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**U.S. REP. GEORGE** Santos denied all of the charges against him, taking a page out of the Donald Trump legal defense book by calling the case against him a 'witch hunt.'

# SANTOS INDICTED

## Congressman pleads not guilty to 13 federal charges

By **ANA BORRUTO & WILL SHEELINE**  
of the Glen Cove Herald

U.S. Rep. George Santos pleaded not guilty to a 13-count federal indictment in a Central Islip court on Wednesday, where he faced charges of wire fraud, money laundering, theft of public funds, and making materially false statements to the U.S. House of Representatives.

If convicted of just the primary charges, Santos could face up to 20 years in prison. For now,

however, the congressman was released on a \$500,000 surety bond.

"The reality is, it's a witch hunt," Santos told reporters outside the courthouse following his arraignment. "I'm going to fight my battle. I'm going to deliver. I'm going to take care of clearing my name, and I look forward to doing that."

Still, Santos made it clear he will not resign from Congress, and even still plans to run for re-

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# George Santos is charged with wire fraud, money laundering

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Diana Mueller waited for hours on Wednesday to enter the Central Islip federal courthouse to see U.S. Rep. George Santos arraigned. The Glen Head resident was relieved to hear that the embattled congressman, who had been arrested that morning, was facing a 13-count indictment accusing him of wire fraud, money laundering, theft of public funds, and making materially false statements to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mueller, who protested in Washington, D.C., against San-

tos this winter, said she had come to Suffolk County to see him face the music.

"I feel extremely confident he will be convicted for something," Mueller said. "This is a step in the right direction as far as the legal process goes, and I know it takes a while. I'm patient."

If convicted on the top counts, Santos could face up to 20 years in prison. He pleaded not guilty to all charges on Wednesday, with bail set at \$500,000.

"This indictment seeks to hold Santos accountable for various alleged fraudulent schemes and brazen misrepresen-

**T**he national embarrassment that is George Santos must come to an end immediately.

**JOSH LAFAZAN**  
Nassau County legislator

sentations," U.S. Attorney Breon Pearce stated in a news release. "Taken together, the allegations in the indictment charge Santos with relying on repeated dishonesty and decep-

tion to ascend to the halls of Congress and enrich himself. He used political contributions to line his pockets, unlawfully applied for unemployment benefits that should have gone to New Yorkers who had lost their jobs due to the pandemic and lied to the House of Representatives."

Will Murphy, a Democrat

who announced that he would run to represent the 3rd Congressional District, was quick to respond to the news of the congressman's arrest.

"I think the only people in our district that are upset about this are the imaginary ones in George Santos' head," the St. John's University law

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# Stamp Out Hunger returns, seeking food donations

## STAFF REPORT

Island Harvest Food Bank is joining forces with the National Association of Letter Carriers and the U.S. Postal Service to once again Stamp Out Hunger this Saturday, May 13. Postal workers will collect food across Nassau and Suffolk counties, looking to provide much-needed supplemental food support to more than 300,000 people facing hunger — a third of them children.

“Participating in Stamp Out Hunger is easy,” said Randi Shubin Dresner, president and chief executive of Island Harvest, in a release. “Generous Long Islanders are encouraged to leave non-perishable food items in a bag next to their mailbox before the regularly scheduled mail deliver on Saturday, May 13. Then, your USPS letter carrier will do the rest to help make sure that no one on Long Island goes hungry.”

Those non-perishable food items can include canned goods, cereal, pasta, rice, boxed juices, and shelf-stable milk. You should not include any food or juices in glass containers.

Also needed are personal care items like toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and disposable diapers.

Everything donated on Long Island will help replenish Island Harvest’s network of food pantries and soup kitchens as well as emergency feeding programs in communities throughout Long Island.



Courtesy National Association of Letter Carriers

**ISLAND HARVEST FOOD** Bank and the National Association of Letter Carriers urges neighbors to leave a bag of non-perishable food near their mailbox on Saturday, May 13, to help those on Long Island struggling with hunger.

“Every donation — no matter how small — helps our neighbors who are in the unenviable position of choosing between paying for such things as housing, transportation and medicine, or putting food on the table,” Shubin Dresner said. “I am confident that the past generosity displayed by our Long

Island neighbors will help make this year’s Stamp Out Hunger food drive one of the most successful.”

Since its inception in 1993, Stamp Out Hunger has collected more than 1.75 billion pounds of food in all 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin

Islands.

On Long Island alone, Stamp Out Hunger has brought in more than 519,000 pounds of food in 2019, before the event was suspended the last three years because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Stamp Out Hunger’s national spokesman is Oscar-nominated actor Edward James Olmos.

“The National Association of Letter Carriers, and the men and women we represent on Long Island, are pleased to once again partner with Island Harvest in this year’s Stamp Out Hunger food collection,” said Tom Siesto, first vice president for NALC Branch 6000. “Our carriers often see firsthand the pervasive issue of hunger as part of their daily rounds, and they are eager to help give back to the community, and assist in helping Island Harvest Food Bank tackle this important issue.”

This year’s major sponsoring partners with Island Harvest include National Grid, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Amazon, Allstate, Bethpage Federal Credit Union, Catholic Health, Nonna’s Garden, Long Island Federation of Labor, MCN Distributors, Dime Community Bank, and New York Community Bank.

All donations to Stamp Out Hunger are tax-deductible since all food collected benefits Island Harvest, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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# Before indictment, Santos was ready to reinvent

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By MICHAEL MALASZCZYK

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**W**hen he ran for congress last year, there was rarely a question George Santos left unanswered.

He rode a red Long Island wave straight to Capitol Hill, helping to lock a slim Republican majority in the U.S. House. But before he even had a chance to raise his right hand and take the oath of office, *The New York Times* came along.

Its December expose debunking many of the claims Santos made about his credentials and even his life gave the incoming congressman the kind of infamy he never expected. Republican colleagues turned their backs on him — many of them demanding he resign.

And suddenly, Santos wasn't answering those questions anymore, except an occasional interview with the likes of Tulsi Gabbard and Piers Morgan. Reporters would camp outside his Capitol Hill office, and he would essentially ignore question after question about what seemed like a daily revelation of a potentially fabricated claim each day.

It's not that Santos didn't want to answer questions anymore, he told the *Herald* last week, just days before being charged in a 13-count federal indictment. It's just that reporters weren't asking the right questions.

"I feel like people are forgetting the fact that I'm a lawmaker," Santos said. "And people forget to ask me about policy."

## A workhorse in Congress

Instead of trying to rebrand his image by attending ribbon-cuttings or hosting news conferences, Santos instead wants to be known as a workhorse in Congress. In his short time on the Hill, for instance, the lawmaker already has introduced nearly a dozen bills.

Among those is what he's calling the SALT Relief Act of 2023, intended to raise the deduction cap on state and local taxes from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

"I think we need to be realistic with what's fair," Santos said. The SALT cap "was bad before, and it created massive tax loopholes for people who just like to avoid paying taxes. I think \$50,000 takes care of the entire middle class on Long Island."

Although SALT reform is part of the platforms of Santos's Long Island colleagues — Anthony D'Esposito, Nick LaLota and Andrew Garbarino — none have signed on. In fact, no one has signed on to co-sponsor, with D'Esposito, LaLota and Garbarino instead introducing their own package.

None of the bills Santos has introduced have co-sponsors, but he says that's by design.

"Usually people work one bill at a time, and then go work the floor," Santos said. "I'm too impatient to do it that way. So, I just put the first set of ideas in the first quarter down, and now this quarter, I'm going to be doing less of bill introduction and more of working these bills."

Another bill Santos is proud of is the Equality and Fiscal Accountability Act of 2023, which moves to stop sending federal



Michael Malaszczyk/Herald

**SANTOS HAS BEEN** in office since January. No longer media shy in the wake of a *New York Times* expose, he sat down with *Herald* reporters last week for an interview, discussing his political future, current goals, and scandals that earned him national headlines.

aid to countries that criminalize homosexuality.

"If you want to have a share as a developing nation and receiving anything from us, you need to knock that crap out. Period," the openly gay congressman said. "I think it's a simple ask since it's our money."

Supporting such a measure could be a huge step forward for the GOP, Santos said, adding some Republicans have expressed interest. Yet, he stopped short of sharing any of those names, fearing any such publicity over such a controversial bill might cause them to shy away.

Yet, even some Democrats might not support such a bill since a lot of those funds go to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS.

"I know folks will turn around and try to spin it," Santos said. "'Oh, so you want to defund AIDS research.' The point is, if you want American dollars, you need to go through a report card."

Santos has also traveled throughout his district, talking extensively about a recent trip to Farmingdale to address water quality through mobile office hours.

"I literally sat with every single person who wanted to sit with me," Santos said. Even some of the protesters, he added, who followed him to the gathering. "I sat with rabbis, I sat with commissioners. I sat with anybody who wanted to."

## Seeking truth amid the fiction

Despite all that, however, Santos couldn't avoid the elephant in the room.

"I didn't graduate college," Santos said. "It was a very large insecurity of mine. Somewhere deep down inside of me — I have no clue how to tell you why — I thought it was a brilliant idea to say I did. It was stupid."

Santos claimed on the campaign trail he received his bachelor's degree from Baruch College in Manhattan. His resume also reportedly claimed he had a master's degree from New York University.

While he admits to lying about Baruch, Santos has claimed someone other than him put the NYU credentials on his resume.

But Santos stands by some of his other claims, such as Jewish ancestry. He says he's hired a genealogist to prove his grandparents did indeed flee from Eastern Europe to Brazil. He also has taken four DNA tests in an effort to prove Jewish ancestry. Yet, Santos didn't reveal the results of those tests — only that he would release a package on this soon to prove that he didn't lie.

"A lot of folks are like, 'Oh, but it was offensive,'" Santos said. "'You said you were Jewish.' I've been saying that to rooms of hundreds of Jewish folks at a time for years. I joke, 'I can't believe you conceded the podium to a Catholic. But after all, I am Jew-ish.' It was funny."

The only information publicly available at this point is that both of Santos's maternal grandparents were born in Brazil, with no evidence of recent Jewish or Ukrainian heritage.

As far as his work history goes, sure Santos didn't work at Goldman Sachs and Citigroup, as he claimed. Instead, he worked with a company that worked with them.

"My jobs are not fake," Santos said. "The only difference here is instead of saying, 'I work for Goldman Sachs and Citigroup through contracts through Link Bridge Investors,' I tried to make it look nicer — since I did do the work for both — by just saying I worked for Goldman. I worked for Citigroup."

