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Here's to the Green!

The Green team celebrated a win during the Glen Cove City School District's annual Red and Green Games in March, which included a tug o' war, relay races and other team-building games. More photos, Page 9.

**Omitted LIRR
 stops ease
 commute times**

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Since the first week of April, the Long Island Rail Road's 5:56 a.m. train from Oyster Bay to Penn Station, and the 6:22 p.m. train from Penn to Oyster Bay have not been stopping at Mineola.

The change was put in place to ease the long commute times for North Shore residents,

The revisions come just over two months since the February launch of the new LIRR schedules that were adjusted to accommodate service to the second Manhattan terminal at Grand Central Madison.

When service was changed in February, commutes became longer, and train times were drastically adjusted.

Commuters like Glen Cove resident Heather Scardino Damphouse are inconvenienced by the new morning peak-hour schedules at the Sea Cliff station, and the cancellation of the westbound 7:59 a.m. train. Damp-

house must decide between taking the 7:35 or the 8:31 a.m. train, making her mornings more stressful.

"My biggest issue is, during morning peak hours we have one hour between trains," Damp-

There's a lot more to go, and we're going to keep pushing for what's right for people here. It's not enough, but it's a start.

**DANIELLE FUGAZY
 SCAGLIOLA**
 Councilwoman,
 Glen Cove

house said. "The removal of this has really screwed things up for me. I need to drive my son to school. Now I get to work 40 minutes late."

Asked about the rationale behind the February changes, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority issued a statement that the overall number of trains on the Oyster Bay Branch had increased. Service changed from 28 trains per weekday to 32, an increase of over 10

percent. Off-peak, midday weekday service continues to run every one to two hours, and weekend service runs every two hours.

The two Mineola stops were eliminated after discussions among MTA officials, Assembly-

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**G.C. widow finds unique way
 to cope with her loss at Pinelawn**

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Kathy Quinn-Taylor felt lost after her husband, Robert Taylor Jr., died last July. Her life, she said, has never been the same. Although she continues to appreciate support she's received from her Glen Cove neighbors and friends, she remains unable to come to terms with being alone.

Because Taylor was buried at

Pinelawn Memorial Park and Arboretum, Quinn-Taylor was on the cemetery's mailing list. One of its mailers caught her attention. Pinelawn was hosting a free mandala-making workshop, inviting people to express their grief for healing purposes. Quinn-Taylor decided to register.

Robert, who was originally from Locust Valley, moved with Kathy, who was living in Queen, to Glen Cove in 2000. Although

they were married for only four years, they were friends as well as lovers for more than 30.

Taylor, who was 85, died of complications of the coronavirus, which they were both diagnosed with after returning from a cruise to the Dominican Republic. Although Quinn-Taylor recovered after three days, her husband needed to be hospitalized. He died five days later.

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Commuters hope to see more LIRR changes

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man Charles Lavine and Glen Cove Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, who sent a joint letter to MTA chairman Janno Lieber. The letter indicated that while the MTA's East Side Access megaproject "is a game changer for many, the riders on the Oyster Bay line are being disadvantaged."

Fugazy Scagliola suggested removing the two Mineola stops as a first step to improving the line. Since then, she has heard feedback that commuters are saving six minutes per trip since the two Mineola Stops were removed. Fugazy Scagliola said she understands that omitting the two Mineola stops isn't as big of a change as most commuters would like, but she believes it's a step in the right direction for improved service.

"There's a lot more to go and we're going to keep pushing for what's right for people here," Fugazy Scagliola said. "It's not enough, but it's a start. They're listening to us and we got to keep pressure up."

Lavine said he received input from passengers pleased with the modifications to the service.

"I have stressed with them the need for enhanced service, and for flexibility," Lavine said. "And that's the most I think, we can hope for at the present time, because I am sure that over time, their scheduling on the Oyster Bay line is going to change. My only objective is to make sure it changes for the better."

Lavine released a survey on his Assem-



Roksana Amid/Herald

COMMUTERS LIKE GLEN Cove resident Heather Scardino Damphouse say they are inconvenienced by the new morning peak-hour schedules at the Sea Cliff Long Island Rail Road station.

bly website in the first week of April. The survey gauges commuter ridership, the length of their commutes and other commuter demographic information that he will present to the MTA throughout their discussions in the coming weeks.

Glen Cove resident Emma Louise said

her main concern is the small number of available trains throughout the day.

"If I missed the 6:22 p.m. or 7:40 p.m., I knew I wasn't getting home until 10 p.m. or 11 p.m.," Louise said. "The Oyster Bay trains are usually always packed so more trains would definitely have riders, but it's

just super sad that our options are so limited still. I've been a commuter since 2017 and have seen almost no improvement."

Although many residents are relieved by the slightly shorter commutes, Bayville residents like Brian Thomas disagree on the change.

"Skipping Mineola doesn't save any time when the train sits stopped before Jamaica waiting to approach the platform," Thomas said. "What we really need is a train at least every 30 minutes during rush hour and every hour the rest of the time."

While Lavine and Fugazy Scagliola will hold more private meetings with the MTA, they are advocating for open meetings that include public input.

Commuters have tried having their collective voices heard through a petition on change.org, which, as of press time, had garnered more 2,149 signatures. It requests that the MTA create schedules that reduce travel time on the Oyster Bay line to Penn Station and Grand Central Madison during rush hour, among other suggestions.

In an email to the Herald, Interim MTA President Catherine Rinaldi said they are consistently looking at passenger loading and frequency of service. They are looking at who is taking what train, she wrote, and that the changes are not fixed in stone. She added that the MTA will adjust and adapt as they continue to move forward with proposed changes.

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400 pounds of litter collected on Earth Day

By **ROKSANA AMID**
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Dozens of volunteers reached for their trash pickers on the morning of April 22 to celebrate Earth Day. The enthusiastic environmentalists, who ranged from children to city employees, found litter scattered around Continental Place, Johnson Street, and Hendrick Avenue. Although the area only accounts for a small fraction of the city's area, volunteers collected over 400 pounds of trash. The event was scheduled to run between 9 a.m. to noon, but finished after 45 minutes since the truck designated to collect the litter was filled to capacity.

The United States produces more than 12 percent of the planet's trash, though it is home to only 4 percent of the world's population. Americans throw out 4.9 pounds of trash per person every day, which is nearly 1,800 pounds of materials per American every year.

Aiden Vanomneren said he was excited when he saw the event's flyer online. He frequently volunteers for any community service opportunities, and likes to help clean the city whenever he can.

"We cleaned up so much trash that shouldn't be where it was today," Vanomneren said. "It's surprising to see that we picked up so much trash."

Environmentalist and former Wisconsin Sen. Gaylord Nelson, whose efforts inspired the passing of legislation such as the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Education Act, founded the holiday. The first Earth Day succeeded in raising environmental awareness in America, and in July of 1970, the Environmental Protection Agency was established to regulate and enforce national pollution laws. The date was selected in part because it fell between colleges' spring break and final exams, and also from the observance of Arbor Day, which began in Nebraska in 1872, a day when people are encouraged to plant trees.

Earth Day is celebrated by more than one billion people in more than 193 countries, and is an annual event where people take time out of their busy schedules



Roksana Amid/Herald

IRENE LUCARELLI, LEFT, and Lora Cusumano, members of the Beautification Commission, worked to properly dispose of the litter they found in the city.

to demonstrate their support for protecting the planet and its environment. Observers celebrate the day with rallies, educational programs, and clean-up events.

The city's cleanup event was dedicated to the late Beautification Commissioner Bill Byrne, who died unexpectedly on June 1, 2021. Byrne was a well-known environmentalist who advocated for litter control around the city. He initiated the city's Earth Day cleanup in 2017. Ralph Comitino, a civil servant for the Department of Public Works, said his work is heavily inspired by his memory of Byrne and is proud of Byrne's dedication to the city and environment.

Myrrah Cukro, the senior housing specialist for the city's Community Development Department, was one of the dozen volunteers.

"There's a lot of debris and it just makes the town look so dirty," Cukro said. "Us getting together and cleaning up is just a great feeling and makes us proud of our town looking clean."



