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MAYOR PAMELA PANZENBECK, far left, Michael Churgel, Irwin Huberman, Marsha Silverman and Gustavo Gitlin lit Yartzzeit candles to memorialize the millions who died in the Holocaust.

Glen Cove officials hold first Holocaust Remembrance Day

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On a typical evening, City Hall is abuzz with political discussions, and serves as a doorway through which residents, business owners and local leaders communicate with local officials. But on Monday night, the community gathered not to discuss zoning laws or pass resolutions. They were there for a more somber occasion — to reflect on Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, who spearheaded the event, partnered with Congregation Tifereth Israel and North Country

Reform Temple to welcome Jews and non-Jews to come together to honor the millions of victims of the Holocaust.

Though Yom HaShoah is the national Holocaust commemoration date in Israel, it marks the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising of 1943, when a band of Jewish resistance fighters in the largest Nazi ghetto in World War II managed to defy their well-armed opponents. This month marks the 80th anniversary of that battle, which has become a powerful symbol of resistance. Yom HaShoah has taken on greater significance as antisemitism has been on the rise

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Construction worker dies on Garvies Pt. Road

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Noe Diaz-Gamez, 26, of Huntington Station, died after falling 40 feet onto the concrete floor of a warehouse at 40 Garvies Point Road on April 14, while replacing metal sections of the building's roof.

He was airlifted to North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, and later died of his injuries.

The Nassau County Homicide Bureau and the Glen Cove Police Department's Detective Division investigated, and determined that Diaz-Gamez's death was accidental. But the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration is continuing an investigation.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1,008 workers died in construction accidents

in 2020 — the third-highest fatality rate of any industry — and more than 300 of those deaths were the result of falls. Falls account for 34 percent of all deaths on construction job sites.

Glen Cove just passed the most stringent safety laws on Long Island, and now we have a tragic fatality. Our intention is to protect all workers.

VINCENT ALU
vice president,
Laborers Local 66

According to OSHA, the top four causes of deaths in construction are falls, being struck by equipment, being caught in or in between objects, and electrocution. Together these four causes account for over 60 percent of all construction related deaths in the United States.

Although the city issued a permit to Allied Maker Roof and Window, the company is not being investigated. OSHA is investigating Elite Roofing Services Inc., of Huntington, and Preferred Exterior Industries Inc., of New Hyde Park, in connection with the incident.

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OSHA investigating potential safety violations

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The investigation includes gauging the safety protocols that were in place at the time of the accident, as well as any potential violations of workplace safety regulations.

OSHA emails to the Herald explained that the agency is attempting to determine whether Elite Roofing Services and Preferred Exterior Industries complied with OSHA's safety standards. If the inspections identify violations, the agency could issue citations to and propose fines against them.

Officials would not release an estimated completion date for the inspections, but OSHA has up to six months to complete its inspection.

The Glen Cove City Council voted unanimously in February to require what's known as the OSHA 30 training for projects starting at 20,000 square feet.

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, along with Grant Newburger, a spokesman for the Building & Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Reflecting on Diaz-Gamez's death, Alu said he feels that there's nothing worse than someone dying on a construction site.

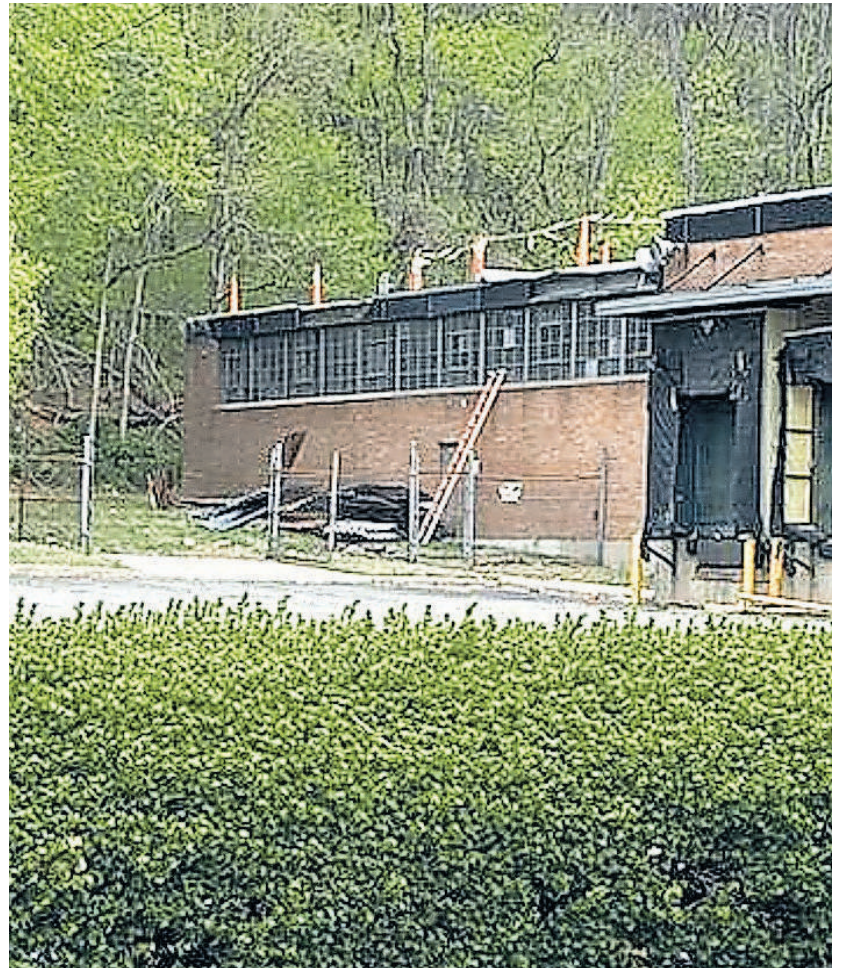
"Glen Cove just passed the most stringent safety laws on Long Island, and now we have a tragic fatality," Alu said. "Our intention is to protect all workers. This is the first time this OSHA law is being tested on Long Island."

The new law addresses safety requirements for a minor construction site, requiring that workers 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 or 50-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.

The self-paced courses range from \$159 to \$215 and are 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 its outreach safety training every four to five years to stay updated with the latest safety regulations and industry practices.

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 to \$10,000. For a second violation, penalties increase to \$3,000 to \$10,000, or 15 consecutive days of imprisonment.

As of press time, information regarding permits issued to Elite Roofing Services Inc. and Preferred Exterior Industries Inc. were not available.



Courtesy Vincent Alu

NOE DIAZ-GAMEZ, 26, fell 40 feet onto the concrete floor of a warehouse on Garvies Point Road while replacing metal sections of the roof.

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CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN Little League marched in Glen Cove on opening day filled with anticipation for a great season.

Opening day parade celebrates Little Leaguers

School Street was filled with Little League players of all ages, their parents and friends on Saturday to celebrate opening day. The children marched in their brightly colored uniforms toward John MacCarone City Stadium for a day of baseball and fun where there would also be raffles to win and a DJ. But that wasn't all. The eager Little Leaguers and the community were also met with new bleachers, scoreboards and batting cages too.

And there was a surprise visit from Glen Cove resident Dwight Gooden, a professional baseball player who pitched for the Mets from 1984 to 2000.

"It's a special moment for these kids today," Gooden said. "So any type of inspiration given, I'm happy to do it."

Richie Cannata, saxophone player for Billy Joel, performed his rendition of the National Anthem before Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck threw the first pitch of the season.

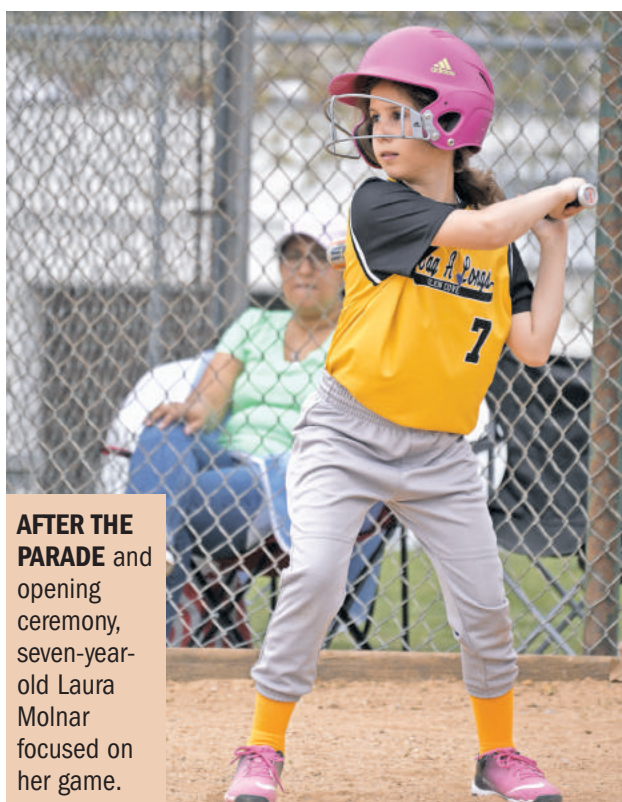
After the opening ceremony, players were eager to get back to the field. All four fields at the stadium's upper field were brimming with cheers as boys and girls baseball teams got their first pitches, hits and catches of the season.



