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Teen EMS tech dies after shift

Susan Giovanniello, a 19-year-old volunteer medical technician for Glen Cove Emergency Medical Services, died on Monday morning after her shift. A news release from the Nassau County fire marshal's office stated that Giovanniello's death was the result of an unspecified medical condition. Authorities have classified it as a line-of-duty death.

The city's Volunteer EMS chief, Robert Picoli, declined to comment, but a group post on Facebook read, "Giovanniello proudly served as a volunteer, responding to many emergency calls throughout the City of Glen Cove, rising from Glen Cove EMS Explorer Post 1072 to a caring professional who gave the ultimate sacrifice to the community."

Giovanniello was a graduate of Glen Cove High School, and district superintendent Maria Rianna said that she was a talented student.

"She had a great personality," Rianna said, "and was a young lady with a lot of potential."

Giovanniello was attending Hofstra University.

Assemblyman Charles Lavine said he was shocked when he heard of Giovanniello's death.

"In the little city of Glen Cove, we are either related or interrelated," Lavine said. "We stand together in moments of tragedy and grief. Sadly, this is just one of those moments."

—Roksana Amid



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BILL, CAROL, AND Kathryn Paolillo were among the evening's honorees. They were joined by their friend Jonathan Capobianco to raise awareness of diabetes research.

'Cooking for a Cure' event raises \$100,000

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Supporters in the fight to end diabetes in America met for the annual Cooking for a Cure event at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville on March 29, which raised \$100,000.

The reception, held for the first time since 2019, featured dinner, drinks, music and raffle prizes, all with the backdrop of Bayville water views for an evening benefiting the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation.

The World Health Organization describes diabetes as a metabolic disease characterized by elevated levels of blood glucose, which leads to serious damage to the heart, blood vessels, eyes, kidneys and nerves.

The WHO estimates that more than 37 million people in the United States have diabetes,

and one in five don't know they have it. Diabetes is the seventh-leading cause of death in the U.S., and in the last 20 years, the number of adults diagnosed with it has more than doubled as the American population has aged and become more overweight or obese.

The life-changing disease affects people of all demographics. Dara Melnick, one of the event's honorees, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes — formerly called juvenile diabetes — when she was 8 years old, in the early 1990s. Her symptoms started with weight gain, which led to a diabetic coma while visiting her grandparents in Florida. Melnick was hospitalized for a week.

Hearing her diagnosis, the first question she asked her parents was if she could still

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License plate readers could reduce crime

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To combat a rising crime rate in the city, the Glen Cove Police Department will have access to 10 new license plate reading cameras.

Police will be able to use an app on their phones to see live updates and notifications about suspicious vehicles. According to the contract with Glen Cove, the company will delete collected data after 30 days, but the GCPD can download the data and store it.

The cameras will have an initial term of 24 months, at an annual cost of \$25,000 with a one-time implementation fee of \$3,500. This has already been approved in the city budget. The pilot program is expected to last 60 days, with an option to cancel the agreement at no cost to the city if it decides to cancel their contract. There is currently no specified date in place to install the cameras.

The equipment will be pur-

chased from Flock Group Inc., an Atlanta-based company.

The cloud-based system for storing information is already used by other municipalities across Nassau County, which the GCPD said would help expedite investigations.

We can network with other agencies who have the same cameras.

LT. JOHN NAGLE detective, GCPD

Cameras like these aren't new to the city. Glen Cove has one plate reading camera that was installed by the county, but Glen Cove Public Information Officer Lt. Detective John Nagle said that camera is out of date.

"We can network with other agencies who have the same cameras," Nagle said. "These cameras would be state-of-the-art, unlike the older camera that we have, which really wasn't that great."

The cameras allow authorities to observe vehicles that pass through the cameras' designated areas, and trace a vehicle's route before a crime is reported. The cameras would help spot and locate vehicles that may have been involved in

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Imagine Awards honors Long Island nonprofits

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STAFF REPORT

A couple dozen groups and community leaders are set to be honored later this month as finalists for the 11th annual Long Island Imagine Awards.

Created by Ken Cerini, managing partner of Cerini & Associates, the Imagine Awards honor nonprofit organizations of all types and sizes, as well as the people behind them.

Finalists for the Bethpage Federal Credit Union Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility award are LGBT Network, Harmony Health Care Long Island, Spectrum Design Foundation, and The Viscardi Center.

Up for the Cerini & Associates Social Impact Award are ECLI Vibes, FCA-Family & Children's Associates, Girls Scouts of Suffolk County, and the North Shore Child & Family Guidance Association.

Finalists for the Certilman Balin Leadership Excellence Award are Eileen Minogue, executive director of Book Fairies; Neela Mukherjee Lockel, president and chief executive of EAC Network; Jeffrey Reynolds, president and chief executive of FCA; and Joe Salamone, founder and executive director of the Long Island Coalition Against Bullying.

For the Claire Friedlander Family Foundation Arts & Culture Award, it's Gold Coast Arts, Landmark on Main Street, The Long Island Children's Museum, and the Spirit of Huntington Art Center.

Up for the Signature Bank Innovation Award are ACLD-Adults & Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Developmental Disabilities Institute, Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, and United Way of Long Island.

And for the Vanguard Insurance Agency Rising Star Award, finalists are Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, Hair We Share, Rebuilding Together Long Island, and Winters Center for



Courtesy Hillary Needle

SOME 24 NONPROFIT groups and community leaders are ready to be honored later this month as part of the 11th annual Long Island Imagine Awards. It was created by Ken Cerini of Cerini & Associates, and honors nonprofits of all types and sizes, as well as the people behind them.

Autism.

The awards are handed out beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. More than 190 nonprofit applications were submitted to win a \$5,000 grant in each of the six categories. Other finalists will receive \$1,000 each.

“With the addition of SterlingRisk as a platinum sponsor providing \$1,000 to each of the 24 finalists, the addition of the new DEIA award, and the anticipation of more than 400 people coming together to celebrate the

nonprofit sector, this has the makings of one of the best award programs to date,” Cerini said, in a release. “With all of the struggles the nonprofit sector is grappling with, it is awesome to have a night like this to really highlight all the amazing work our incredible finalists are doing.”

To learn more about the Long Island Imagine Awards, visit ImagineAwardsLI.com, or for sponsorship information, contact Hillary Needle at hillary@hillaryneedleevents.com, or at (516) 993-4056.

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Courtesy Nassau County legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton

GLEN COVE KIWANIS Club and Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, center, help keep the men's shelter running. Volunteers typically provide companionship and cooked foods.

Men's shelter give back to their community

Dozens of men in Glen Cove would face a harsh reality without the North Shore Sheltering Program. Their nights would be void of a warm place to stay, where they could shower and have access to food. This year, shelter doors almost didn't open because of the potential sale of the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove, where residents have stayed for 25 years, but church elders and the shelter board came to an agreement to extend their stay.

The shelter is normally open to homeless men the day after Thanksgiving and closes at the end of March. It survives without funding from any government agencies. Instead, donors chip in, including volunteers like the Glen Cove Kiwanis Club, a nonprofit organization established in 2000 by residents who recognized the need for helping their community and generous people in Glen Cove. Phyllis Burnett, the club's president, said she has seen a noticeable change with shelter residents, and attributes many of the residents' high spirits to Ron Baskind, the shelter's new manager.