Courtesy Lora Cusumano

AIDEN VANOMNEREN AND Charlotte Sutifero worked hard to collect litter around the city.

RALPH COMITINO, LEFT, a civil servant for the Department of Public Works, helped dispose of the litter found on Earth Day.



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Donnelly targets 'deepfake' revenge loophole

By MICHAEL MALASZCZYK

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Patrick Carey probably thought he could get away with posting false pornographic images of women he knew online, since there are no laws specifically addressing such "deepfake" images.

As it turns out, the 22-year-old Seaford man — who was sentenced for the crime this past week — almost did get away with it. At least according to Nassau County District Attorney Anne Donnelly.

"Creating a fake image, even if it is sexually explicit, is not a criminal offense in New York state," Donnelly said. "It's a loophole that allows child pornographers to use new technology to circumvent the existing laws and evade prosecutions."

Between January and September 2021, nearly a dozen women contacted Nassau County police after discovering images of themselves on a pornographic website. These were not real images, however, but rather ones prosecutors say had been edited by Carey to appear as such.

Carey allegedly pulled images of up to 50 women from their social media accounts and made these "deepfakes." These women had attended General Douglas MacArthur High School in Levittown alongside Carey.

In addition to the images, Carey also allegedly included personal information of the women, including full names, addresses and telephone numbers.

"The depravity on display by this defendant truly makes my skin crawl," Donnelly said shortly after his April 18 sentencing. "He acted with hate, and he targeted these girls. He tried to make them fear for their safety and their future. But he underestimated their bravery and their resilience."



Michael Malaszczyk/Herald

NASSAU COUNTY DISTRICT Attorney Anne Donnelly, left, has proposed a law that would make posting fake sexually explicit images a state crime. This comes after Patrick Carey of Seaford nearly got away with doing just that — allegedly — until he reportedly posted an image of an underage girl.

Using three different usernames, Carey allegedly posted more than 1,200 sexually explicit "deepfakes" between August 2019 and September 2021.

"These are images of these young women — just them being girls," Melissa Scannell, assistant district attorney, told the Herald in December 2021. "It was images of them at cheerleading. It was them smiling at the beach. They were just living their lives."

Carey was indicted in November that year, but didn't plead guilty to four charges until this past December. He was sentenced April 18 to six months in prison and 10 years of probation. He also must register as a sex offender.

What got Carey that sentence, Donnelly said, was not creating sexually explicit "deepfake" images of women without their consent. Instead, it was that one of the images he posted included a sexually explicit image of an underage girl.

But Donnelly wants to prevent another Patrick Carey from committing these kinds of crimes. With that, she has asked lawmakers in Albany to introduce the Digital Manipulation Protection Act. This state law is intended to make illegal the creation of deepfake images of real people in this manner, no matter how old the victims are.

If passed, there could be up to five new criminal charges associated with the kind of things Carey was accused of doing.

"New York state currently lacks the adequate criminal statutes to protect victims of 'deepfake' pornography, both adults and children," Donnelly said. "That is why I am proposing the legislature take up the Digital Manipulation Protection Act, that would close the loopholes in the law that allow sexual predators and child pornographers to create sexually explicit digitally manipulated images and evade prosecution."

"We cannot protect New Yorkers without making these changes."

Donnelly has been in contact with other district attorneys' offices to get the ball rolling on this proposed law, and hopes to see it passed within a year. But whether that does happen will all depend on how legislators ultimately want to move forward.

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Inflation reason for \$107 million proposed school budget

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Voters will go to the polls on May 16 across Long Island to decide whether to approve of their proposed school budgets. For the 2023-2024 school year, the Glen Cove City School District is proposing a roughly \$108 million budget, with a proposed tax levy at \$75.3 million, or 2.52 percent, which they voted to approve at the March 29 Board of Education meeting. This is an increase from last year's budget, which was \$102 million.

Victoria Galante, assistant superintendent for business and finance, said the tax rate calculation is adjusted for the consumer price index, better known as the cost-of-living expenses, at an inflation rate of 8 percent. A supermajority is needed to pass the levy, which is 50 percent of the vote plus one.

The budget's total administrative cost is roughly \$8 million, a \$286,558 increase from last year's budget. An increase for the office of personnel is included, totaling \$20,332 from last school year's budget because of staffing needs and contractual obligations.

There is also unallocated insurance, because of cyber and flood insurance. Galante said she has been emailing the

school's insurance company since the district is undergoing litigation through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to prevent damages from Tropical Storm Ida from happening again, which may decrease the cost of unallocated insurance in the future, resulting in a \$60,000 increase from last year's budget.

"It's something we have to have," Galante said. "And I have to say, we do use our insurance coverage, only because a lot of times we have emergency projects. Things leak, we get floods, things fall down from the ceiling. We have to pay the increases. It's not something we can skimp on."

The capital component expenses went up by about \$383,519 from the prior budget. The total this year is roughly \$9 million. Operations of plant expenses increased by \$403,327 since the district is implementing a new software for the district-

wide cameras that will make it easier for school principals to find recorded videos and upgrade the older cameras. The refund-real property taxes budget line went down because the district is seeing less tax certiorari, where a property owner can challenge the real estate tax assessment on a given property in an attempt to reduce

the property's assessment and, in turn, the real estate taxes. Galante said the district is anticipating it will spend the \$550,000 available, but if the district needs more than the available funds, they have a reserve dedicated to certiorari that the school board must vote to tap into.

"I have to say, that with some caution, that we haven't seen a lot of these tax certs come through lately," she said. "At first, we were told it was because of Covid, but now, we're out of Covid for a year and a half, and we haven't seen a lot of them."

Things leak, we get floods, things fall down from the ceiling. We have to pay the increases. It's not something we can skimp on.

VICTORIA GALANTE
assistant superintendent,
Glen Cove City School
District

The final component — the biggest in the budget — was programs. It totals roughly \$90 million, an increase from the current year by \$5,386,622.

Special education is being estimated at roughly \$21 million because the district is seeing more students who require the services.

Transportation services are estimated at \$55,650, a \$500 increase from the current school year. The district anticipates adding up to two more busses.

An area of the budget that has risen dramatically is health insurance, which increased by roughly \$1 million from the current year. The district is exploring other health insurance plans to offer an alternative to the New York State Health Insurance Program, but they are not removing the state insurance plan.

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6 Protest held to decry Santos' support of AR-15 bill

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The sidewalk outside embattled U.S. Rep. George Santos' Douglaston office in Queens on April 12 was crowded with furious constituents who clutched signs demanding he "Protect Kids Not Guns."

Emotions ran high during the protest as mothers like Glen Head resident Ann Koch stood alongside Linda Beigel Schulman, whose son Scott Beigel was killed ushering students to safety at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida to escape a gunman who killed 17 in 2018. The protestors fear legislation to make the AR-15 the "National Gun of America," backed by Santos, could lead to more violence and death. In February, U.S. Rep. Barry Moore, a Republican from Alabama, introduced the controversial bill.

After the protest, Koch recalled her time as a teacher at the North Shore School District's high school in 2018. She was grading papers in the teacher's workspace of the high school when a precautionary lockdown was initiated. She and her colleagues began to follow the lockdown procedure that required them to move away from the workspace's door to avoid potential gunfire, and move to the other side of the room. Moments after lockdown was initiated, a student was seen in the hallway, and a teacher who recognized the student pulled her to the safety of the workspace. They then hurried to the side of the room as to not be in view of a potential intruder. Everyone remained calm during the deafening silence, which was only broken by occasional whispers of reassurance to the upperclassman.

"It's going to be fine, we're here." Koch recalls saying to the distressed students. "We're not going to let anything happen to you."

Koch said that faculty was intently listening for footsteps outside the door during the 30 minutes of uncertainty. When administrators and police knew there was no immediate danger, the lockdown was lifted. Law enforcement identified the source of the threat as a Snapchat post. A picture of a message written on a school desk circulated on the popular app, reading, "I'm going to shoot up the school on March 5, Monday, at 12:27. Save yourself. Please stop me."