DWIGHT GOODEN, LEFT, paid a surprise visit to the Little League's opening day. He met with excited fans like Pete Capiello, and offered words of inspiration.



SIENNA QUIRROS ABOVE, and Emma Longobucco marched towards the stadium to play ball.



AFTER THE PARADE and opening ceremony, seven-year-old Laura Molnar focused on her game.



MAYOR PAMELA PANZENBECK, left, threw the first pitch of the season as the crowd cheered her on.

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■ A 26-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on April 13 for criminal contempt and harassment on Robinson Avenue.

■ A 20-year-old Brentwood male was arrested on April 15 for aggravated DWI, DWI and no license on School Street.

■ A 58-year-old Glen Cove female was arrested on April 15 for criminal mischief and harassment on Sherwood Road.

■ A 44-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on April 4, for two counts of

criminal contempt and harassment on Dogwood Lane.

■ A 55-year-old Locust Valley male was arrested on April 4, for DWI, leaving the scene of an accident and aggravated unlicensed operation on Duck Pond Road.

■ A 66-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on April 5 for assault and failure to obey police officer on Hendrick Avenue.

■ A 28-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on April 8, for aggravated DWI, DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation and numerous VTL violations at Pryibill Beach.

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On March 22, the DEC prohibited the use or attempted use of gaffs when recreationally fishing for Atlantic striped bass. This regulation intends to reduce release mortality in recreational striped bass fisheries as required by Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass. The DEC is accepting public comments on the regulation through May 22, 2023.

For more information contact Diadromous Fish Unit at sbcaprogram@dec.ny.gov or visit DEC's Striped Bass Cooperative Anglers website at dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7899.html

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It's been 80 years since Warsaw Ghetto uprising

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in the United States.

"There is one word that encompasses all of human evil, and that is indifference," Rabbi Michael Churgel, of North Country Reform Temple, said. "We must not remain passive; we must respond in defiance to anyone who declares either the Holocaust never happened or that it was just a misunderstanding."

The Anti-Defamation League's latest report shows hate-filled attacks and incidents against Jewish people hit a record high in 2022. New York state saw 580 anti-Semitic incidents, making it the highest in the country. A 39 percent increase from 2021, when 416 incidents were reported, and more than double from a decade ago. The state accounted for 15 percent of all documented antisemitic incidents in the United States in 2022.

Knowledge about the Holocaust, those who died and its survivors continues to diminish making gatherings like this event more important.

"Events like this are about bringing people together," Silverman said. "It's about educating people and ensuring that people understand while we may have differences in our diverse community, we all have a lot in common."

To help keep the memories of victims alive, Glen Cove resident Rochelle Bordwin shared a letter written in 1945 by survivor Mishka Klein to his sister. The letter details Klein's journey from his home country of Hungary to the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

"They herded us together and pushed 70 people in a freight train, and they gave us one bucket full of water," the letter read. "After a 72-hour trip, we arrived in the infamous Auschwitz, some of us dead, some of us half dead."



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RABBI IRWIN HUBERMAN shared a song about his encounters with Holocaust survivors and their families. His song included Kaddish, the Hebrew prayer of mourning.

In his letter, Klein detailed his time as a slave laborer at Auschwitz and his journey to two other concentration camps. He survived multiple close encounters to the camp's gas chambers and was liberated by Sovi-

et forces in 1945. He wrote about the heartache of surviving the death camps and the trauma he will carry through his life.

"I will be 50 soon, and my spirit is broken, one cannot describe what horrible things that happened to us here," Klein wrote. "I always see in front of me the horrors of Auschwitz."

After the emotional letter, the Rev. Roger Williams, of the First Presbyterian Church, offered his insight into how we should reflect on justice for victims, and how justice should be nurtured to be remembered.

"Justice is not just some idea or philosophy; justice is living," he said. "Justice has to be nurtured, given sustenance in order to survive. I hope throughout our religious convictions, and the pure and simple decency of being a human being, will lead us to efforts to make sure that justice will never die."

Rabbi Irwin Huberman, of Congregation Tiferith Israel, said he hoped the day would also give recognition to those who are still suffering from acts of hate, whether it is from war-torn countries or acts of discrimination. Huberman performed a song he wrote on his acoustic guitar, which was inspired by meetings with Holocaust survivors and their families. His song included Kaddish, the Hebrew prayer of mourning.

The evening concluded with lighting seven yellow Yarezeit candles, which are traditionally used to commemorate the anniversary of the death of loved ones. The yellow wax serves as a reminder of the yellow armbands that Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime.

"We have a responsibility that nobody is ever reduced to a number," Huberman said. "Each one of these candles represents the six million who had hopes and dreams. We ensure that their spirits and memories remain in our minds and teach us for the future."

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Santos announces his run for reelection for Congress

By LAURA LANE

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The best place to find out what Congressman George Santos is doing or saying is on Twitter, which is where he announced on Monday he would run for reelection. The

April Fools' Day was on the first of this month, and that would have been a more appropriate date to announce his re-election campaign.

JAY JACOBS

state and Nassau County Democratic chairman

declaration was not surprising because the embattled congressman had submitted his statement of candidacy to the Federal Election Commission in March. Even so, the announcement led immediately to outrage from elected leaders from both sides of the aisle. No one seemed to be happy about Santos' attempt to extend his representation of the 3rd Congressional District in 2024, except perhaps

the New York Young Republican Club who tweeted their support on Monday.

Santos seems to be experiencing a disconnect when it comes to support among his constituents. According to a Newsday-Siena College poll released at the end of January, among the 653 registered voters who live in the 3rd Congressional District, 78 percent believed the Republican should resign. Eighty-nine percent of Democrats and 72 percent of independents agreed as did 71 percent of Republicans.

Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck said Santos will not receive any support from her or anyone in the Nassau County Republican Party.

"We asked him to step down and he ignored us," Panzenbeck said. "He's delusional. And he seems to love the attention, good or bad."

The New York State Conservative Party's chairman, Gerard Kassar, was one of the first to condemn Santos' reelection bid.

"Under no circumstances will Congressman George Santos receive the Conservative Party line in his reelection run," Kassar



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U.S. REP. GEORGE Santos, who announced on Monday he will seek another term in office, is hoping he can once again experience an election night win as he did here in 2022.

said in a statement. "The party has called for his resignation and finds his pattern of deceit morally repugnant. We continue to hope that Mr. Santos will choose the redemptive path by relinquishing his seat."

Shortly after Santos was elected, it was found that he was not by any means the candidate voters thought he was. Lies were uncovered regarding his education, employment, career, housing and religion, drawing much ire.

The House Ethics Committee began an investigation on Santos in early March to determine if he violated campaign finance laws, fiscal disclosure, conflict of interest and sexual misconduct.

Multiple other investigations were already being conducted by the Federal Election Commission, the Office of Congressional Ethics, the New York State attorney general, the U.S. attorney in Brooklyn as well as on Long Island, by the Nassau and Queens county district attorneys.

During a January news conference where Nassau Republicans demanded Santos resign, GOP Chair Joseph Cairo shared his lack of support. "We will not nominate

George Santos for reelection to Congress or for any other office," Cairo said. "The serial liar has disgraced the House of Representatives and has deceived the public."

In March, Cairo said once again Santos would not receive the Nassau GOP's endorsement adding, "If he decides to run, we will oppose and beat him."

Then on Monday, after hearing of Santos' plans to run again, Cairo released a statement saying, "It's time for George Santos to go!"

The state and Nassau Democratic Chairman Jay Jacobs added a bit of humor in his statement of disapproval. "George Santos is 16 days late. April Fools' Day was on the first of this month, and that would have been a more appropriate date to announce his reelection campaign," Jacobs said. "I am sure that congressmembers (Anthony) D'Esposito, (Andrew) Garbarino, (Nicholas) Lalota, (Mike) Lawler, (Marcus) Molinaro, and (Brandon) Williams are all very excited to be running with George Santos."