Many shelter residents have expressed gratitude for the new experiences they had with Baskind. Since the shelter's doors opened late February, residents have made trips to the Bronx Zoo and areas of the state that are inaccessible to them. These additional experiences for the men were inspired by Baskind asking residents what they strive to do with their time at the shelter, and other ways they'd like to spend their time.

"They talked about how while they're very appreciative of people bringing food to them, it doesn't always feel good, because they feel like they don't have opportunity to give back," Baskind explained. "So, we started talking about ways that we could give back and ways that people will know, and in ways that people will not know. They just wanted to

do good things, good deeds."

Kyle Simpson, a shelter resident who became disabled after a car accident in 2022, has seen a noticeable difference in his experience with the shelter since last year, and is thankful for the new experiences he has gained with Baskind. Since the shelter opened, Simpson has hiked in Massapequa Park and helped clean John Maccarone Memorial Stadium.

"It's felt more like a family vibe than in prior years," Simpson said. "There's a mental break from everyday homeless life, and it gives us motivation to want to do more, better ourselves, better our community."

Alexander Johnson, another shelter resident, used to volunteer his time in Glen Cove wherever he felt he was needed, which was typically cleaning city parks. He said that his experience giving back to his community with Baskind has uplifted his spirits.



Courtesy Nassau County legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton

ANN MARIE GALLIOUS, above left, Ron Bieber, Tony Jimenez, Lester Burnett and Bob Koehler help prepare food for shelter residents. Much of the food shelter residents receive are home cooked or donated by local businesses.

KYLE SIMPSON, far left, Luis Capada, Alexander Jackson, Rob Baskind and Orlando Elders spent their morning cleaning John Maccarone Memorial Stadium. These men volunteered their time to the city because they wanted to express their gratitude to the community that has helped them for many years.



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Cloud app could help solve more crimes

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a crime, ranging from theft to Amber Alert notices. It is capable of providing the make, model, color and license plate of the vehicle to law enforcement.

Flock Group Inc.'s website claims that their technology helps reduce crimes in communities by 70 percent and have partnered with over 2,000 law enforcement agencies.

The company's site adds that Flock Safety cameras employ best-in-class automated license plate reading and machine learning technology. They describe their cameras as having an intentionally short shutter speed, allowing the cameras to start taking pictures in less than a tenth of a second following vehicle motion.

The cameras can sense and capture multiple frames of a car traveling up to 75 miles per hour. The company claims its cameras' motion sensing is not triggered by individual passersby or pedestrians, and its infrared system captures highly accurate, clear images day or night.

The locations of the cameras around Glen Cove won't be made public, and Nagle said the department would rather not describe what the cameras look like.

Nagle stressed that the number of stolen vehicles has doubled in 2021 and 2022. According to preliminary data from the Index Crime Reported to Police by region on Governor Kathy Hochul's state website, overall crime in the state increased from 345,020 cases in 2021 to 417,975 cases in 2022, a 21 percent increase.

Nagle said the department hopes the cameras will not only solve crimes but prevent crimes.

"It's something that's been on our wish list for quite some time," Nagle said. "It's a great tool that we have at our disposal that other jurisdictions already have, and it will enable us to help solve crimes and prevent other crimes. If you've got a stolen vehicle that hits on one of



Herald file photo

THE GLEN COVE Police Department will soon use license plate reading cameras in the hope of reducing the city's crime rate.

these plates, we know there's a bad actor in town and our police force can be notified of it."

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said she wants to do everything she can to support the police in their investigations and strongly believes the cameras are a valuable tool for the GCPD.

The community has mixed feelings about implementing cameras.

Business owners like Glen Cove resident Thomas

Duffy said he doesn't see issues with the cameras since the technology already exists on police vehicles.

Lucia Portela Alonso of Glen Head said she's not comfortable with the cameras at all.

"I think it is an invasion of privacy," Alonso said. "Instead, add police supervision that's creating opportunities for more jobs. I'm sure installation of the cameras and monitoring of them could be replaced by the salary of a police person."

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THE GLEN COVE Fire Department is holding its annual recruitment drive on April 16.

Wouldn't you like to be a firefighter too?

The Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual recruitment drive on April 16 from noon to 3 p.m. at the firehouse, 10 Glen Cove Ave., in Glen Cove. Come down and meet the city's dedicated firefighters to learn what you can do to make a difference in your community.

Being a firefighter is as close as someone can get to being a modern-day soldier in their home country. Firefighters have a challenging job and train hard to serve a Fire Department. This creates a sense of camaraderie among firefighters. If you are looking for a work environment that provides strong friendships, it become a volunteer firefighter at the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department.

Firefighters also enjoy benefits, includ-

ing free training and equipment, tax breaks and insurance coverage under the Volunteer Firefighter Benefits Law of New York state. And young volunteers can even earn scholarships and tuition reimbursement for college.

Being a firefighter keeps people in shape. It's an ideal job for someone who is retired, providing a way to continue working and at the same time serve their community. And volunteer firefighters work part-time and can have flexibility in their schedule.

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Diabetics share their life-changing stories

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eat Oreo cookies.

She was told she needed to change her lifestyle immediately, including her eating habits. She could no longer eat cupcakes with her fellow classmates, and instead, had to eat an apple. And Melnick was also prescribed five to eight insulin injections daily until a new treatment, an insulin pump, became available when she was in her mid 20s.

“You’re doing the work as a diabetic what your pancreas does for everybody else that works,” Melnick said. “You are becoming your organ.”

Medical costs associated with diabetes are twice as high than for people who don’t have the disease, leaving people like Katheryn Paolillo, who was diagnosed at 18, angry about the cost of the lifesaving medication.

When Paolillo turns 26 later this year, she will no longer be eligible to be covered under her mother’s health insurance, forcing her to pay more than the \$80 for a three-month supply of insulin. Paolillo wears a glucose monitor, which sends updates to her phone every five minutes.

Soon after Paolillo was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, she and the rest of her family and friends became involved in multiple events to raise money for the DRI Foundation, a passion that continues to grow as the Paolillos devote more of their time and energy to raising money and awareness so that a cure can be found.

Diabetes can be mistaken for other conditions, which nearly cost 25-year-old Sea Cliff resident Alex Kennedy his life. In December 2022, Kennedy felt his heart racing and saw his doctor, who suspected his increased heart rate was the result of a defective asthma inhaler. Kennedy couldn’t walk upstairs in his apartment without feeling exhausted.

In February, Kennedy underwent blood tests, and was told by his doctor the following day go to the emergency room. He was experiencing diabetic ketoacidosis, a complication from Type 1 diabetes where his blood produced excessive acid. He was hospitalized for 55 hours.

When Kennedy first received the diagnosis, he felt devastated, but said the diagnosis was a catalyst for living a healthier life. Organizations like the Diabetes Research Institute bring him comfort, he said, since he can talk with other diabetics about their experiences.



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THE TRIO CRAIG and the Good Causes performed at the fundraiser.



COOKING FOR A Cure, a fundraising event spearheaded by Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, raised roughly \$100,000.