The lockdown was lifted at approximately 1 p.m. and normal activities



Roksana Amid/Herald

MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING Moms Demand Action, joined the protest outside Rep. George Santos' Douglaston office. Robert Zimmerman, who ran unsuccessfully against Santos, joined the protest to show his support

resumed.

Other schools have faced a harsher reality when it comes to safety. So far into 2023, there have been 163 mass shootings. Eighty-nine were school shooting incidents.

Standing in front of photos of her deceased son, Beigel Schulman asked protesters to look at the images to understand the impact the proposed gun legislation could have nationwide.

"Making the AR-15 a national gun is more of a priority to George Santos than saving the lives of our children and our loved ones," Schulman said. "Everyone knows the AR-15 is a weapon of war. Every school shooting is carried out with an AR 15. Almost every mass murder is carried out with an AR-15."

In a February statement, Moore said he was protecting the Second Amendment rights of Americans, the right to bear arms against people who wanted to take away their firearms. He called it as important a right "as freedom of speech, religion and the press."

In a February interview with ABC7's Eyewitness News Extra Time, Santos defended Moore's bill, calling on the AR-15 to be celebrated.

"It's more about recognition. This is a gun manufactured in the United States, creates jobs in the United States, it's a made-in-America gun," Santos said. "We have national everything, why not have a national gun? It saves lives on a daily basis, and it's not reported. And I think it's good to have that contrast."

Democrat Robert Zimmerman, who won the 2022 primary for Congress, said that protesters weren't looking to persuade George Santos since he has demonstrated he is morally unfit to be in Congress by endorsing the semi-automatic rifle. Zimmerman continued to say he believes Santos is complicit in the tragic death of so many children throughout the country who die at the hands of assault rifles.

"Santos is championing gun ownership which is not in the ethos of this district," Paula Frome a Glen Cove resident, said. "His positions are so extreme at a time when there are weekly mass shootings. We can't have somebody who thinks the AR-15 should be the national gun, that's just disgraceful."

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GLEN COVE RESIDENT Kathy Quinn-Taylor, top row, second from right, shared her work, as did other participants in Pinelawn Memorial Park and Arboretum's healing workshop in March.

Coping with loss among those who understand

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Quinn-Taylor remembers being in shock.

"We had our vaccines and boosters and double masked on the plane," she said. "Everyone we met Bob would ask if they were vaccinated. After he died I was busy with the arrangements, but when everyone left, I looked at the four walls and said now what?"

Quinn-Taylor had never heard of mandala-making but wanted to give it a try. She could not seem to move forward. Even her dog still mourned Robert's loss.

"To make a piece of art to reflect how I was feeling sounded interesting," she said. "I went to see what it was like, to meet other people and share my story, and hear how they were grieving. I ended up enjoying it."

Deborah Adler, a board-certified, registered and licensed clinical art psychotherapist, was chosen to lead the March workshop. Mandala-making, she said, is important because it's a way of honoring a loved one who has died as well as the person who is in mourning.

"Mandala is a Sanskrit word that means circle," Adler explained. "Circles often symbolize the connectedness we have with all people, including our lost loved ones. Mandala-making is a powerful art therapy technique that helps people access their inner wisdom, heal their emotional wounds, and celebrate their life journey."

Workshop participants were given crayons, magazine clippings of photos and words and a round mandala. Everyone worked to create an expression of what they were feeling and their goals. Upon completion, they described the meaning of their mandala for the group.

"One of the first pictures I saw that I used was about travel — we loved to travel," she said. "These days I can't imagine getting on a plane without him. We had been going to the Dominican Republic for 20 years and know the people at the hotel. They keep telling me to come back and I just can't."

To represent her goals, she glued a picture of a mug of Guinness onto the circle because the couple always found an Irish pub when traveling. She also included quotes about traveling, which she said sparked her interest to try to move forward.

The workshop was a great experience, but what Quinn-Taylor said was most meaningful was being with people who knew how she felt and hearing their ideas on how to get through grief.

Pinelawn's free Grief Healing Workshop Series was



KATHY QUINN-TAYLOR'S MANDALA focused on her future, which she hopes will include resuming traveling.

launched during the coronavirus pandemic to help those mourning the loss of loved ones. Pinelawn hosted 26 grief healing workshops assisting roughly 1,300 people coping with grief. Some of the topics they've covered include: "Finding Hope and Purpose After the Loss of Your Partner or Spouse," "Self-Healing and Resilience Building," "Rethinking the Holidays After Loss," "Journaling for Life After Loss," "Allowing Nature to Hold Us," and "Healing Through Music."

Justin Locke, Pinelawn's president, said funerals changed drastically during the pandemic. He wanted to provide solace to mourners who were unable to experience the typical process of grieving. The pandemic forced people to limit the number of people at a funeral service and they had to stand apart. The entire ordeal was detached, not what people working at Pinelawn were accustomed to, he said.

"Covid made us focus on the fact that people were not able to get together and grieve as they typically had, when there would be a wake, funeral and luncheon afterwards," he said. "We realized we could do something

Pinelawn Memorial Park and Arboretum

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For further information on Pinelawn's 2023 calendar of events visit Pinelawn.com/Events/Upcoming-events/

How to make a mandala

- Trace a circle onto a piece of paper using anything around your home such as a plate.
- Take a moment to clear your mind and assess where you are physically and mentally.
- Using a pencil or pen, beginning in the center of the circle, create a symbol or design that represents you or where you are mentally.
- Work your way out and start adding further elements to the outer parts of the circle. You can divide the circle into equal sections to add images or words to keep it balanced. Allow your designs to flow and express how you feel in that moment.
- You can add images cut out from magazines, use quotes or other collage materials.
- Don't worry about skill or ability. Let your creativity relax your mind and soul.

beneficial."

In January 2021 Pinelawn began offering the grieving and healing workshops allowing for 25 participants per session. Now 60 to 70 people usually attend, Locke said. He believes the increase in interest is a reflection of people's need for connectivity, their desire to talk to people who are experiencing a similar loss and a wish to find ways to handle grief.

HERALD SCHOOLS

A sea of red and green at Glen Cove City Schools

The Glen Cove High School gymnasium became a sea of red and green during the Glen Cove City School District's annual Red and Green Games, a series of challenges and activities between all grade levels. Activities included a tug-o-war, dodgeball, obstacle courses, relay races and other team-building games. This year's games marked the launch of the district's World of Change Club, which challenges teams to collect the most loose change for local charities of their choosing.

"The Red and Green games are a chance for students across the district to come together for a night of friendly competition and comradery," said Superintendent of Schools Maria Rianna. "The games are a great way to promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and physical activity among students, teachers and staff."

This year's winner was the Red Team, comprised of students who attend or graduated from Deasy or Landing Elementary School. The Green Team was comprised of students who attend or graduated from Gribbin or Connolly Elementary School.

Students involved in the district's World of Change Club chose to donate their collections to one of four charities, including The Safe Center in Bethpage, The Porch Pantry in Glen Cove, Guardian Angel in Glen Cove and La Fuerza in Glen Cove.



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THE RED TEAM was crowned the winner of the Glen Cove City School District's annual Red and Green Games.



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— Ingrid Bergman

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— George Santayana

"The older I get, the greater power I seem to have to help the world; I am like a snowball - the further I am rolled the more I gain."

— Susan B. Anthony

"Why not just embrace it, go along with it and welcome it?"

— Helen Mirren

"I believe the second half of one's life is

meant to be better than the first half. The first half is finding out how you do it. And the second half is enjoying it."

— Frances Lear

"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art."

— Eleanor Roosevelt

"The complete life, the perfect pattern, includes old age as well as youth and maturity. The beauty of the morning and the radiance of noon are good, but it would be a very silly person who drew the curtains and turned on the light in order to shut out the tranquility of the evening. Old age has its pleasures, which, though different, are not less than the pleasures of youth."

—W. Somerset Maugham

"There is a fountain of youth; it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age."

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Avoiding summer tragedy around the water

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By **MARK NOLAN**
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Record-breaking temperatures this April have signaled an early start to pool season. While water fun is a summer ritual, it can also lead to avoidable calamity when children are left unattended around water.

But the danger could be worse when an adult is casually supervising.

