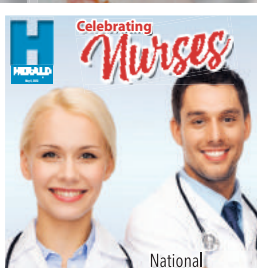


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KATE DOERGE IS spreading the word about the foundation she and her husband, Chad, founded to find a cure for neurofibromatosis. Their daughter, Penny, died of the disease last November.

Penny's Flight takes off on quest to find a cure for NF Foundation created after 16-year-old's death

By **LAURA LANE**
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More than 1,100 people attended a celebration of Penny Doerge's life last Nov. 18 at St. John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church. Most had not known how ill she was, because the 16-year-old, who died on a few days earlier of a brain tumor, lived in the moment, and the treatments she received for neurofibromatosis, or NF, with which she was diagnosed at just 4 months old and that ultimately led to her death, were mere inconveniences for Penny.

NF, a common genetic disorder, causes the growth of tumors on nerve pathways anywhere in the body. More common than cystic

fibrosis, NF, which has been historically underfunded, can be inherited or result from a spontaneous gene mutation. There is currently no cure.

Despite the likelihood of a bleak future, Penny lived a full life in Glen Cove with her friends; her parents, Kate and Chad, and her brothers, Frankie and Henry.

"Ever since Penny was a little girl, with her big, bright eyes, kind smile and bouncing curls, we knew she was very special," Kate said at her daughter's memorial. "After Penny's first surgery, she would commando-crawl in her bright pink body cast across the room with a big smile and the determination of a little warrior that we would watch for so many

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City overpaid Nassau County for a decade

By **ROKSANA AMID**
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Nassau County was expected to issue refunds totaling \$1,583,000 to Glen Cove and the Glen Cove City School District this week. The refunds will resolve the accidental overpayment to the county of payments in lieu of taxes from 2010 to 2021, which were discovered during a 2021 audit of the city's Industrial Development Agency by the state controller's office.

That audit, and further calculations from Mike Piccirillo, the city's controller, found that some of the payments that should have

gone to Glen Cove and the school district had gone to the county instead. The county will refund \$778,000 to the city and \$805,000 to the school district.

The city Industrial Development Agency incorrectly calculated how to divide PILOT payments from 2010 to 2021. State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli's office discovered overpayments to the county in an audit for the fiscal years 2017 and 2018. The report concluded that eight of the nine projects involving PILOTs in those years made payments that were based on percentages calculated by the city. DiNapoli's office reviewed the projects to determine whether the PILOTs were correctly allocated using the real property tax amounts that would have been due in 2017 and 2018. His office determined that the schedules used by the city were never adjusted to correspond to the changing city and county tax rates and assessments.

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The amount was much different.

MIKE PICCIRILLO
 controller, Glen Cove

The report also found that Amy Franklin, the principal account clerk in the city's finance department, working for the controller, said she used a schedule prepared by former controllers Sal Lombardi and Sandra Yu-Clarson as the source for how much was allo-

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County will refund school district, city

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cated to each jurisdiction. She did not confirm the accuracy of the percentages calculated by the former controllers.

Anne Lamorte and Margo Zoldessy, the IDA's chief financial officers, and its executive directors, Barbara Peebles and Ann Fangmann said they were unaware they needed to review PILOT allocation percentages to ensure they were receiving the PILOT amounts they were entitled to, based on approved agreements.

The schedules created to determine the PILOT allocations were created by the previous controllers, who never verified the calculations in the language in the actual PILOT agreements to ensure accuracy.

During the audit, Fangmann and Piccirillo found discrepancies in PILOT agreements spanning 10 years.

While reading a PILOT agreement in 2020, Piccirillo noticed the allocation methodology was not how it was being billed.

"They only do testing on a sample basis, the sample period that they were auditing. The amount was much different," Piccirillo said. "And then what we did at the end of the audit was, we decided, with the administration, and the IDA, to extrapolate it to all active PILOTs as far back as we can go. That's when we realized that there was a lot more than what the audit had discovered."

When Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck took office, she learned the city had been overpaying its PILOTs to the county, while underpaying its school district, for more than a decade. Panzenbeck and Piccirillo met with Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips to discuss reimbursement.

Panzenbeck met with Maria Rianna, Glen Cove City School District's superintendent, and Nassau County



Roksana Amid/Herald

NASSAU COUNTY WILL issue refunds totaling \$1,583,000 to the City of Glen Cove and the school district. City Controller Mike Piccirillo discovered overpayments and brought them to the attention of Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, who then spearheaded negotiations with the county for the refunds.

Executive Bruce Blakeman in February. Panzenbeck was assured the city and school district would get the refund.

The city's portion of the refund was preemptively included as revenue in Glen Cove's 2023 budget. It indicates \$565,000 of the refund will be used for the general fund to help flatten tax rates and \$235,000 will go toward reducing the city's current fund balance deficit.

Residents were promised a zero percent tax increase because, Panzenbeck said, she had faith the

city would be issued the refund in 2023.

Rianna said that although the money was owed to the school district, the district administration had not preemptively discussed how the funds would be allocated. The funds will be deposited into the district's general fund, and from there it will go toward any special projects or bill payments, or be put into one of the district's reserves, she said.

Piccirillo said there is now a process in place in which all invoices that are created are double-checked by him and by Fangmann.

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GLEN COVE HOSPITAL chefs Eric Sieden, far left, Zach Finelli and Pietro Fischetti prepare mouth-watering steaks for the evening.

Chamber offers evening of culinary delights

The North Shore community couldn't wait to attend the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce' Culinary Delights, which this year celebrated its 25th year. The April 24 event was set on the elegant backdrop of the Glen Cove Mansion, and was filled with savory samples from North Shore eateries. Although the majority of attendees were from Glen Cove, people from the surrounding North Shore communities, mid-Nassau and some businesses from Suffolk County attended the extravagant

evening. Attendees also entered in raffles and mingled with old friends, while also connecting with new businesses in the city. The evening saw over 500 attendees sampling food from many of the North Shore's finest restaurants, bakeries and alcoholic beverages.

"We just love having it at the mansion," said Maxine Cappel Mayreis, the chamber's vice president. "It's one of the icons of Glen Cove that makes the evening very special."

Cappel Mayreis was one of the dozen

volunteers who helped organize the evening, a five month process that involves inviting and listing restaurants, initiating follow-ups, drafting contracts, coordinating with the county's food inspector and organizing raffles. This year, there were 59 vendors in attendance.

Cliff Krauter, director of business development for the chamber, said the evening was a great way for businesses without traditional storefronts to be seen in the community as well.

"We really want to represent business-

es who want to be part of us," Krauter said. "Especially since we've grown exponentially over the past few years."

Chamber President Matt Nartowicz said the event gained so much social media attention. Immediately after the event, businesses that hadn't attended the event before approached him requesting to be one of the evening's vendors.

Portions of proceeds from this event were donated to NOSH Delivers Inc., who donates food within North Shore communities to those in need.



LIA DI ANGELO, owner and executive floral designer of Westbury Floral Designs, left, and Pat Swift shared some laughs while arranging raffle prizes for the evening. Paige Theroux, right, helped by spinning the wheel of prizes for Hello Beautiful located in downtown Glen Cove.



Rand Heckler pleads guilty to running \$1 million Ponzi scheme, fooled friends

On April 21, Nassau County District Attorney Anne T. Donnelly announced that, Rand Heckler, a former investment broker from Glen Cove, plead guilty to running a \$1 million Ponzi scheme that targeted the man's friends and neighbors.

Heckler, 67, plead guilty to one count of grand larceny and scheme to defraud. Heckler is due back in court on July 20, and is expected to be sentenced to up to two-and-a-half to seven-and-a-half years in prison, to forfeit \$48,000 that was seized from his bank account, and receive a civil judgment order for the restitution balance.

"Rand Heckler roped friends, neighbors and even strangers he cold-called into a Ponzi scheme that drained them of more than \$1 million dollars," Donnelly said. "The defendant used the stolen cash to finance a luxurious lifestyle, that included a country club membership and other expenses. Investment brokers are trusted to make smart financial decisions for their clients, but this defendant's conduct shows he was only in business for himself."