“It’s really not the end of the world by any stretch of the imagination,” Kennedy said. “So long as you’re willing to make changes and recognize that it’s for the better. Even if you’re not a diabetic, a lot of the life changes that come with this lifestyle are beneficial.”

Nassau County Legislator Delia

DeRiggi-Whitton, a DRI Foundation board member and event co-chair, has her own personal connection to the cause – her daughter Amanda was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when she was 3 years old. Since then, she been an outspoken advocate for diabetes awareness, treatment and research, and remains a

Facts about diabetes

- 37.3 million people have diabetes, which is 11.3 percent of the U.S. population.
- 8.5 million people who have diabetes are undiagnosed
- 96 million people 18 or older have pre-diabetes, which is 38 percent of the adult U.S. population.
- 26.4 million people aged 65 or older have pre-diabetes

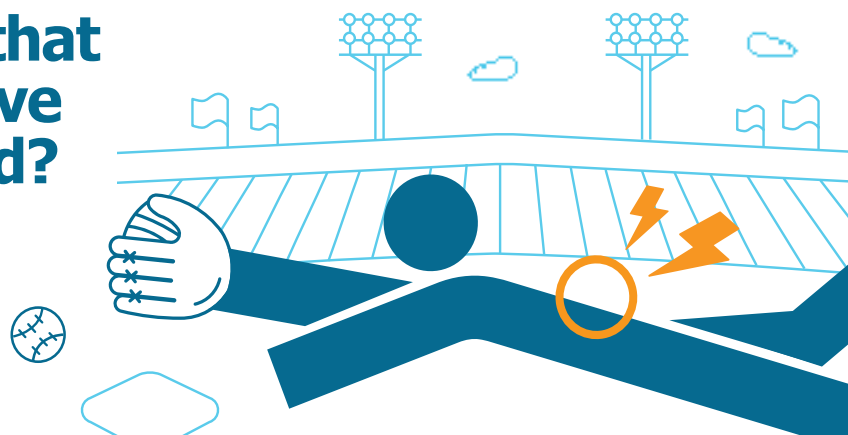
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prolific fundraiser who has helped to raise more than \$1 million toward a cure.

“Like so many parents, when I first learned that my daughter had diabetes, I felt unsure where to turn or how to move forward but thanks to the amazing group of families at the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation, we received the resources and support that helped my daughter thrive,” DeRiggi-Whitton said.

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Downtown businesses reflect on 2022 success

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Although businesses across the state are still recovering from the economic devastation of the coronavirus pandemic, the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District has made countless efforts to keep businesses thriving. To summarize the successes of the BID, it held its annual meeting on March 9 at Looks 2 Love in downtown Glen Cove. The evening included a presentation showing many smiling faces in the city during holiday celebrations, and a reflection on the BID's 25 years of celebrating Downtown Sounds, the BID's summer music festival.

The evening kicked off with remarks from former Congressman Tom Suozzi, who created Glen Cove's BID during his time as the city's mayor. Suozzi stressed that the BID was a necessary step to help the struggling downtown businesses since the city's downtown doesn't have a similar infrastructure to places like downtown Huntington, which can accommodate higher foot traffic and vehicles. To incentivize more visitors to the downtown, Suozzi was part of a group that helped brainstorm holiday functions and events.

Patricia Holman, the BID's executive director, presented slides and video clips of all the events, programs and improvements done for the downtown businesses and the community in 2022.

The BID is comprised of a board of directors, which is made up of eight down-



Roksana Amid/Herald

PATRICIA HOLMAN, LEFT, Lauren Babich, Kate Houghton, Pamela Panzenbeck and Ava Solange reflected on the Business Improvement District's 2022 accomplishments.

town property owners, three downtown commercial tenants, and one residential tenant. It's divided into four groups — finance, capital improvements, marketing, and economic development. In 2022, the BID received \$200,000 in assessment from the property owners.

"Some people believe it's from the city, but these funds are paid to the BID from the property owners," Holman said. "The city merely acts as a collecting agent. On top of the BID assessment the BID raised \$104,000."

Through a \$25,000 grant initiated by Assemblyman Charles Levine and additional funding from the BID, funds were allocated to purchase new holiday decorations for 73 lampposts, which were

installed by the city's Department of Public Works and provided holiday banners.

They also have a contract with landscapers to maintain most of the landscapes in the downtown area. Through a \$5,000 grant from PSEG, the BID was able to purchase and continue their string light program that extended down Glen Street to Butler Street.

The BID provides access to seasonal autumn flowers and decorations at a wholesale price for their members and provides fall decorations and scarecrows that are installed by DPW.

The BID purchased five commercials that gave 20 commercial spots to businesses that participated, which aired an average of 124 times. They have updated their

website to include a mobile-friendly interface.

The BID incorporated three new events to their calendar: Wellness Day, Halloween After Dark and Downtown Sounds Teen Idol.

Holman concluded her presentation by discussing the possibility of a winter festival for February 2024 and are said they are brainstorming ways to continue bringing art to the downtown area.

Lauren Babich, Kate Houghton and Ava Solange were lauded for their volunteerism to the downtown area. They have been devoted volunteers at various events over the past five years, and their commitment has been vital to the operation of Downtown Sounds. The three Glen Cove high school seniors are graduating this spring and are passing the reins on to the next group of volunteers.

"It has been such a pleasure working with them and a joy to watch them grow and mature," Holman said. "But most importantly, I've been able to count on them to be there, to work hard and to act professional at our events over the past five years."

"I truly started because my mom needed volunteers," Solange said. "But it turned into one of the best decisions I've made. Along the way I learned leadership, persistence, communication, hard work, and most of all people skills. I would not be the same person that I am without having the opportunity to volunteer and lead volunteers."

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Who should you choose as your "agent"? In our experience, the vast majority of powers of attorney name the spouse first and one or more of the children second. While on its face this seems reasonable, experience has shown it may not

be a good idea. We often need to use the power of attorney when the client is quite elderly and infirm. Often, so is the spouse at that time. Son or daughter wants to step in and help out with bill paying, etc. only to find they are unable to use the power of attorney for dad unless they can prove that mom can't.

How do you prove she can't? First you have to get the doctor to write a letter that mom is unable to handle her legal and financial affairs. Will the doctor write the letter? Will the letter be clear and unequivocal? Will each of the third parties you have to deal with accept the letter? These are not easy hurdles to overcome.

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Herald newspapers honored with state awards

STAFF REPORT

Herald Community Newspapers took home nine state awards at the New York Press Association's annual Better Newspaper Contest last weekend in Albany.

Long-time sports editor Tony Bellissimo earned first place in the sports feature category for his touching story of Dunia Sibomana's amazing path from a victim of a near-fatal wild chimpanzee attack in the Congo, to an honor roll student — and a Nassau County wrestling champion — from Long Beach Middle School.

"Amazing story," said one of the judges from the Colorado Press Association, which judged this year's competition. "I couldn't believe it as I read it. An incredible journey the young kid has been on."

Sibomana was just 6 when the chimpanzees attacked his family near Virunga National Park, killing both his brother and cousin. Sibomana survived, but his lips were torn off, his cheek was lacerated, and he suffered muscle damage that made it hard to swallow or talk.