Neither Goldman Sachs nor Citigroup have commented on the congressman's past resume claims. However, reporters have confirmed Santos did work for a company called Link Bridge Investors, although it's unclear what his role was with the company.

## Looking to the future

Because of all this, Santos knows challengers are lining up on both sides of the aisle to either face him in 2024, or battle each other for his empty seat if he were to vacate it early. And that was before this week's indictment. Before those charges were filed, Santos told the *Herald* he's not focused on re-election right now, although he does plan to run.

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## Butt of the joke?

Since the expose from *The New York Times* debunking much of the work and life story he presented to voters ahead of his campaign, U.S. Rep. George Santos has been the target of numerous jokes nationwide — especially on late-night television.

Jimmy Kimmel and Stephen Colbert were among those who hired actors to portray Santos, with comedian Jon Lovitz joining in early on doing his own version of the congressman on Jimmy Fallon's "Tonight Show."

Santos blasted the impersonations as "terrible" on social media, singling out Lovitz. Not missing a beat, "The Critic" star responded back that Santos was right, "I do need to step my game up. My pathological liar character can't hold a candle to you."

In the months since, however, Santos seemed to not only soften on the impersonations, but even has one he almost enjoys from "Saturday Night Live."

"It was hurtful at first," Santos said. "But I eventually leaned into it. Bowen Yang has been my favorite. They're all so hung up on my name, George Anthony Devolder Santos, and Bowen Yang goes like, 'George Santos, but Miss Devolder if you're nasty.' I thought that was funny. That line was funny."

"Look, it's public office," Santos said. "If you put yourself into this position, you might as well lean into it."

— Michael Hinman

need to worry about re-election' like most politicians, because they're disingenuous," Santos said.

He almost certainly won't have the help of the Nassau County Republican Party. But as far as Santos is concerned, he never had it before, either. In fact, there are a lot of issues Santos says he just objects to with the county party apparatus, including its support of the Las Vegas Sands casino redevelopment project planned for the Nassau Coliseum.

"Why are we bringing the zoo to the suburb?" Santos asked. "These are not the priorities of the residents of the district and of the county. This is all special interest."

Republicans will certainly challenge him for the party's nomination, and there's a real chance Santos could lose. And if that happens? He'd "concede and go away," adding that running as a third-party would be a waste of time, energy and effort.

"I'm not scared of facing the music and facing my constituents and asking them 'Hey, do you like the job I've done?'" Santos said. "If no, then hire the next guy."

*Additional reporting by Laura Lane and Michael Hinman*

# If found guilty, Santos could face 20 years in prison

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professor said. “And now what we’re going to see is if (House Speaker) Kevin McCarthy is going to continue to be a spineless coward clinging to power, or if he’s going to be an actual leader and allow the people of our district to have their say about it in a bipartisan way.”

Although McCarthy said on Wednesday that he was concerned about Santos, he added that he had no plans to tell him to resign unless he was found guilty.

Republican Kellen Curry, a veteran of the war in Afghanistan and a former vice president of JPMorgan Chase, announced his candidacy for Santos’ seat last month. Curry said he was concerned about the criminal charges filed against the congressman.

“While Santos parades around Washington enjoying his 15 minutes of fame, our interests go unaddressed and our phone calls continue to go unanswered,” Curry said. “The people of New York deserve a representative that truly wants to serve them.”

Federal prosecutors accuse Santos of operating a limited liability corporation during his 2022 congressional run, in which he allegedly enlisted a Queens-based political consultant to communicate with prospective donors on his behalf. According to prosecutors, Santos directed the consultant to tell donors the money would be used to help elect him to Congress, including purchasing television advertisements.

At least two contributors donated \$25,000 each to the LLC’s bank account based on those statements, prosecutors said — a bank account controlled by Santos.

Once he got the money, Santos allegedly transferred the funds to his own bank accounts and used the money to buy designer clothing, to pay off debts and to give to friends.

But the charges Santos faces go back even further, prosecutors said. He was working as a regional director for a Florida-based investment firm in June 2020 — making \$120,000 a year — when he applied for government unemployment assistance from the New York State Department of Labor department at the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

Prosecutors say that Santos held on to that job until the following April. And even



Will Sheeline/Herald

**U.S. REP. GEORGE** Santos briefly addressed reporters after appearing in court, telling them he will still serve in Congress, and will even seek re-election.

during his first run for Congress, in 2020, he collected both a paycheck and unemployment benefits — reportedly an additional \$24,000 from the government.

During his two runs for Congress, Santos — like any congressional candidate — was required to file a financial disclosure statement with the House clerk. In these statements, candidates provide a complete accounting of their assets, income and liabilities, among other things.

Santos filed the form both times he ran, according to prosecutors. In 2020, he

claimed he earned just \$55,000, and that the only other compensation he received in excess of \$5,000 was a bonus he received at his job.

Instead, prosecutors say, he overstated the income he received from that job, but failed to disclose the salary he was receiving from the Florida investment firm.

When he filed the same document in September 2022, he overstated his income and the value of his assets, according to prosecutors. Santos allegedly told Congress that he had earned \$750,000 from

Devolder Organization LLC, and between \$1 million and \$5 million in dividends from the company. He also reported a checking account with deposits between \$100,000 and \$250,000, and a savings account with between \$1 million and \$5 million.

Prosecutors say that none of that was true, and that Santos neither received, nor had in his accounts, that kind of money. Prosecutors also said he failed to disclose that in 2021, he had received \$28,000 in income from the Florida investment firm and \$20,000 in unemployment insurance.

“At the height of the pandemic in 2020, George Santos allegedly applied for and received unemployment benefits while he was employed and running for Congress,” Nassau County District Attorney Anne Donnelly stated in a release. “As charged in the indictment, the defendant’s alleged behavior continued during his second run for Congress when he pocketed campaign contributions and used that money to pay down personal debts and buy designer clothing.

“This indictment is the result of a lengthy collaboration between law enforcement agencies,” Donnelly continued, “and I thank our partners at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their dedication to rooting out public corruption.”

County Legislator Josh Lafazan, who lost the Democratic congressional primary to Robert Zimmerman — who lost in the general election to Santos — has held nearly a dozen news conferences decrying Santos’ continued representation of the 3rd C.D., demanding that he resign. Lafazan said that although the congressman’s arrest is cause for vindication, if he remains, “it sends a dark message about the state of our democratic system and it further erodes the trust that voters have in our democratic institutions.

“Until Santos is gone,” Lafazan added, “we will continue to lack a functioning member of Congress. My constituents in NY-03 are real people who need help with real life problems. They don’t have any more time to wait. The national embarrassment that is George Santos must come to an end immediately.”

*Additional reporting by Michael Hinman.*

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## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

■ A 29-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on April 30 for criminal contempt on Glen Street.

■ A 26-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on May 3 for assault, criminal possession of a weapon and act in manner Injure child on Vanderbilt Lane.

■ A 21-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on May 4 for aggravated criminal contempt and assault on Elm Avenue.

■ A 55-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on May 6 for criminal contempt and harassment on St. James Place.

■ A 55-year-old East Meadow male was arrested on May 6 for criminal contempt on St. James Place.

*People named in Crime Watch items as having been arrested and charged with violations or crimes are only suspected of committing those acts of which they are accused. They are all presumed to be innocent of those charges until and unless found guilty in a court of law.*

# G.C. school budget vote, two board candidates running

When the Glen Cove City School District voters go to the polls on May 16, they will receive a ballot that includes a proposed budget of \$107,999,370.00.

Two candidates, who are current board members, Maria Elena Venuto and Angela Raimo are running to maintain their seats.

The budget will ask voters to take into consideration the necessities of kindergarten summer language immersion programs, enhanced security measures and the development and expansion of high school courses including scientific research, dance, theater, and fitness courses.

Below is a brief summary of the two Board of Education candidates.

Voting will take place from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Connolly Elementary School, 100 Ridge Dr. and 150 Dosoris Lane at the high school gym, depending on your street address within Glen Cove.



**Maria Elena Venuto**

**Occupation:** Executive director of a non-profit arts organization

**Family:** married, children

**Plans if elected:** To continue to provide oversight for the completion of facilities renovations as part of the school bond project passed in 2022. She is also looking for creative ways to increase funding and provide mental health resources to students and their families.



**Angela Raimo**

**Occupation:** Podiatry specialist

**Family:** married, children

**Plans if elected:** She will continue to advocate for capital improvements to the district's buildings and hopes to continue forward momentum in updating and maintaining school facilities. Since the board approved the nine-period day in the middle school, she would like to see a greater variety of elective courses offered, including foreign language classes for elementary students.



Courtesy Glen Cove City Schools

**MASON FOSTER AND Colette Brunelle** won awards at the regional level of the 2023 Photographic Society of America's Youth Photography Showcase.

## Photography students win regional awards

Two Glen City Cove High School photography students won awards at the regional level of the 2023 Photographic Society of America's Youth Photography Showcase. Senior Colette Brunelle took second place in the landscape category with her photo of hot air balloons floating above picturesque Cappadocia, Turkey. Freshman Mason Foster won third place in the architecture category with his photo of the Unisphere, a famous landmark located in Flushing Meadows Park, Queens.

The PSA Youth Showcase is a photographic competition hosted by PSA and is open to all high school students worldwide. Their works will now be sent to the national level of the competition, which takes place later in the year.

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# George Santos set to return to court June 30

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election next year. When asked if he believes he will win re-election — especially now that he's under criminal prosecution — Santos wasn't sure.

"That's not up for me to know," he said. "Elections are very tricky, and it's up to the people. I trust them to decide what is best for them."

Dozens of reporters joined FBI agents, and officials from the U.S. Justice Department, the Nassau County district attorney's office, the U.S. Attorney's office and others, filling the courtroom to its brim before the arraignment. Joseph Murray, who represents Santos as an attorney, told reporters ahead of the congressman's arrival that he was in "good spirits."

The only person who appeared to be in the courtroom to support Santos was his operations manager, Vish Burra, who attended wearing a royal blue jacket and matching pants, along with a silver checkered tie and paisley pocket handkerchief.

When Santos entered the room, the commotion from the crowd ceased. The congressman scurried to his seat, with Murray giving him a reassuring hand on his shoulder as they reviewed the indictment documents.

Santos surrendered his passport to the FBI, and Magistrate Judge Anne Shields told the congressman he is not permitted to leave Long Island, Washington, D.C., or New York unless he receives the all-clear from court officials. Santos answered nearly every question with a subdued, "Yes ma'am," and seemed content to let Murray take the lead during the arraignment.