Donnelly said that beginning in 2015, the defendant recommended to his friend and friend's son that they invest in a hedge fund of stocks and securities that he was managing. The offer was only to be for Heckler's closest 15-20 friends and associates.

From December 2015 to January 2020, the victims wrote Heckler 24 checks, totaling \$755,159. During that time, Heckler showed them statements with the names of the stocks and the hedge fund account's

current value. He also showed false trade confirmations as proof that the stocks had been purchased.

In January 2020, the friend's son, who has power of attorney for his father, asked Heckler for \$100,000 from his father's account, part of which was for his children's trust fund. In February 2020, after several weeks of delay, he received the \$100,000 via a wire to his bank account and was told the money was from the sale of stock.

However, the district attorney's office discovered in May 2020, after receiving the case from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, that the money was wired directly from another victim in February. That victim, the defendant's neighbor, went to the bank with the defendant in February 2020 believing she was wiring a \$100,000 life insurance payment from her deceased husband into the hedge fund.

As this was going on, the Heckler's neighbor believed she would receive monthly dividend payments from her investment and did not know there was a problem until investigators contacted her.

During the investigation, at least two other victims were discovered to have been defrauded by Heckler in a similar manner. He solicited additional victims by cold-calling people in other states and getting them to agree to invest.

Heckler spent the money on his mortgage, a country club membership, credit card payments and daily expenses like dry cleaning and phone bills. In total, he stole \$1,004,159 from four victims.

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

- A 46-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on April 24, on two counts of aggravated unlicensed operation, fail to stop at stop sign, and unlicensed driver on The Place.
- A 36-year-old Glen Head male was arrested on April 26, for two counts of criminal contempt, aggravated family offense and criminal contempt on Mason Drive.
- A 48-year-old Locust Valley male was arrested on April 27, for DWI and unsafe turn on Glen Cove Avenue.
- A 20-year-old Glen Head male was arrested on April 29, for criminal trespass on Sea Cliff Avenue.
- A 27-year-old Ozone Park, Queens, male was arrested on April 29, for criminal trespass, burglary, criminal mischief and auto stripping on Sea Cliff Avenue.
- A 42-year-old Queens male was arrested on April 29, for urinating in a public place on Landing Road.
- A 48-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on April 18, for assault, criminal trespass and resisting arrest on Glen Street.
- A 32-year-old Glenwood Landing male was arrested on April 20 for criminal mischief on Elm Avenue.
- A 31-year-old Hempstead male was arrested on April 21 for criminal possession of a weapon criminal possession of a firearm and two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance on Gruber Drive.

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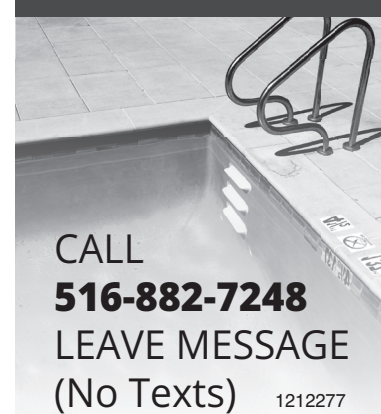
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George Santos update

Rep. George Santos facing hurdle: lack of funding

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While U.S. Rep. George Santos has continued to defy his many critics by refusing to resign from Congress, he now faces the difficult task of winning re-election after having filed to run again next year. As local and national support for the embattled Republican remains effectively nonexistent, Santos will likely find his third congressional race his most difficult, now that his constituents have gotten to know him for real.

While the beginning of the year before an election traditionally marks the start of incumbents' donation-raising, Santos seems to be struggling to raise money, according to reports from *The New York Times* and *The Hill*. In the first quarter of 2023, he only managed to raise around \$5,400, a distressingly low sum, especially when compared with the roughly \$350,000 that one of his Democrat opponents and Twitter rivals, Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan, has raised.

As well, Santos apparently has

returned over \$8,000 to former donors, leaving his total donation fund at a net negative \$3,000. This leaves his total cash on hand at only \$32,000 according to his campaign finance filings with the Federal Election Committee, which won't last long if he goes through with his plan to run.

The filings also revealed that Santos did not make any purchases for any campaign-related expenses in the first quarter, nor has he paid back the \$715,000 he allegedly loaned his campaign during the last election. The filings also seem to indicate that he is not using the money from his campaign fund to pay his employees although he may still be doing so out of pocket, nor does it appear that he has hired any attorneys despite the numerous legal complaints he faces.

Santos apparently will not be able to look to his party for any assistance, either, because nearly every New York state Republican has loudly condemned his lies and called on him to resign. Even at the national level, Santos has few allies, and despite what looks like a slim chance

that he will be re-elected, he is not listed as a recipient for Protect the House New York 2024, a joint fundraising committee dedicated to ensuring that state Republicans hold on to their seats.

The committee, which is supported by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, whom Santos voted for, will help a number of New York Republican House members raise funds while reducing fundraising costs. Asked by CNN's chief congressional correspondent, Manu Raju, if he would support Santos' re-election bid, McCarthy reportedly laughed and said, "I didn't know he announced. We will wait and see who all files."

Several of those whom the committee will support, including Santos' fellow Long Island representatives Nick LaLota and Anthony D'Esposito, have been staunch critics of Santos, and even introduced legislation meant to prevent him from cashing in on his notoriety should he lose in 2024.

Meanwhile, Santos' own attempts at introducing legislation have stalled: Despite having introduced

four bills on the House floor, he has thus far been unable to persuade anyone from either party to support them, a rare example of bipartisan unity in otherwise divided political times.

Besides his four nonstarter bills, it is unclear what Santos has been doing during his time in office beyond engaging in Twitter fights with everyone from Chrissy Teigen to former Rep. Adam Kinzinger, an Illinois Republican. Meanwhile, Santos has continued to claim on Twitter and elsewhere that he has been going above and beyond to help his constituency.

He found the time to attend a Young Republicans party in Washington, at which he apparently made extravagant claims about himself and his accomplishments in office while unironically claiming "The truth will set you free," according to a *New York Times* reporter. He also reiterated to the crowd that he would never resign, and that "You're going to have to drag my cold, dead body out of this institution."

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Penny Doerge smiled through daunting challenges

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years to come.”

In her short life, Penny underwent 15 surgeries on her brain and leg. She was a talented artist, a fashionista, a world traveler and a social media influencer who loved spending time on TikTok with friends, paddleboarding and dancing. She had an infectious giggle, and loved pulling pranks on her brothers.

“Even when she was diagnosed with the brain tumor, we never defined her as being sick,” Kate said. “At the celebration of her life, we realized the impact she had on others. That was Friday. On Monday morning Chad and I looked at each other and said, ‘We need to spread Penny’s story and positivity to help other families.’”

In December, the couple founded Penny’s Flight, a foundation committed to spreading awareness of NF, advancing research to find a cure and keeping Penny’s message of positivity alive.

Over the past four months, Kate and Chad have been busy. They were interviewed by Norah O’Donnell on “CBS Evening News” in December, and Kate wrote an article for Oprah Winfrey’s digital publication, “Oprah Daily,” in January. The foundation received a percentage of the sales from fashion designer Veronica Beard’s nationwide in-store shopping event in March.

Children have done their part to support the foundation. There were pop-up fundraisers across the country the day the Doerges launched the foundation, and efforts to spread awareness of NF and raise money for Penny’s Flight have continued ever since.

“The kids initiate it all on their own, and we send them a pop-up box and they sell bracelets and stickers and other foundation merch to raise funds,” Kate said. “But most importantly, they spread Penny’s life lessons and raise awareness for NF.”

The Doerges held their first pop-up this winter at the Beaver Dam Skating Club in Locust Valley. Coincidentally, comedian Jimmy Fallon was there to visit some friends, as was former NFL quarterback Eli Manning, who was watching his son play in a hockey tournament. They stopped by the pop-up to talk to the children where they learned about Penny’s Flight and NF. Fallon and Manning posed for a few photos with the kids, and donated to the foundation.

The Doerges have another appearance planned in May. They will be on NBC’s



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CHRISTINA POTTER, FAR left, artist Anne Neilson, Kate Doerge and her son, Frankie Doerge, at Angels & Art For a Cause on April 19 at St. John’s in Lattingtown. The fundraiser supported Penny’s Flight, a foundation that raises awareness of neurofibromatosis, and helps fund research into a cure.