Drowning is the leading cause of death for children between 1 and 4 in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nearly all of those tragedies — 88 percent — happen with an adult watching, experts say.

“Supervision is the main reason for drowning accidents,” said Jim Spiers, president of Stop Drowning Now. “They’re not actively supervising and paying attention.”

For Jenny Bennett, a founding member of Parents Preventing Childhood Drowning, the issue is personal. Bennett’s son Jackson drowned in the family’s backyard pool when he was just 18 months.

Bennett, an emergency room nurse in Texas, has made it her mission to educate as many parents as possible about the danger. Her organization encourages parents and caregivers to learn CPR and first aid. Install fences with locking gates around pools. And give children swimming lessons by certified teachers.

“Say a child is fishing with grandpa and they fall in a pond or lake,” Bennett said. “Teach a child to roll and float on their back so they are able to breathe and call for help. Children under 4 are not able to tread water, so teach them the swim-float-swim sequence so they can float and breathe.”

New York state law generally requires every pool to have an audible alarm and be enclosed by a fence with locking gates. County, town and even villages often have additional safety requirements.

“While town public pools have well-trained lifeguards keeping people safe, residents must also be wary of the dangers surrounding private, personal pools,” Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin said. “A lot of our pool safety rules translate to personal pools — no running near the pool. No diving in the shallow end. And for children, swimming with adult supervision is an absolute must.”

As a board member of the New York Water Safety Coalition, Spiers advocates for statewide and even nationwide initiatives. Currently, the coalition has four bills up for consideration in Albany. One bill — S.3608 — would require parents of a newborn to watch a video explaining the dangers of drowning for infants and young children before they even leave the maternity ward. The video would be in addition to the required material educating parents about shaken baby syndrome.

The state Senate bill has three co-sponsors, as well as a companion bill in the Assembly.

Another bill being pushed in Albany by the New York Water Safety Coalition would designate state money to provide swimming lessons to children in urban areas. The coalition is working with organizations and municipalities in the Rockaways and throughout New York City, in addition to several other states.

“The most unfortunate statement I hear is parents who say they didn’t think it could happen to them,” Spiers said, “or they just didn’t know.”

What experts want parents and caregivers to remember about water safety is that simply being present while kids are swimming isn’t good enough. An adult must actively watch the water, Bennett said. That means refraining from alcohol and drugs, staying off a cell phone, and not engaging in small talk at gatherings.

“These children are not being neglected in the vast majority of cases,” Bennett said. “There is simply a lapse of supervision. It only takes 30 seconds for a child under



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RATH PARK POOL in Franklin Square is a local hotspot for families looking to beat the heat. Safety experts insist that adults keep watching their children even in public pools.



Herald file photo

EVEN WITH PROFESSIONAL lifeguards, parents should keep eyes on their children at all times when in the water at places like Veterans Memorial Park Pool in East Meadow.

30 pounds to drown. They inhale water, lose consciousness, and in only a couple of minutes, brain death occurs.”

An adult should be designated as the “water watcher” around pools, Spiers said. That person does not take their eyes off the water for any reason. And if a child does go missing, don’t waste time looking in safer places like under the bed or in a closet.

“If you do have a pool and a child is missing in the house, check the pool first,” Bennett said.

Spiers and Bennett both emphasized that when a child drowns, there is almost never a loud indication to alert adults. If an adult is in the house, “watching” the pool from the kitchen table, they may not realize there is danger.

“It’s not like in the movies,” Spiers said. “Drowning is a silent killer. They can’t speak or call for help.”

More safety tips are available through a number of online resources, including StopDrowningNow.org, ParentsPreventingChildhoodDrowning.com, and PoolSafely.gov.

H2Nos — What to Avoid

- Don’t just supervise — actively watch without looking away.
- Keep toys out of the pool when not in use so children don’t have to urge to play.
- Don’t drink or use drugs while supervising children in the water.
- Don’t keep patio or lawn furniture near a pool.
- Don’t assume someone is watching the water.
- Don’t assume every door and window is locked.
- Don’t use technology or work from home while supervising children in the water.
- Don’t rely on personal flotation devices for safety.

Step-up your supervision

- Install layers of protection, like fences and locked gates.
- Keep all gates, doors and windows locked.
- Keep children in the water within arm’s reach.
- Store pool chemicals in locked containers and out of reach.
- Learn CPR and rescue breathing.
- Create an emergency plan in advance.
- Install a motion alarm on all doors and the pool.
- Ask a professional for a safety inspection.

STEPPING OUT



An ode to Trees

Arbor Day is celebrated at Planting Fields

By Karen Bloom

Spring fully surrounds our senses now. As Mother Nature displays some of the grandeur of the season, “Earth Month” culminates with plenty of hoopla at Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay.

The more than 4,000 trees in the state park are a fitting backdrop to activities honoring the park’s remarkable verdure this weekend, April 29-30.

Planting Fields has commemorated national Arbor Day since 1987 with fun-filled educational activities and entertainment. This year brings back the festival in all of its natural glory, following a slimmed down pandemic version last spring. That means there’s plenty to interest all ages: tree climbing for the kids, plant clinics, tree plantings with Smokey Bear, a Bonsai exhibit, plant sale, and so much more — along with self-guided tours of that grand old estate, Coe Hall.

Yes, the focus is on having fun, but the festival is about more than simply a good time. With climate change and the continued pressures on the environment at the forefront of our daily lives, park staffers recognize the need to keep this vital park in the public eye.

“We celebrate conservation while drawing attention to the importance of our green spaces,” says Katie Walsh, Planting Fields’ community engagement manager. “I encounter so many people who are visiting us for the first time. Many people think we’re a private estate.”

Not so. Planting Fields — the name references the fertility of the land and its rich agricultural value originally recognized by the native American Matinecocks, and later Dutch and English colonists — is a former Gold Coast estate with more than 400 acres of rolling lawns, gardens, woodlands, and nature walks deeded to New York state in 1949 to become a state park.

Since then, the park has thrived as dynamic and vibrant site that’s known for its numerous historic structures, Olmsted Brothers-designed landscapes, and world-class art and horticultural collections.

The annual Arbor Day festivities are a time when the park is at its best. There’s always something for everyone at this family festival — concerts



with that festival staple Peat Moss & the Fertilizers. A self-guided tree scavenger hunt, courtesy Wonderland Tree Care and Landscapes. A children’s nature craft, involving tree “slices.” The all-important tree planting ceremony. And, new this year, a visit from “NYC Tree” (aka actor Joe Whelski). He’ll wander about telling jokes and regaling everyone with tree facts.

“It’s so important to connect kids to nature at a young age,” Walsh says. “Kids are overwhelmed with their tech. We need to get them involved outdoors with nature and our green spaces.”

Smokey Bear joins in to do just that. The “park icon,” as Walsh refers to him, is the focus of attention when it’s time for the annual tree planting. Two trees will be planted each day.

“It’s a big deal, almost like a ceremony,” Walsh says. “Everyone gathers around and parades to the

planting location.”

Educational and environmental organizations also participate, including the aforementioned Wonderland Tree Care and Landscapes, Cornell Master Gardeners, the state’s agriculture department, Long Island Native Plant Initiative, and North Shore Land Alliance, among others.

Befriend a tree. Planting Fields is surely the place to do just that.



- Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, Oyster Bay
- 1395 Planting Fields Road
- April 29-30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- \$20 admission per car
- For information, visit PlantingFields.org, or call (516) 922-8600

Courtesy Planting Fields Arboretum

Top: Smokey Bear always attracts an enthusiastic following at the festival.

Bottom: Kids can get a bird’s eye view of their surroundings as they celebrate the importance of trees and the preservation of the environment.



‘Vanities’

Will their bond stand the test of time? Find out how it all unfolds in Jack Heifner’s ‘Vanities,’ the latest production from Adelphi University’s Department of Theatre. This bittersweet comedy is an astute, snapshot-sharp chronicle of the lives of three Texas women and how their friendship evolves. The story begins as Joanne, Kathy and Mary are high school cheerleaders in 1963. Five years later in their college sorority house, they are confronting their futures with nervous jauntiness. In 1974, they reunite briefly in New York. Their lives have diverged and their friendship is strained and ambiguous. Their attempts at honest conversation only show they can no longer afford to have very much in common. The show is directed by Emily Shain with assistant direction by Lauren Buscemi.