Outside the courtroom, Santos told reporters he would deliver financial information about his company to the government to "dispel" the accusations.

He denied using campaign money to purchase what a reporter called "fancy suits." Santos also described the process of surrendering to authorities as "amicable," sharing that officers did a "phenomenal" job.

The congressman added he does his best to be a "positive person" and will continue to do so as he goes through this legal process.

"When it's your first time experiencing something of this nature, I think everybody would show some kind of stress," Santos said. "I quite frankly don't believe I was stressed. I did my best to keep my composure — this has been an experience for a book. Or something like that."



Will Sheeline/Herald

**U.S. REP. GEORGE** Santos briefly addressed reporters following his arraignment on federal charges in a Central Islip courtroom, although he had to force his way through the crowd of media and spectators to get to the podium.

## It was a media 'mosh pit'

While family members of George Santos — including his husband and sister — couldn't make it to his arraignment in Central Islip on Wednesday, reporters easily took their place in the courtroom, filling every seat. The congressman entered a room filled with hushed voices.

After pleading not guilty to 13 counts of wire fraud, money laundering, theft of public funds and making materially false statements to the U.S. House of Representatives, the media hurried outside to catch one more glimpse of Santos, with the hopes he might answer some of their questions. Forming a line reminiscent of a Spartan shield wall, dozens of journalists, broadcasters, photographers and camera operators got ready for the man of the hour to make his appearance.

Santos took more than 40 minutes to leave the courthouse, despite reporters seeing him through the glass walls of the building. Broadcasters from a number of

television news outlets rubbed shoulders with reporters from The New York Times, Newsday and the Herald, standing together in the late-spring heat.

While Santos's upcoming legal battle may have all the makings of a courtroom drama in the vein of "Law & Order," the real drama took place outside the courthouse, as the congressman found himself completely swarmed as soon as he left the building.

The crowd rushed forward like a football team during kickoff, but with the aid of several court police officers, Santos — accompanied by lawyer Joseph Murray and his operations manager, Vish Burra — slowly made his way through the throng.

Although a podium was set up in the parking lot for Santos to speak at, it took nearly 10 minutes for him to make his way there, as reporters were shoved backward, or scurried ahead to get to the podium.

"If you guys don't behave there's no

way you can get information back to the people," Santos shouted to the crowd. "Let's get to the podium. Make some space, and then I'll address."

Looking more composed than he had in the courtroom, Santos tried to answer the barrage of questions coming at him from all sides. Once done, the congressman headed for his car, but the debacle didn't stop there.

Photographers and reporters continued to swarm him, one photographer screamed at a court officer who was attempting to clear the road, "Don't touch me! You can't shove me!" "I can, and I will," she responded, angrily.

As Santos was driven off, the crowd slowly dispersed, as if waking from a delirium. In the words of one of the marshals at the scene — anticipating the congressman's next court appearance in a month, "It's only going to be worse in June."

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# Brinkmann's Hardware has opened in Glen Cove

By **ROKSANA AMID**  
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Glen Cove has a wide variety of businesses. Restaurants are plentiful, the many hair salons and barbershops keep the community in style, and there are places to buy furniture to keep homes looking modern. But there's been a decades-old running joke within the Glen Cove community that there are precious items, which are hard to find with some saying socks, and others, underwear.

On April 25, Brinkmann's opened its doors. Brinkmann's Hardware, a Sayville-based family hardware chain, is a 47-year-old business selling general merchandise, cookware, garden essentials, toys, clothing, marine supplies, and of course, socks and underwear. And if you need one of their services like glass cutting or screen repair, Brinkmann's has those to offer too. Their other locations are in Blue Point, Holbrook, Miller Place and Sayville. The store in Glen Cove is its fifth location on Long Island, and its first in Nassau County.

The chain was founded by Tony Brinkmann and his wife Pat in 1976, after Tony was fired from working for his father as an electrician because of economic hardship. As an unemployed 30-year old, Tony saw the perfect opportunity to fulfill his dream, owning and operating a hardware store. Tony and Pat invested whatever financial resources they had to establish their first business. Pat used her former bookkeeping



**HANK, LEFT, AND** Ben Brinkmann own Brinkmann's Hardware with their sister, Mary Neimeth. The siblings say they always loved working in their parents store while growing up.

experience, and Tony used his expertise as a handyman.

When the store opened it had a rocky start. Their first store was small, and only half of it was filled with inventory because they didn't have the money to fill the other half. They divided the back half with shelving so their customers wouldn't notice the empty space. As the store grew in popularity, the shelves dividing the store from its empty half moved further towards the back wall.

As the Brinkmann's were growing their

business, their family expanded too. Mary was born the same year the first store opened, Ben, their second child, was born in 1977 and Hank was born in 1979. Three years after opening their first store, the Brinkmann's bought a building in Sayville and moved their store to that location, going from 2,000 to 3,300 square feet. In 1986, they owned a 6,000 square foot state-of-the-art store.

"We literally grew up in a hardware store," Ben Brinkmann said. "When we weren't at school, we were at the hardware

store. We enjoyed being there and we enjoyed helping in any way we could from a very young age."

The Brinkmann siblings: Mary Neimeth, Ben, and Hank, aren't just siblings who fondly remember working with their parents, they became equal partners in the company after buying it from their parents. Hank and Ben frequently visit their stores when they're not in the office, and Neimeth manages their Sayville headquarters with their mother.

The siblings didn't always intend on running the family business. Ben worked as an electrician, Mary earned her master's in business administration, and Hank owned a screen repair business.

The Brinkmann siblings bought the chain from their parents 15 years ago. While attending a True Value trade show in California 10 years ago, Ben and Hank were inspired by the many hardware stores they toured and set their sights on opening a large format hardware store. They knew they had to choose their next location wisely to achieve their goal.

"We were looking in select communities that we felt had a need and had the population that we could sell to in a big way, and Glen Cove fit that bill." Ben said. "So, we've been looking in Glen Cove for years, waiting for an opportunity or a space that would be suitable."

Their opportunity came in the summer of 2022 after King Kullen closed their Glen Cove location.

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# Anna Kaplan plans to run against Santos

By LAURA LANE and WILL SHEELINE

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It's official. Republican U.S. Rep. George Santos has another challenger. Former Democratic State Sen. Anna Kaplan filed a statement of candidacy on Monday morning with the Federal Election Commission to challenge Santos in 2024 to represent the 3rd Congressional District, which includes the North Shore and parts of Queens.

Kaplan joins two other Democrats, Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan and St. John's University law professor Will Murphy.

Kellen Curry, a Republican, announced his candidacy April 4. A veteran who was a military officer in Afghanistan, Curry is a former vice president of JP Morgan.

Kaplan, 57, was born in Tabri, Iran, in 1965 to Jewish parents, and was raised in Tehran for 13 years before fleeing the country's religious persecution after the Islamic Revolution. She spent several years in Brooklyn, Chicago and Queens until her family settled in Great Neck.

Kaplan studied to be an attorney, attending Stern College at Yeshiva University in New York, and received a law degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. After working as a lawyer for several years, she married her husband, Darren, in 1995, and the couple moved to North Hempstead, where they raised two daughters.

Kaplan spent four years as a library trustee before being selected for the North Hempstead Board of Zoning Appeals in 2009, a position she held for two years. Her first major political race occurred in 2011, when she ran for a seat on the North Hempstead Town Council, which she won. She was re-elected in 2015 with 67 percent of the vote.

Then, in 2018, Kaplan decided to run to represent the 7th Congressional District, which at the time did not include the North Shore. Endorsed by then-President Obama, Kaplan became the first Iranian-American elected to the state Senate serving for two terms. She lost her re-election bid in 2022 to Republican Jack Martins.



Courtesy Anna Kaplan

**ANNA KAPLAN, A** former Democratic state senator, filed a statement of candidacy on Monday to run against U.S. Rep. George Santos.

Kaplan highlighted reproductive rights and a need for stronger gun control laws as her primary reasons for running, especially following a meeting with students from Great Neck who were protesting gun laws following the Parkland massacre earlier that year.

Santos became a disappointment to his constituents and the nation as a whole when the New York Times uncovered a variety of fabrications and inconsistencies shortly after he was elected.

When running for office Santos said he was of Jewish descent and his mother, Fatima Alzira Caruso Devolder, who died of cancer in December 2016, was working in the south tower at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Records indicate that she left for Brazil in 1999 not returning until after the attack at the World Trade Center in 2003. This, and his claim that his Jew-

ish grandparents survived the Holocaust, also proven untrue, among other assertions, drew ire from his constituents and colleagues in government.

A few weeks after he was inaugurated, amid a flurry of accusations of untruths about his biography, personal and campaign finances, and the subject of investigations, including one by the House Ethics Committee, Santos said he was stepping down "temporarily" from serving on the two committees he had been assigned to, the small Business Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee.

Lafazan began hosting a series of news conferences — which total 12 — shortly after Santos was inaugurated. He has consistently been one of Santos' fiercest public critics, leading protests outside the Republican representative's Queens office. The legislator has also engaged in several Twitter spats with the freshman congressman and has continued to push for Santos' resignation or ejection from the House of Representatives.

This isn't Lafazan's first time running for a seat in Congress. In the 2022 election primaries, Lafazan lost to Democrat Robert Zimmerman, who would later lose the general election to Santos, by 15.8 percent.

Murphy, Santos' other Democratic opponent, is a resident of Farmingdale. A first-time candidate, he has asserted on his electoral Instagram page that he will not stay in office for more than three terms, and is presenting himself as a non-partisan candidate.

"The question no one is asking is what happens after Santos? His disgrace presents a rare opportunity," Murphy, 40, stated in one post. "An opportunity squandered by sending another broken, self-serving politician on a one way trip to the excess of D.C. ... Or an opportunity taken by sending a real person committed to fighting for real people before coming home to their real life and letting someone else go and do the same."

Santos garnered roughly 43 percent of the vote in the district in 2020 when he lost to then-Rep. Tom Suozzi, according to the state Board of Elections. Then In 2022, Santos won nearly 54 percent of the vote in defeating Zimmerman. In Nassau County, where there was an 80 percent turnout, Santos won with roughly 55 percent of the vote.

## Three Deasy second graders advance in math tournament

By ROKSANA AMID

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It's not uncommon to hear students say they don't like their math classes. Many students find it's too difficult or boring, and they don't get excited about numbers and formulas the way they might about history, science, languages, or other subjects to which they may find easier to personally connect.