He has since undergone more than a dozen surgeries, beginning at Stony Brook University Children's Hospital in 2016, to restore his appearance and facial functions.

Herald photo editor Tim Baker won two awards for his pictures — feature photo and sports feature photo, both for the East Meadow Herald.

"Loved this photo," the judges said of



Karen Bloom/Herald

SOME OF THE winners who were in Albany for this past weekend's New York Press Association Better Newspaper Contest awards include, from left, photo editor Tim Baker, sales vice president Rhonda Glickman, executive editor Michael Hinman, Glen Cove Herald senior editor Laura Lane, Long Beach Herald senior reporter Brendan Carpenter, Franklin Square/Elmont Herald senior reporter Ana Borruto, and Riverdale Press editor Gary Larkin.

Baker's photo of Andy Butera, captured in an emotional moment as the East Meadow Fire Department and American Legion Post 1082 celebrated his 100th birthday with a drive-by parade.

"Just perfect composition. Great lighting, and (Butera's) face tells a story all itself. Raw emotion."

Baker also earned honors for his photo of Peter Hawkins and Greg Waxman, who raced 50 miles through Malverne as part of "Operation Hero," a charity event for veterans and first responders.

The Long Beach Herald — edited by James Bernstein — won an honorable

mention for the Past Presidents' Award for General Excellence.

"The classified layout was very nice, as was the emphasis on community and culture," judges said. "The pictures and art were very good."

Laura Lane, senior editor for the Glen Cove Herald, won second place for her obituary coverage.

"Wonderful ledes take a reader straight into the stories of these two people's lives," the judges said about Lane's stories highlighting the lives of Teddy Roosevelt re-enactor James Foote as well as Glen Cove teenager Penny Doerge.

The Franklin Square/Elmont Herald team of Robert Traverso, Ana Borruto, Brian Pfail and Kepherd Daniel earned an honorable mention for education coverage.

"The stories do not shy away from controversial issues, reporting them well and providing context and depth as to why the community should care," the judges said. "The energy and thoughtfulness of the reporting shows in the coverage. Keep up the great local journalism."

Herald art director Jeffrey Negrin won a pair of first places for best special section cover for the chain's Great Homes special section, and best multi-advertiser pages for a Halloween-themed section for the Merrick Herald.

And the Nassau Herald won third place for advertising excellence, honoring Herald sales vice president Rhonda Glickman.

"The press room, production, finance, editorial, marketing and sales team all together put out great newspapers 52 weeks a year," Glickman said. "So great for our team to be recognized for the work we do, and bring home awards."

Stuart Richner, publisher of Herald Community Newspapers, said it's "always a great honor to be recognized by our peers in the newspaper industry."

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Bill proposed to make Nassau carbon-neutral

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By WILL SHEELINE

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Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan announced the introduction of a bill that would require the county to become carbon-neutral by 2035 to address ecological and infrastructure challenges before they become insurmountable.

The bill, which was announced at a news conference on March 28, acknowledges the unique issues facing Nassau County and Long Island, and looks to find a solution in the next 12 years.

"I'd like to begin this morning's press conference with a reminder that we all too often forget," Lafazan said. "Here in Nassau County we literally live on an island, and while living on an island, our exposure to climate change is a constant threat to our homes, our communities, our infrastructure, our drinking water and our collective safety."

Lafazan asserted that Long Island faces numerous climate-unique issues due to its geographic location and changing climate conditions. The legislator referenced a recent report by Moody's Analytics Climate Risk Scenarios, which ranked Long Island fourth among major population centers in the country for "its exposure to the physical and economic risks associated with climate change."

Climate-related threats present a wide range of dangers to Nassau County, one of the most pressing being rising water temperatures and levels. The Long Island Sound saw its highest average temperature ever in 2021, according to an environmental study by Connecticut's Council on Environmental Quality, which poses huge risks for wildlife and increases the chances of algal blooms in the Sound.

An increase of superstorms and dangerous weather events such as Hurricane Sandy is another major threat posed by climate change. As the world continues to warm, major hurricanes and tropical storms will continue to bat-



Courtesy Nassau County Legislature

LEGISLATOR JOSH LAFAZAN, joined by Adrienne Esposito, announced the introduction of a bill that would require Nassau County to become carbon-neutral by 2035.

ter Long Island, putting entire communities at risk.

Another threat comes from Long Island's reliance on a sole-source aquifer, which is the only source of freshwater for the nearly 3 million residents on the island. The aquifer is already strained from widespread use, and rising water levels and other effects from climate change could see increases in saltwater pollution in the aquifer in the coming years.

"This is all to say that there is no more time to debate something that is scientifically factual, and the actions that we take now will protect Long Island for generation after generation to come," Lafazan said. "This is not hyperbole. Powerful, once-in-a-generation storms that

happened once a century are now happening once a month."

Lafazan's proposal requires the county to create and deliver a carbon neutrality action plan to the legislature no later than Dec. 1, 2024, as well as provide progress updates starting from Dec. 24, 2024. The proposal would also empower the county executive to seek state and federal grants to support the project, as well as create a carbon neutral advisory panel made up of local experts.

While New York state has already made a pledge to become carbon neutral by 2050, Lafazan's plan would speed up the process for Nassau County. The plan will not require Nassau County residents to adhere to any new mandates, but will put the onus for the change on local municipal governments.

Lafazan was joined during the press conference by Adrienne Esposito, the executive director of the Citizens Campaign for the Environment, a local nonprofit that works to promote climate awareness through education, research, lobbying and public outreach. Esposito reiterated the dangers of not being focused on addressing the risks of climate change, and commended the proposed bill for its focus on protecting the environment and Long Island residents.

"We need to take bold actions to reduce carbon emissions to just try to stem the tide of climate change impacts," Esposito said. "What we do matters. Local government's actions matter."

Lafazan and Esposito also discussed what Nassau County was currently doing to improve its infrastructure and address climate issues. Nassau County has been working on improving its coastal resiliency as well as increasing drainage infrastructure.

However, Lafazan claimed, "The irony here is that we wouldn't need to do any of that if we just reduced our carbon emissions."

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STEPPING OUT

'Little' films in the spotlight

Forty years with the Asbury Short Film Concert

By Karen Bloom

Roll out that red carpet. After a three-year pandemic-imposed hiatus, those "small" films are back on the local stage, as presented by the Asbury Short Film Concert.

If you're looking for that tentpole blockbuster, then Hollywood's got you covered. But for those who crave films with a bit more heart and soul that strike an emotional chord, Asbury's "concert" is for you. This national touring showcase makes it way to the Madison Theatre on the Molloy University campus on Friday, April 21.

With a diverse, yet focused lineup — in many cases featuring up-and-coming filmmakers — the audience gets a look at smaller efforts you generally won't find on the big screen.

And, yes, think "concert," not festival.

"We present the best in comedy, drama, animation and the occasional documentary," says Doug LeClaire, Asbury Shorts' founder and director. "We call it a concert rather than a festival because there are no awards, no Q&A or panel discussions. It's all about entertainment value for the audience."

As in previous years, Asbury Shorts offers up an eclectic mix of films, what LeClaire describes as a "potpourri of the short film world."

LeClaire, who's been involved in commercial and film production for more than two decades, has been passionate about short films since his student days at New York Institute of Technology.