“Today” to raise awareness of NF, which is fitting, Kate said, because May 17 is Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day.

The foundation has reached out for support locally, too. An event benefiting Penny’s Flight at St. John’s called Angels & Art for a Cause was held on April 19. Artist Anne Neilson came from Charlotte, North Carolina, and brought a selection of works by nine of her top artists, as well as her own works and copies of her latest coffee table book, “The Brushstrokes of Life.” The owner of Anne Neilson Fine Art, she represents more than 60 artists across the country.

Neilson will donate 20 percent of the proceeds from the evening at St. John’s, and her general sales throughout May, to Penny’s Flight.

Her trip to Lattingtown to support the foundation was not accidental. Shortly after Penny died, Kate received a gift from her friend Christina Potter. It was a painting of an angel created by Neilson, and one of her earlier books, “Angels in the Midst.”

“I was so overcome with the beauty of this angel,” Kate said, “I developed a relationship with Anne. She said she wanted to (help at a fundraiser).”

Potter co-chaired the St. John’s fundraiser, and arranged for Neilson’s participation. Angels & Arts for a Cause offered a variety of artwork for sale, some of it focused on butterflies, which Penny loved.

Among the guests were Penny’s close friends, including Lia Koundourakis. “When we were younger, Pen loved to draw a butterfly — rainbows and flowers too,” Koundourakis said. “What I miss most is not having that loyal friend by my side, and her pranks. They were the best. Penny was a very lovable person.”

Chad Doerge said that funds raised by Penny’s Flight were donated during the 2022 annual giving cycle to the Hospital for Special Surgery, in Manhattan, and the Children’s Tumor Foundation, both of which are working to find a cure for NF.

“The reason why people haven’t heard of NF is because it shows up in so many different ways, and some people who have



Courtesy Doerge family

PENNY DOERGE, OF Glen Cove, was 16 when she died of a brain tumor.

it can live their lives without serious complications,” Chad explained. “NF can be a gateway for other types of tumors, so the focus will be on the tumors instead of NF, which is the cause of them.”

The U.S. Defense Department spends \$20 million annually to fund NF research, Chad said, but its focus is late-stage NF. What is needed, he said, is a focus on the early stages of the disease.

While he continues to learn about NF and who can help find a cure, Chad said he remains appreciative of his community. “We always knew we lived in an incredibly supportive community,” he said, “but everyone has shown their true colors.”

The Doerges don’t share any frustration they may be experiencing with the uphill battle they are undertaking, because Penny never did. “From a very early age, Penny would find beauty in imperfection and positivity in the face of any challenge,” Kate said, “and choose faith over fear.”

“Positivity in the face of challenges — it’s something that is very important to the foundation,” Chad explained. “It was how Penny lived her life. She faced challenging conditions and never let it get her down. She is an inspiration to people.”

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TO HONOR THE last wishes of Herbert Conway, Nora Perez donated \$50,000 to the Glen Cove Fire Department.

City's volunteer Fire Department receives \$50,000 donation

A ceremony was held on April 24, in which \$50,000 was donated by Nora Perez to the Glen Cove Fire Department, on behalf of Herbert J. Conway, who died on Sept. 8, 2015. Perez was a long-time caretaker, close friend and executor of Conway's estate. Conway's love

for the city ran deep. He was a longtime member of the department's Chemical Company No. 1, and his family lineage in the city dates back 200 years.

Conway will forever remain in the hearts of the members of the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department.

Humanitarian award for Bernardi

Glen Cove resident Lou Bernardi received the 2023 Global Humanitarian Leadership award on April 1 from Ambassador Hugues Sanon, a special envoy of international relations to the United Nations. The 2023 NYC

World Leader Summit of Peace was held in conjunction with the United Nations, and featured several world leaders, ambassadors and religious leaders all promoting goodwill and positivity.



Courtesy Lou Bernardi

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Guga offers a photographic journey of the North Shore

North Shore Historical Museum's current exhibition features photos by Sea Cliff native Jan Guga, who always had a passion for photography. He received his first camera, a Kodak Brownie Hawkeye, when he was 8 years old. After graduating North Shore High School, Jan was drafted into the U.S. Army. He worked on aircraft armament systems which were a combination of electronics, mechanics, and hydraulics. In 1969, he purchased a Canon SLR FT from the PX on the Dong Ba Thin base in Vietnam. He also procured an underwater camera for snorkeling expeditions in the South China Sea.

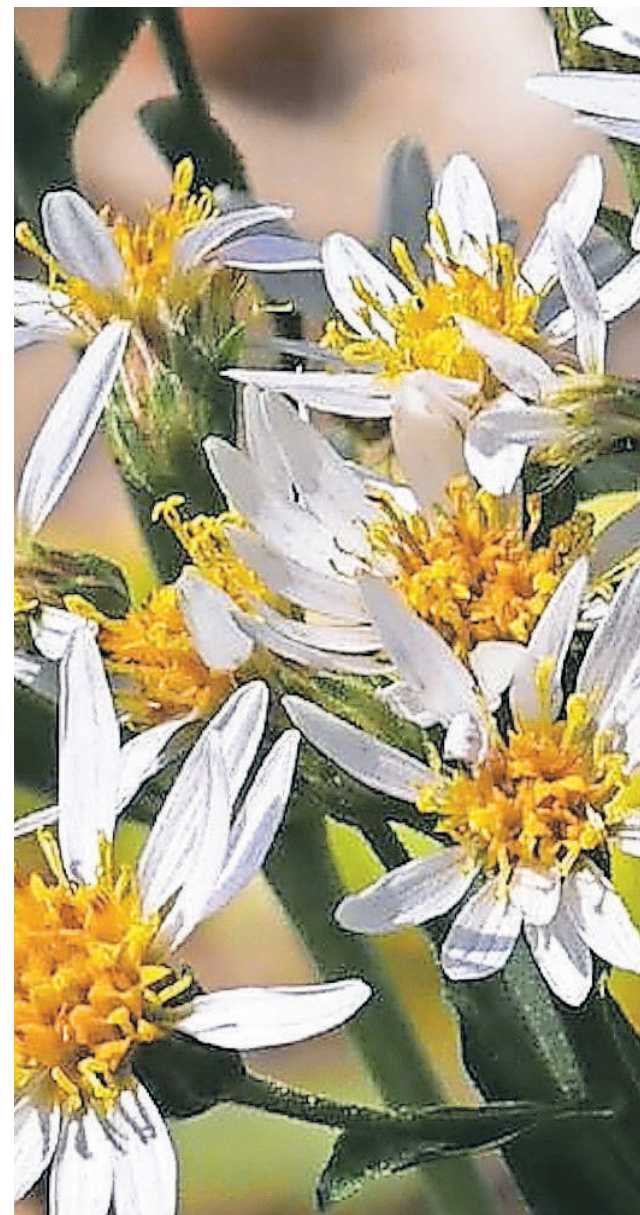
Guga turned his lens to the outside world and was soon intimately familiar with the local nature preserves. He became a familiar figure waiting patiently with his 400x telephoto lens for the perfect moment to capture the white tail deer, snapping turtles and osprey who make their homes in backyards.

As a volunteer with the North Shore Land Alliance, Jan helps to ensure the trails are safe for explorers and the animals and plantings remain safe from the explorers.

Many of Guga's photos are from the John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden, Bailey Arboretum, Planting Fields Arboretum and Welwyn Preserve.



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THE JOHN P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden has many flowers that visitors will enjoy seeing in the spring and summer.

Community remembers 'Mrs. Trav,' GCHS secretary

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Glen Cove is mourning the loss of Marcia Travatello who died peacefully after a brief illness on April 16. If you live in the city or attended the city's school district, there's a good chance that you've heard of or met "Mrs. Trav." Many remember her as the secretary who greeted them when they were sent to the principal's office in high school. Others recall her warm and whimsical spirit.

Travatello was born in Astoria, Queens on Nov. 9, 1938. Her parents, John and Estelle Smith, instilled in her a sense of goodness, a high work ethic, and kindness.

"My mom was always known for her bright smile, her warm and welcoming disposition, and a willingness to help her family, colleagues, and friends whenever needed," Lisa Travatello said. "She was also always curious and wanted to learn new and different things too."