But three second graders at the Glen Cove City School District's Deasy Elementary School have been named the regional winners of the statewide elementary online mathematics tournament, First in Math. Dru Wilson, Tommy Scagliola, and Jacob Palazzo will go on to participate in a tournament on May 20, involving 30 second graders, in teams of three, from different regions in the state. The winners of the final round of the tournament will receive \$5,000 for their school.

"We are extremely proud of Dru, Tommy, and Jacob for their outstanding achievement in the First in Math program," Dr. Maria Rianna, superintendent of schools, said. "Their success is a testament to their hard work, determination,

and the excellent education they are receiving at Deasy School. We wish them the best of luck as they continue to represent our district in the upcoming statewide tournament."

The First in Math program is an online math resource that allows students to practice and improve their math skills in a fun and engaging way. The initial Statewide Elementary Mathematics Tournament was held online on March 30 for first- through fifth-grade students. The tournament helped finalize who would advance to compete in Albany. The competition challenged students to solve complex math problems and puzzles appropriate for their grade levels. It was divided into nine regions, one of which included Nassau, Putnam, Westchester and Rockland counties. The Glen Cove district received \$1,000 from the state Department of Education to celebrate the second graders' accomplishments as the finalists for their region.

Students in every region competed individually in the online tournament, which consisted of three timed tournaments. The results were computed the same day, and a triad of students per region with the highest average scores, who attend the same

school, were selected to advance in the next round in Albany. There, they play an in-person board game in which students are given a randomized set of numbers that must equal 10 through addition and subtraction.

Cassandra Shannon, Glen Cove's coordinator of mathematics, introduced the district to the First in Math competition. She said the three students are excited to practice their math and teamwork skills together. Since the winners were announced, the three boys have been practicing for the competition at the beginning of each school day using randomized sets of 24, 30 and 36 cards to sequence numbers using addition and subtraction to equal 10. They are timed for 15 minutes per round to match the competition parameters in Albany. While competing, students are expected to explain their mathematical process step-by-step.

Teachers and administrators told Kiara Meza that her son, Dru Wilson, would do very well in this contest because they see how much he loves math. She's frequently been told that her son eagerly answers nearly all math questions he's asked in class. Meza said she was shocked that son is competing but not surprised by the results, since he's competitive with his older sister

when they both solve problems at home.

Laura Palazzo, Jacob's mother, said she was excited too. She initially didn't realize how widespread the competition was.

"What's great is that they're working as a team," Palazzo said. "They're learning additional skills besides math -- cooperation, different strategies to use, teamwork, and thinking differently than they normally would about a problem."

Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, Glen Cove councilwoman, said she sees that these students have a "mathematical mind," and sees how determined her son Tommy and his teammates are.

Fugazy Scagliola coaches for the Glen Cove baseball and softball association, and sees the boys in the various sports they play. Their competitive spirits and their excitement to take part in the competition do not surprise her.

"It's a little overwhelming for them because they're getting attention, but for all the right reasons," she said. "But it feels so good to win something academically like this -- it's great for the district. Everyone is so proud."



# County police swears in first Muslim chaplain

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It was a historic moment for the Nassau County Police Department. For the first time in the department's nearly 100-year history, a Muslim was sworn in as chaplain, set to provide emotional, moral and spiritual support to the department.

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman swore in Rashid Khan at a ceremony at David Mack Center for Training and Intelligence in Garden City. Not only will Khan work with police officers and law enforcement staffers, but he'll be one of six chaplains who may be asked to preside at a number of county events, giving religious and spiritual aid to communities.

"We have so many events here in Nassau County, and all of our chaplains are actively taking part in that," Blakeman said. "Throughout the police department, they're doing all kinds of chaplaincy work. But they also are in the community and representing our police department in the highest manner."

A resident of Valley Stream, Khan is the former vice president of the Islamic Center of the South Shore in Valley Stream, and has been in law enforcement himself for 25 years, volunteering as a Nassau County Police Department auxiliary officer. Khan owns a small cleaning business in Elmont, and has served as a court officer for the Valley Stream village court.

Nassau County legislator Bill Gaylor advocated for Khan's appointment as a chaplain.

"I know he's filling a void," the legislator said, "and it's much needed within the police department and our community."

Several law enforcement agencies were on-hand at the county's recently job fair ranging from patrol officers, to the probation department, fire marshals, corrections officers, and the sheriff's department. The goal



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**RASHID KHAN WAS** sworn in by Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman and Nassau County Police Department commissioner Patrick Ryder as the first Muslim chaplain in the department's history chaplain.

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was to emphasize to younger people the importance of law enforcement positions.

"I know Inspector Khan is going to be there for me, also to help us better police our communities and better understand our officers," said Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder. "It is clear that the county executive has put his stamp on both government and the police departments when it comes to diversity and the importance of it. I have eight police officers and a son now that are of the Muslim faith, and our chaplain will instruct our recruits about the faith and understanding of that religion."

"If you understand the community, you police that

community better."

It's creating a bigger tent for all faiths Blakeman hoped to emphasize with Khan now part of the chaplain corps.

"One of the things that I want to market and celebrate here in Nassau County is our diversity," Blakeman said. "Our Muslim community is growing, and we're getting more Muslim police officers. So, we need a Muslim chaplain. We have one of the most diverse counties in the United States, and one of the things that we are doing is we are going out into minority communities and recruiting police officers in those communities."

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## Book Review: "Successful Aging" by Daniel J. Levitin

In his best-selling book, "Successful Aging", Daniel J. Levitin, Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Neuroscience at McGill University (your writer's alma mater), shows how the brain is formed and how it changes, in surprisingly positive ways, as we age.

The author notes that Freud said that the two most important things in life are healthy relationships and meaningful work.

Socialization is crucial to maintaining our mental acuity. "Navigating the complex mores and potential pitfalls of dealing with another human being, someone who has their own needs, opinions, and sensitivities, is about the most complex thing we humans can do. It exercises vast neural networks, keeping them tuned up, in shape, and ready to fire. In a good conversation, we listen, we empathize. And empathy is healthful, activating networks throughout the brain."

If working is not a viable option then volunteering reduces mental decline.

"Volunteering at a local organization, community center, or hospital can have all the benefits of continuing to work: a sense of self-worth and accomplishment, and the daily interaction with others that causes the brain to light up. The data reveal that volunteering is associated with reduced symptoms of depression, better self-reported health, fewer functional limitations, and lower mortality."

The author concludes "Gratitude is an important and often overlooked emotion and state of mind. Gratitude causes us to focus on what's good about our lives rather than what's bad shifting our outlook to the positive...psychology's focus on disorders and problems of adjustment was ignoring much of what makes life worth living. Positive psychology has found that people who practice gratitude feel happier."

Please note that a science background is helpful in understanding the four hundred pages that make up "Successful Aging".

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# Runners make history at L.I. marathon

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**E**ast Meadow's Eisenhower Park was abuzz with excitement this past weekend for what was both the starting and finishing line for the Jovia Long Island Marathon.

The weather was warm and sunny as some 1,900 participants lined up for their races.

Warming up in windbreaker wrappers and light-weight sweatsuits near the starting point not long after sunrise, the runners were exuberant, yet relaxed. Winning the race was less important than what they had already gained: endurance sufficient to run a 13-mile half marathon or a 26-mile full one. And then, of course, there was the wide fellowship of other runners.

Nearly 500 people ran in the full marathon, with another 1,400 looking to compete in the short race on Sunday. Spectators held signs and flowers, many yelling words of encouragement to the passing runners. The route started and ended in Eisenhower Park, but runners traversed outside to the surrounding communities as well.

Race director Corey Roberts was everywhere, greeting the athletes and answering questions. Nassau County Legislator Rose Walker, speaking from a temporary stage, recalled that the Long Island marathon started as the Earth Day Marathon at Roosevelt Raceway, directed by her late husband John.

Nassau County Parks commissioner Darcy Belyea, North Hempstead town supervisor Jennifer DeSena, and county legislator Tom McKeivitt belted out words of encouragement as the start time approached.

Jordan Daniel, 28, of Westhampton, won the marathon portion with a time of 2 hours, 21 minutes. Jennifer Zopp, 38, of Westchester County, came in first for women with a time of 3 hours, 9 minutes.

—Mallory Wilson and Reine Bethany



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**NINA KUSCSIK, A** retired long-distance runner and Long Island native show her support for runners at the Jovia Long Island Marathon. The 84-year-old was the first woman to officially win the Boston Marathon back in 1972, and has run in more than 80 marathons in her lifetime.

**DOV STERNBERG, 46**, of Cedarhurst, going clockwise, couldn't contain his excitement for finishing the half marathon portion of the marathon event that started and ended in Eisenhower Park over the weekend.

**JENNIFER ZOPP, 38**, of Westchester County, came in first for women with a time of 3 hours, 9 minutes.

**DYLAN WHITE, 23**, from Wantagh, finished ninth among 19- and 24-year-old men at the Jovia Long Island Marathon last weekend.



Reine Bethany/Herald

**SOME 2,000 RUNNERS** hit the pavement last weekend as part of the Jovia Long Island Marathon that started and ended at the center of Eisenhower Park.



Courtesy Sixto Sanchez

**JORDAN DANIELS, 28**, of Westhampton, was the winner of the Jovia Long Island Marathon. He clocked a time of roughly 2 hours, 21 minutes.



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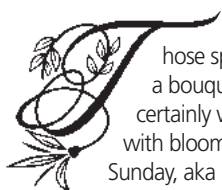
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*'This heart, my own dear mother, bends,  
With love's true instinct, back to thee!'*

– Thomas Moore



By Karen Bloom



Those special ladies in our lives deserve a memorable day. Yes, a bouquet of flowers, cards, even that special breakfast, are all certainly welcome. But what could be better than surrounding her with blooms? Old Westbury Gardens is just the place to do that on Sunday, aka Mother's Day.

Stroll the 200 glorious acres of wooded walks and those amazing gardens that are displaying vibrant spring color. Explore Westbury House, the estate's grand Charles II-style mansion, which is filled with art and furnishings. Pack some lunch for a delightful picnic among spring's many blooms. Or enjoy a bite at the Café in the Woods.

Some time surrounded by the season's colors and scents is always uplifting — not just for mom, but for everyone. Perhaps more so than at any time of the year, Mother's Day — for most people — is all about the flowers when visiting this grand estate.

"We're really ramping up to almost peak season now," says horticulture director — and interim director — Maura Brush. "With those warm days in early April, everything just burst forth. The lilacs, the wisteria, all are in full bloom."

Of course, the tulips are always a favorite. Seeing the tulips here, by the many hundreds, in the Walled Garden and Thatched Cottage Garden — and elsewhere — in myriad varieties and in a rainbow of colors, is almost overwhelming. The colors, the arrangements, are all carefully and creatively designed for maximum appeal.