"Our No. 1 priority is the enjoyment of our audience," he says. "We're proud to provide an outlet for the filmmakers's product. For us, it is all about the theatrical experience, showing these films to an audience. We give them the opportunity to experience great films on a big screen the way they were meant to be seen."

He and his team cull these films from the film festival circuit — including the prestigious South by Southwest, Sundance, Toronto International Film Festival, and Tribeca Festival, among others.

"To get an award at one of these festivals is just as good as an Oscar nomination," LeClaire says. "These young filmmakers are so happy to get that wreath. They collect them the way we would collect baseball cards back in the day."

Think of this show as your personal film festival experience. As LeClaire puts it: "We're bringing these films to folks who can't get to film festivals."



Six Foot Scoundrel



The Waiting Room - Photos courtesy Asbury Shorts



- Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.
- All seats \$15
- Madison Theatre, Molloy University, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. For tickets, visit MadisonTheatreNY.org or call the box office at (516) 323-4444

His formula certainly has resonated with its audience. Asbury Shorts is celebrating its 40th anniversary season with an ever-growing national presence.

"We certainly have demonstrated that we are entertaining and blessed to have fans that keep coming back," LeClaire says, while also reaching out to new audiences.

The two-hour show moves along briskly. Up to a dozen films are on the program, ranging from the shortest of shorts at three minutes, to 20 minutes.

"A good short film is to the point, fast paced and most important of all is the ending," LeClaire says. "It must make sense."

And these films sure do stick that ending. Among the highlights, LeClaire points to "Six Foot Scoundrel," a brief comedy about two women who suspect foul play regarding a man's death. "A widow is mourning her deceased husband, but there's more going on than you might think. It moves along very quickly, but there's a great payoff at the end."

Another standout is "The Waiting Room," produced, directed and written by former Nassau County film commissioner Debra Markowitz. The multiple festival award-winning 12-minute dramatic comedy reunites a woman and her ex-husband in heaven.

"It's a performance piece with smart dialogue," LeClaire notes. "The ensemble cast does a great job."

As for the rest, well, you'll have to attend and see for yourself. LeClaire doesn't like to reveal too much, promising some "unannounced surprises" in celebration of Asbury's 40th anniversary.

This is the Madison Theatre's 10th year hosting Asbury, and LeClaire is grateful to have finally returned to what he considers their Long Island home.

"We're very heartened by the audience at Madison," he says. "It's been a terrific relationship and we welcome everyone back after the hiatus, in true Asbury style. To celebrate our 40 years on Long Island means a lot. It's where the show was born, and so to be here is extra special to us."



Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo

The Benatar/Giraldo partnership is acclaimed as an unstoppable force. Pat Benatar's staggering vocals and take-no-prisoners attitude, along with Neil Giraldo's trailblazing artistry as a guitarist, producer and songwriter forged the undeniable chemistry and unique sound that created some of rock's most memorable hits: 'We Belong,' 'Invincible,' 'Love Is A Battlefield,' 'Promises In the Dark,' 'We Live For Love,' and of course, 'Heartbreaker.' Together they have created two multi-platinum, five platinum and three gold albums, as well as 19 Top 40 hits — selling more than 30 million records worldwide, and winning an unprecedented four consecutive Grammy awards. Their stage presence is as undeniable as their more than three-decade rock-and-roll love affair. Benatar and Giraldo continue to share their special relationship on stage, selling out concerts everywhere. Their chemistry will undoubtedly be thrilling music fans for a long time to come.

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April 15

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Go over the moon with Wish You Were Here's celebration of 50 years of the groundbreaking and iconic musical masterpiece "The Dark Side of the Moon," on the Tilles Center stage, Saturday, **April 15**, 8 p.m. With the iconic album as its anchor, the 10-piece band, known as "The Sight and Sound of Pink Floyd," continues its 28-year tradition as a leading Pink Floyd tribute act, combining sight and sound to capture the mood, emotions, and intensity of the Floydian theatrical concert experience. The multi-media show's unique setlist includes Floyd classics and obscurities of all eras — from "Syd" to "The Division Bell." LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville. Tickets are \$59, \$49, \$39: available at TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100.

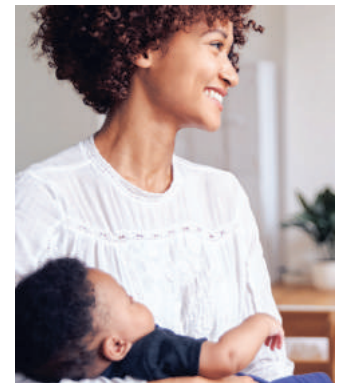
April 6



On exhibit


Nassau County Museum of Art's new exhibition, "Eye And Mind: The Shin Collection," highlights the extraordinary collection masterworks assembled by 31-year-old connoisseur Hong Gyu Shin, an internationally recognized figure in the global art world. He shares his treasures, including works by Whistler, Lautrec, Boucher, Daumier, Delacroix, Klimt, Schiele, Balthus, Warhol, de Kooning, Gorky and many other important names from art history provocatively juxtaposed with the painting and sculpture of our own time from both Asia and the West. On view **through July 9**. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.


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April 8

Easter Egg Hunt

Glen Cove Christian Church hosts an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, **April 8**, on the lawn. Ages 1-5 participate at 10 a.m.; first through fifth graders at 10:30 a.m.; sixth graders through adults at 11 a.m. Supervised childcare available during the adult hunt. 74 Walnut Road, Glen Cove. To register and for info go to GlenCoveChristianChurch.com.

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Spring Flowers

Bring the kids to Long Island Children's Museum to celebrate National Garden Month, Saturday, **April 8**, noon-2 p.m. Create a beautifully blooming paper flower to take home at the drop-in program, suitable for ages 3 and up. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.

Comedy benefit

Enjoy laughs with Jackie "The Joke Man" Martling and Peter Bales, at a comedy benefit, Friday, **April 13**, 8 p.m. 46 Summit St., Oyster Bay. \$50. Tickets: buytickets.at/standupmemories/875972.

April 12



'The Wizard of Oz'

Journey down that Yellow Brick Road when the beloved story springs to life, presented Plaza Theatrical Productions, Wednesday, **April 12**, 11 a.m. All the ingredients that have made this story a perennial favorite are here. Join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion as they make their way to Oz not knowing what awaits them. Share Dorothy's epic adventure as she flees from the wicked witch and learns that there's no place like home. Tickets \$15; performed at Plaza's stage at the Elmont Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. Visit PlazaTheatrical.com or call (516) 599-6870.

On stage

Back by popular demand, families will enjoy musical adventure, ripped from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved children's books, on the Long Island Children's Museum stage, Monday through Friday, **April 10-14**, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Piggie storm the musical romp of pachydermal suspense perfect for Carefully cautious playful Piggie anything is possible exploration of friendship. backup singers, the comedic duo even gets the audience involved in the action. \$9 with museum admission (\$7 members), \$12 theater only. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.



April 18

Woman's Club of Glen Cove

The Woman's Club of Glen Cove hosts its monthly luncheon, Tuesday, **April 18**, 11:30 a.m. The luncheon is at the View Grill, 111 Lattingtown Road, Glen Cove. Food items will be collected for a selected food pantry in Glen Cove. For further information call or text Yvette Menezes at (516) 673-1061.