Thursday and Friday May 4-5, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 6, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m.. \$25, with discounts available to seniors, students, Adelphi alumni and employees. Performing Arts Center, Black Box Theatre, 1 South Ave., Garden City. Adelphi.edu/pac or (516) 877-4000.



Itzhak Perlman

The reigning virtuoso of the violin makes his long-awaited return, appearing on the Tilles Center stage. 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 performing with Perlman for this unforgettable afternoon is his longtime collaborator, pianist Rohan DeSilva. The duo has appeared many times together, but this performance transcends a traditional recital to deliver a warm, humorous, personal look back over a legendary life and career.

Sunday, May 7, 4 p.m. \$150, \$100, \$75. LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville. TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100.

THE SCENE



May 5

Caissie Levy

Broadway powerhouse Caissie Levy visits the Landmark stage, Friday, **May 5**, 8 p.m. Catch her for a night of song, stories and laughter before she embarks across the pond to star in "Next to Normal" in the West End. Fresh off her powerful role in this season's must-see production of "Leopoldstadt," this is a rare opportunity to spend an evening with Levy singing some of her favorite tunes. The versatile actress of Broadway, off-Broadway and West End fame, Levy also finds time for many concert appearances — she's backed up Rod Stewart in his Las Vegas residency, headlined Carnegie Hall, and continues to delight audiences with solo appearances. \$61, \$51, \$41. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.

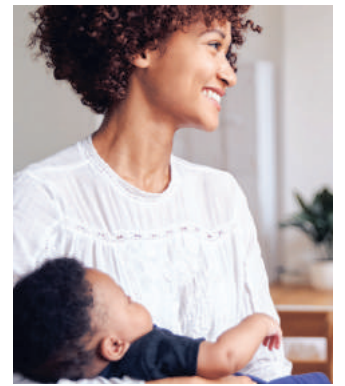
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On exhibit

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

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Participate in Glen Cove Public Library's at-your-own-pace hour walk, **every Thursday**, at 10 a.m. All fitness levels are welcome and attendees are encouraged to walk at their own pace, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. Register at GlencoveLibrary.org or call (516) 676-2130 for more information.

April 29

Deep Roots Indoor Market

Stop by St. Paul's Episcopal Church for another Indoor Market, **Saturday, April 29**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Browse a selection of locally grown produce, eggs, meat and dairy along with fresh-baked bread, sweets, honey and other locally-made goods, at 28 Highland Road, Glen Cove. For more information, contact deeprootsfarmersmarket@gmail.com or (516) 318-5487.

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.

In concert

Rhett Miller, Old 97 frontman performs, **Friday, May 5**, at My Father's Place supper club. The alt country-pop power pop singer-songwriter is acclaimed for his compelling melodic tunes. Doors open 6 p.m., concert 8 p.m. The Metropolitan, 3 Pratt Blvd., Glen Cove. Tickets at MyFathersPlace.com or call (516) 580-0887.

Shecky and the Twangtones

The band performs at Still Partners, **Friday, May 12**, 8 to 11 p.m. 225 Sea Cliff Ave., in Sea Cliff. (516) 200-9229 or stillpartners@gmail.com.



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.

Storybook Stroll

Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for a storybook adventure, **Saturday, May 6**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stroll the gardens and listen to Jory John's "The Bad Seed." Later create a unique take home craft. For ages 3-5. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information visit OldWestburyGardens.org or contact (516) 333-0048.

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, **Thursday, April 27**, 10:15 a.m. and noon; **Friday, April 28**, 10:15 am., noon, and 6:15 p.m.; **Saturday, April 29**, 2 p.m.; **Wednesday and Thursday, May 3-4**, 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. 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.



Dancing into spring

Adelphi Department of Dance students present their semi-annual dance showcase on the Adelphi University Performing Arts Center stage, **Thursday and Friday, April 27-28**, 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. Strellick, 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.

April 27-28

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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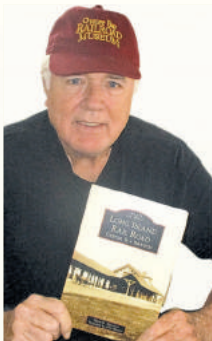
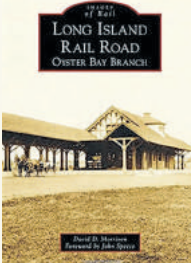
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Nassau County gambles on Las Vegas Sands

By MALLORY WILSON

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Plans to redevelop more than 70 acres at the Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale took a huge step forward Wednesday after Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman revealed the county has come to terms on a lease agreement with Las Vegas Sands.

The agreement would give the Sands control over the land where it plans to spend \$4 billion on a resort that would include hotels, community centers, a performance venue, convention spaces, restaurants and a casino.

"We are going to develop the Coliseum site with a world-class hotel, a world-class entertainment center, and that is going to be funded by a casino," Blakeman told reporters at a news conference in Mineola. "We believe that that will bring jobs, economic prosperity, tax relief, and improved safety here in Nassau County."

The agreement is still subject to the approval of the Nassau County Legislature, which likely won't take it up until next month. But, if it's passed, the county could potentially make millions in revenue. And local unions are happy about the jobs that the project could provide.

"This is something that is bold, and it's big," Blakeman said. "But it's needed."

But that doesn't mean Sands will break ground right away. In fact, it won't even be soon. This is one of a number of steps for the Sands, Blakeman said. They still need to get the approval of the legislature, the zoning from the Town of Hempstead, and their gaming application from the state licensing board for the proposed casino.

"This will be an economic driver for this county," Blakeman said. "Creating jobs, providing revenue to the county, providing revenue to the Town of Hempstead, providing revenue to all of our community groups that surround the Coliseum site — and those are the things that are important to the people in Nassau County."



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NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE Bruce Blakeman, right, joins Las Vegas Sands president Rob Goldstein Wednesday announcing a lease agreement has been signed between the county and the Sands, with plans to spend \$4 billion redeveloping the Nassau Coliseum area.

Immediately following approval from the county legislature, the Sands will start paying an annual rent of \$5 million until they get their gaming license. Then rent doubles to \$10 million.

Within 60 days of approval, the Sands will give the county an additional \$54 million. Once the casino has opened, the county will be guaranteed \$25 million in additional revenue each year, according to Blakeman. And that's only for the first three years, officials said.

Local communities stand to benefit from the agreement as well, Blakeman said. The Town of Hempstead

would be paid a "significant" sum with \$4 million earmarked for East Meadow, Uniondale, and the villages of Hempstead and Garden City through a community benefits program. The county will also receive \$1.8 million per year for police improvements in the area surrounding the site.

"We felt this was the best location to do what we do, which is build large-scale resorts," Sands president Rob Goldstein said. "We don't build casinos. We build resorts with the casinos inside of them."

It's up to the Sands what would ultimately happen to the Coliseum, and Goldstein said that a decision hasn't been made yet concerning the venue.

"The goal of our company is to integrate ourselves in your community," he said. "It will unequivocally involve local restaurant tours."

The Sands has been trying to get to know the community since start, and held a procurement academy with the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce on April 20.

"They started off right," said Frank Camarano Jr., president of the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce at the procurement academy. "They understood. They didn't have to wait for the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce to say, 'Hey guys, you have to start at the grassroots level.' It was the exact opposite — they reached out to us."

Long Island businesses came out to see how they could be a part of the new project. Frank Borrelli, owner of Borrelli's Italian Restaurant in East Meadow, believes this project is the best option presented so far.

"I think it's a home run for the community," he said. "The taxes it's going to generate for the county will be insane, not only from (the resort), but just branching off and bringing people to the areas. And tourism in general."

There is a contingency plan pending the gaming license from the state. Officials said that the project could take four years once approval is received.

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AARP, USPS help take stand against fraud

By **KEPHERD DANIEL**

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Being a victim of identity theft is just the beginning. Resolving it can be a stressful and lengthy process, and according to a pair of experts from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, it's always better to protect in advance against scams and fraud.