"So much time is spent curating our bulb display," Brush says. "Anyone can go anywhere and see a row of tulips. We're so excited about our display. You won't see it elsewhere."

The array of colors and blooms extends throughout the landscape. Among the highlights



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are the Walled Garden and the Primrose Path.

"The display in the Walled Garden is really high impact now," Brush enthuses. There's plenty to take in there, especially the Allium and tree peonies.

"The tree peonies are just not to be missed," she says. "They are really quite stunning. The blooms can be eight inches across 40 blossoms in size. They look like crushed tissue. The texture and color are outstanding. Also the Primrose Path is looking spectacular, and the Cottage

Garden is filled with showy perennials and biennials."

Guided tours are available throughout the day (no registration required). Take in the delights of Westbury House, the former home of financier John S. Phipps, his wife, Margarita Grace Phipps and their four children, at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Also examine those glorious blossoms on a garden highlights tour at 2 p.m., meeting at West Porch Beech next to Westbury House.

And as an added treat, while supplies last, every woman 18 and older gets to take home a free lavender plant. Make sure to stop by the Plant Shop to obtain your plant.

"It's such a pleasant way to spend Mother's Day," Brush says. "Come join us."

Photos courtesy Old Westbury Gardens

**Top: The magnificent and fragrant tree peonies are among the delights of the Walled Garden.**

**Bottom: Look carefully and Old Westbury Gardens' resident fox may make an appearance.**

## Many 'Seasons of Love' for you

A new rock musical by then little-known composer-playwright Jonathan Larson first came to the public attention in 1996. What happened next went beyond anything the musical theatre world could have imagined. Loosely based on Giacomo Puccini's 1896 opera 'La Bohème,' it tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists struggling to survive and create a life in Lower Manhattan's East Village in 'bohemian' Alphabet City, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. 'Rent' became an international phenomenon and a cultural touchstone. Now it's re-imagined and staged in a concert production at the Madison Theatre, directed by the Madison's artistic director Angelo Fraboni. The professional cast includes Molloy alum Korina Deming, Danny Bae and Shiloh Bennett, with current CAP21 Musical Theatre Conservatory students.

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Friday, May 19, 8 p.m. \$70, \$60, \$50, \$40. LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville. [TillesCenter.org](http://TillesCenter.org) or (516) 299-3100.



# THE SCENE

May 20

## Galway to Broadway

Acclaimed singer/actor Ciarán Sheehan and his friends visit the Tilles Center stage with an intimate musical journey, Friday, **May 20**, 8 p.m. Beautiful, soaring Broadway favorites balanced with lively, heart-tugging Irish melodies and humor are on full display with Dublin-born Sheehan whose rich tenor voice and performances have been described as touching the soul. Sheehan made his Broadway debut in "Les Miserables," (Babet, Marius), and shortly thereafter in "The Phantom of the Opera" (Raoul). After a year of playing Raoul on Broadway, he moved into the coveted starring role of The Phantom, which he sang in more than 1,000 performances. His performances easily capture an audience, with the requisite charisma and magnetic stage presence. Don't miss this lovely evening of Broadway, Irish music and mirth! This concert will lift your spirits and have you humming along to your favorite tunes. LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville. Tickets are \$59; available at TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100.



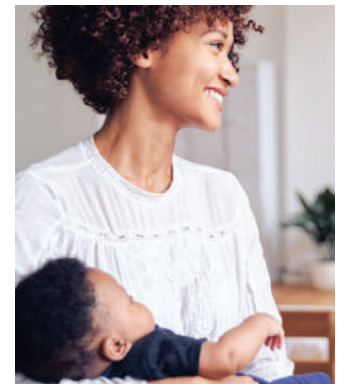
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## On exhibit

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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Mercy Hospital offers a peer to peer meeting for breastfeeding support and resources, facilitated by a certified breastfeeding counselor, **every Thursday**, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Bring your baby (from newborn to 1 year) to the informal group setting. All new moms are welcome, regardless of delivering hospital. Registration required. Call breastfeeding counselor, Gabriella Gennaro, at (516) 705-2434 to secure you and your baby's spot. Mercy Hospital, St. Anne's Building, 1000 North Village Ave., Rockville Centre. For information visit CHSLI.org.



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### Memorial Day parade and open house

The annual Oyster Bay Memorial Day parade returns on Monday, **May 29**, at 10 a.m., followed by an open house at Raynham Hall Museum, starting at 11:30 a.m. Local veterans, youth organizations and Raynham Hall educators dressed in Revolutionary clothing will remember the fallen. After the parade, rediscover the American Revolution at the museum with demonstrations, entertainment, historic games and picknicking. 30 West Main St., Oyster Bay.

### 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.

### Asian American Islander Festival

Planting Fields Arboretum honors Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Saturday, **May 13**, noon to 4 p.m. Varied performances, tai chi and more. 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay. For information visit [PlantingFields.org](http://PlantingFields.org) or (516) 922-9210.

### 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](mailto: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](http://tinyurl.com/pfyevent2023).

### Whale of a Drink fundraiser

Support The Whaling Museum by participating in Sandbar restaurant's Whale of a Drink, Whale of a Cause fundraising effort, now **through June 21**. Enjoy the Sandbar's iconic cocktail, the Whalebone, and a portion of the purchase will be donated to the museum. A "mocktail" version is also available. To help promote the fundraiser, mixologist Dan Leopold will offer a mixology demonstration and Whalebone tasting at the Museum's Whales & Ales event on June 3, 2:30-3 p.m. Funds will support the Whaling Museum's community education programs during its 2023 summer season. 55 Main St, Cold Spring Harbor. For information, visit [SandbarColdSpringHarbor.com](http://SandbarColdSpringHarbor.com).

### On stage

Back by popular demand, families will enjoy a musical adventure, ripped from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved children's books, on the Long Island Children's Museum stage, Friday, **May 12**, 10:15 a.m. and noon; Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, May 17-19, 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](http://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](http://LNP.org/porchfest), for more information contact [goodness@lyn.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:thescene@liherald.com).



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# Hundreds attend senior health expo

The Rockville Centre Recreation Center opened its doors to eager guests for the Herald's Senior Health & Beyond Expo on May 5.

Presented by UnitedHealthcare and produced by RichnerLive, this is the second in a series of expos for 2023.

More than 35 diverse businesses — as well as innovative services — were on-hand to share their products and refined knowledge with Long Island senior citizens to improve wellness and heighten their lifestyle.

Free on-site health screenings and vaccines from Mount Sinai South Nassau were also available, plus hearing screenings from Dr. Lawrence Cardano of Hearing Center of Long Island — who was also one of the speakers on the expo's

afternoon panel.

Goody bags and tons of raffles were also a plus.

The event was made possible thanks to Gold Sponsor Mount Sinai South Nassau, and the Gift Bag Sponsor, Primary Partner Care. Silver Sponsors were Verron Law Group, Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation, Long Beach Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Aetna, CenterLight and Hearing Center of LI.

Guests and vendors are looking forward to the next Expo happening Wednesday, June 28 at the Sunny Atlantic Beach Club, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, visit RichnerLive.com,

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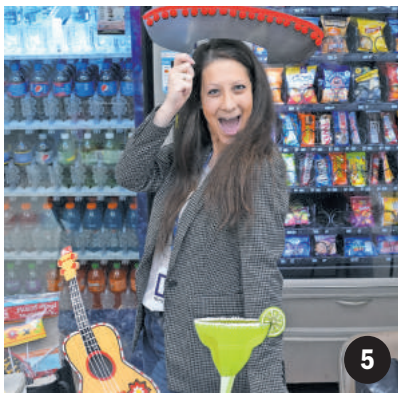


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1. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** Nancy Lebron from presenting sponsor UnitedHealthcare.

2. **SHAUN RUSKIN** from CenterLight discusses PACE eligibility.

3. **INNOVATION SPINE** Medical P.C. engaging with an attendee.

4. **NANCI-SUE ROSENTHAL** and Stacey Simens, licensed real estate salespersons from Berkshire Hathaway.

5. **LICENSED REAL** estate salesperson at Douglas Elliman, Tiffany Balanoff.

6. **RHONDA LINZER** from ClearCaptions.

7. **PANELIST PABLO** Rendon, marketing associate of public affairs at Parker Jewish, at the health screening table.

8. **THE MOUNT** Sinai South Nassau table, registered nurses Kathleen Kadel, and Abigail Fromm, and community education director administered Covid and flu vaccines.

9. **MARK STEMPEL**, left, and Jennie Katz from Blue Island Homes.

10. **ERIN O'BRIEN**, far right, patient advocate, chronic care management at Primary Partner Care — the expo's gift bag sponsor.

11. **BENJAMIN ROBBINSON** from the Lynn Agency.

12. **THE OWNER** of Natural Remedies, Long Island's first CBD dispensary.

# Best way to treat hearing loss? Prevention

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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It's easy for many to take for granted hearing everyday sounds. Listening to oncoming traffic when crossing the street. Enjoying birds chirping in springtime to lift our mood. Even hearing the sizzle of a frying pan could make us feel accomplished.

These familiar sounds often leave a big impact on our quality of life, and shape our relationships with friends and family. So losing such a vital sense like hearing can be devastating, and lead to other problems that impair cognition. Knowing when to seek medical attention and understanding the full effects of hearing loss is what those who tuned in to the recent Herald Inside LI webinar with Dr. Lawrence Cardano were looking for.

"Hearing loss is associated with cognitive decline, dementia and falls since the parts of our brains that are usually stimulated with sound start to deteriorate," said Cardano, an audiology doctor, author, and certified dementia practitioner explained. "If you have trouble with hearing clarity, you're putting a lot more mental effort into figuring out what people are saying. You don't have as much mental resources left over to remember what the person is saying."

When doctors solve hearing clarity problems, Cardano said, they investigate how the brain interprets sound. They first look at orientation between the ears and the brain, which helps the brain understand where sound is coming from. They also assess recognition of sounds that are like one another, along with how well patients focus.

"You can hear two people talking at the same time. And if you have normal hearing, you can decide on which person to focus on, and you can switch from one to another," Cardano said. "But if you don't do a good job treating hearing loss, you can hear their voices, but can't focus on one or the other. You just hear a bunch of noise."

Research from Johns Hopkins Medicine shows that mild hearing loss increases significantly with cognitive decline and dementia, and 50 percent of the connections between the inner ear to the brain don't function properly. People with hearing loss are likely to become socially isolated since carrying conversations can become more difficult. The resulting cognitive overload, Cardano added, also increases the risk for dementia.