Exhibit at Planting Fields Arboretum

Visit Planting Fields Arboretum for an exhibition guided tour, Saturday, **April 15**. Tours run hourly, 10:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. The exhibit, "Decisive Moments at Planting Fields: The Photography of Mattie Edwards Hewitt and Frances Benjamin Johnston," highlights the work of these trailblazing female photographers, whom W.R. Coe engaged to document the Planting Fields' Olmsted-designed gardens, buildings and interiors in the 1920s, at 1395 Planting Fields Road. Oyster Bay. For more information, contact Katie Walsh at kwash@plantingfields.org or (516) 922-8680.

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Easter Message

Easter is a story of renewal

By Rev. Lana Hurst

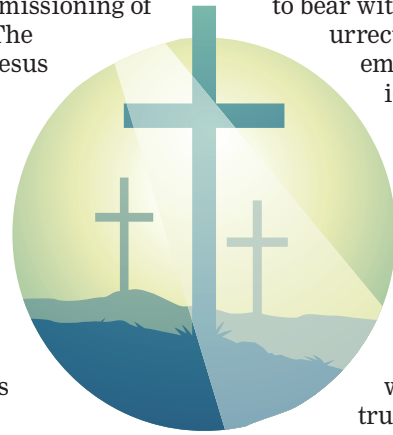
As I celebrate Easter year after year, I continue to find incredible meaning in this strange resurrection story. On the surface, it is about a guy resurrecting — or as my brother once called it — “Jesus Zombie Day.” Yet, I have come to the conclusion that this story wasn’t passed down so that we could say, “Oh wow. Someone came back to life 2,000 years ago.” A more salient question is, “What does this mean for you and me today?”

I now see Easter as a story about the renewal of all things. Easter reminds us that the good news that Jesus proclaimed of a world made new actually lives within each of us. It is a pattern of the universe happening all around us (think about the cycles of the seasons). The power to create change is not unique to Jesus of Nazareth; rather, it is shared

with all of us. If you look at where most of the Gospels end, it is with the commissioning of Jesus’ disciples. The point wasn’t for Jesus to show up and wow everyone; rather, Jesus was about inviting others to join him.

In other words, we are the empowered ones. We are the ones sent by Jesus to do “greater works.”

And this means that our existence matters to the Easter story because there is a divine love within us uniquely manifested through our ways of being and acting. This Christ whom the church proclaimed to be res-



urrected was known through people, and we have a chance to bear witness to the resurrected Christ by embodying the radically inclusive and transformative mercy-making love that Jesus embodied.

A question at the heart of Easter is: to what do we bear witness? What truths do our lives communicate to others? What do people come to know when they know us?

Who we are as human beings is always complicated. We are beautifully complex bearing great strengths as well as painful vulnerabilities. The resurrection

of Christ radically reaffirms our humanity as a dwelling place for the God of the Universe. God is willing to live in our messiness and partner with us to transform the mess into majestic works of art.

So what does it mean that early Christians passed down this story about the resurrection? It means that God is about the business of renewal. God is not afraid of messiness or chaos. God is willing to get down in the muck and the mire of pain, sorrow, and suffering and say, “I can be here too. You are not alone. Together, we can move into greater depth, honesty, wholeness, and compassion. Together, we can build a more compassionate and loving world.”

Rev. Lana Hurst is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

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Passover: What are today's 10 plagues?

By Rabbi Irwin Huberman

No matter where you learned your biblical stories from, chances are, you remember the story of Passover and the 10 plagues: the bloodying of the Nile, followed by frogs, lice, flies, livestock pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness and the killing of firstborn children.

Over time, rationalists, scientists and environmentalists have tried to explain the ancient plagues by linking them to natural phenomena, such as fallout from a Greek volcano, red algae or climate change.

Theologians have connected each plague to a physical Egyptian god: God of the Nile, God of the Sun, God of Medicine, etc.

But really, as we enter Passover 2023, perhaps we should be looking closer to home and the plagues that we face in our times.

The Torah instructs us to tell the story of freedom to our children. We eat matzah, and other yeast-less products to remind us of the Israelites' hurried exit from Egypt.

But the Torah also stresses the importance of keeping our children engaged. It answers the central question often posed by a younger generation, and many adults — "Why are we here?"

Yes, it is important that we remember where we come from. Today's Jewish people are descendants of slaves — all the more reason to be sensitive to the plight of others.

As we look at the world around us, we are reminded that there is much work to be done to assist God in repairing

this broken world.

So, is Passover only about retelling the ancient story, or are there plagues to consider and address today?

Here are some modern plagues I am reflecting upon. More children die in the United States through guns than

any other cause. This is a deadly affliction. Racism, anti-Semitism, human

trafficking, poverty, hunger, homelessness, war, misuse of social media, and environmental degradation all qualify as contemporary plagues.

And as we reflect upon these modern afflictions, let us also consider some potential antidotes: Respecting others' point of view; keeping our children safe; promoting co-existence, equality and peace; assisting those less fortunate and protecting the environment.

And so, as we enter this year's Passover season, let's consider how we can combat these plagues and make the world a better place.

While the telling of the Passover story links us with ancient events, it is also important to apply these teachings to today's troubled world. We can do so through our contributions, our vote and our volunteer commitments.

Let us, therefore, link events that occurred thousands of years ago with the timeless pursuit of Tikun Olam — the repair of the world. Let us make that ageless mission central to our upcoming Passover festival, as we gather family and friends to consider the true meaning of freedom.



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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
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and their respective
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devisees, legatees,
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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
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trial situs of the real
property
SUPPLEMENTAL
SUMMONS
Mortgaged Premises:
2 HIGH PINE
GLEN COVE, NY 11542
Section: 31, Block: 70,
Lot: 12

To the above named
Defendants
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the Complaint in the
above entitled action and
to serve a copy of your
Answer on the plaintiff's
attorney within twenty
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a defendant in this action,
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service. Your failure to
appear or to answer will
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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.

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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
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of trial because the real
property affected by this
action is located in said
county.

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entered and you can lose
your home.

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

Sending a payment to the
mortgage company will
not stop the foreclosure
action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY
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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
Eric S. Sheidlower, Esq.
900 Merchants
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Westbury, NY 11590
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TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP
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of sale.

Index No. 018968/2009.
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OPINIONS

New York is going to pot, very slowly

New York state is a big and complex entity. It provides services that meet the needs of millions of people, and at the same time, it creates law after law that is supposed to meet those needs. Sometimes the state trips over its own regulatory feet and falls flat on its face.

When it comes to the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act, you can toss a coin as to whether it is a hiccup or a major bureaucratic headache. The MRTA law turned 2 years old last week. When you create a massive statewide undertaking, there are always fits and starts. But sooner



**JERRY
KREMER**

or later, the whole process gets on track and almost everyone is happy.

There is no doubt that the legislators who sponsored the original MRTA law had the best of intentions, and were hopeful that the law would be in place and slowly but surely be producing rev-

enue for the state and creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs. Regrettably, the state has gotten zero dollars from the program, and you can count the number of new jobs with your fingers.