Jacobs blames the aforementioned Republican congressmen for Santos' continual service in the House of Representatives. "If

these Representatives had done more to pressure Speaker Kevin McCarthy to bring a vote to expel him rather than just pay lip service, they would have been spared the embarrassment of running with George Santos, or whatever his name is," Jacobs said.

Nassau Legislator Josh Lafazan, who ran unsuccessfully in the Democratic primary for Congress to represent the third district, has held 20 news conferences demanding Santos resign.

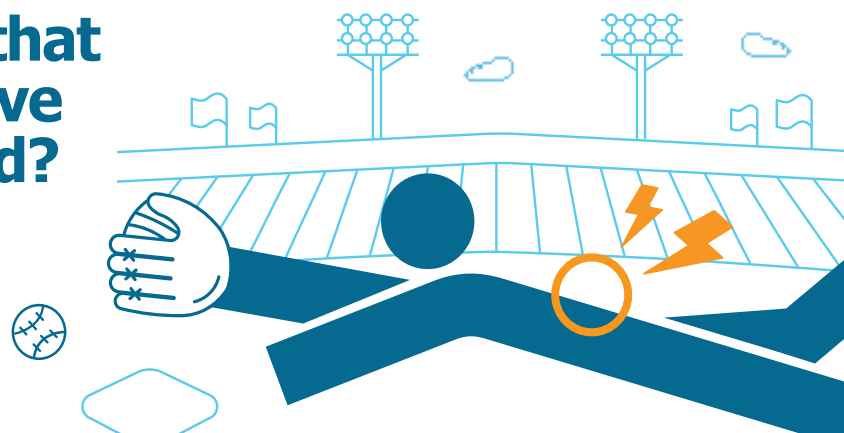
"George Santos is a liar, a fraud, and a failure," Lafazan said. "New York's 3rd Congressional District deserves an honest congressman willing to put our district first. Santos must resign now and end this national embarrassment he created."

When Santos tweeted about his reelection, he said his leadership has been apparent in his four months as a congressman when he introduced and cosponsored more bills than any other freshman member of Congress.

Santos tweeted that his reelection is "about taking back our country and restoring greatness back to New York." He is asking for support in the form of donations.

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Will Tom Suozzi run for Congress?

By LAURA LANE

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Could the North Shore see one of their own, Tom Suozzi, return to Congress? Although CNBC reported on April 13 there is a chance that the Glen Cove resident, a former congressman, may throw his hat in the ring to represent the 3rd Congressional District once again, there is no information to support the claim. And calls to Suozzi were not returned.

Embattled Republican U.S. Rep. George Santos, who currently represents the 3rd Congressional District, remains under investigation by the House Ethics Committee who are looking into violations of campaign finance laws, financial disclosure and sexual misconduct. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy said if Santos were found guilty he would be removed from office. Meanwhile, Santos announced on April 17 that he is running for reelection.

There are other ongoing investigations of Santos as well, including those being conducted by Nassau and Queens district attorneys and the New York State attorney general.

And if he does decide to run for reelection in 2024 there is no guarantee that Suozzi would be the Democrat challenger. Suozzi would have to be chosen by Jay Jacobs, the New York Democratic Committee chair, and Rep. Gregory Meeks of Queens. And he'd have to be approved by Gov. Kathy Hochul, who Suozzi ran against unsuccessfully in the primary for governor.

Jacobs told CNBC Suozzi is considering the run but hasn't made his mind up yet. Jacobs was not available to speak to the Herald. CNBC also stated that Suozzi has spoken with House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries but calls to his office were not returned.

Suozzi comes with much government



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FORMER U.S. REP. Tom Suozzi hasn't said if he will run again to replace Santos.

experience. He was Glen Cove's mayor from 1994 to 2001 and was Nassau County executive from 2002 to 2009. Suozzi was elected to Congress in 2017 leaving to run for governor against Hochul in the Democratic primary.

When Suozzi was elected to Congress, he joined the Problem Solvers Caucus — 29 Democrats and 29 Republicans who meet weekly to try and find common ground. He served as the co-vice chair. The group, committed to bipartisan law-making to end the gridlock in Washington, remained important to Suozzi throughout his time in the House. He stayed with them until he left Congress.

"I just always made it a point to get to know people, to understand where they were coming from," he told the Herald in February. "And even people I disagree with, I still tried to let them know that I'd work with them in good faith if they were working to solve a problem."

high school senior who resides in Glen Cove and plans to attend college next year. Applicants may attend schools outside of Glen Cove, but they must be residents of Glen Cove.


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Chamber offering scholarship for college-bound students

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Interfaith service held to combat hate, anti-Semitism

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In anticipation of Holocaust Remembrance Day, religious leaders, politicians and residents gathered at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Sea Cliff on Sunday to promote a dialogue of diversity and combat the rise of anti-Semitism that is spreading through Nassau County, New York and the rest of the country.

According to a 2022 report by the Anti-Defamation League, anti-Semitic incidents, which includes defamation and destruction of private property as well as physical assaults, jumped by roughly 23 percent in 2021. In that same year Nassau County alone saw 32 reported incidents of anti-Semitism.

Roughly 30 congregants from both St. Luke's and Congregation Tifereth Israel in Glen Cove gathered to pay tribute to the millions of lives lost in the horrors of the Holocaust. Leading them in prayer were Reverend Jesse Lebus of St. Luke's and Rabbi Irwin Huberman of Tifereth Israel.

Huberman explained that he and Lebus came up with the idea over lunch, which they do together once every month. Huberman said that they believed a shared service would be a good way to help break down the barriers

between people practicing their different faiths, as well as help combat the hate and racism that is seemingly endemic in the United States.

"We thought that it would be an important gesture if the observance of Holocaust Memorial Day was not just limited to the Jewish tragedy," Huberman said, "but that it can be expanded as a learning tool in modern times, to reflect Sea Cliff's collective opposition to hatred and prejudice."

Huberman emphasized that while the Holocaust claimed the lives of approximately 6 million Jewish people, a further 10 million people with mental disabilities, of Slavic and Romani descent and members of the LGBTQ+ community were also brutally killed by the Nazis. He added that it was important to acknowledge that bigotry and racism is never limited to one minority group, but is frequently used with "other" people of many different backgrounds who are just trying to live peaceful and happy lives.

He also led the congregation in the

singing of a song entitled "Yitgadal Veyitkadash," which tells the stories of Holocaust survivors and their children. Huberman explained that the song tells the stories of some of those who lost their lives in the Shoah, the Hebrew term for the Holocaust, while the chorus is a recitation of a traditional Hebrew mourning prayer.

Also in attendance were New York State Assemblyman Charles Lavine and Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, who addressed the gathered crowd on the importance of combating hatred with kindness and protecting the rights of one's neighbor.

DeRiggi-Whitton, who is Catholic, spoke the next day about how she had grown up with many Jewish people in her community and how proximity and openness with others was an important aspect of breaking down the walls of hatred used to divide people. She made comparisons between the United States' current situation and pre-Nazi Germany when economic hardship and global issues enabled Nazism to spread,

adding that hatred is "a phenomenon that can grow if we're not careful."

"Although we're different in many ways, we're also more alike than different, probably even as far as religion goes," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "Caring about our families and our communities is such an important part of all religions."

Lavine, who is Jewish, attributed the increase in anti-Semitism to the actions and words of former President Donald Trump, who he accused of enabling hatred through his vitriolic language and leading many who harbored racist and bigoted views to feel justified in expressing them. Lavine said he blamed Trump for spending his presidency dividing Americans, when the country's strength comes from its diversity and inclusiveness.

"We as Americans are composed of every distinct ethnic, nationalistic, religious and non-religious threads imaginable," Lavine said. "It is the combination of all those threads that makes us an incredibly powerful nation."

Huberman said that many of the attendees had approached him and said they hoped he and Lebus would hold another similar interfaith event soon, and that they were planning to do so. He said that their goal was to "build on the momentum and continue to expand on these ideas."