Over time, many develop cerebral atrophy — or shrinkage of the brain — from deteriorating neural connections, a hallmark of dementia.

Traditional hearing tests don't provide enough insight into what causes most hearing loss, Cardano says, which greatly impacts treatment. He believes cognitive function screenings for those 55 and older are essential since they also assess the risk of cognitive decline and hearing loss. These tests evaluate memory, vision, executive function, reaction time and processing speed.

"If we use this as a baseline if a person has hearing loss and hearing clarity problems, repeating this screening six months later will typically see improvements in some of these parameters," Cardano said. "Hearing loss is a progressive degenerative condition."

Doctors are now using a deep neural network of artificial intelligence in hearing devices which can greatly improve a patient's quality of life. The artificial intelligence learns sounds like how a child learns language — through trial and error.

But no matter how advanced the technology is, it needs to be verified and validated to assess the prescription.

Treatment for hearing loss is ongoing, and treatment must be adjusted and maintained over time. Since it's a progressive condition, hearing clarity is going to gradually deteriorate over time.

But fortunately, as hearing clarity deteriorates, Cardano said, the technology to address it improves.



Roksana Amid/Herald

**DR. LAWRENCE CARDANO**, top, joined Herald Community Newspapers executive editor Michael Hinman to provide insight on hearing loss and prevention during a free webinar last week as part of Herald's Inside LI. Cardano's book, 'The Hearing Clarity Solution,' is what he calls a must-read for those looking to treat and understand hearing loss.

## HEALTH MEMOS

### The Parker Jewish Institute is recognized with AJAS Jewish Programming Award

**T**he Association of Jewish Aging Services awarded The Parker Jewish Institute with the 2022 Jewish Programming Award for its Family Call Center.

The award recognizes Jewish programs developed and implemented by AJAS organizations that are innovative, creative and specifically designed to enhance the spiritual well-being of the older adults they serve.

Early in the pandemic, Parker established its Family Call Center as a technology-based intervention, enabling patients and residents to connect with loved ones, and ensuring that family members quickly accessed essential information. In 2022, Parker adopted advanced technology to create new efficiencies, linking the Call Center to units within the Institute. This measure enhanced communications, so team members could expedite actions when needed and share information about Parker's wide-ranging services.

Now, through the Call Center, families continue to easily get clinical updates on loved ones. Families reach out to the Call Center for information about social services and to communicate with social workers. Parker's proactive Call Center team members connect with the



From left: Susan Ryan of the Green House Project, the sponsor for programming awards; Rachel Dalton, Robert Sabella and Michael N. Rosenblut of Parker Jewish Institute; Don Shulman of Association of Jewish Aging Services; Lina Scacco of Parker.

family of patients and residents on the day of admission, providing contact information and resources. They coordinate tours for potential patients, helping to simplify the admission agreements when needed.

"We are so proud to receive the AJAS 2022 Jewish Programming Award," said Parker's President and CEO Michael N. Rosenblut. "We continue to hone innovation at the Family Call Center, engaging team members and improving the quality of life for Parker's residents, patients and their loved ones."

#### About The Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation

The Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation is headquartered in New Hyde Park, New York. The facility is a leading provider of Short Term Rehabilitation and Long Term Care. At the forefront of innovation in patient-centered health care and technology, the Institute is a leader in teaching and geriatric research. Parker Jewish Institute features its own medical department, and is nationally renowned as a skilled nursing facility, as well as a provider of community-based health care, encompassing Home Health Care, Medical House Calls, Palliative Care and Hospice.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### The Winters Center for Autism receives \$10,000

The Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day Committee donated \$10,000 to the Winters Center for Autism in West Babylon, which is committed to enhancing the quality of life for adults with autism through job creation, training and placement while helping businesses to develop and implement programs to employ people with autism. The donation will enhance job training for more than 100 young adults with autism

who reside on Long Island.

Ryan W. Doherty, a sergeant with the New York Metropolitan Transit Authority Police, was this year's Grand Marshal of the 35th annual Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day parade and was in charge of choosing a charity to donate to.

### Mock trials at North Shore Historical Museum

The North Shore Historical Museum's mock trial program is an exciting way for

young people to learn about law and the legal system in a historic and local setting. Mock trials have proven to be an effective learning tool for students of all grade levels. It helps them understand practice critical thinking, and gain greater confidence with public speaking by assuming the roles of attorneys and witnesses in a fictional, scripted criminal or civil trial.

Mock trials are available upon request at the North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen Street. For more information email: Director@nshmgc.org

### Virtual Program: Positive Intelligence

Discover how to strengthen your brain for peak performance during this interactive workshop presented by Barbara Fonti. Learn what might be sabotaging your success and wellbeing, and how to practice mental fitness to overcome challenges with more ease.

To register, email: adultprograms@glencovelibrary.org. For technical assistance call the library's Information desk at (516) 676-2130. This virtual program will take place on May 16, 2:00 p.m.

# Are you a multi generational high school graduating family?

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If your family has multiple generations (you, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent) graduating from the same high school, please contact us. We would like to feature you in an upcoming graduation section

If you would like to be interviewed for this special feature, please contact Jermaine by Friday May 19 at **516-569-4000 ext 313** or email [jcarroll@liherald.com](mailto:jcarroll@liherald.com)

## OBITUARIES



Idalia Vargas

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Idalia Vargas, 98, of Glen Cove, died on May 8. Beloved mother of Osvaldo Concepcion and Carlos Fernandez; loving grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 22. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Prayer Service at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home on Saturday. Interment in the Dominican Republic.

### Wanda Gallo

Wanda Gallo, 80, of Glen Cove, died on May 8. Beloved wife of Italo "Benny;" loving mother of Marisa Dunn, Benny, Elizabeth and John; dear sister of Walter Szeremeta; cherished grandmother of Thomas, Katherine, Joseph, Emma and Matthew. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Prayer Service at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Burial at East Hillside Cemetery.

### D'Shawna Courtney

D'Shawna Courtney, 31, of Glen Cove, died April 29. Beloved daughter of Marcus, Elizabeth and Jennifer; loving mother of Devin and U'Zaire; dear sister of many siblings. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Interment is private.

## Obituary Notices

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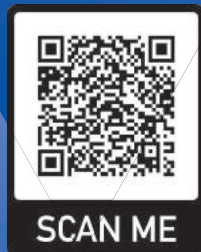




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 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que las solicitudes para nominar candidatos para el cargo de miembro de la Junta de Educación se deben presentar entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, ante la secretaria de dicho Distrito escolar 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](http://www.glencoveschools.org)

g).  
**POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA** que, de acuerdo con las normas adoptadas de conformidad con la Sección 2035 de la Ley de Educación, cualquier votante calificado puede hacer que se incluya una propuesta o una enmienda en la boleta electoral, siempre y cuando dicha enmienda (a) se escriba o se imprima en el idioma inglés; (b) se dirija a Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito de dicho Distrito escolar; (c) se presente a Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito, al menos, sesenta (60) días antes de la fecha de la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, es decir, a más tardar el viernes 17 de marzo de 2023 a las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, en la oficina del Distrito del edificio administrativo, ubicado en 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, y (d) tenga la firma de, al menos, cien (100) votantes calificados del distrito. Sin embargo, la Junta de Educación no considerará ninguna solicitud para presentar ante los votantes, ninguna propuesta cuyo propósito no esté dentro de las facultades de decisión de los votantes, ni ninguna propuesta o enmienda que esté fuera de la ley.  
**POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA** que se adjuntará un Informe de exención fiscal sobre los bienes inmuebles de acuerdo con la Sección 495 de la Ley de Impuestos sobre los Bienes Inmuebles a cualquier presupuesto preliminar o tentativo, como también al presupuesto definitivo adoptado del cual forme parte. Este se publicará en los tableros de anuncios del Distrito que se usen para avisos públicos y en el sitio web del Distrito.  
 Fecha: Glen Cove, Nueva York  
 Marzo de 2023  
 Ida Johnson  
 Secretaria del Distrito  
 Junta de Educación  
 Distrito escolar de la ciudad de Glen Cove  
 Glen Cove, Nueva York  
 138488

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE**  
**GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**GLEN COVE, NEW YORK**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for the qualified voters of the Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, New York, will be held in the following locations:  
 School Election Districts  
 Location of Polling Place

A, B, C  
 Glen Cove High School,  
 150 Dosis Lane, Back  
 Gym - Door # 13  
 D Connolly School, 1  
 Ridge Drive - Back Gym  
 in said district Tuesday,  
 May 16, 2023 at 6:00  
 a.m. prevailing time, at  
 which time the polls will  
 be open to vote by voting  
 machine upon the  
 following items between  
 the hours of 6:00 a.m.  
 and 9:00 p.m., prevailing  
 time.

**PROPOSITION I - SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**  
 To adopt the annual budget of said school district for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER(S)**  
 To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education of said School District as follows:

A. Two (2) members to be each elected for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that for the purpose of voting at such meeting, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, the polls will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time to vote upon such propositions by voting machine.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Glen Cove High School Auditorium, 150 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York prior to the regular Board of Education meeting.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. prevailing time with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Office Administration Building, 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, on or before Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time. Such petitions must be directed to Ida Johnson, District Clerk and must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district; must state the name and residence of the candidate.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the main office of each of the school buildings of the district and the office of the District Clerk in the Administration Building during the school year, and only in the Office of the District Clerk during the summer months of July and August. The

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

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Registration of the District will also meet from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023, at each of the polling places to prepare the register for meetings and elections held subsequent to such annual meeting or election.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that applications for absentee ballots for the election of a school board member and proposition(s) may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at the Administration Building, 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time on any school day. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. Furthermore, such application must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee ballot, Ida Johnson, District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address set forth in the application by no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk of the said School District no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, during regular office hours until the date of election.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration forms and military ballot application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2023. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the Office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be no later than the day before the election.

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**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](http://www.glencoveschools.org)).

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to 2035 of the Education Law, any qualified voter may have a proposition or an amendment placed upon the ballot, provided that such amendment (a) be typed or printed in the English language; (b) that it be directed to Ida Johnson, District Clerk of the said School District; (c) that it be submitted to Ida, Johnson, District Clerk no less than sixty (60) days preceding the date of the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, i.e. no later than Friday, March 17, 2023, 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the District Office, Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York; and (d) that it be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district. However, the school board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/ preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public

notices, as well as on the District's website.  
Dated:Glen Cove, New York  
March, 2023  
Ida Johnson  
District Clerk  
Board of Education  
Glen Cove City School District  
Glen Cove, New York  
138486

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LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF GLEN COVE  
BOARD OF ZONING  
APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Board of Zoning Appeals on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY. The hearing will be on the application of 145 Landing Road LLC for interior alterations to an existing non-conforming multifamily building at 145 Landing Road, Glen Cove, NY, located in the Glen Cove R-4 One & Two-Family Residential District and designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 31, Block 2, Lot 484.