I'm not pointing one of mine in blame at any officials in particular, because they have a tough and thankless job. But the visions of success have been premature. At present, there are hundreds of licensed growers around the state who will very soon have a product that is available, but no one to sell it to. There are only a handful of legal dispensaries, and they can't handle the amount of cannabis that is being grown. So what should a pot grower do with tons of mature plants? Farmers must have a place to sell their products, but New York's cannabis growers don't.

While the state has been in the process of getting the system functioning, one group has done very well. If you take a drive around New York City or many other parts of the state, you'll see

an enormous number of mini-stores that call themselves "smoke shops." You can be sure that they aren't surviving on the proceeds from the sales of \$12 packs of Marlboros. They do sell nicotine products, but their money comes from the sale of marijuana.

These days there is so much pot on the streets of our state that you can smell it on many street corners. I recently took our granddaughter to the American Museum of Natural History and smelled pot near the dinosaur exhibit. Gov. Kathy Hochul has introduced a bill that would shut down all of the smoke shops and impose massive fines on those that fail to comply.

When I was a member of the Assembly, we had an old adage: Where there's a new law, there's a lawsuit to follow. So far, the state has been sued twice by companies and individuals claiming that the licensing process for selling pot has either been "unfair" or "arbitrary." Because my law firm represents some prospective licensees, I won't comment

on the merits of those claims.

But suffice it to say that not everyone is in love with MRTA. Friends complain to me frequently about the legalization of pot, but I explain to them that it is now legal in more than 20 states, both red and blue. In its first year of legalization, the state of Colorado collected over \$250 million in revenue, and now that revenue is closer to \$1 billion annually. What state wouldn't want to cash in on the pot business?

Sooner or later, the New York Legislature will help implement the MRTA more effectively, and the state might even see a few dollars that are now going to the smoke shops.

And if you think the pot law got off to a slow start, watch how the casino licensing process goes forward. No doubt that new headache will be like turning an aircraft carrier around, not once but multiple times.

Jerry Kremer was an Assemblyman for 23 years, and chaired the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee for 12 years. He now heads Empire Government Strategies, a business development and legislative strategy firm. Comments about this column? jkremer@liherald.com.

America, where have all the flowers gone?

We ponder big themes this week. Biblical plagues, miracles, resurrection, insurrection, and the elevation of false gods. And that's just our political world.

We also mark the days of Passover and Easter. For those who observe, this religious week reminds us that nothing in our lives is unique. Kings have risen and kings have fallen. Democracies have triumphed and then failed, in cycles that repeat themselves over the ages.



**RANDI
KREISS**

Still, last week was a remarkable one for those of us living on earth in 2023. After years of investigations and a multi-year media free-for-all, a former president of the United States was indicted by a grand jury in New York. I saved the front page for my grandchildren to preserve the moment, because it is historic and because I want them to know that everyone is equal under the law, even an American president. Almost all the headlines in all the big newspapers featured two words set in large bold type:

TRUMP INDICTED.

The road ahead is unclear. The wheels of justice love a well-worn path, and this time around there is none. The presumption of innocence supersedes all other aspects of the case, but how the process unfolds, with Donald Trump exonerated or convicted, will grab headlines and social media attention for years to come.

For me, the most distressing consequence of the former president's indictment was that it wiped off the front pages the story of the shooting of six people in Nashville earlier in the week. This is how it goes these days: Horrific shootings of children have become bloody blips on our screens. The news feeds zap our devices with details of yet another crazed shooter, bodies in classrooms, police charging the killer, statements of sympathy, first ladies off to the funerals. And the world watches as tiny caskets go into the ground, and traumatized families and friends experience the first days of what will be a lifetime of longing and grief.

At one of the funerals of one of the 9-year-olds killed in Nashville, a rela-

tive spoke of the little girl's favorite activities in her preschool days. That is how the lives of 9-year-olds are eulogized.

Nashville, of course, is just the most recent crime scene where murdered children were laid to rest. More than 6,000 American children were hurt or killed by gunfire in 2022, according to ABC News. No single issue in our lives is more important, and more demanding of our action than this: The leading cause of death among children in the United States is gun violence.

Reflecting on the Nashville murders in The Washington Post, columnist Philip Bump quoted from a book by Ta-Nehisi Coates, remembering a child killed in a violent encounter: "Think of all the love poured into him," Coates wrote, delineating specific ways in which parents invest in and show their love for their children: music lessons, birthday parties and kids' books. Then, he added, "And think of how that vessel was taken, shattered on the concrete, and all its holy contents, all that had gone into him, sent flowing back to the earth."

Mr. Bump went on to write, "Most of

Horrific shootings of children have become bloody blips on our screens.

the deaths from firearms for those ages 1 to 18 are homicides, with about a third being suicide. In 2020 in particular and in recent years more generally, the number of firearm homicides within this age range spiked."

Each of us has a voice and a pen and a vote. If we love our children more than we love the patronage of the NRA, we need to make those voices heard.

The people in Nashville who were murdered in cold blood with military style weapons were Evelyn Dieckhaus, William Kinney and Hallie Scruggs, all 9 years old; Katherine Koonce, 60, the head of the school; Mike Hill, 61, a custodian; and Cynthia Peak, 61, a substitute teacher.

If we take away anything from the last chaotic week, let it be a commitment to stop the killing of our children. This is a uniquely American abomination, our new American exceptionalism.

During this week of political drama and religious meditation, can we not use our voices and our votes to demand change in our gun laws? In my youth, we raised our voices to protest the killing of our kids in war. Pete Seeger's lyrics resonated in that time and place.

They still ring out: "Where have all the flowers gone?"

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Kids will lead, if we let them

What's the best way to teach a child? The better question is, what's the most effective way a child learns?

Lagging student achievement is not new. As schools grapple with declining test scores caused by the coronavirus pandemic lockdowns, education leaders need to find a solution.

Schools nationwide have been using project-based learning to better reach kids. Students identify real-world problems — like climate change or food scarcity — and then research solutions and present their findings. The goal is for students to acquire knowledge and problem-solving skills, instead of focusing on traditional learning by sitting in rows and memorizing facts.

Students make all the decisions. Teachers? They're along for the ride.

Sometimes the best lesson is for adults to shut up, stand to the side and let kids take charge. Leaders in the Village of Malverne did just that when a group of high school students, following the model of project-based learning in curriculums across the country, sought to rename a street honoring a former Ku Klux Klan leader.

Over a few years, students researched the topic, petitioned school and village officials several times, and built a community-level outreach program. The result? Lindner Place was renamed Acorn Way in January. The new name is a nod to Malverne's motto, "Oaks from acorns."

Certainly, there were other people

involved, from civic leaders to community activists. And they came from nearby Lakeview and West Hempstead as well as the village. But children were at the forefront.

This wasn't a school assignment or an application booster for college. Students came up with the idea. They did the research and spoke to village leaders at public meetings. No one told them they had to do this. Students identified and researched a problem, created solutions, and persuaded the public they were right.

Not only was the Acorn Way renaming a great example of students learning through project-based learning, but it also improved the community. Gone is a street sign celebrating a person who believed in hate. And while Paul Lindner was influential in the village's history, the evil he promoted cannot be overlooked.