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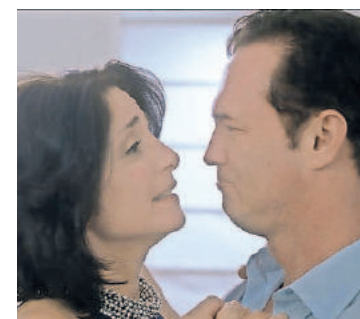


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Asbury Short Film Concert

The latest edition of the short film showcase has made its way back to Long Island. With a lineup of classic shorts from Asbury's past combined with film festival winners currently on the circuit — and in many cases, featuring up-and-coming filmmakers — audiences can get a peek at these “smaller” films that don't often get a big-screen showing. The eclectic mix of films offers a look at the best in short film comedy, drama and animation, highlighting emerging filmmakers along with seasoned directors. The fast-paced evening includes such stand-outs as '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.

Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. \$15.
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MadisonTheatreNY.org.

Expressions of home

As seen through the artists' eyes

By Karen Bloom

Our spaces have taken on a new importance in recent years. “Home,” in all its variations, has inspired us — and renewed us. Heckscher Museum of Art explores the spaces we inhabit in its latest offering, “Raise the Roof: The Home in Art,” on view through March 2024.

The exhibit — featuring more than 50 works — reflects the many meanings of home, as it delves into how artists creatively define life at home.

“This exhibit came out of the pandemic,” says Justyce Bennett, the museum's curatorial assistant. “The idea of home really shifted. It became our office space, our leisure place, our everything. The same thing happened with artists, it became their studios. Over the past four years, we've deepened our understanding of what home looks like.”

From that shift in how we live, an exhibit evolved.

“The majority of the artworks on view were created before the pandemic, demonstrating the central role that our homes have always played in our lives and in art,” says curator Karli Wurzelbacher. “In light of the recent pandemic, home continues to evolve. And we connect to this artwork with new eyes.”

The exhibit includes what Bennett describes as “old favorites” with never-before-seen works. “This show combines the tried-and-true with new art — the classics and recent additions to our collections”

Raise the Roof debuts significant works by contemporary artists such as Courtney M. Leonard, Kenji Nakahashi and Stella Waitzkin. Never-before-exhibited photographs by Larry Fink, prints by Robert Dash, along with works by Romare Bearden, Salvador Dali, Olafur Eliasson, Miriam Schapiro, and Esphyr Slobodkina are also featured.

Visitors are immediately drawn to the exhibit's anchor, Becky Suss's large-scale painting “Living Room,” a recent acquisition (actually six paintings) that is based on Suss's memories of her grandparents' house in Great Neck. The array of artwork and objects she depicts captures the

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a man reclining in his childhood home, as “bright and dreamy.”

Also of note is Robert Carter's mixed media painting “Mama Taught Me Piano and Much More.” It's a powerful maternal work that pays tribute to the role of mothers.

“Robert also has a long history with the museum and this is only the second time it's been on view,” Bennett says. “We're so happy to show his piece. It's my personal favorite in the show.”

personalities and the values of the people who lived there.

“It's a life-size piece that takes up an entire wall,” Bennett says. “It makes you feel immediately at home. “Everyone responds to it. They recognize the scenes and tell us it reminds them of their own house.”

“She also remembered the artwork her grandparents had in that house, so it represents art in art — in a really cool way.”

Centerport-based Pat Ralph, an artist with a longtime connection to the museum as a trustee collections committee member, is represented with “The Visit Home.” Bennett describes the piece, which shows



- Now through March 2024
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- \$5 suggested admission non-members; members and children under 13 free
- Heckscher Museum of Art, 2 Prime Ave., Huntington (631) 380-3230, or Heckscher.org

Courtesy Heckscher Museum of Art

- Top left: **Becky Suss, Living Room from the Collection of Ninah and Michael Lynne.**
- Top right: **Pat Ralph, The Visit Home, 1983.**
- Bottom right: **Robert Carter, Mama Taught Me Piano and Much More, 2007.**



Englishtown Project

Englishtown Project visits the Landmark stage with their dynamic tribute to a classic unforgettable concert. This all-star jam band commemorates one special concert. The group — featuring members of New Riders of the Purple Sage, Zen Tricksters, and Max Creek, recreates the legendary Sept. 3, 1977, show in Englishtown, New Jersey, which was headlined by the Grateful Dead, who had just completed its legendary Spring/Summer 1977 tour featuring a batch of new material from 'Terrapin Station.' They were joined by the Dead family's New Riders of the Purple Sage, and the good-time, southern rock Marshall Tucker Band. This tribute extravaganza includes healthy 'doses' of selections from each band's sets that day in a relaxed, festival-style program.

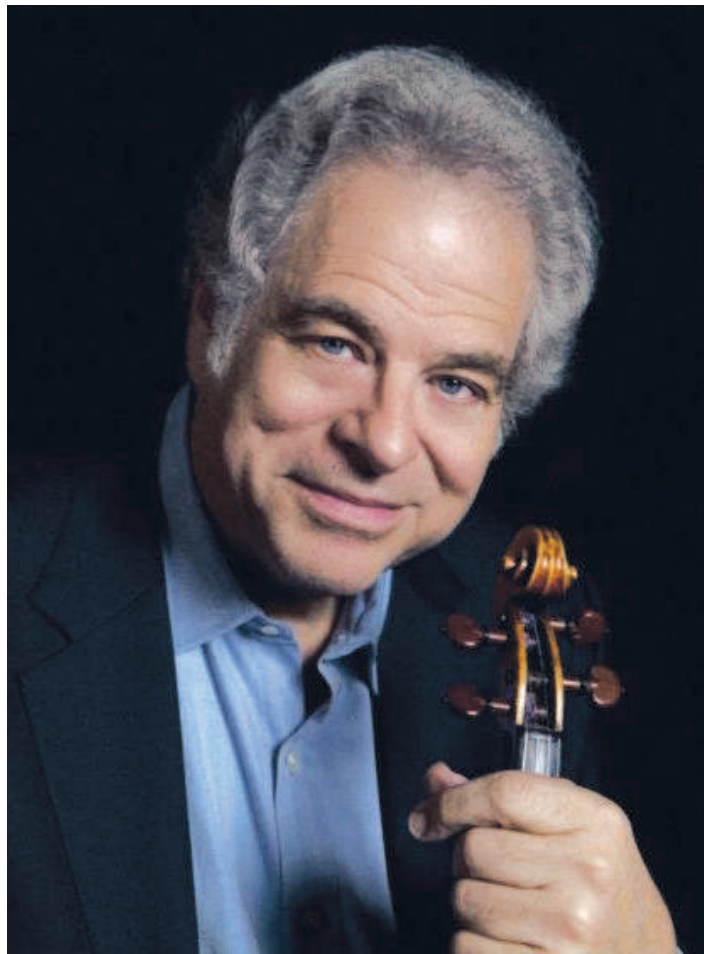
Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m. \$35, \$30.
Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark
on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port
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THE SCENE

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Itzhak Perlman

The reigning virtuoso of the violin makes his long-awaited return, appearing on the Tilles Center stage. Sunday, **May 7**, 4 p.m. Experience his impeccable musicianship as never before. The intimate performance gives Perlman fans a deeply personal glimpse into his boyhood in Tel Aviv and New York, and the earliest years of his long and celebrated career. Enjoy an afternoon of music and storytelling as Perlman presents rarely seen archival photos and videos and shares memories, stories, and musical selections that you won't hear anywhere else. On stage and performing with Perlman for this unforgettable afternoon is his longtime collaborator, pianist Rohan DeSilva, who's been a constant presence by his side over the years. Tickets are \$150, \$100, \$75: available at TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100. LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville.



April
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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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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 CHSLI.org.





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April
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25th Annual Culinary Delights

Join the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce for their 25th Annual Culinary Delights event at The Mansion at Glen Cove, Monday, **April 24**, 6-9 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will go to NOSH Delivers Inc. 200 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove. For more information or to make a reservation contact (516) 676-6666 or info@glencovechamber.org.

Senior Lunch Program

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

Broadway in Bayville

Bayville Arts Council continues its series of musical events, Broadway in Bayville, Saturday, **April 22**, 7:45-10 p.m., at the Music Center, A trio, featuring Dory Agazarian, perform tunes from hit shows. 88 Bayville Ave. Contact ArtsCouncil@bayvilleny.gov or (516) 628-1439.

Book discussion

Local author Brenda Janowitz discusses her latest novel, "The Audrey Hepburn Estate." Thursday, **April 27**, 7 p.m., at Theodore's Books. 17 Audrey Ave. Oyster Bay. For more information, call (516) 636-5550.