The Applicant is requesting a variance of the following section of the Glen Cove City Code: 1.Glen Cove City Code §280-59 A - Applicant is proposing to construct kitchenettes within the five (5) single room occupancies (SRO); and the conversion of four (4) SRO units on the third floor into a single three (3) bedroom apartment. The proposed conversion results in a modified use not permitted under City of Glen Cove Code §280-59 code.

Dated:  
March 29, 2023  
BY ORDER OF THE  
BOARD OF ZONING  
APPEALS OF THE CITY OF  
GLEN COVE  
TERI MOSCHETTA,  
CHAIRPERSON  
139505

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BOARD OF ZONING  
APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING

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The hearing will be on the application of Angelo Cipriano residing at 10 Guilfooy St. Glen Cove NY, requesting to demolish an existing two-family dwelling and construct a new two-family dwelling. The Applicant is requesting a variance of the following sections of the Glen Cove City Code:

1. Glen Cove City Code §280-59 B (4) - Applicant has an existing 62.23 feet where the required lot width is 75 feet.

2.Glen Cove City Code §280-59 F (c) - Applicant seeks to maintain an existing detached garage in addition to two proposed attached garages exceeding the maximum garage floor area.

Existing free-standing garage = 753sf  
Proposed attached garages=2@226=452sf  
Total proposed garage area=753+452=1,205sf  
The subject property is located at 102 Elm Ave., Glen Cove, NY, designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 22, Block 7, Lot 27 in the city's R-4 One-Two Family Residence District.

The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.  
Dated:  
April 27, 2023  
BY ORDER OF THE  
ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS OF THE CITY OF  
GLEN COVE  
THERESA MOSCHETTA,  
CHAIRPERSON  
139504

LEGAL NOTICE  
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BOARD OF ZONING  
APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING

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The hearing will be on the application of 12 Jefferson LLC, requesting variance from Section of the Glen Cove City Code 280-58 B (12) to maintain interior floor area in a single-family dwelling at 100 Sea Cliff Ave., Glen Cove, NY. Applicant has an existing interior floor area of 4,567sf (35.4%) when the maximum

allowable floor area is 3,866.1sf (30%).  
The subject property is located in the city's R-3A One Family Residential District and designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 21, Block 42, Lot 02.

The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.  
Dated:  
April 26, 2023  
BY ORDER OF THE  
BOARD OF ZONING  
APPEALS OF THE CITY OF  
GLEN COVE  
TERI MOSCHETTA,  
CHAIRPERSON  
139506

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LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF SALE

COURT  
COUNTY OF NASSAU,  
REVERSE MORTGAGE  
FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs. ANNETTE MEDUGNO  
AKA ANNETTE GRAZIOSE,  
ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 16, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the front steps on the north side of the Nassau County Supreme Court, 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY on June 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2 Washington Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Glen Cove, County of Nassau and State of New York, Section 22, Block A and Lot 70. Approximate amount of judgment is \$449,552.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #61115/2021. This foreclosure sale will be held on the north side steps of the Courthouse, rain or shine. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale. If proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there are other health or safety concerns, the Court Appointed Referee will cancel the sale.

Peter Kramer, Esq., Referee (516) 510-4020  
Greenspoon Marder, 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
139502

## ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

# Computers vs. chefs

I tried an experiment. On my computer, I typed into ChatGPT: "send me a creative beet salad recipe that incorporates a variety of ingredients." My laptop sent back a beet salad recipe that consisted of an endless list of ingredients commonly found in beet salads. Now I know my computer and I have something in common — we both can't cook.

In my opinion, many great recipes are created by chefs who can turn unexpected combinations of ingredients into amazing dishes. I found four of those chefs around town this month. Here are meals in new eateries and on spring menus I'm sure computers will never dream up.



CATHI TUROW

■ **Two25** (225 Birch Hill Rd., Locust Valley) This modern Italian restaurant just replaced the Locust Valley Inn. A co-owner mentioned, "We call the food modern Italian because the dishes are closer to authentic meals you'll find in Italy, rather than American style dishes like chicken parmigiana or penne a la vodka." I tried the seared halibut with chive lobster risotto. The two types of fish performed brilliantly on their sides of the plate, and the risotto bridged the two together with grace. Other intriguing menu highlights include Raviolo (made with egg yolk, spinach, mushroom truffle brodo), beet salad with pistachio emulsion, and charred octopus with celery and citrus. What a chic, charming place.

■ **Season** (133 Glen Head Rd., Glen Head) The menu changes every season in this gourmet bistro. As I read the spring menu, I thought to myself, "Steak sliders on soft pretzel buns with tobacco onions and horseradish aioli? What a cool idea." It's one of the best starters I've ever had. I moved on to "Nona's Salad" (romaine, scallions,

dill, feta, kalamatas, Banyuls vinaigrette). The combination of flavors was like a gift in my mouth. Miso glazed cedar plank smoked cod is another spring highlight. I've heard the chef puts heart into whatever he prepares. You can taste it in every bite.

■ **Maldon & Mignonette** (243 Glen Cove Ave., Sea Cliff) I tried the beet salad on the spring menu. I'm so glad I ordered Chef Occhipinti's version, instead of trying my computer's concoction. In the chef's beet salad, beets invite oranges, avocados, mint, and hazelnuts to join them on the plate. The dinner menu also features oxtail croquettes, and gnocchi with dandelion pistachio pesto and shitake mush-

rooms. For brunch, there's brown hazelnut French toast. Only a talented chef could make all those flavors dance together.

■ **Pacific Street Pizza Co.** (38 Glen Cove Ave., Greenvale) This new pizzeria will open any minute now. I got a sneak peak of the menu. If you have fond memories of Attilio's Pizza in Roslyn, here's great news. Though that pizza shop had to close its doors, the family will be reopening in Greenvale and will offer many of the original recipes. Joseph Renny, family member and manager, explained, "My father and mother grew up on Pacific Street in Brooklyn. Our family food originated there. We serve simple, quality Italian meals that feel like grandma and grandpa made." Dishes on the menu such as Aunt Vee's Veggie Pie, Mema's Meatballs, and Every day Sunday Gravy are winks from the past. A computer won't have these recipes. Here's to trying them in person.

See you next month!  
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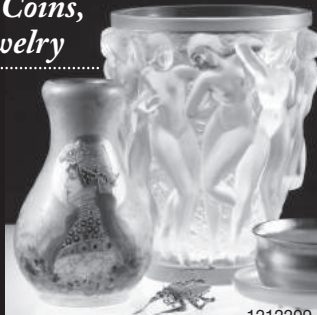
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## OPINIONS

# The George Santos of then, now, and what might've been

**H**e called us the “Herald Firing Squad.” That was fair; I guess. When Republican congressional candidate George Santos first visited our Garden City office last fall, there were nine reporters — including me — sitting around the conference table waiting for him.

This time, however, it was just three of us. A senior editor, Laura Lane. A senior reporter, Michael Malaszczyk. And me. We didn't meet on Long Island. Instead, we traveled to Queens where now-U.S. Rep. George Santos works when he's not in Washington. A few days later, he would face federal



**MICHAEL HINMAN**

charges — charges he reportedly did not know about when he sat with us.

Unlike his office on Capitol Hill, there were no reporters waiting outside his door trying to ask questions. Instead, it was just the three of us, walking into a cramped space, past a sign on the door warning against using audio devices and video equipment. Staff members had to move around a bit just to seat us at a conference table outside the congressman's office.

Santos arrived just moments after we did, wearing a fresh suit and a light blue tie, and carrying a small food pack from Starbucks that he called his breakfast. A lot had happened to him between that October afternoon he visited our offices, and this chilly Friday morning.

Reporters spent months asking Santos questions about his past. Where he worked. Where he went to school. What happened with his mother. Whether he was ever arrested. Whether he was truly “Jew-ish,” as he had previously claimed.

Law enforcement officials at all levels announced investigations into different aspects of Santos's life. Even the Republican-controlled House Ethics Committee wanted a chance to weigh in.

But sitting there, across from George Santos, none of that seemed real. The congressman outlined what seemed very much like a busy schedule dealing with constituents, introducing bills, and even seeking a place in history that didn't make him an easy target for late-night talk show hosts and banter for news outlets.

There's his bill intended to cap state and local tax exemptions beginning at \$50,000 instead of \$10,000. Or the bill intended to waive the early withdrawal

penalty for certain types of distributions from a retirement plan.

And then there's a bill Santos said I'd personally appreciate, because it would prohibit the United States from providing any sort of financial aid to countries that target members of the LGBTQ community.

“Some of them kill you just for liking someone of the same sex,” Santos said. “That's not an American value, right? That's not something we share.”

In fact, in his first four months on Capitol Hill, Santos has introduced nearly a dozen bills. An impressive slate that almost makes everything else happening around the congressman feel like background noise you can tune out. That is until you realize that he doesn't have a single co-sponsor for any of these bills. Not one.

“Usually people work one bill at a time, and then go work the floor,” Santos said. “I'm too impatient to do it that way. So I just put the first set of ideas in the first quarter down, and now this quarter, I'm going to be doing less of bill introduction and more of working these bills.”

The congressman's Republican colleagues have indeed stepped up to offer initial support for these bills, Santos said. But

he wouldn't share who any of them were, because he feared “the firing squad” would “do follow-ups” — like reporters ought to do — putting those House members “under pressure.”

“And then they might buckle,” Santos said, “and then you'll ruin my bill.”

It's surprising, with the walls closing so tight around Santos, that he hasn't buckled. He's already looking toward re-election — at least before federal criminal charges, although that may not deter him now. And there are many who truly don't believe he'll survive his first term.

But then again, few expected he would still be donning his congressional lapel pin in May — six months after the original New York Times exposé that punched significant holes in Santos' claims in the first place.

It's hard not to be impressed with that perseverance. It's a trait that is far less common in Congress than it should be, and something Santos apparently has in abundance.

Yet, the rocky road he has had to traverse was one of his own making. Which is unfortunate, because if he hadn't built such a house of cards around himself, who knows what kind of good George Santos might have done in Washington?