Travatello's sharp mind led her to graduate from William Cullen Bryant High School at 16. She worked for the Stuart Smith Insurance Company, and later, New York Telephone.

Travatello met her husband Sal when they were both at Bob and Ann's Candy store. While they both lived in Astoria and attended the same high school, they didn't meet until May of 1955. Their first date was for hot chocolate at an ice cream parlor called Jacobi's. Two years later, they married.

After student teaching in the Glen Cove City School District, the athletic director asked Sal to stay on as a high school physical education teacher in 1960. The couple moved to Glen Cove in 1963 when Sal got his tenure, where they would raise their two children: Lisa and Bobby.

Travatello worked at Little Folks Nursery on Sea Cliff



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MARCIA TRAVATELLO WAS a beloved mother who worked at the Glen Cove City School district. She is remembered as a reliable member of the community with a kind heart.

Avenue where she also enrolled Bobby. As soon as he went to kindergarten, she got a job in the attendance office at Glen Cove High School.

"When both your parents work in the school district, you're very active in school activities," Lisa joked. "But

she was a mom-extraordinaire, who supported her children 1,000 percent in all our different activities."

Travatello's warm and nurturing spirit wasn't just reserved for her children. While working in the attendance office, she helped ease the anxieties of tardy students.

"Even people who were late for school, they knew they did wrong, but my mother took care of them however she could," Bobby said. "I never had one student come up to me and say one bad thing about my mother."

Travatello forged strong friendships, in the school's main office. Rosella Gallo, a secretary, worked closely with Travatello. Gallo always felt as though Travatello was like a sister to her, and they shared many laughs.

After Travatello's 10-day trip to Europe, Gallo and other secretaries seized an opportunity for a practical joke. They hid their suitcases in a safe, and when Travatello returned, they silently left the office.

"We walked out with our suitcases and got to the parking lot and in our cars," Gallo laughed. "She stood there, looking out the window. Security was in on it, everybody was in on it, and she was like, 'What are you guys doing' and we said, 'It's time for on vacation.'"

After she retired in 2002, Travatello was frequently asked to substitute for teachers. She was asked to help plan the city's multi-day celebration for its 350th anniversary. City councilwoman and a GC350 advisory board member Barbara Peebles said Travatello was a strong creative force in planning the celebration.

"She was just so full of energy and fun," Peebles said. "Marcia came in a poodle skirt, with her hair in a ponytail. She was just so into the spirit of the whole thing. So just knowing Marcia and having her involved in anything just brought so much like joy to everybody around her. I think she must have stayed a teenager her whole life because she really had that kind of spirit."



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Very best honored at Long Island Choice Awards

By NICOLE FORMISANO
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They were met with whistles, cheers and applause. And then they received a beautiful plaque — all a part of winning a Herald Long Island Choice award.

More than 12,000 people cast 200,000 votes for hundreds of small businesses across Long Island, all to determine who would be honored at the main gala event April 18 at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. The night was hosted by RichnerLive and sponsored by PSEG Long Island, and served as a way to celebrate small businesses for their vital role in supporting the Long Island community.

“We honor the businesses that make Long Island a great place to work, live and play,” said Stuart Richner, chief executive of Richner Communications, which operates RichnerLive. “Looking at the crowd tonight, I’m reminded of the critical role you and your businesses play in making our community so special.”

The 11 categories and 264 subcategories recognized businesses from cardiologists to pet groomers and everything in between. The competition itself was broken down into two voting rounds — a nominating round, and then the actual voting. The top three finalists were then honored at the awards gala, where first-place winners were announced.

“It’s one thing to see the names on the voting,” said David Lyons, interim president and chief operation officer of PSEG, a Long Island Choice Awards presenting sponsor. “It’s another thing to see the faces of small business owners, your teams, and their families here together. Your faces are a powerful reminder that what we are celebrating here is more than great services and products. Small businesses are the backbone of our communities.”

The gala — also sponsored by Tenant-Base and Easy Tax Credits — kicked off with a cocktail hour that kept more than 600 guests coming back for more. Floral arrangements and an ice sculpture centerpiece adorned tables of fresh fruit, cheese, dip, and other hors d’oeuvres. Two open bars provided refreshment.

The Elegance String Quartet was a particular hit, with many guests stopping to record the musicians as they jammed to everything from Bruno Mars to Frankie Valli.

Hundreds of winners were announced over dinner by Miss New York 2022 Taryn Smith, with some businesses taking home multiple awards. Frank’s Steaks, for one, took home all five awards they were nominated for:

“It’s beyond exciting,” said Christopher Meyer, co-owner and general manager of the restaurant. “It’s a very humbling experience. It’s a token to how wonderful my staff is and how hard we work, and also our amazing clientele. And the friends and family that voted for us.”

Winning such an esteemed award is particularly impactful for newer small businesses. East Coast Hair Studio of



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THE CROWD DURING the Oscar-style awards ceremony where the winners were announced LIVE!



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Oceanside only opened 18 months ago, and its team was full of anticipation — and cautious hopefulness — before the winners were announced.

“We’re one of three of the best,” said Irene Castello, the receptionist at East Coast. “We’re a young organization to be in that position, and I think we’re going to get it.”

When their young studio was announced as the winner of the best hair

salon award, the table erupted in cheers.

“I feel very blessed,” said Marianna Lombardo, East Coast’s owner and chief executive. “I feel that we can accomplish anything.”

Danielle Barbaro, who took over The Art Studio in Rockville Centre with her husband Mark only a year ago, received the award for best art school. To her, the award was a sign she’s doing what she is meant to do.



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“I’ve always wanted to have a studio, so essentially my dream came true,” Barbaro said. “To be the winner, oh man. It’s like this was supposed to happen. Serendipity.”

To some business owners, the most important part of taking home the award isn’t the plaque or the coveted title — it’s showing the young people of Long Island what is possible.

“I hope it’s a good role model to future girls,” said Shobie Lamba, owner and founder of LeSelfie. “It’s so exciting as a female, an entrepreneur, a mom. It’s such a great feeling.”

To view this year’s winners, visit LIChoiceAwards.com.



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Contesting a Will

In order to contest a will, the objectant must have "standing", meaning they would legally be entitled to a share or a greater share of the estate if the will was declared invalid. "Standing" alone, however, is insufficient. There must also be grounds for contesting as provided below.

1. Undue Influence: Independent caregivers and caregiver children who end up being named primary beneficiaries under the will are often scrutinized for having prevailed upon the decedent to leave them the lion's share of the estate. The various means alleged may be physical or mental abuse, threats and isolation of the disabled person. Even non-caregivers who had influence over mom or dad may be challenged where they end up with more than their fair share. As with any court proceedings, proof of the claim will need to be made.

2. Improper Execution: The formalities for executing a will must be strictly observed. The formalities include that the witnesses believed the decedent was of sound mind,

memory and understanding. There must be two witnesses who signed in the presence of the testator and of each other. The testator must declare in front of the witnesses that they read the will, understood it, declare that it is their last will and testament and approve of the two witnesses to act as witnesses to the will.

3. Incapacity: Even if the witnesses testify they believed that the testator was capable to sign the will, a challenge may still be made that the person was not able to read the will due to a defect of sight or was unable to understand either the will, what property they owned or who their heirs were, due to mental incapacity. These latter claims will require medical proof.

Challengers should be wary of the "no contest clause". This provides that any benefit under the will is forfeited if the challenge is unsuccessful. If the gift was substantial, even though not an equal share, the no-contest clause is a powerful disincentive to contest the will.

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Dear Great Book Guru,
*I was at Sea Cliff Bistro
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the sea and sailing. Some-
one mentioned a new book
that sounded very exciting -
about a shipwreck, mutiny
and murder. Any thoughts?*
—Fan of the Sea

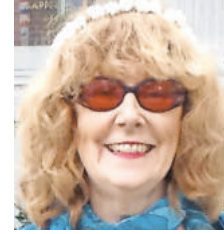
Dear Fan of the Sea,

David Gramm's latest book is "The Wager," and what a story he tells! The Wager was a British warship built in the grandest of styles and outfitted for a secret mission to plunder a Spanish vessel purportedly filled with gold and other treasures. The Wager left England in September of 1740 and was not heard from again for 283 days when a flimsy craft arrived in Brazil with a small crew of very ill and disoriented men. They told an amazing tale of suffering and survival against all odds.