Passion for Pride

Support PFY, a division of Long Island Crisis Center, at a 30th Anniversary Benefit celebration, Tuesday, **June 13**, 6-10 p.m. With drag bingo and performances by Ivy Stalls and Syn; also special guest honoree actor-author-activist Maulik Pancholy. The event, honoring PFY's 30 years serving Long Island/Queens' LGBTQ+ communities, is at Westbury Manor, 1100 Jericho Turnpike, Westbury. For more information and tickets, go to tinyurl.com/pfyevent2023.

The Tragedy of the Pelican

Explore the sinking of The Pelican, the single worst maritime disaster out of Montauk in the 20th Century, at a zoom presentation with Sea Cliff Public Library, Wednesday, **April 26**, 7 p.m. The Montauk Historical Society will examine what happened in the tragic sinking of the ship. To register or for more information, contact rosa@seaclifflibrary.org.

On stage

Back by popular demand, families will enjoy a musical adventure, ripped from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved children's books, on the Long Island Children's Museum stage, Friday, **April 21**, 10:15 a.m. and noon; Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, April 26-27, 10:15 a.m. and noon. Elephant and Piggie storm the stage in a rollicking musical romp filled with plenty of pachydermal peril and swiney suspense perfect for young audiences. Cautious Gerald and playful Piggie share a day where anything is possible in an imaginative exploration of friendship. Together with nutty backup singers, The Squirrelles, 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.



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Dancing into spring

Adelphi Department of Dance students present their semi-annual dance showcase on the Adelphi University Performing Arts Center stage, Wednesday through Friday, **April 26-27**, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 29, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. Dancers are working with guest artist Alberto "Tito" del Saz, artistic director of The Nikolais/Louis Foundation for Dance, to present "Four Brubeck Pieces," featuring music from Dave Brubeck's classic album "Time Out." The performance also features choreography by dance faculty members Frank Augustyn, Orion Duckstein, Adelheid B. Strelick, and adjunct faculty Bivi Kimura. The show will be also livestreamed during the Saturday matinee and evening performances. Tickets are \$30, with discounts available to seniors, students, Adelphi alumni and employees. Livestream access is \$20. Adelphi University Performing Arts Center, 1 South Ave., Garden City. (516) 877-4000 or Adelphi.edu/pac.

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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It was enough fentanyl to kill 2 million people

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Three kilograms of pure fentanyl might not seem like a lot. But as a powerful synthetic opioid that is at least 50 times more potent than morphine — that much fentanyl can kill. A lot.

That's likely why the Nassau County Police Department and county officials are calling the arrest of Juan Cruz, who they say was holding all three kilos, a "historic seizure of pure fentanyl."

"This is a story about triumph and tragedy," Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman said. Tragedy that young people are unwitting victims to peddled pills. Triumph in the form of stopping those pills from hitting the street.

The 50-year-old Cruz lives in the Bronx, but is said to be a citizen of the Dominican Republic. Police reportedly stopped him after Second Squad detectives received a tip that he was bringing the drug into the county last week, police commissioner Patrick Ryder said.

A single kilo of fentanyl has the potential to kill up to 500,000 people, according to the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. Three times that could kill the entire population of Nassau County, with

enough fentanyl left over to kill 100,000 more.

"Fentanyl is cheap," Nassau County District Attorney Anne Donnelly said. "It's plentiful. And it's coming into the county in droves."

Cruz pleaded not guilty to felony counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance and criminal possession of a narcotic drug, as well as a traffic infraction for operating an unregistered vehicle. He is being held behind bars without bail.



Juan Cruz

Cruz was not known to Nassau detectives before his arrest Wednesday, Ryder said, but they now believe he is a "major dealer" operating in the county.

The drugs reportedly come from Mexico and South

America — something Blakeman says supports his position of stopping immigration.

"It's going to be a continuing problem unless we close our borders," Blakeman said. "We have crime rings that are operating here from south of the border. They're stealing cars. They are stealing catalytic converters. They're doing organized burglaries. And of course, they are dealing in very, very, very dangerous drugs."

Cruz reportedly made it harder for



Roksana Amid/Herald

NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE Bruce Blakeman, far left, joined Nassau District Attorney Anne Donnelly, Nassau County Legislator Tom McKeivitt, Nassau County Police Department commissioner Patrick Ryder, and county legislator Rose Walker to share news of what they described as a historic seizure of fentanyl.

police to identify him because he had burned his fingertips, they said, mutilating his fingerprints. Doing that was a way Cruz had hoped not to be deported again — something officials last did in 2012.

Because it's an active investigation,

Donnelly said she was "extremely limited" on what she could comment on.

"What I will tell you is this," she said. "Defendants like Juan Cruz are peddling this poison in our neighborhoods to our children."

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 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que los votantes calificados del Distrito se pueden registrar entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 2:00 p. m. en la oficina principal de cada uno de los edificios escolares del distrito y en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito en el edificio administrativo durante el año escolar, y en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito únicamente durante los meses de verano de julio y agosto. La fecha límite para registrarse en la reunión anual que se celebrará el martes 16 de mayo de 2023 es el martes 2 de mayo de 2023, de 9:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. (día del registro personal). Si un votante se registró, hasta ahora, según la resolución de la Junta de Educación y votó en alguna Elección anual del distrito escolar y votación del presupuesto o en una reunión especial de distrito en los últimos cuatro (4) años, o si la persona es elegible para votar en virtud del artículo 5 de la Ley de Elecciones, también es elegible para votar en esta elección. Todas las demás personas que deseen votar deben registrarse. Cualquier persona tendrá derecho a que su nombre se incluya en dicho registro, siempre que se sepa o se demuestre, a satisfacción de la secretaria del Distrito, Ida Johnson, y de la Junta de Registros, que tiene o tendrá derecho a votar en dicha Elección anual del distrito escolar y votación del presupuesto para la que se prepara el registro. El registro debe prepararse de conformidad con la Ley de Educación y la lista de registro preparada por la Junta Electoral del condado de Nassau se presentará en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito escolar de Glen Cove, en la oficina del edificio administrativo del Distrito ubicado en 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, Nueva York. Estará disponible para la inspección de cualquier votante calificado del distrito entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, desde el martes 2 de mayo de 2023 y cada uno de los días anteriores a la fecha establecida para la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, excepto el

sábado y el domingo, incluido el día establecido para la reunión. Cualquier persona que de otra manera califique para votar y que no esté actualmente inscrita en un registro personal permanente en el Distrito hasta la última fecha que se encuentra en los registros originales o duplicados, o en los archivos, o en la lista proporcionada por las Juntas Electorales del condado de Nassau, y que no haya votado en una elección intermedia, debe, para tener derecho a votar, presentarse personalmente para registrarse o inscribirse de otra manera en la Junta Electoral del condado de Nassau.
 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que la Junta de Registros del Distrito se reunirá, además, el 16 de mayo de 2023 de 6:00 a. m. a 9:00 p. m., en cada uno de los lugares de votación para preparar el registro para las reuniones y elecciones que se celebren después de dicha reunión o elección anual.
 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que las solicitudes de voto por ausencia para la elección del/de los miembro(s) de la junta escolar y de la(s) propuesta(s) se pueden solicitar en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito en el edificio administrativo ubicado en 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, en cualquier día escolar. Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito, deberá recibir las solicitudes de voto por ausencia no antes de los treinta (30) días previos a la elección. Además, Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito, debe recibir esta solicitud al menos siete días antes de la elección si la boleta electoral se enviará por correo al votante, o el día antes de la elección si la boleta electoral se entregará personalmente al votante o a su representante designado. Al recibir una solicitud oportuna para enviar por correo una boleta electoral de voto por ausencia, Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito, enviará por correo dicha boleta a la dirección indicada en la solicitud a más tardar seis (6) días antes de la votación. Los votos por ausencia no serán escrutados a menos que se hayan recibido en el despacho de la secretaria de dicho Distrito escolar antes de las 5:00 p. m., hora en vigor, del día de la elección. Durante los cinco (5) días anteriores al día de la elección, en el horario de oficina hasta la fecha de la elección, en dicho despacho de la secretaria del Distrito se encontrará a disposición una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les

