The characters pull us into a dark story that is oddly humorous and fully human, an affirmation of life in difficult times.

North Korea can control what its citizens read, but book bans will never work here.

Since our fiction writers are storytellers and soothsayers, they help inform the future. We cannot compromise on full access to literature. That means voting for officials, from the local school board to the presidency, who support freedom and resist censorship.

I reread "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" and discovered an entirely different book. Through the prism of our times, Miss Brodie is revealed not as a fun-loving nonconformist but as an emotionally abusive woman, seduced by nationalism and fascism. She apparently lives on in our Congress.

My nonfiction read this month is "We don't Know Ourselves," by Fintan O'Toole. Learning about the religious and political flames that nearly consumed Ireland is a cautionary tale. After a while the fighting took on a life of its own; people forgot why they planted bombs in the first place. (See "The Banshees of Inisherin.")

In "The Naked Don't Fear the Water," by Matthieu Aikins, the author tells the story of going back to Afghanistan to find and escort to safety the helper who worked with him during the war, a great story that reminds us of our best selves.

Read these books to know that we have been here before. Catch a glimpse of the road ahead.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Tell Albany it's time to support local journalism

It all seems simple enough. Folded paper covered with words, photographs, advertising and color.

Every week, you open your edition of the Herald, ready to catch up on everything you need to know in your community. Whether it's some exciting new project taken on by your local lawmakers, or how our great schools are funded, or even some of the personal stories that touch your heart, you can't imagine a world without your local newspaper.

And you don't want to imagine a world without your local newspaper.

But local news is at risk. The number of newsrooms across the country has been cut in half since 2004, and more than 2,000 newspapers have closed — including nearly half of the weekly papers in New York state.

That has led to the rise of “news deserts” — areas in which there is little to no local newspaper coverage. These are communities just like this one, where everything from civic engagement, to public health and safety, to the survival of local businesses and community organizations is under significant threat.

These deserts are also where extreme partisanship and mistrust have grown considerably. A 2020 study by the Pew Research Center found that Americans who get most of their news on social media are less likely to get the facts about the coronavirus and politics, and more likely to hear unproven claims.

News deserts also lead to higher taxes, since bond rating agencies realize that, without a newspaper “watchdog,” a community is more likely to experience fraud, waste and abuse.

Trust in news is revitalized by ensuring that there are professional journalists everywhere. Especially in our own communities. When residents like you see reporters covering education board meetings, asking questions of local elected officials and interviewing community members about their opinions on matters of public interest, there is a reinforcement of the

Support New York's Local Journalism Sustainability Act

Reach out to your local representatives, and tell them you back A.2958-A/S.625-A.

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confidence in the interaction between the press and the community.

But if newspapers are so essential, why are they struggling? Traditionally, advertising accounts for a vast majority of the revenue needed to produce a newspaper each week — most of it in print. Yet that advertising stream fell 71 percent between 2000 and 2012 as businesses migrated to a digital ecosystem controlled by Google through its monopolistic dominance of online ad sales.

Google attracts viewers to its own website by displaying headlines and sections of news articles produced by news organizations like the Herald, but those viewers don't tend to click through to the news organizations' own websites. As a result, Google earns the ad revenue attracted by the publication of news, without covering any of the costs associated with paying the professional journalists who gather and report that news.

As well, the price of paper and delivery has risen dramatically, exacerbated by already high inflation — as much as 100 percent.

What can you do to help? You're already doing it by subscribing to and reading the Herald. You very likely frequent the businesses that advertise in these pages — and maybe even advertise yourself.

But there is more you can do: Contact your Assembly member or state senator

and tell them to say “yes” to A.2958-A/S.625-A — New York's Local Journalism Sustainability Act. Time is of the essence, as lawmakers in Albany will finalize the state budget in the next week or two.

These bills offer a payroll tax credit — a bridge for transitioning to a new business model — to newspapers based on the number of employed journalists, ensuring that you will continue to receive unbiased coverage of village board meetings, high school soccer games and more.

Even more, this tax credit doesn't just help newspapers like the Herald. It also would be offered to public radio stations, as well as to local online and not-for-profit news organizations. And remember, newspapers can be distributed in many ways, from print to online.

In the end, the legislation would save more than 350 newsrooms across New York state some \$150 million per year over the next five years, a relatively small piece of the state's more than \$200 billion budget. But for newsrooms like this one, it could be the difference between survival and collapse into another news desert.

Your neighborhood deserves to be covered by experienced journalists working at a local newspaper — in fact, it's vital. We all want to live and work in safe, cost-effective, well-run communities. But without local newspapers, that just won't happen.

LETTERS

The president doesn't get a 'break,' Jerry

To the Editor:

I have always thought of Jerry Kremer as an intelligent and honest politician, but his column “It's time to give Joe Biden a break” (March 2-8) was clearly misguided. I'm an independent with no party affiliation. I consider myself a moderate, and I voted for Biden, but I don't feel that

anyone elected to the highest office in this country, arguably the most important position in the world, should ever be given a break. He (or she) has a duty to carry out the responsibilities of the position without excuses for any of their actions.

Mr. Kremer has made a gallant effort to point out what he considers Biden's accomplishments, and even if I felt that his praise was warranted, it is far outweighed by Biden's overall incompetence.



OPINIONS

What the George Santos discourse is missing

Many of us in Nassau County, myself included, are disgusted by the lies that Republican congressman George Santos has been spewing on a near-daily basis. Like many others, I would like to see Santos resign.

But this isn't about Santos. We need to begin a conspicuously absent conversation about the Democratic incompetence that led to Santos being a factor in the first place.