The British public immediately pro-

claimed them heroes and rewarded them with honors and cash. It seemed like a wonderful ending until six months later another boat of survivors

arrived in Chile and accused the original mariners of mutiny, murder and cannibalism. Who is to be believed? The British courts convene a court martial to determine who is telling the truth. The sailors found guilty would be hanged.



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Gramm describes in detail the crew and officers involved and the suffering they endured and the secrets they hid. He also

skillfully analyzes the public's reaction to this strange turnabout in fortune. Ultimately we are all left to question what would we have done if we had been aboard the Wager. Highly recommended!

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Long Island team's season is under way

By Jeffrey Bessen

It is unknown if anyone will recite the movie line, “you’re killing me, Smalls,” but former Major League Baseball player Daniel Murphy — a Mets playoff hero — said he is just looking for a sandlot to play in. The 2015 postseason record breaker is part of the 2023 Long Island Ducks, the team’s 23rd season.

“The Ducks have been gracious enough to let me use it,” said Murphy, an infielder, referring to Fairfield Properties Ballpark in Central Islip, where the team plays. “You get the most of joy out of it when you find ways to un-weight yourself.”

Long Island is one of 10 teams in the Minor League Atlantic League of Professional Baseball, an MLB partner. Murphy, who played second base for the Mets, hit seven home runs as New York marched to the 2015 World Series, and hit homers in six consecutive games in the National League playoffs.

Before the 122-game season got underway on May 2, the Ducks hosted its annual media day where owner Frank Boulton, president and general manager Michael Pfaff, manager Wally Backman, Murphy, pitcher Ian Clarkin and outfielder and hitting coach Lew Ford shared their expectations of the upcoming season with reporters.

Disappointed with how last season ended with a 64-68 record and in third place of the North Division, Backman said the ball club rededicated itself to winning.

“We’ve gone back to kind of the way we had the team, maybe even better,” he said. “When you see our Opening Day roster, you’ll be shocked to see how many Major League players are on this roster.”

Murphy, Al Alburquerque, Adeiny Hechavarria, Ty Kelly and Ruben Tejada are the former Major Leaguers that aim to win Long Island’s fifth league championship. The 26-man roster is expected to be split evenly between pitchers and position players.

The team was not the only thing overhauled during the off-season as the ballpark received several upgrades. A new high-resolution scoreboard 30-foot high-by-36-foot wide was installed nearly in the precise space of the previous scoreboard, but the new one has four times the resolution. To enhance the ballpark experience, more than 75 new speakers were also installed.

“You’ll see the improvements around the ballpark,” Pfaff said, highlighting the video scoreboard. “We’re cheaper than the movies at this point. You’re talking \$15 tickets. So it is sort of the last bastion of affordable entertainment.”

The Ducks continue their big draw status and led all MLB Partner Leagues



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schedule, go to LiDucks.com.

in attendance last season, and has sold out an Atlantic League record of 699 games. However, Pfaff said the team is always looking to do things better.

“We set a lot of records in terms of attendance, did a lot of great things off the field,” he said. “We’re very proud of it. A lot of teams would have been pleased with the 2022 season. There were a few things in our operation that we knew we could improve upon.”

Being a partner with Major League Baseball translates into the Atlantic League being the laboratory where new rules are experimented with that are now in use at the higher level.

A new wrinkle for Long Island will be live-streaming audio and video of the games through Flo Sport’s at FloSports.tv. Selected Monday, Wednesday and Friday heard games will be broadcast on Hofstra University’s WRHU radio station at 88.7 FM.

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Top: Former Major Leaguer Daniel Murphy warms up before batting practice.

Bottom: Infielder Daniel Murphy fielding a ground ball at warm ups on April 22.



Caissie Levy

Catch Broadway powerhouse Caissie Levy when she visits the Landmark stage for a night of song, stories and laughter before she embarks across the pond to star as Diana Goodman 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. She created the role of Elsa in Disney’s Broadway production of ‘Frozen,’ and recreated the iconic role of Fantine in the Broadway revival of ‘Les Misérables.’ She also is known to Broadway audiences for originating the roles of Sheila in the Tony award-winning revival of ‘Hair,’ and Molly in ‘Ghost,’ among her many Broadway and off-Broadway credits. A thrilling and versatile performer, Levy finds time to delight audiences with her solo appearances across the United States, United Kingdom and Canada.

Friday, May 5, 8 p.m. \$61, \$51, \$41. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. Visit LandmarkOnMainStreet.org or call (516) 767-6444 for tickets.



Temptations and The Four Tops

Two Motown legends join forces for one unforgettable performance. The Temptations and The Four Tops have cemented their places in music history as pioneers of the R&B genre and trailblazers for African-Americans in the entertainment industry. Hailed by Billboard as the Greatest R&B/Hip-Hop Artists of All Time, The Temptations are renowned for their prolific career and contributions to the global music landscape. The five-time Grammy award winners topped Billboard’s Hot 100 chart 53 times, and scored four No. 1 hits, including, of course, ‘My Girl.’ The Four Tops rocketed to overnight fame in 1964 with their breakout hit ‘Baby I Need Your Loving.’ Relive all their classic tunes in a soulful evening with these musical superstars.

Sunday, May 14, 7 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. TheTheatreAtWestbury.com or LiveNation.com or call (516) 247-5200.

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May 19

The Guess Who and Orleans

The Tilles Center stage will be rocking, Friday, **May 19**, 8 p.m. Enjoy The Guess Who, is a group that's long connected with the masses throughout an exultant hit parade including "These Eyes," "Clap For the Wolfman," "Hand Me Down World," "No Time," "Star Baby" and "Share the Land." Add in fellow classics like their #1 rock anthem "American Woman" and "No Sugar Tonight," and the Canadian-bred hitmakers are eternally etched within the very fabric of pop culture history. Together with pop-rockers Orleans, who are forever in our consciousness with "Still the One," "Dance with Me" and "Love Takes Time," their tunes still hold up today. LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville. Tickets are \$70, \$60, \$50, \$40; available at TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100.

May 4



On exhibit

Nassau County Museum of Art's 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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Cultural exploration

Bring the kids to Long Island Children's Museum to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month, Sunday, **May 7**, 11 a.m.-p.m. Kids will learn about Jewish contributions to American culture and make a chai necklace, at the drop-in program, suitable for ages 4 and up. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.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.

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 and Friday, **May 4-5**, noon; Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m.; Wednesday



through Friday, May 10-12, 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. 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.

Rock for Love Porchfest

Rock and stroll with the Love Your Neighbor Project at their second annual Rock for Love Porchfest, Saturday, **May 20** (raindate Sunday, May 21), 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., throughout the village of Sea Cliff. Enjoy music from over 20 bands and local musicians and connect to social goodness. For tickets visit LNP.org/porchfest, for more information contact goodness@lyn.org.

Jerry Herman tribute

A cast of Broadway and concert stars salute the life of the Broadway icon-lyricist-composer on Adelphi University Performing Arts Center stage, Saturday, **May 13**, 8 p.m. Hear tunes from "Hello, Dolly!," "Mame," "La Cage Aux Folles," "Mack and Mabel," and more. Tickets are \$45, with discounts available to seniors, students, Adelphi alumni and employees. 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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Relay For Life returns, seeking \$\$ for walkers

By KEPHERD DANIEL

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For the first time since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, the popular cancer awareness walk Relay For Life comes back to Hofstra University, looking to raise money — and ultimately defeat cancer — during an event on Saturday, May 6.

Beginning at 6 p.m., 20 teams have already registered to walk the intramural fields track at the 1000 Hempstead Turnpike campus. Teams and individuals celebrate cancer survivors through the walk, while also remembering and honoring those who lost their battle with cancer.

While this year's Relay For Life is in-person, it's not that events haven't been happening in recent years. If they weren't canceled, some events were conducted virtually.

"Luckily, we were able to maintain ourselves through some very generous donors," Chelsea Whitney, senior development manager at the American Cancer Society, said. "We were able to bring all of our programs back — including Relay For Life — to cancer patients and their families. And to communities as a whole."