The Acorn Way street renaming garnered national attention, a clear indication of the impact children can have on the world. There are examples of children solving problems all around us by way of PBL — from a high school girl in Bellport who raised money and then helped build a water-filtration system for an all-girls school in Pakistan, to a high school boy in Las Vegas who created a nonprofit that collects and donates shoes.

There are virtually innumerable ways kids can volunteer at almost any age. Parents can reach out to local or national and international groups for ideas. Better still, ask a child what he or she would do to

make the world a better place.

Educators are deeply concerned about learning in the 21st century. American schoolchildren continue to lag behind those in dozens of other countries in math and science. Certainly there are other measures of student learning, but the decline remains troubling.

The latest focus is on what are called the 4 C's of 21st-century Learning: creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication. Project-based learning is the epitome of this concept. The Malverne students took it further by adding "community."

Is the purpose of an education to get a job and make money? Or is it something more meaningful? By allowing students to guide their own learning, the greater Malverne community is a better place — not only now, but in the future.

More students will follow the example of those in Malverne, and more communities will be made better places. Schools can continue to expand PBL throughout all grades to encourage students to explore problems and solutions. Communities can offer competitions to entice students to solve problems. Parents can pose open-ended questions to push their child's critical thinking.

There are more opportunities like this in every town. Schools, community leaders, and others should spread the story of Acorn Way to encourage more children to explore problems and solutions.

All we have to do is get out of their way.

LETTERS

Where do you stand, Congressman D'Esposito?

To the Editor:

Every day last week, I called U.S. Rep. Anthony D'Esposito's office, inquiring about his stance on gun violence, while the TV hummed news of another school shooting, like an excruciating soundtrack to my calls.

Days 1-3: "I haven't had the chance to speak to the congressman about this issue, but I will pass along your concerns on the matter."

Day 4: "I've heard from others in the office that the congressman is working on a statement."

Day 5: "I haven't had the chance to speak to the congressman about this issue, but I will pass along your concerns on the matter."

I kept hoping to hear the leadership and independence that Congressman D'Esposito was elected by my district to demonstrate. The freshman congressman from District 4, the one made famous by the LIRR massacre that brought Carolyn McCarthy to Congress, ran on a platform of "public safety." Why, then, was it so hard to receive a response about his position on the ultimate pub-



OPINIONS

It's time to rethink windstorm insurance coverage

What is a windstorm? That might sound like a question with an obvious answer. And for the National Weather Service, it is.

But in New York, there isn't a single answer — there are many. More than 100, in fact. And it all depends on your homeowners insurance policy. And even then, the answer might not be so clear.



**GARY
SLAVIN**

This might not seem like a big deal, but it is. Which definition your policy uses could impact the amount you have to pay out of pocket if a windstorm damages your property. And really, none of the options are cheap.

A lack of a standard definition ultimately affects windstorm deductibles. If the wind speed doesn't meet the definition of a windstorm outlined in your policy, you will likely see your standard deductible — anywhere between \$500 and \$2,000.

But if you have a policy where wind

speeds match its definition of a windstorm, say goodbye to that standard deductible, and instead look at opening your wallet to pay a percentage of your home's value, typically 5 percent. That means if your home is worth \$500,000, forget paying \$500 or even \$2,000. You'll be on the hook for \$25,000.

All while your neighbors might be paying much less, for the same storm. All because they have different policies than you.

It's a roulette wheel of coverage — the kind where the odds remain in favor of the house. You know, the insurance companies.

New York isn't the South, which is prone to storms like hurricanes. But that doesn't mean our homes aren't susceptible to wind damage. Hurricane Sandy may have taken place a decade ago, but there have been other storms since then that, while smaller, could still trigger the much higher deductible, and make it nearly impossible for many homeowners to afford the repairs they most desperately need after a storm.

This is hardly a new problem, and

there is a solution: Establish a standard definition for windstorms that would apply to all homeowners policies with a windstorm deductible.

Defining windstorms for the purposes of insurance coverage would not upend the underwriting of coastal homeowners policies. Instead, it would make it easier for New York homeowners to understand when a windstorm deductible might apply.

Albany has tried to solve this problem since long before Sandy, but simply hasn't gotten anywhere. Bill after bill has been introduced in the Legislature, and bill after bill has died there. Last session, a bill standardizing the definition of a windstorm passed the Assembly, but couldn't make its way out of the Senate.

This session, lawmakers are trying again. Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato and Sen. James Sanders Jr. have companion bills that are seeking a path to Gov. Kathy Hochul's desk. A.2866 and S.4199 would require insurance companies to make clear how much financial exposure a homeowner would have to

windstorm damage.

It's easy to mistake a 5 percent deductible as meaning a homeowner would have to pay 5 percent of the overall cost of repairs — not 5 percent of the home's total value, which would be much more.

The bills would also standardize the "trigger" — the event that activates the policy in the first place. Uniform standards would make it easier for homeowners to compare different insurance offerings, and get the coverage they expect, and need. It's something both New Jersey and Connecticut have recently accomplished, and it would also help make sure deductibles are reasonable, and not something that's going to make the pain of dealing with a damaged home even worse.

Ask your elected officials if they will be a part of the solution. In the meantime, call your insurance agent and make sure you understand what triggers your windstorm deductible, and how much you could be paying out of pocket.

It's a surprise — and an added expense — none of us needs.

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LETTERS

lic safety issue of our time?

Despite the overwhelming pessimism and the sense that nothing will ever be done to change it, Congressman D'Esposito actually has an opportunity to make a difference and to lead on the issue of gun reform, beginning with an assault weapons ban, which a majority of the American public supports. He is a member of a narrow band of swing state representatives whom he can encourage to work in a bipartisan manner to solve this urgent problem.

All Long Islanders may not be on the same page, but our representatives owe us a clear statement of where they are on this issue so we might begin dialogue and seek solutions together. You can't lead if nobody knows where you stand or where you are headed.

As a lifelong educator, I believe in the possibility of change and growth, and in this spirit I will keep calling the congressman's office and hoping for a new response — a meaningful one.

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The lives those Nashville 9-year-olds missed

To the Editor:

As an elementary school teacher for 38 years, I taught almost 1,000 9-year-olds, so my heart goes out to the three youngest

Nashville school shooting victims, Evelyn Dieckhaus, William Kinney and Hallie Scruggs. They've had a combined 200 or more years of life stolen from them, and I mourn them with these numbers:

None of them ever got to celebrate a double-digit birthday.

If they had lived to graduate from high school, these three children would at least have had a combined 54 years of learning and laughter. Turning 22 and graduating from college would have afforded their mothers and fathers a combined 66 years of parental pride.

Had they reached 50, besides their AARP memberships, they would have had 150 years in which to have marriages and children, not to mention providing their own parents with grandchildren to spoil.

Had they reached the Social Security age of 62, that would have meant a combined 186 years of life, including working at jobs that would have contributed to many aspects of American life. Getting to retire and earn Medicare benefits at age 65 would have meant a combined 195 years of living life to its fullest, including award-winning careers after which they'd receive their gold watches, and never need to worry about health insurance.

Given their actuarially expected life spans of 80 years, they would have had 240 years, in which they would even have had grandchildren of their own.

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