han emitido boletas electorales de votos por ausencia.
 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que los votantes militares que no estén registrados actualmente pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito escolar. Los votantes militares que sean votantes calificados del Distrito escolar podrán enviar una solicitud de boleta electoral militar. Estos votantes pueden indicar su preferencia de recibir un registro de votante militar, una solicitud de boleta electoral militar o una boleta electoral militar por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico en su pedido de dicho registro, solicitud de boleta electoral o boleta electoral. Los formularios de registro de votantes militares y los formularios de solicitud de boleta electoral militar deben recibirse en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito antes de las 5:00 p. m. del 2 de mayo de 2023. Las boletas electorales militares no serán escrutadas a menos que (1) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes del día de la votación el día de la elección y tengan una marca de cancelación del servicio postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o un endoso fechado de recepción por parte de otro organismo del gobierno de los Estados Unidos, o bien, (2) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes de las 5:00 p. m. el día de la elección, y estén firmadas y fechadas por el votante militar y un testigo de ello, con una fecha asociada que no sea posterior al día previo a la elección.
 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que cualquier residente del distrito podrá obtener una copia de la declaración de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá el próximo año para fines escolares durante los catorce (14) días inmediatamente previos a la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, excepto sábados, domingos y feriados, y en dicha Elección anual del distrito escolar y votación del presupuesto en el edificio administrativo ubicado en 154 Dosis Lane; en la Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, Dosis Lane; en la Escuela Intermedia Robert M. Finley, Forest Ave.; en la Escuela Deasy, Dosis Lane; en la Escuela Gribbin, Walnut Road; en la Escuela Landing, McLoughlin Street, y en la Escuela Connolly, Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, Nueva York durante el horario escolar habitual, y en el sitio web de las escuelas de la ciudad de Glen Cove (www.glencoveschools.org

g).
EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que, de acuerdo con las normas adoptadas de conformidad con la Sección 2035 de la Ley de Educación, cualquier votante calificado puede hacer que se incluya una propuesta o una enmienda en la boleta electoral, siempre y cuando dicha enmienda (a) se escriba o se imprima en el idioma inglés; (b) se dirija a Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito de dicho Distrito escolar; (c) se presente a Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito, al menos, sesenta (60) días antes de la fecha de la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, es decir, a más tardar el viernes 17 de marzo de 2023 a las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, en la oficina del Distrito del edificio administrativo, ubicado en 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, y (d) tenga la firma de, al menos, cien (100) votantes calificados del distrito. Sin embargo, la Junta de Educación no considerará ninguna solicitud para presentar ante los votantes, ninguna propuesta cuyo propósito no esté dentro de las facultades de decisión de los votantes, ni ninguna propuesta o enmienda que esté fuera de la ley.
 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que se adjuntará un Informe de exención fiscal sobre los bienes inmuebles de acuerdo con la Sección 495 de la Ley de Impuestos sobre los Bienes Inmuebles a cualquier presupuesto preliminar o tentativo, como también al presupuesto definitivo adoptado del cual forme parte. Este se publicará en los tableros de anuncios del Distrito que se usen para avisos públicos y en el sitio web del Distrito.
 Fecha: Glen Cove, Nueva York
 Marzo de 2023
 Ida Johnson
 Secretaria del Distrito
 Junta de Educación
 Distrito escolar de la ciudad de Glen Cove
 Glen Cove, Nueva York
 138488
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE
GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 GLEN COVE, NEW YORK
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for the qualified voters of the Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, New York, will be held in the following locations:
 School Election Districts
 Location of Polling Place

A, B, C
 Glen Cove High School, 150 Dosis Lane, Back Gym - Door # 13
 D Connolly School, 1 Ridge Drive - Back Gym in said district Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 a.m. prevailing time, at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time.
PROPOSITION I - SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
 To adopt the annual budget of said school district for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER(S)
 To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education of said School District as follows:
 A. Two (2) members to be each elected for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purpose of voting at such meeting, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, the polls will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time to vote upon such propositions by voting machine.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Glen Cove High School Auditorium, 150 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York prior to the regular Board of Education meeting.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. prevailing time with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Office Administration Building, 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, on or before Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time. Such petitions must be directed to Ida Johnson, District Clerk and must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district; must state the name and residence of the candidate.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the main office of each of the school buildings of the district and the office of the District Clerk in the Administration Building during the school year, and only in the Office of the District Clerk during the summer months of July and August. The

final date to register for the annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 is Tuesday, May 2, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (personal registration day). If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Education, and has voted at any Annual School District Election and Budget Vote or special district meetings within the last four (4) years or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register, provided that he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, Ida Johnson, and the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for which the register is prepared and that the register is prepared pursuant to Education Law and 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 School District, in the District's Administration Building Office, 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, on and after Tuesday, May 2, 2023, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday and Sunday, including the day set for the meeting. Any person otherwise qualified to vote who is not currently registered under permanent personal registration in the District by the last date found on the original or duplicate registers, or records, or list furnished by the Nassau County Boards of Elections, and has not voted at an intervening election, must, in order to be entitled to vote, present himself or herself personally for registration or otherwise register with the Nassau County Board of Elections.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registration of the District will also meet from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023, at each of the polling places to prepare the register for meetings and elections held subsequent to such annual meeting or election.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the election of a school board member and proposition(s) may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at the

Administration Building, 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time on any school day. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. Furthermore, such application must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk at least 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 or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee ballot, Ida Johnson, District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address set forth in the application by no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk of the said School District no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, during regular office hours until the date of election.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration forms and military ballot application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2023. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the Office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be no later than the day before the election.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS

'Songs from the Golden Age' at museum

By WILL SHEELINE

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Local singer Joe Stroppel will perform Broadway hits and songs from the Great American Songbook at a special fundraising concert at the North Shore Historical Museum on April 29.

The Glen Cove tenor is currently a student at Hunter College studying classical voice, and has been performing around the North Shore for several years. This will be his second performance at the museum. A year and a half ago, he sang there, fittingly, to mark the 25th anniversary of the closing of Stroppel's Tavern, a mainstay in Glen Cove.

This time he will perform a personally curated list of Broadway hits and classic jazz and show tunes. A Broadway and classical music enthusiast as well as a vocalist, Stroppel, 20, attributed his love for music to his parents. His father, Fred, is a playwright and his mother, Liz, was a music teacher who instilled in him an early passion for singing.

"I've always loved Broadway, both Golden Age and more modern stuff," Stroppel said, "but I didn't really realize I loved singing until I was 14 or 15 years old, when I went to theater camp."

Stroppel said that after singing in the camp's talent show, he realized that he enjoyed performing in front of a crowd, which helped give him the confidence to try out for a production of "Les Misérables" at the Cultural Arts Play-



Courtesy Joe Stroppel

JOE STROPPEL GREW up in Glen Cove and currently studies classical voice at Hunter College.

house in Syosset. He was cast as Gavroche, the lovable orphan boy who is tragically killed by the royal forces.

He has continued to act and sing ever since.

He also credits his growth in music to his early tutelage with the Sea Cliff-based

Moore Music, owned and operated by local couple James and Janis Moore. Janis said when Stroppel first came to them as a little boy, he showed great promise, but initially struggled.

His transformation over the years has been staggering, she said, as Stroppel has blossomed into one of the finest singers she or her husband has ever seen come through their doors.

"Jimmy just got out of his way, and rather than tell him what to do he nurtured Joe's natural curiosity for singing," Moore said. "One of my daughters would always say she had to stop whatever she was doing whenever she heard Joe singing in the house just to listen."

Stroppel had many teachers and voice coaches since then, but he credits the Moore's with helping him find his footing as a vocalist. In the years since he first started practicing with them, he has sung at porchfests, been in local theater productions, and did a memorable performance of King George III's song "You'll Be Back" from the musical "Hamilton" at Sea Cliff's last July Fourth celebration, which he will perform again at the April 29 concert.

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Stroppel said he's looks forward to treating attendees to a first-rate performance while also raising money for the museum.

"It's a really amazing opportunity," he added. "We'll be singing music by a lot of the great American composers, like Rodgers and Hammerstein and George Gershwin, as well as a lot of Golden Age Broadway tunes — and some more modern ones."

Tess Luca, Stroppel's friend, will accompany him on piano. The two have performed together many times. They share a love of classical Broadway and Americana music, he said, and are excited to perform together in front of what they hope will be their largest crowd yet.

Amy Driscoll, the museum's director, expressed her enthusiasm for the upcoming performance, describing Stroppel's voice as "amazing." She added that events like these are essential for the museum, which is privately funded and receives no money from local municipalities. The money the performance raises will go to the building's general upkeep as well as finishing its facade.

"It's great that we're able to use our space to showcase local growing talent," Driscoll said. "Being able to host someone like Joe really fits in our mission."