Relay For Life has raised \$6.8 billion across the country, invest more than \$3 billion toward cancer research. It's fundraising like that which has reduced cancer deaths by 3.5 million, according to the society.

Aside from attendees walking around the track, the relay will feature music, food, and a variety of activities including team fundraisers, carnival games like Pie a Professor in the Face and tug-of-war, as well as performances by Danceworks and Hofstra's a cappella group.

"Hofstra University specifically is such a pillar of the Long Island community," Whitney said. "Everyone's connected in some way to this terrible disease. So, having this event at Hofstra gives the students an opportunity to come together as a community that's already so strong."

Makenna Robbins — a Hofstra sophomore and chapter



LUMINARIES WILL SHINE bright as Hofstra's Relay For Life returns to campus on Saturday, May 6.

Courtesy American Cancer Society

president for the American Cancer Society at her school — was not yet a student in 2019 when the last relay was held in-person. But she's no stranger to the event.

"I think it's really important that this is returning to Hofstra because it gives people a space," Robbins said. "Especially people who had cancer affect their lives personally, just like me."

The Syracuse native and mass media major lost a family friend, Emily Ponto, to ovarian cancer in 2018. Robbins' family has had a long personal history with Relay For Life, with her mother Kelly sponsoring an event through her job at Lockheed Martin when Robbins was younger.

"It was pretty severe by the time they caught it," Robbins said of her friend, Emily. "She ended up passing away that May. I have a lot of family members who have survived or passed away from cancer, and now I relay for her.

And in the past, I relayed for my family members, my grandma, and some of my cousins who have all survived cancer."

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AVISO SOBRE LA ELECCIÓN ANUAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR Y LA VOTACIÓN DEL PRESUPUESTO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE LA CIUDAD DE GLEN COVE
 GLEN COVE, NUEVA YORK
 POR EL PRESENTE, SE NOTIFICA que la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto de votantes calificados del Distrito escolar de la ciudad de Glen Cove, Nueva York, se realizará en los siguientes lugares:
 Distritos electorales
 Lugar de votación
 A, B, C Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, 150 Dosis Lane, gimnasio de atrás, puerta n.º 13.
 D Escuela Connolly, 1 Ridge Drive, gimnasio de atrás en el mencionado distrito, el martes 16 de mayo de 2023 a las 6:00 a. m., hora en vigor, horario en el cual se habilitarán las urnas para votar mediante una máquina de votación sobre los siguientes asuntos entre las 6:00 a. m. y las 9:00 p. m., hora en vigor.
PROPUESTA I: PRESUPUESTO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR
 Adoptar el presupuesto anual de dicho distrito escolar para el año fiscal 2023-2024 y autorizar que la parte requerida de este se recaude con impuestos sobre la propiedad sujeta a tributación del Distrito.
ELECCIÓN DEL/DE LOS MIEMBRO(S) DE LA JUNTA
 Elegir dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación de dicho Distrito escolar de la siguiente forma:
 A. Dos (2) miembros que serán elegidos cada uno para cumplir un cargo de tres (3) años desde el 1 de julio de 2023 hasta el 30 de junio de 2026.
 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que, con el fin de votar en dicha reunión, el martes 16 de mayo de 2023, las urnas estarán abiertas desde las 6:00 a. m. hasta las 9:00 p. m., hora en vigor, para votar sobre las mencionadas propuestas mediante una máquina de votación.
 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una audiencia del presupuesto el miércoles 3 de mayo de 2023 a las 7:30 p. m., en el auditorio de la Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, 150 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, Nueva York, antes de la reunión habitual de la Junta de Educación.
 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que las solicitudes para nominar candidatos para el cargo de miembro de la Junta de Educación se deben presentar entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, ante la secretaria de dicho Distrito escolar en la

oficina del Distrito del edificio administrativo ubicado en 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, a más tardar el miércoles 26 de abril de 2023 a las 5:00 p. m., hora en vigor. Dichas solicitudes deben estar dirigidas a Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito, y deben estar firmadas por, al menos, cien (100) votantes calificados del distrito, y deben incluir el nombre y la residencia del candidato.
 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

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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.
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
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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

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
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RFP:
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Assistant Superintendent for Business
North Shore Central School District
112 Franklin Avenue
Sea Cliff, NY 11579

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James R. Pappas
Assistant Superintendent for Business
North Shore Central School District
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Roksana Amid/Herald

THE BREWSTER STREET garage has concrete patchwork and exposed rebar throughout its lot. The damage is mainly caused by weather, erosion from the coastal community and excessive pipe leakage.

City Council approves its capital borrowing plan

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The Glen Cove City Council voted unanimously on April 25 to approve its 2023 capital borrowing plan totaling \$4,938,142, of which \$117 will be reimbursed to the city from state and county grants, generally within a year of project completion. As a result, the city will pursue a long-term bond issuance of roughly 4.8 million and a short-term issuance of roughly 117,000 to fully account for its capital borrowing needs in fiscal year 2023. They are expecting the interest rate to be approximately 3.5 percent.

The capitol borrow lists numerous and detailed requests by heads of the city's departments, including for new equipment and maintenance costs.

The capitol borrow is projected to help allocate \$89,975, or two percent, to miscellaneous city services including information technology services for the clerk's office and the building department. The golf course is projected to receive \$87,850, at two percent of the borrow, and these funds will help acquire golf cart replacements and mechanisms to retrieve golf balls and general maintenance. The water department is projected to receive \$345,000, or seven percent, for their acquisition of a permanent air stripper at Duck Pond Road. The senior center is expected to receive \$400,000, which is eight percent of the borrow to help fund improvements to the center's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

One of the highest priorities for the borrow is for the city's emergency medical services, which is projected to receive \$1,161,000, or 23 percent of the borrow. They are looking to acquire one replacement ambulance since their current one is 20 years old. They have also requested replacement of life-saving equipment, a Lucas 3 chest compression system for cardiopulmonary resuscitation

"Our EMS and our fire department — a lot of them are volunteers," Panzenbeck said. "We have such great admiration for the work that they do, and I actually saw this in action twice in the last few months. When you see that working, you say 'I hope

they have that if they ever come to my house.'"

The largest portion of the borrow — \$2.85 million, or 58 percent — is allocated to the department of public works, which includes administration, roads, sanitation and parks. Michael Yeosock, director of public works, requested a replacement of two of their oldest garbage trucks, which are over 20 years old. Some of the city's roads will also need repairs, including Red Spring Road, Park Avenue, Doxey Drive and Tower Road.

Seventy-five of the department's requested \$1,161,000 will go towards inspections and more patchwork for the Brewster and Pulaski Street garages. The garages have exposed rebar, which are the steel bars that are used to strengthen concrete throughout the garages. The garages are estimated to need \$11 million for total repairs, which can't come soon enough for residents like Brianna Morgan and visitors like Michael Lunsford, who now worry about the safety of Morgan's two children when using the garage.

The couple was running errands in the city on May 1 when upon returning to their car saw the sunroof had been damaged by falling concrete.

They went to City Hall about the damages and were told to contact the county clerk's office, only to hear they weren't the first ones to complain about damages from the garage.

"When you park, you don't think to look, up especially when you have your kids at 9 a.m.," Lunsford said. "Now I've been looking up anywhere I park. It's weird."

Yeosock said he is working with different agencies to try and find additional funding for the repairs to ease the potential strain on taxpayers.

"Like most coastal communities in the U.S., our infrastructures are always last on everybody's minds until the roads start to fail or your water gets shut off, and then it becomes an emergency," Yeosock said. "We're trying to work to prevent this stuff from turning into emergency work, and getting taken care of in advance and still being respectful of the public's tax dollars."

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OPINIONS

Biden's decision was an easy one

To no one's surprise, President Biden has announced that he will seek a second term. That announcement has stirred up oceans of talk about his ability to serve another four years, because he is 80 years old. Considering the fact that I've served in public life for over 30 years and have reached age 80, I feel comfortable expressing my views about his candidacy.



**JERRY
KREMER**

Biden's decision to run for re-election was the result of many factors, which I understand and can easily explain. First of all, as difficult as the most important job in the world is, with its

myriad headaches, it is impossible to just walk away from it. Is being president a boost to your ego? You bet it is. Having musicians play "Hail to the Chief" virtually every time you walk into a room has to be a pretty cool experience. Traveling on Air Force One is also hard to dismiss.