Some \$8.8 billion was lost to lottery sweepstakes and other scams last year alone, according to the Federal Trade Commission — a 54 percent increase from 2021. Elder fraud cost Americans older than 60 more than \$966 million in 2020, according to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center.

In the United States and other countries, these numbers are only growing as criminals increasingly use online scams that target older adults — especially those living alone.

“Even though we talk about this a lot and we give prevention tips, it seems that people are still falling victim to these scams. And that's why it's so important to give this information out,” said Donna Harris, a public information representative for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. “Take the information and share with others so that we can get those numbers down and put the fraudsters where they need to be: behind bars.”

Harris was part of a pair of webinars hosted by AARP Long Island and RichnerLive — a sister division to Herald Community Newspapers — addressing these very



Deliah Roberts/Herald

AARP VOLUNTEERS BETTY Beradford and Mike Peck help load bags of sensitive documents into a shredder at Nassau Community College last weekend, as part of AARP's drive to help curb fraud of older Americans.

issues affecting older Americans. She was joined by Michael Del Giudice, a postal inspector and team leader within the same division.

“I hear from so many people that are recent victims,” said Bernard Macias, associate state director for Long Island with AARP New York. “It's so disruptive. It's so violating, it's hurtful. It's life-changing to be a victim.”

Identity theft has become a big problem in the United States and abroad due to so much information being available on the

internet. Every day, many unwittingly open their digital door to a world of strangers who could be scammers. In many cases, the results can be devastating — especially to older and vulnerable adults.

Even though many of these scammers are miles away, they can virtually enter homes through deceptive offers, designed to steal money and financial information.

“Once they have your information, it's just like your DNA,” Harris said. “They find out who you are, and they can use it to defraud you. This is why we routinely dis-

Time to shred

If you missed last weekend's shredding event at Nassau Community College, don't fret. You still have two more opportunities to do so with AARP Long Island and RichnerLive.

The next shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at Michael J. Tully Park, 1801 Evergreen Ave., in New Hyde Park. To register, visit bit.ly/ShredNewHydePark.

Then, shredding season wraps up Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at Farmingdale Library, 116 Merritts Road, in Farmingdale. To register, visit bit.ly/ShredFarmingdale.

cuss current trends and scams to make aware of what is lurking behind the next pitch or offer that seems too good to be true.”

Also helping is not just throwing away documents with sensitive information like your Social Security number, but shredding it. One such mass shredding event happened this past weekend at Nassau Community College, attended by U.S. Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, state comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, and AARP state director Beth Finkel.

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ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

Upscale fast food

When I try to cook something, the same dish always tastes a lot better if I pick it up from a cafe. If I try an easy recipe, I don't have the patience to wait for the microwave to ding. At the same time, when I'm hungry I crave gourmet-style foods. Preferably immediately. This month I lucked out. I found three new eateries around town, and one addition to a favorite restaurant, where you'll be served upscale meals in a flash. If you never want to cook again, try these four eateries.

Gimme Burger (39 E Main St., Oyster Bay)

Jesse Schenker, gourmet chef/founder of 2 Spring and FOUR in Oyster Bay, just opened this mini, casual cafe. The burgers are ground in-house every day. They're a blend of chuck, brisket and short rib. The buns are made from scratch and baked in the cafe daily as well. When I grabbed my burger to go, it smelled so good I couldn't wait to carry it to my car. I plopped down at an outdoor table and ate half of it. I ate the other half during the drive home. Three other dishes are offered: veggie burgers, crispy chicken sandwiches and grilled cheese. I'm sure they're equally delicious.

Tous Les Jours (41 Great Neck Rd., Great Neck)

When you walk into this South Korean bakery, the pastel-colored pastries, breads, and desserts seem to say, "Yahoo! Come on in!" It's such a bright, clean, welcoming place. The names of some of the elegant treats you'll pick up or enjoy at an intimate table say it all. Imagine: mango cream croissants, cranberry apple cream cheese bread, sweet potato mini cakes, magic mocha cream bread, a loaf of green tea bread, and pink

strawberry soft cakes. I left with a sweet potato loaf that was a lovely shade of lavender.

No. 1 Pancake (602 Glen Cove Ave., Sea Cliff)

In this eatery, your pancake will be freshly prepared on the spot and ready to go in a flash. Since it's an authentic Chinese shop, the pancakes are simply made of two types of flour and eggs. Each pancake is folded in half and filled with everything from ham, pork, duck, lamb, chicken, cheese, or veggies. They're topped with an original "brown sauce" created by the owner.



CATHI TUROW

While you're waiting for your pancake, check out the desserts — especially the sugar crisps. You'll bite into a crispy bun as the sweetest sug-

ary syrup oozes from the center. I'm definitely going back for a green sugar pickle sandwich.

Centro Cucina (43 Glen Cove Rd., Greenvale)

In addition to serving dinner, this favorite Italian restaurant is now serving lunch. I loved the Katrina Salad — greens, sauteed mushrooms, lemon dressing. But the biggest news is a dining experience known as "Centro Taste." I call it upscale "fast food" because you'll be served 20 bite-sized, gourmet tastings, one after the next. Begin with antipastos, move on to two or three kinds of pasta, meat and fish dishes, and dessert. Three things to know: It's \$80 per person, offered on Mondays and Thursdays, and everyone at your table must enjoy Centro Taste together.

So, that's it. If you hate to cook, you're off the hook. See you next month!

Cathi Turow can be reached at: cturowntakeout@gmail.com

NEWS BRIEFS

The best of Broadway coming to Glen Cove

Local singer Joe Stoppel will perform Broadway hits and songs from the Great American Songbook at a special fundraising concert at the North Shore Historical Museum. This will be his second performance at the museum. A year and a half ago, he sang there to mark the 25th anniversary of the closing of Stoppel's Tavern, a mainstay in Glen Cove. This time he will perform a personally curated list of Broadway hits, classic jazz and show tunes. Tess Luca, Stoppel's friend, will accompany him on piano.

The show will take place at 140 Glen Street, Glen Cove, on April 29 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for nonmembers, \$15 for members, and \$10 for children.



Courtesy Joe Stoppel

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

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THE CITY IN THE
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OPINIONS

Municipalizing LIPA would be a big mistake

Converting the Long Island Power Authority to a public power utility from a private-public partnership is being considered by the State Legislature through a commission. This switch, in a process known as municipalization, would be a massive mistake.



WENDY HIJOS

Just ask residents of Boulder and Pueblo, Colorado, who overwhelmingly rejected ballot issues to municipalize. In fact, only a handful of communities nationwide have voted in favor of a municipal takeover of electricity in over a decade.

It's usually a costly folly that rarely achieves the benefits proponents claim. What happens in reality should dissuade the Legislature from altering the LIPA public-private partnership.

Creating a municipal utility *doesn't* necessarily:

- Bring lower electricity costs. In San Marcos and Palm Springs, California,

for example, consultants' cost savings estimates turned out to be wrong, to the detriment of consumers. Plus, while municipal utilities tend to charge residential customers less and businesses more, residents end up paying more anyway. Further, a study by a consulting firm found the costs passed on to ratepayers by municipal utilities often went up.

- Improve grid security. Municipal utilities are under cyber siege as their staffing shrinks, cybersecurity spending lags and their legacy systems are often outdated. In 2021, a cyberattack against the Oldsmar, Florida, water treatment facility nearly poisoned the water supply of almost 2 million people.

- Guarantee accountability to consumers or taxpayers. Investor-owned utilities are regulated by a state utility commission. When a blackout or brownout or other crisis occurs, such oversight is vital in order to determine what went wrong and how to fix it. Accountability of a municipal utility often proves less

strict, and more subject to politics.

- Improve operations. Municipal officials and appointees frequently don't have the expertise that investor-owned utilities possess, which can reduce reliability in areas where major storms and other weather-related events occur. For instance, when Winter Park, Florida, switched to a public utility, it wasn't prepared operationally, and had to build that knowledge from the ground up.

- Offer the shared risk for ratepayers that investor-owned utilities do, with shareholders who shoulder risks with ratepayers.