MATTHEW ADARICHEV

It's an important discussion for Democrats to have, not least because the next George Santos may not be such a liar. The goal of Democrats should be to decisively defeat Republicans because of better ideas, not to pin hopes on sporadic scandals in order to notch victories.

The narrow focus on Santos as an unprecedented liar blurs that goal. For me, Santos' lies just made him worse; it was his policies, which would increase inflation and put doctors in jail for giving abortions, that made him a deal-breaker. Santos shouldn't be in office, not because

he lies a lot (though that's part of it), but simply because he's a cruel politician.

So how did Democratic incompetence lead us to Santos? Well, in January 2022, Robert Zimmerman announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination in the 3rd Congressional District. Zimmerman wasn't well known, but he has been a member of the Democratic National Committee for over two decades.

Zimmerman hadn't run a campaign since Ronald Reagan was in office, and he had lost all three of his previous elections. To call him vulnerable was an understatement. But the New York State Democratic Committee nevertheless coaxed some serious endorsements to get "their man" into office — including one from Hillary Clinton — and it worked. Zimmerman became the Democratic nominee with just 36 percent of the vote in the party's primary.

Predictably, Zimmerman went on to lose to Santos by 7.5 percentage points. He received 40 percent fewer votes than Tom Suozzi did in defeating Santos in 2020. Most important, Zimmerman failed to expose Santos' fraud before the election.

Zimmerman claims his campaign "didn't have the time or money" to "dig

deeper" into his opponent's background. With 10 and a half weeks until the election and over \$3 million in campaign cash? I'm not buying it, especially since it turns out that a Democratic group had already given Zimmerman 87 pages of Santos' red flags before the election.

Then again, I err in expecting competency from the New York Democratic Committee. Party chairman Jay Jacobs and his crew oversaw the Democratic bloodbath in Nassau County in 2021 (a county that has 30 percent more registered Democrats than Republicans) and didn't invest a single dollar in two voting rights propositions that were voted down that year.

Last year, the Democrats came much closer to losing the governorship to a Republican than they anticipated in a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than 2 to 1, and lost 20 percent of the entire Democratic House delegation. The New York Democratic Committee almost single-handedly cost the party the House of Representatives.

Democrats performed worse in every single county in New York state than they did in 2020. And yet the state committee re-elected Jacobs party chairman a few

months back.

We wouldn't have to be reading these offensive stories about Santos pretending to be the descendant of Holocaust survivors if Democrats had just done their job. But when I read stories about Democratic Party bosses, like Brooklyn's Frank Seddio, handing out contracts worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to their close associates, I start to wonder whether they actually *want* to win.

It appears to me that the state Democratic committee is perfectly willing to gamble a loss on a poor candidate. As long as the money's flowing in, what's it to them? In fact, the scenario as it's unfolding seems to be exactly what they want. The more the discussion centers on Santos as an aberration, the less we discuss holding the lazy, sclerotic, corrupt party machine accountable for letting people like him win in the first place.

Well, I do mind. I do care about the Democratic agenda. Here's some tough love: It's time to clear house and find new leadership that's interested in winning. Because when the machine finally collapses, it's going to be regular Democrats who get hurt.

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We can't expect competency from the state Democratic committee.

LETTERS

He is a 50-plus-year career politician, and his lies are well documented. I believe that a large number of votes cast in 2020 were against Trump rather than for Biden.

He portrayed himself as a moderate who can negotiate with both sides of the aisle. Since he was elected, it is apparent that he is a left-leaning socialist with a "woke" agenda and has surrounded himself with a like-minded staff. Mr. Kremer mentioned Biden's visit to Ukraine, but failed to point out that he neglected to find time for the people of East Palestine, Ohio, who could use a show of his support. A visit by Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg was too little, too late.

Mr. Kremer touched on the border crisis, but that deserves much more criticism. It is an utterly chaotic situation that continues to plague our nation. Our standing in the world community has diminished as a result of our disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan, a total embarrassment to those who have always looked to the U.S. as the defender of freedom. I could go on about inflation, the national debt and spiraling crime, but what's the point? This isn't the time to give the leader of the free world a break.

LARRY HORN
East Norwich

March is Red Cross Month, so thank our local heroes

To the Editor:

When emergencies happen on Long Island, like the apartment fire in Baldwin earlier this month that left a number of families without homes to go back to, help can't wait.

In these dire moments, volunteers from Nassau and Suffolk counties, supported by local financial donors and community partners, help to ensure that their neighbors never face home fires and countless other crises alone.

"Every call is different," says volunteer Disaster Action Team supervisor Magnolia Chiri of Deer Park, who responds to fires and other emergencies. "Every fire is different. But I go there with this shirt that says 'Hope,' so that's the first thing people see when I show up. 'Hope' to me means that there's a light at the end of the tunnel — that no matter how hard the hardship is, there's always a little light out there, and there will always be people along the way who will help you."

More than 90 percent of the work of the Red Cross is done by volunteers, and our mission simply wouldn't be possible without them. During our 80th annual Red Cross Month celebration this month, we're

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On STEAM Day, perhaps an engineer of the future? — Merrick

proud to honor their selflessness and dedication, as well as our committed donors and partners. They are all community heroes who helped the Red Cross respond to 369 disasters on Long Island last year, assisting more than 1,700 of their neighbors. They also dedicated countless hours to teaching lifesaving and preparedness skills, and installing free smoke detectors in our communities.

You can join the celebration by visiting RedCross.org to make a donation, become

a volunteer or take a class to learn lifesaving skills like first aid, CPR and how to use an AED. Donations help us provide shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance for people affected by disasters big and small.

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