But putting ego aside, Biden has plenty of reasons to defy his biological clock and seek office again. Whether

you like him or not, he has had a highly successful four years, and working with both Democrats and Republicans, he has gotten a number of major pieces of legislation passed that will have a dramatic impact on the lives of all Americans.

His infrastructure bill is responsible for the planned reconstruction or replacement of approximately 3,800 bridges. Billions of dollars have been distributed to local governments to rebuild their aging highways. Thousands of public buildings that are in dangerous condition are being rebuilt with infrastructure funding.

America's major shortage of microchips will be attacked thanks to a multi-billion-dollar program to create American-manufactured chips. Think about the vehicle you drive, or your smartphone. Cars and phones need microchips, most of which come from Taiwan and China. Our country needs to make more of them, and the process to do that is happening thanks to the Biden administration.

Senior citizens have much to be thankful for due to Biden's efforts. Ask any senior who needs insulin injections

what it cost them annually in 2021. Many will acknowledge that the cost of insulin has resulted in less food on the table. Biden pledged to reduce its price to \$35 per month, a pledge he has kept.

Four years ago, the alliance of European nations was in total disarray. Many that were once our friends were disenchanted by our lack of communication, and our disrespect. Biden has brought the members of NATO together, and for the first time in many years, the organization is prepared to fight any attempt by Russia to expand its territory.

There is no doubt that Ukraine would be under total Russian control if not for Biden's determination to protect it from becoming a Russian colony. Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine wasn't just an effort to take over another country. Russia would like to swallow up all of the previous parts of the former Soviet Union. A winning takeover of Ukraine was intended to be the first in a series of takeovers of country after country.

The 2023 version of the Republican Party is enough to encourage any Democratic incumbent to run again. Red

state after red state is passing laws to deprive women of their personal rights, and finding ways to deprive minorities and college students of their voting rights. The GOP has abandoned all of its founding principles, and has been captured by the Marjorie Taylor Greenes and other zealots.

Has Biden made America into Pleasantville? No, that hasn't happened. To date, there has been no bipartisan solution to the border crises. The Democrats want a rational way to let migrants enter the country. Many Republicans want the border forever sealed so that no one, not even those fleeing anarchy and crime, can walk on American soil.

If the Republican Party had a roster of moderate and impressive candidates for the White House, Biden might have hesitated to seek a second term. But sadly, Republicans have no Ronald Reagan type waiting in the wings. Their alternatives will not make America great again.

So if I were Joe Biden, I'd go for it.

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

Dispatch from a four-legged 5-year-old

Dear Kathi: I turned 5 years old this winter, and I promised that I'd drop you a note and tell you how my life is with the Kreiss family. Mother's Day is appropriate: As the breeder who helped bring me into the world, you're one of my cherished moms.



**RANDI
KREISS**

My birth mom is Mountain Ivy of Chilwee Cotons. My birth grandmother is Destiny's Rogue Breeze. My human mom is Randi of Brooklyn, and my pedigree is better than hers.

Now, don't expect one of those heartwarming Lassie stories or a brave-dog-fights-bear story of my life. Think of this more like a Jerry Springer-spaniel (may he rest in peace) sort of tale. I know you thought I was an easy-going puppy, but it was all an act. I'm an alpha all the way, babe.

The Kreisses are OK, as owners go.

Clearly Randi and Don (they don't know I call them by their first names) wanted a replacement for their beloved Zoe, the long-lived pup who trotted over the Rainbow Bridge six months before I was born. I hate when that happens. I want to be wanted just for myself.

By the way, I resent that you sold me. I mean, it was a great price, and in dog dollars it was a killing, but I don't like to think of myself as a commodity. And you could have been a little more thorough in interviewing the Kreisses. They do not — I repeat, do not — have the fenced-in yard they promised.

I don't mind that you sent me away from Tucson, where I was born, but I just cannot get used to doing my business in the snow. The ice really freezes up the works, if you know what I mean. The Ms. is out there in wool pants, a down coat, hat and gloves. I'm out there in my birthday suit, and she wants me to hurry up. When I hear "hurry up!" know what I do? I take my sweet time, pretending that I found something great to sniff. Or

I raise my ears and stare just behind her, to give her the creeps. Oh, yeah.

One thing I'm happy about is that there are no kids around to share the attention. When we walk past kids at the bus stop, I wag my tail like crazy and

pretend to love the little dribblers. The Ms. eats it up. She always says the same thing to the moms and dads: "Oh, Lillybee loves children. Of course they can pet her." Let me tell you, it takes a lot of self-control not to take a bite out of those fat little fingers.

It's a pretty easy gig I have. In the beginning, the Mr. didn't like me at all. He didn't want me, he didn't want to walk me, and he didn't like the fact that I barked in his ear for no good reason for 15 minutes straight every night when he turned on the TV. But he just needed to be trained. I've trained him to throw my Frisbee every time I bring it to him. I could bring it to him a hundred times and he just keeps throwing it. And he thinks I eat out of *his* hand?

The Ms. started out strict, making me

sleep in a crate in the kitchen every night, and I pretended to love it. I kept quiet, kept my nose clean and, sure enough, within six months they were discussing the fact that I was bonding more with the crate than with them. Within eight months I was in bed with them.

I know this is a process of give and take, but I did hold my ground in several areas. I refused to be housebroken overnight. I saw no reason to relieve myself outside in the freezing cold when there were perfectly good area rugs in the nice warm dining room.

I will not sit on the floor when everyone else is on the couch, and I won't eat unless the Ms. keeps me company. From time to time, I bring a small dead bird into the house and deposit it on someone's bed. I'm a dog, after all, and I won't let them disrespect my native culture.

I will definitely keep in touch, Kathi, but let's keep this just between us. The Ms. thinks she's the only one in the family who writes. And neither of them has any idea that I know how to use the computer.

Love, Lillybee

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Make trash cans subterranean again

Every day, the effects of global warming feel more and more real, and the rush to reduce human pollution often feels like a problem too big for any individual or community to tackle.

But by reducing the amount of trash spoiling and endangering many of the North Shore's beautiful beaches through the use of more effective trash cans, we can do our part to protect the Long Island Sound.

Each year, North Shore beaches accumulate somewhere around 174 pounds of trash per mile of coastline, according to Long Island Sound Study — and in some places, even more. Volunteers with the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor's coastal cleanup event last September collected 375 pounds of trash on just four beaches in the area, including the Sea Cliff and Tappen beaches.

It might not sound like a lot, but even a single pound of trash can be devastating to a waterway ecosystem, and could even make beachgoers sick.

Part of the problem stems from littering — food wrappings, bottle caps and especially cigarette butts are endemic. It's not that there aren't enough trash cans on the beaches. There just aren't enough good trash cans. The kind that protect their contents from the elements and local scavengers like raccoons and seagulls, which will often scatter debris from cans in their search for

food.

That's where subterranean receivers come in, which is nothing more than a fancy term for underground trash cans. And they aren't new.

First patented in 1911, these trash cans were common up until the 1960s, when they fell out of favor thanks to the rise of plastic trash bags. But just like bellbottom pants, goatees and sideburns, it might be time to bring this relic of decades past back into vogue.

Subterranean receivers typically look like manhole covers, with a metal lid that is opened with a foot-operated lever. The heavy lid makes it significantly more challenging for scavengers to easily access what might be found inside.

It can also eliminate a lot of the odor produced when trash is openly exposed to heat — like the furnace in the sky that's our sun. The coolness of the soil and sand around the container makes it harder for flies and maggots to infest the refuse. Thanks to their underground concrete lining, the receivers are also safe from burrowing animals like moles and worms.

By keeping their contents underground, subterranean receivers also offer additional protection from the elements. As Long Island is increasingly battered by tropical storms and hurricanes, modern trash cans often have some — if not all — of their contents whipped across the beach by the

wind. And in some cases, whole cans can be blown over, potentially ending up on the streets, beaches, or even inside the homes of nearby residents.