HERALD PUBLIC NOTICES

HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident in the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, and at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote at the Administration Building - 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove High School - Dosoris Lane, Robert M. Finley Middle School - Forest Ave., Deasy School - Dosoris Lane, Gribbin School - Walnut Road, Landing School - McLoughlin Street, and Connolly School - Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, New York during regular school hours; and on the Glen Cove City Schools website (www.glencoveschools.org).

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to 2035 of the Education Law, any qualified voter may have a proposition or an amendment placed upon the ballot, provided that such amendment (a) be

typed or printed in the English language; (b) that it be directed to Ida Johnson, District Clerk of the said School District; (c) that it be submitted to Ida, Johnson, District Clerk no less than sixty (60) days preceding the date of the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, i.e. no later than Friday, March 17, 2023, 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the District Office, Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York; and (d) that it be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district. However, the school board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/ preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part;

and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website. Dated: Glen Cove, New York March, 2023
Ida Johnson
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Glen Cove City School District
Glen Cove, New York
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OPINIONS

'The Things They Carried,' and the lessons they taught

I'm known as a surly crank. I'm blunt but honest, satirical yet sympathetic. I can be both acerbic and considerate.

In my 20s, I was called "curt and condescending" in an employee evaluation. My parents laughed. I wore it like a medal.

Time hasn't tempered my temper.



**MARK
NOLAN**

So when Vietnam War veteran Carl Johnson of West Hempstead told me that an Army lieutenant — a "real schmuck" — was the reason why it has been hard for him, as a civilian, to go along to get along, I knew I had met a fellow crank.

Johnson said the lieutenant's ineptitude resulted in the deaths of Johnson's three best friends in combat one day in 1970. "That lieutenant really screwed me up mentally," Johnson recalled, "with the ability to tell the difference immediately whether somebody was really sharp, and someone I wanted to work for, or not."

On April 27, 1970, while Johnson was on jungle patrol, one of the soldiers near him was shot. Johnson was the

radio operator, and he asked the lieutenant for orders to radio the captain. "He's frozen," Johnson said of the lieutenant. "We're laying on the ground and he can't talk because he's so shaken."

When Johnson had time to reflect on the battle, he realized his platoon shouldn't have been on point that day. But because the lieutenant was what the soldiers called "shake 'n bake" — a non-commissioned officer who wore his lieutenant bar visibly despite the danger of being identified by snipers — he put the platoon in danger.

"He was a jerk, to put it mildly," Johnson said. "He's the reason my three buddies got killed."

When he came home, there were no parades or bands greeting him at the airport. Johnson earned a degree from Adelphi University, and shifted jobs over the years. "Sometimes I would get in trouble," he said. "My wife says it's hard for me to take orders."

Johnson got married, raised children, and learned how to cope with his grief. He became active in veterans organizations, and continues to help his fellow veterans — even those he meets by chance. He has spent decades volunteering with veterans groups. He initiated

and researched a Vietnam War Memorial at Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park, his alma mater, to honor nine of its graduates who were killed in Vietnam.

He talks about his war experience as a cathartic and therapeutic way of coping.

A few years ago, Johnson was asked by a Sewanhaka student to speak to her AP literature class. The class was reading the Vietnam War novel "The Things They Carried," by Tim O'Brien — a book about the possessions soldiers kept with them and the emotions they grappled with.

Johnson agreed, of course, to help teach the students about the meaning of service to country.

Johnson prayed in Vietnam, and carried a Bible he passed on to his grandson, who is now enrolled in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He said the war made him a flag-waver. He tears up when he sees the flag.

As I sat in the dining room of the Johnsons' home, I heard earnest concern in Carl's voice as he talked about the country he defended with literal blood, sweat and tears. He spoke of fractured friendships because of his political beliefs. One friend got up and walked

away after Johnson made a political comment.

Carl and I talked about how the Pledge of Allegiance isn't required in school, and how kids don't salute the flag. We agreed on the meaning of the quote often attributed to Voltaire — "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it" — even though we realized we aren't cut from the same political cloth.

We agreed that the pervasive divisiveness in the country is dangerous, though we likely disagree on the causes of that divisiveness.

Carl and I share an inability to suffer fools and a love of country. We agreed that if there is a way to repair the deep divide between Americans, it begins with being able to find things that we have in common.

At a time when every comment is scrutinized through a political prism, it was refreshing to be able to have an honest and respectful conversation with someone with different views.

Carl defended my right to disagree with him. I do so with profound respect, and an inability to ever repay his debt of service.

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Living the life between alone and lonely

Last week, a woman described as an "extreme athlete" emerged from a cave in Spain after 500 days in total isolation. A human being — in this case, Beatriz Flamini, a 50-year-old woman — had voluntarily descended into a 70-meter-deep cave when she was 48 and popped out a year and a half later.



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She had spoken to no one, had no showers, heard no other human voices (aside from auditory hallucinations), and spent her time reading, knitting and exercising. She said she lost track of time after two months. That was 16 months ago!

According to the BBC, she was monitored by researchers, but no one made contact.

What if everyone on earth had been wiped out by a virus or an asteroid while she was underground? But that's a different movie, I guess.

Was this purely an endurance challenge, pushing the boundaries of experience to an extreme? Or did it also suit her on some level to disappear and be alone,

buried away from the world?

We've heard cave survival stories before. In 2010, 33 miners spent 69 days trapped underground before being rescued from a copper and gold mine in Chile. In 2018 the whole world witnessed the rescue of an entire team of teenage Thai soccer players trapped in a flooded mine. The thing is: These people all wanted to get out. Their entrapment was horrific. The Spanish spelunker shut the door on the world.

What would make a person choose this challenge? I can only recall the time my kids were 6 and 4, and they were both heaving with a nasty stomach virus and my husband was on a business trip and it was snowing and the dog came back from the groomer with fleas. No question, I would have dived into the cave thing. In a heartbeat I would have been underground, knitting sweet little nothings and reading books.

Sometimes I want to escape a large gathering where there's just too much noise and chatter signifying nothing. But a cave? For 500 days? One hopes this extraordinary feat may yield good data.

When it comes to isolation, I see people

divided into camps, determined most probably by genetics. My husband, for example, does not like being alone. As soon as he finds himself in a room with no possibility of immediate plans, he turns on the TV, cranks up the iPhone and flips open the computer, preferably all at once. Lots of noise. Chatter to the level of chaos.

My hunch is that people who need people all the time and in big numbers often partner up with people who get easily overwhelmed by too much talk and socializing. I don't know why.

But caves are a unique challenge.

Fifteen years ago, we were on a driving trip in the Lascaux area of France. I persuaded my husband, who is awfully good-natured about these things, to join me on a tour of one of the caves that have prehistoric drawings. One problem was that the tour was in German, but I thought, how difficult can that be? Lots of German words are similar to English. I told my husband I thought I could translate.

We were a group of about 20 (18 Germans, two Americans). We descended 40 steps into a dark, narrow passage. I heard

the sound of the massive wooden doors slamming shut at the top of the stairs.

"I'm out of here," I said to my husband.

"You can't leave," he said. "I can't speak German."

But I was on automatic pilot, in the grip of a panic attack. I ran up the stairs and banged on the door until someone opened the vault. My husband was stuck on the tour, and got to see the petroglyphs, but the spiel? Nein!

The cave woman in Spain said her experience was "excellent" as she stepped into the light. I want to hear more of her story, to know what it was like without having to do it myself.

Apparently, some of us just want to mix it up, go out to a bar, invite 20 people for dinner, and some of us want to turn down the noise and enjoy being alone.

But a cave for 500 days? Nein.

Much has been written about loneliness and isolation, and its effects on teenagers and older people locked down by the pandemic. Perhaps the significant factor is choice. What feels like loneliness to many is the peace of aloneness to others.

Thoreau had his cabin in the woods, and he said that nothing was as companionable as solitude.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Lithium-ion batteries pose a real threat

Buyer beware. Many of today's most popular electronics — including Tesla cars, e-scooters and smartphones — are powered by lithium-ion batteries, due to their ability to store large quantities of energy in a small space.

If used correctly, these products are harmless. Many are laboratory tested to be safe, and have functions that can detect when they have received enough juice to hold a charge.

It's a modern marvel to use the internet from almost anywhere in the world using a portable device and the push of a button, or travel to work without the impact of harmful carbon emissions. But no product is without its faults. As more and more of us come to rely on these batteries for energy, the potential for fires — and in some instances, even explosions — increases.

The growing popularity of micro-mobility products like electric scooters and bikes has created some concern, particularly in New York City, where, in the past year, more than 200 fires were started by lithium-ion batteries, killing six people and injuring nearly 150 others. But the trend extends beyond the boroughs.