Municipalization triggers other major problems. It costs a lot, is contentious, and takes a long time to happen, if it happens at all. In Corona, California, the direct buyout cost of its utility will exceed \$300 million. Long Beach, California, rejected municipalization because of its \$500 million price. The city of Pueblo, according to one estimate, would have lost nearly \$8.5 million in taxes and franchise fees if it had

municipalized its utility.

Failure took 13 years for a plan in Las Cruces, New Mexico, felled after dozens of lawsuits and many untold costs arose.

As well, only one in six attempted municipal utility takeovers succeeds, according to a report that studied 60 of them. Two later sold the utility back to the investor-owned utility. Investor-owned utilities cannot afford bloated budgets, but public utilities need not have the same capital discipline with taxpayer dollars.

LIPA customers should also be outraged by the poor job the legislative commission has done. Despite spending \$2 million in taxpayer dollars to collect community input, the commission held none of three public hearings called for before the end of last September. It held no meetings during its first five months of existence, and didn't produce a draft report by year-end 2022. It was expected this month.

The track record of municipalization is clear, and Long Island residents should not be fooled by the current attempts to municipalize the LIPA.

Wendy Hijos is the New York state director for the Consumer Energy Alliance.

Mothering our way through the pandemic

A global pandemic was never part of the job description in my Mothers Handbook, circa 1971, but so be it. This is our time.

A small distinction: A man fathers a child, and the work he does after that is called "parenting." A woman gives birth to a child, and the work she does



RANDI KREISS

after that is often called "mothering." That word implies the unique devotion needed to shepherd children safely through their early years. The dictionary says the word embraces "kindness" and "protection."

No one says, "Joe is so good at fathering." But we often hear praise for someone's mothering. I don't think it's sexist; I see the word as gender neutral. Joe may be good at mothering as well.

Mothering requires tending, nurturing, cherishing and teaching children. The term connotes warmth and support and advocacy.

Although, traditionally, mothering has been linked to the mother-child bond, there are millions of men and

people who identify in nontraditional ways, who mother their children selflessly and lovingly. Friends also can mother one another, even when children aren't involved.

As we approach Mother's Day, I honor all the people, from older teens to adults to grandparents, who find themselves in the role of raising children, and find within themselves the resources to "mother" them.

Parenting seems more like a job description to me. Mothering is a mission and a half. In the age of Covid-19, in the wake of lockdowns and isolation, mothering has been a gift to our kids and grandkids. Parents pressed for time and money, parents nearly paralyzed by anxiety by the epidemic, somehow rallied and did their best for their little ones.

In my world, I observed nieces and nephews (who might now feel embarrassed by the notion) display true courage in finding a path for their babies and toddlers. Their daily creativity and devotion kept the kiddies safe, while allowing them to learn and grow in a time of restrictions and fear and social isolation. Those were long years to be alone in your home with a 2-year-old.

I know of one young dad, working from home, who mothered his restless little ones by creating a thrilling world out of the commonplace routines of keeping the household going. The mail delivery, the Instacart groceries and the

laundry all became big events, threaded with anticipation and excitement. The trash pickup was a showstopper. As in the movie "A Beautiful Life," in which a father reinvents life in a concentration camp for his young son, the dad I know interpreted everyday activities as theater. He didn't want his children to miss the world.

If you're a parent trying to mother a teenager in 2023, good luck and God bless. My grandkids are 20, 18, 16 and 14, and this has been a challenging road through the pandemic. The headlines speak to the truth about unprecedented emotional fallout from the Covid-19 years. Teenagers have suffered from the social isolation and anxiety.

Everyone — teens, parents and grandparents — did our best to keep home life safe and sane. When schools were closed for months, the pressure was extraordinary to keep the teenagers engaged and off social media (ha!) and

I tried to mother my own grown kids during Covid-19, to mixed success, at best.

diligent about schoolwork. The big lessons had nothing to do with the closed-down classrooms and a year's curricula out the window, and everything to do with how to face danger, and how to be brave in the midst of a spreading pandemic, and how to think about death and hope for life and recovery. Our teens missed a lot of Happy Days, and many of the traditional paths forward to college and work life were altered.

All of you parents of teenagers who mothered your way through the past three years, the singular reward for your efforts will be children who, with support and luck, will grow into responsible adults.

I tried to mother my own kids during the pandemic as they helped their children through this time. Mixed success, at best. I tried to manage my own anxiety for them and for us without making that contagious as well. Mixed success, at best.

Mothering is unbound by time and place. My mother has been gone five years, but, hand to heart, I felt her at my side many times during the worst of the pandemic.

This Mother's Day, I invite all of us to co-opt the M-word. It would be a happier and healthier world if we all mothered one another.

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This summer, keep our kids from drowning

The video is heart-wrenching. One by one, parents explain how their child drowned, holding their pictures and saying their names.

It's part of a public service announcement found on the Parents Preventing Childhood Drowning website, and it's a call to action: grieving parents pleading with us to keep children from drowning. The message is clear: If you are supervising children who are in the water, never allow yourself to be lulled into a false sense of security. Don't ever look away. Not even for a second. It takes just 30 seconds for a young child to drown — half a minute that can lead to a lifetime of ceaseless grief.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is the leading cause of death for children between ages 1 and 4. Some 4,000 people of all ages across the country drown each year.

For decades, government at all levels has enacted laws intended to help prevent children from drowning. Sadly, these laws have not been enough. More must be done.

There are at least four water safety bills being considered in Albany, including S.3608, which would require parents of a newborn to watch a video explaining the

dangers of drowning for infants and young children before they leave the maternity ward. State legislators should pass this bill and get it on Gov. Kathy Hochul's desk.

And we urge lawmakers to draft legislation providing free pool safety inspections for homeowners and caregivers. Several government agencies already offer free car seat safety inspections. While visiting a home and inspecting a pool is more involved, it certainly is no less critical for protecting children.

At least two water safety experts have agreed that pool safety inspections would help prevent child drownings.

This proposal wouldn't be another unfunded mandate that drains the resources of local municipalities. Albany has the mechanism to create a pilot program using previously budgeted money from an appropriate department. The pool inspections would be voluntary and conducted by state-licensed pool safety experts.

A pool owner would receive a safety inspection certificate and a degree of peace of mind. Some private companies already offer free pool safety inspections. A government-business partnership would further enhance the reach of this

pilot program.

Water safety experts stress the need for constant surveillance of children while swimming. They also insist on multiple layers of protection — tall fences, self-locking gates and more — to prevent kids from getting into unguarded water. Pool safety inspections would offer one more element of safety.

May is National Water Safety Month. There is no better time for local state senators and Assembly members to draft legislation to provide those inspections.

And as you prepare to open your pool for the summer, make it a priority to visit swimming safety websites and educate yourself about making your pool safer, and what you can do if you see a child in distress in the water.

Remember that water safety includes time on the bays and at the ocean. Follow state and local laws for operating watercraft. Be an active supervisor of children and young adults who are enjoying the water. Don't assume that a day of fun in the sun can't turn deadly.

The courage and strength of parents able to talk about their children's deaths is remarkable — and inspiring. Honor that courage and their grief by taking action to make your pool safer.

LETTERS

Cameras were already a problem five years ago

To the Editor:

I am in full agreement with Fred Gefen's sentiments regarding red-light and speed-camera ticketing in his letter last week, "Every vehicular mistake, caught on camera." His are the same sentiments, and arguments, I made in two letters, in the April 12-18 and May 24-30, 2018, issues of the Herald, "Red-light fees are 'exorbitant'" and "Red-light ticket tyranny."

I asked, "How does \$50 automatically become \$150? Ask the magicians of the Nassau County Legislature," and, "If Nassau can't balance its books in a fair and honest manner, is it justified in seeking additional revenues by concocting such contrived fees as these to fill the gap?"

It's encouraging that another Nassau resident was driven to expose the very same tyranny that led me to write five years ago, but it's equally disheartening that these injustices continue to plague us five years later, with no action having been taken to remedy them. Mr. Gefen's references to proposed license plate readers and school bus cameras indicate that the problem is growing even worse, as Big Brother continues to invade our daily lives.