And while plastic bags may have been the initial undoing of subterranean receivers long ago, they might actually be what makes them effective once again. One of the major complaints about underground trash cans was the difficulty of emptying them due to their weight. Plastic bags inside the containers, however, can eliminate this issue.

Yes, installing underground trash cans might be costly — an average of \$700 each. Yet the benefits in the long run — and their durability — make it an investment worth considering.

If fully submerging trash sounds like too extreme, there are also several modern models that experiment with partially underground trash cans. Companies such as Molok and Camber sell partially submerged or mostly submerged trash bins made of plastic or metal.

While this will not solve every litter-related problem on our beaches, by taking steps like this, we can help reduce our impact on the environment at relatively low cost.

In the meantime, we must continue to stay active by reducing our individual littering, participate in local cleanups, and holding polluting corporations and organizations accountable.

LETTERS

An open letter to Rep. Anthony D'Esposito

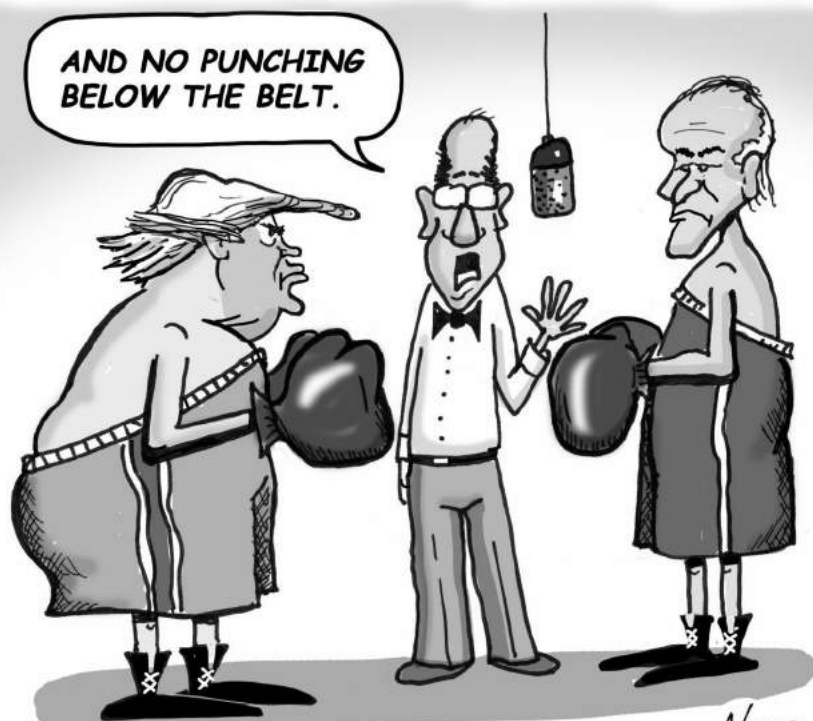
Dear Congressman D'Esposito:

As you claim to be committed to serving and protecting your constituents and your brothers and sisters in law enforcement, I write to request that you act on that promise and write legislation that will ban military-style rifles and large-capacity magazines, institute universal background checks and red-flag laws and close the gun show loopholes.

From the writing of the Constitution until 2008, the Second Amendment was widely interpreted as providing for a state militia. The National Rifle Association successfully convinced Americans that the amendment gave individuals a right to bear arms. In 2008, in *D.C. v. Heller*, the ultra-conservative Supreme Court, for the first time in the country's history, ruled that the Second Amendment "protects a personal right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes, most notably for self-defense within the home."

There have been 377 school shootings in the United States since Columbine, according to The Wash-

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OPINIONS

Seeking leadership, and equity, for a better tomorrow

I grew up as a Reagan Republican, and I have some opinions on our current political paradigm. Reagan, whose flaws are perseverated over in our time, had some great traits that are applicable to our current environment. He had leadership and vision. He



PATRICK M. PIZZO II

understood that we could be more than we were, and that America was created to be the greatest nation ever known by meeting the needs and desires of all of its people. True Republicans should follow his path, and people of other views should reconsider

the intent of his policies.

My views on how to address society's ills have evolved since my youth. I hope that would be true of any lifelong learner, but my core principles and goals are unchanged. Opportunity is the key to success, and the respect for liberty — for yourself and for your fellow members of society — is a sacred responsibility. That was Reagan's vision through my 16-year-old eyes in the 1980s, and it's a vision that is still applicable to those seeking equita-

ble opportunities for all.

Success is found in increasing economic growth, not in fighting over the distribution of a diminishing pool of resources. Collaboration in our country can spur a new generation of leadership for us, and for our ideas.

Tearing one another down weakens us both nationally and internationally.

Remember, America is predominantly a collection of immigrants, including my ancestors, who fled static societies for new opportunities. We are still a collection of immigrants. Our combined skills and perspectives are a unique and powerful force.

I believe in equity, because it means giving people what they need to succeed, and most often, all they need is a fair chance. Each person's path is different, and those differences should be respected. The most important ingredient for success will always be the will of the individual. The goal of equity is to remove, or mitigate, systemic barriers to enable people to reach their potential.

In education there is an accepted belief that we need to differentiate instruction. Differentiation of instruction is an acknowledgment that individu-

als have their own educational needs.

Equity is similar to that concept, because each person has his or her own needs to meet their full potential. Equity is meeting each individual where they are and creating a path forward consistent with their abilities and ambition. Creating an environment where individual have the opportunity to succeed is a very Reagan-like initiative.

Equity 4 LI Youth is a forum for identifying opportunities, with volunteers helping young people see possible paths to success. We are not a governmental agency, and we have not raised any money — we are just people from all political perspectives trying to help. We do so by partnering with altruistic groups representing a wide array of causes, and providing resources to help promote equitable opportunities for anyone who is interested. Their race, religion, gender or politics don't matter to us; all deserve a fair chance to reach their goals.

We are open to all points of view. Books written from any perspective must be respected, not feared. Canceling another person's ability to experience lit-

erature based solely on one's own political perspective indicates a fear that there is weakness in that perspective. Fear drives hate, and hate brings more fear.

We believe in reading and analyzing works from multiple perspectives, listening to all positions and engaging in fact-based debate. Hearing and respecting a different point of view doesn't mean you are capitulating to it. Reagan stressed self-reliance, not the destruction of other members of the American experiment in democracy. There is room in the shining city on the hill for people of all beliefs.

I like to study and evaluate all points of view. No single perspective has all the best ideas, or only bad ideas; there is always information to glean from listening to, and learning about, others. Even if all you learn is how to refine your argument, you've still gained knowledge and understanding of another's position. And the experience forces you to critically evaluate your own views. All gain from a sharing of ideas.

Reagan wasn't always right, but he wasn't always wrong, either.

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Ronald Reagan had some ideas that are well worth reconsidering.

LETTERS

ington Post. Other countries have people with mental health issues, yet this is a uniquely American problem. The next highest number of school shootings during this time period is Mexico, with eight. More than twice as many Americans own guns, per capita, than the next-ranked country, which is Yemen.

Today it isn't uncommon for someone to have lived through more than one school shooting within a few years. During the 10-year ban on assault weapons, school shootings decreased markedly. Since the ban was lifted, mass shootings have increased dramatically.

As someone who was disciplined by the NYPD for carelessly leaving your gun in a car that wound up in the hands of criminals, you must be aware that there are over 400,000 guns stolen every year. Thus the argument for responsible gun ownership applies specifically to you, and to the hundreds of thousands of Americans who allow their guns to fall into the wrong hands.

Over 48,000 people are killed by guns each year. Guns are the leading cause of death of children and teens in this country, more than car accidents, drug over-

doses or cancer.

President Biden passed the Bipartisan Safe Communities Act, which is the most significant gun legislation in decades. However, it is just a first step. We need congresspeople who believe that the lives of our children are more important than the absurd notion that a civilian should be able to own a weapon of war. And we cannot forget what happened in Uvalde, where 19 law enforcement officers waited outside a classroom for 50 minutes for fear of being outgunned by one AR-15. If you really wanted to ensure that police officers are safe, you'd end the sale of weapons of war to civilians.

You have the ability to end mass shootings in this country.

On behalf of Democrats and the vast majority of your constituents, we demand that you pass sensible gun legislation. Put an end to the uniquely American phenomenon that has parents and children in your district fearing for their lives.

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