Last September, a woman died in Hempstead in a fire caused by a lithium-ion battery. Another home burst into flames in Rockville Centre in January.

"It has absolutely been a problem here on Long Island," James Hickman, Nassau County's assistant chief fire marshal, said. "With lithium-ion batteries,

when they fail, they burn very quickly, and very hot . . . and will ignite nearby combustibles."

The biggest concern about the batteries, according to fire officials, is the use of after-market batteries and chargers. They are typically not manufactured to the same safety standards as name-brand products.

In order to prevent such fires from occurring, Nassau County firefighters recommend purchasing batteries and chargers from reputable companies, and always following their safety instructions. If they need to be repaired, make sure they are returned to the manufacturer, and only use the battery designed for the device.

It is important not to store electronics near anything that could catch fire or help a fire spread. This includes leaving laptops or other electronic devices on a bed. Even under the best circumstances, these products will get warmer, because the heat from the battery doesn't have a chance to dissipate. That's why, in the event that something goes wrong, it's safer to keep them away from household items that are easily combustible.

And with summer approaching, it is highly recommended not to store any electronics in direct sunlight. Not only can this damage a device and cause it to fail, but it can trigger a chemical reaction known as a "thermal runaway," where the temperature of the battery increases faster and faster until it catches fire.

Another safety tip is to make sure not to charge electronics near your front

door. This could cut off an entrance and exit in the event of an emergency.

Damaged lithium batteries are extremely volatile. They emit harmful gases that can speed up the spread of a fire, and in some cases even reignite one, making it challenging to extinguish.

"Sometimes we're our own worst enemies," Hickman said. "We have to charge everything these days."

While the batteries themselves can be a fire hazard, plugging in too many devices at once — overloading the power supply — can exacerbate the danger. Surge protectors can be helpful in keeping this from happening, but they, too, can be ineffective if they're off-brand or counterfeit. Plugging in certain electronics — particularly portable space heaters — is a leading cause of fires nationwide.

The National Fire Prevention Association recommends that you stop using a battery at the first sign of odor, change in color, overheating, change in shape, leaking or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 911.

To properly dispose of a lithium battery, do not put it in the trash. Take it to a battery recycling location, or contact community officials for proper e-waste disposal instructions. A number of retailers also accept these batteries for disposal, like select Home Depot, Walmart and Macy's stores, according to state officials. Visit Call2Recycle.org/locator for more.

For more safety tips on lithium ion batteries, visit NFPA.org, or contact your local fire department.

LETTERS

Randi goes to Mars!

To the Editor:

What a cruel joke Randi Kreiss played on me (I cannot speak for others) as I read her op-ed, "It's a go for the voyage of a lifetime" in the March 30-April 5 issue.

I was filled with glee as she announced that her chances of going to Mars were excellent. I was almost weightless as I read that she made it through psychological and psychiatric screenings at the space center last spring. I grabbed a table to hold myself down and read on.

Food allergies? Gastrointestinal disorders? I knew Randi would soar over those obstacles. Have you read any of her recipes?

I smiled as I read that she'd received permission to go public with the information about her trip to outer space. I wondered how many hundreds, or thousands, of Herald readers would have highly recommended that she be taken on this Mars mission. Or to the moon.

I thought of Randi putting together green salads as she discovered lichens on the Martian sur-



OPINIONS

Time to give the Five Towns some respect

Long Island is made up of hundreds of communities that proudly proclaim their famous past and any special historical facts that would attract new homeowners. The Five Towns has always stood out as an affluent and well-respected region in southwestern Nassau County. But its political status has been overlooked.



**JERRY
KREMER**

According to Wikipedia, the informal grouping of Cedarhurst, Hewlett, Inwood, Lawrence and Woodmere has been called the Five Towns since 1931. The name was born when Community Chest groups, organized for charitable giving, banded

together to form the Five Towns Community Chest. Over the years, all manner of organizations have embraced the Five Towns designation. Many other local communities have, too, including Hewlett Bay Park, Hewlett Harbor, Hewlett Neck and Woodburgh. Ask any residents of North Woodmere what geographic conglomerate they're part of, and they'll

claim the name Five Towns as well.

There is lots of fascinating history associated with the area. Many buildings there date their origins to the early 1920s, when developers built summer homes in Hewlett. Alexander Cartwright, a Woodburgh resident, published the first rules of baseball in 1845 for the New York Knickerbockers. Mobster Arnold Rothstein opened a casino in Hewlett Harbor in 1916. Between 1937 and 1941, the Five Towns hosted the professional Negro league baseball teams the Black Yankees and the Brooklyn Royal Giants.

Some real estate brokers eager to associate themselves with the Five Towns named their enclave West Lawrence, as distinct from Far Rockaway. Over the past 20-plus years, a large number of Orthodox families have been attracted to the Five Towns, which has caused a major jump in real estate values. Anyone who has followed the history of the area can attest to the fact that "Back Lawrence," as it was once called, has been home to many wealthy bankers and developers.

Every decade, based on the latest U.S.

census figures, the legislative district lines of the Five Towns have been redrawn, and elections for the Assembly, State Senate and Nassau County Legislature have been dramatically impacted.

Once upon a time, the Five Towns was treated with the greatest respect by government mapmakers. Sadly, however, it has been carved into many pieces, and it no longer has the political clout that it once claimed.

I recall many political names that were connected to the Five Towns. Presiding Supervisor Palmer D. Farrington, along with U.S. Rep. Herbert Tenzer, Town Councilman Eugene Weisbein, State Sen. Karen Burstein and Assemblyman Eli Wager were among its prominent elected officials. In the mid-1960s, Barbara Boxer deserted the Five Towns for California and eventually became a U.S. senator.

From 1972 to 1989, I had the honor of representing the Five Towns in the State Assembly. I knocked on hundreds of doors as a candidate, and attended dozens of events sponsored by the Community Chest and other worthy charities. I viewed the Five Towns as an important

power base. The Herald Community Newspapers, now read across Nassau County and beyond, were born in the Five Towns.

The reason for this walk down memory lane is to lodge an informal protest that no current local elected official has ever aggressively fought to keep the Five Towns as one political unit. The Assembly and Senate district lines, as well as the County Legislature, have been crafted with no respect for the historical identity of these very closely knit communities. This isn't some form of snobism; just a commentary on why people who want your vote don't speak out at the time when new voting districts are created.

We should hope that in 2030, when the next federal census takes place, some dynamic local official will take up the cause of once again making the Five Towns into one united political region. Its great history deserves some extra respect.

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LETTERS

face, and mixing them in white plastic trays filled with NASA-green pasty spacecraft foods as her fellow astronauts looked like they'd just bitten into lemons. Remember guys: In space, no one can hear you scream.

Other pleasurable visions came to mind, but they all crashed to earth when I read, "Happy April Fools' Day." Randi, you had me over the moon for you. I have to thank you for that.

JOHN SCHULTZ
Oceanside

Every vehicular mistake, caught on camera

To the Editor:

I thought now would be a good time to update you on the latest and greatest in regard to Nassau County's ongoing venture into dystopia. A few years back, I was advocating against red-light and speed cameras. Let's repeat upfront: Nobody is advocating for lawlessness. That's why we have police officers. I said good luck regaining a right you've given up, so let's fight for it.

The silence was deafening.

So what do you say we update where our local surveillance state is today? I do so hope you're enjoying those \$150 red-light tickets. The actual fine is \$50, but ya

gotta love those added fees. It seems that in 2015 and 2016 (the only years I could find numbers for; I didn't do a deep dive), Nassau pulled in, get ready for it, \$82.2 million of our money. Were you then surprised to see that that time you didn't make a complete stop on red before turning at 3 a.m. on a completely empty road got you another \$150 bill? Fun stuff.

We're getting our pockets picked for millions. But did you really think that was going to be the end of it once the powers that be saw the money they were raking in? You're better off trying to take blood away from a vampire.

So, to update, have you checked out a school bus lately? That's right, they now have cameras on the sides, and should you pass one with its stop signs deployed, wait by your mailbox for the \$288 bill.

But wait, there's more. Now there are proposals for not only speed cameras, but license plate-reading cameras on the Southern State Parkway as well. And you wonder why our children can't move away from here fast enough?

Heck, the absolute least they could do would be to install countdown clocks underneath every traffic light where there's a camera, to give us half a chance of avoiding a ticket — and getting rear-ended!

I don't want to be an I-told-you-so, but who are we kidding? I told you so.

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