Yes, advancing technology does afford benefits to the safety and security of Nas-



sau citizens, but it must be imposed with an awareness of the detrimental and continuing erosion of our rights as citizens.

ROBERT RUBALSKY
East Rockaway

Peter King should know we should follow the law

To the Editor:

With Peter King's column, "With Trump's

indictment, we cross a dangerous line" (April 13-19), it's a relief to see members of Trump's party finally coming down on the side of preserving norms, after years of Trumpian norm-breaking. But to ask Americans to do it by exempting Trump from accountability is both hypocritical and shortsighted.

Those who supported or enabled this corrupt, duplicitous bully's rise to the presidency should have known they were bludgeoning our country's political norms. Our country is now on the path of restoring those norms, and we will walk that path to the end.

OPINIONS

Those who leak national intelligence must be punished

The true enormity of the real-life consequences that will result from the leaking of sensitive national security secrets by Air Guardsman Jack Teixeira hit me hard the other day, when I received an email from an old friend who served with distinction in the military, in the intelligence services, as a key staffer on Capitol Hill and in the executive branch of our government.



PETER KING

For starters, we must realize that whatever is leaked to social media is being absorbed, scrutinized and analyzed by our enemies and, yes, our allies. Giving our enemies access to our imagery and code-breaking capabilities puts all Americans at risk. Those who are already at risk on

the battlefield, of course, will be at greater risk. So, too, will our undercover operatives — “spies” — in hostile countries be in greater danger than ever.

Those at most immediate risk are intelligence sources — human beings — in enemy countries who have provided the United States with invaluable intelligence and information. Having served on the House Intelligence Committee for over nine years, I saw firsthand how deeply embedded some of these sources are in enemy governments, supplying us with the most sensitive and vital information to avert attacks against us or our interests. Studying the information contained in the leaked documents, these governments will be able to do a reverse analysis, and determine who our sources are and subject them and

their families to brutal torture and death.

This will be a human catastrophe and an intelligence disaster. Not only will we no longer receive valuable intelligence data from those who are tortured and killed, but this could also lead to other sources being disclosed and neutralized. Equally consequential, it will dissuade others from cooperating with the United States. Similarly, our allies will be reluctant to share intelligence with us, fearful that it will be leaked, with serious consequences for their sources and security.

Leaking national security secrets shouldn't be part of a left-vs.-right debate. It was indefensible and stupid for Republican U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor-Greene to say Teixeira was being criticized for being “white, male, Christian, and anti-war,” and wrong for

Donald Trump Jr. to describe Teixeira as a “hero.” Similarly, it is wrong for people on the left, like the writer Glenn Greenwald, to argue that Teixeira performed some sort of public service by making life-or-death information available online for America's adversaries.

Nor do I have any regard for the argument that Teixeira should get a pass because, at 21, he's only a kid. A 21-year-old is an adult. Twenty-one-year-olds fight our wars as soldiers and protect our streets as men and women in blue. Teixeira was trained in the military and took an oath to defend our nation against all enemies foreign and domestic.

A 21-year-old military man who makes life-threatening secrets available to our sworn enemies should not receive the benefit of youthful offender treatment. He must face severe consequences. Justice must be served.

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

Jack Teixeira took an oath to defend our nation against all enemies foreign and domestic.

LETTERS

To King and all those who would shelter Trump from this indictment, not to mention the even more serious ones awaiting him, I say this: If you really care about our country's norms, the right way to uphold them is, first, to let the rule of law run its course, and, second, to make wiser leadership choices in the future.

ALEX DILLON
Cedarhurst

Dillon is a high school history and civics teacher.

Trump's indictment is Trump's fault

To the Editor:

In his April 13-19 column, Peter King seems to be blaming the dawn for the crowing of the rooster. He is bemoaning the fact that a federal grand jury has indicted Donald Trump for breaking federal campaign laws in connection with his Stormy Daniels payoff, rather than addressing the dirty deeds that Trump has committed.

It is true that there are two other pending cases that are far more egregious than the current one: Trump's incitement to insurrection in the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol, as well as his effort to fraudulently “find” 11,780 votes in Georgia. But the current case has reached a milestone in that it has ended the notion that a president or former president cannot be indicted for criminal actions.

In other words, it opens the door to a legal path for the extremely serious charges relating to Jan. 6 and to the Geor-

gia vote. I hope that Mr. King is taking a very hard look at those two pending cases.

BOB PRAVER
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It's time to ban assault weapons nationwide

To the Editor:

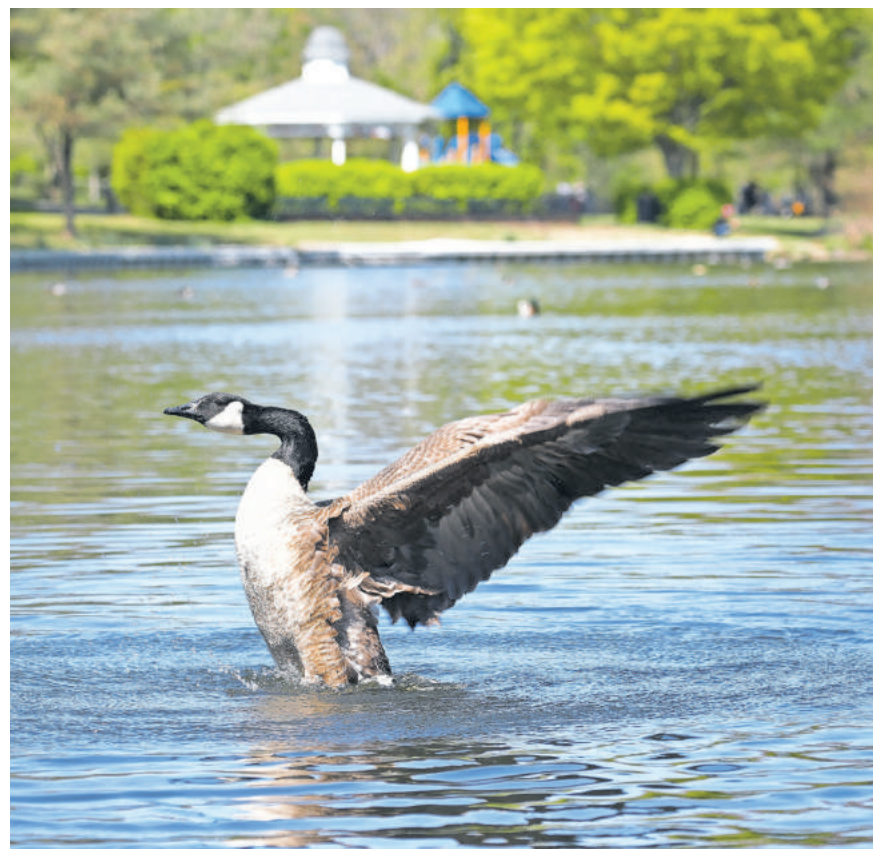
The number of deaths due to the use of assault-style weapons in mass shootings seems, tragically, to be endless, including most recently in Nashville, Tennessee.

It is now reported that the leading cause of death in children and teens in this country is gun-related violence. According to the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, 85 percent of deaths caused by the use of assault rifles occurred in mass shootings. It also found that during the 10-year federal ban on assault weapons that ended in 2004, mass-shooting deaths were 70 percent less likely to occur.

Despite majority public support for reasonable gun regulation, more protective federal laws, like the renewal of an assault weapons ban, are not politically feasible due to opposition from gun-rights groups and a lack of support from Republican members of Congress.

When can the renewal of a federal assault weapons ban be expected? Perhaps American history can give a clue. There were attempts to enact a federal law against lynching toward the end of the 19th century. According to historian Eric Rauchway, in 1938 a Southern filibuster stood in the way of a proposed federal

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anti-lynching law. When asked by Jimmy Roosevelt, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's son, when the filibuster would end, Sen. James Byrnes, of South Carolina, told him, “Not until the year 2038, unless the bill is withdrawn before then.”

It took over 100 years for such a law, the Emmett Till Antilynching Act, making

lynching a federal hate crime, to be enacted by Congress and signed into law by President Biden last year. Will another federal assault weapons ban happen by 2104? How many more preventable deaths will happen by then?

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