*Michael Hinman is executive editor of the Herald Community Newspapers. Comments? mhinman@liherald.com.*

## As the virus ebbs, rules – and reporting – shift

**W**ho says the coronavirus pandemic isn't a global emergency anymore?

WHO says. The World Health Organization announced last week that the pandemic is officially no longer an emergency. In practical terms, that means that the intensity of monitoring will change in response to a declining number

of cases worldwide.

WHO added, “The virus is evolving and remains a global health threat, but at a lower level of concern.”



**RANDI KREISS**

Dr. Mike Ryan, executive director of the WHO's Health Emergencies Programme, said, “We fully expect that this

virus will continue to transmit ... In most cases, pandemics truly end when the next pandemic begins.” He acknowledged that that wasn't an entirely reassuring observation. Our Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it would curtail some of its monitoring and reporting on Covid-19, but would “continue to keep our eye on the Covid-19 ball,” according to Dr. Nirav Shah, the CDC's principal deputy director.

Every day, people are still catching and

spreading Covid, and some are hospitalized, and hundreds are dying, thought that's down from thousands just a year ago. That's very good news, unless you're among those who catch the virus on its way out. The obvious but unstated caveat is that the virus is leaving a massive trail of loss and displacement.

The history of the pandemic in America is grim. In an ironic twist on American exceptionalism, we can claim to be the country where the coronavirus has been deadlier than anywhere else in the world. We lost more than 1 million of our family members, friends and neighbors. More than a million Americans who expected to grow up or grow old or find their life's work or set out on adventures. More than a million mothers, fathers, grandparents, sisters and brothers died from a virus that wasn't traveling the world five years ago.

We all want to move on, and pick up our school, travel and job plans, but I look over my shoulder and I see a million reminders that life is both precious and perilous.

As we move forward, I know we can't go back to the future we expected. We have been changed by these three years of isolation and anxiety. The paths of our children

and grandchildren were abruptly blocked, and education in any meaningful sense was altered. Did you see the recent reports on eight-graders' knowledge of history? Are you reading about the absenteeism and school anxiety and behavioral problems as schools try to get back to business?

Our children and our grandchildren are carrying stuff in their backpacks not appropriate for consumption by minors. Weeks and months of isolation from friends, classroom learning and school routines are losses that will burden them for some time.

We send these kids, whom we claim to love more than life itself, back to schools where they sat as second- or third-graders behind plastic shields. We expect them to somehow set aside the sounds and images of death and dying.

The mental health crisis among kids is well documented and well publicized, but I don't see that it is being addressed in a robust way across the country. We need a national Peace of Mind Corps that will get out into our communities to offer mental health care where it is needed.

And yes, we must pass gun laws that would alleviate the daily threat of violence in our classrooms. Our kids have enough to

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Your school vote matters, so use it wisely

**N**ext Tuesday, May 16, is the day that eligible voters across New York state can vote on school district budgets; on referenda that will direct money to capital projects or set aside funds to do so in the future; and for board of education trustees.

Do not waste this valuable opportunity to have your voice heard.

But there's one vital caveat: Please understand what you are doing when you cast your ballot.

If you are concerned about how much money your district plans to spend, find out what the budget consists of before you vote. You can typically find information on the district's website, or through reporting here in the pages of your local newspaper.

However you vote, understand that your decision has an impact.

Recently, a few parents in the Hewlett-Woodmere school district, along with parents in a couple of Suffolk County districts, were upset about personal questions, and some about politics, their children were being asked in classrooms. Some Hewlett-Woodmere parents threatened to vote "no" on the proposed fiscal plan. That, of course, is their choice.

If a majority of voters reject a district budget, however, the district must either hold a second vote, offering the same spending plan or a revised one, or adopt what is called a contingency budget.

At one time, a contingency budget — then called an "austerity" budget — was restricted to a 4 percent spending increase.

Contingency budgets typically trim what is known as "low-hanging fruit" — funding for student activities such as sports, the arts — from music to theater — and clubs. Administrators, teachers, custodians and other district employees with union contracts are unaffected. The students — the ones mandated by law to attend school and receive an education, in the hope that they will become productive members of society — are the ones most severely impacted by a budget failure.

Are we saying don't vote "no" on a school budget? In a word, no. But understand the implications of both a yea and nay vote.

Review the district literature. Read the local media. And remember that board trustees are elected. Connect with them and ask them questions — the ones running for re-election as well as the

candidates who are challenging them.

Remember, a key factor in this equation is that it's your money. Your dollars, and those of other taxpayers, support the schools.

Do all you can to hold the trustees elected to represent you accountable, and to make sure they are holding the people they hire — superintendents, principals and other administrators — accountable as well.

When considering whom to vote for in contested — and even unopposed — trustee elections, learn about the candidates. How long have they been on the board? What have they done? What has a challenger done to illustrate his or her interest in this unpaid, volunteer position? What are the candidates' views on important issues?

Know where you should go to vote. If you don't, call your district, or consult its website.

School district budget votes and board elections might not attract the attention of elections at higher levels of government, but that doesn't make them any less critical. In the days remaining before next Tuesday, do your part. Be an informed, intelligent and responsible voter.

## LETTERS

### Loved the letter to D'Esposito

To the Editor:

I would like to applaud Claudia Borecky's "Open letter to Rep. Anthony D'Esposito" in last week's Herald. Borecky's letter reflected good old-fashioned common sense as well as the outrage many of us feel toward those who allow mass shootings to continue under the "protection" of the Second Amendment.

I'm tired of listening to regular reports of mass shootings taking place all over the country. Assault rifles don't belong in the hands of private citizens. If they want to defend themselves, their loved ones or their homes, let them get training and licenses to own simple pistols. Let's make everyone's safety a priority.

PAM SINGER  
Malverne

### Will we see busloads of migrants here?

To the Editor:

Two wrongs don't make a right. New



York City Mayor Eric Adams criticizes Texas Gov. Greg Abbott for busing thousands of illegal migrants to New York. Now Adams turns around to send some of the same illegal

immigrants to motels in Rockland and Orange counties, rented by the city. Will Adams soon do the same for Nassau and Suffolk counties?

## OPINIONS

## My unexpected medical adventure

I had never spent more than one night in a hospital or been confronted by serious illness, so my recent surgery for stomach cancer and six-day hospital stay were a life-altering experience. Fortunately, it turned out well. I am all too aware that every day, many thousands of

people have medical situations more serious than mine, and not all end well.

Mine began innocuously enough. In 2017 I developed acid reflux, something fairly common and usually very treatable. An endoscopy done by Dr. Michael Barth, a



**PETER KING**

gastroenterologist and a good friend, turned up nothing.

As a routine update, we did another endoscopy in March. Going into it, I didn't give it a second thought. Just another test that guys my age go through. Just checking the box. I was surprised when Barth told me he had found a protrusion in my stomach wall. He thought it was probably benign, but recommended that I see Dr. Arvino Trindade, a specialist at Northwell Health.

Trindade scheduled a biopsy for April 10, at Long Island Jewish hospital. I had to be there at 5:30 a.m. For Irish guys, hospitals are intimidating enough at any time, but especially in the early-morning dark. Melissa Zimmerman, a retired Nassau County police detective who was on my security detail when I was in Congress, offered to drive Rosemary and me to the hospital.

Before I was taken into the operating

room, Trindade told me he was pretty sure there was nothing there. The next thing I knew, I was waking up and he was telling me there was a tumor, and the odds were that it was malignant. That should have been shocking news, but he was professional and calm, assuring me it could easily be removed. Nothing to worry about.

A few nights later, I woke up at around 3 a.m., and it hit me that I probably had cancer. Then, four days after the biopsy, Barth and Trindade called to confirm it: The tumor was malignant, and the surgery would be done at LIJ by Dr. Matthew Weiss, a premier surgeon. Weiss called and told me all looked good for complete success. "Enjoy the weekend," he said. That night, Rosemary and I had dinner at an Italian restaurant in Manhattan with Melissa and her husband, Lance.

The following Tuesday I met Weiss, who told me the surgery would be on April 24. He was confident that it would go well. It turned out that his college roommate was a son of Frank Macciarola, whom I'd gone to St. Francis College with and who later became president of the college. Small world. I took it as a good sign.

I went to pre-op appointments at Northwell, and saw my cardiologist in Manhattan to get clearance for the operation. With a day to go, I started on a liquid diet, Jell-O being the closest thing to solid food.

Once again, Melissa drove Rosemary and me to the hospital. The Northwell admissions people couldn't have been friendlier. By 6:30 a.m. I was dressed in my hospital outfit, lying on a gurney with

an intravenous tube in my arm, answering questions from doctors and nurses, including the ones you're asked 100 times: name, date of birth, surgery you're there for. Sometimes I had to spell my name.

Then I was wheeled into the operating room, a science fiction-style enclosure filled with doctors, nurses, bright lights and a table with what seemed to be an endless supply of knives and scissors. An epidural was painlessly inserted in my spine, and an anesthesia mask placed over my face.

The next thing I knew, I was in the recovery room, and Rosemary was saying that Weiss had told her all had gone well. I felt pain

across my stomach, but nothing severe. Soon I was in my own room. There was no steady pain as long as I lay motionless, but any attempt to move, or even reach for something, was very painful. Every day, though, the pain receded. The day after the surgery, I was walking up and down the hall. I slept pretty well at night, despite being awakened every few hours to have my blood pressure taken and blood drawn.

Each morning began with a team of doctors coming through at about 6:30 to ask how I was doing and to take turns admiring the 9-inch-long scar from my chest to my navel. Their words of praise made me feel proud, almost as if I had something to do with it. Weiss came by several times, always upbeat and reassuring — a total pro.

Northwell chief executive Michael Dowling, whom I'm proud to work for as a Northwell consultant, visited me for almost an hour, and we chatted about

everything from my surgery to County Limerick's hurling team in Ireland. Besides Rosemary, who was there for hours each day, visitors included my son, Sean, my daughter, Erin, my sister, Barbara (a nurse), NCPD Commissioner Pat Ryder, former Deputy Commissioner Bill Flanagan, the Zimmermans, and former Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Fred Cambria. There were phone calls from Mets greats Ed Kranepool and Art Shamsky and get-well wishes from political luminaries including Joe Cairo, Bruce Blakeman, Al D'Amato and Jay Jacobs. The warmest conversation was with my grandson Jack.

The most unexpected call came from House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and Representatives Anthony D'Esposito, Andrew Garbarino and Nick LaLota, who had a layover in Shannon Airport, in Ireland, on a trip to Jordan and Israel. I almost felt as if I were back in Congress.

Five days after the operation, I walked out of the hospital unassisted.

I can't say enough about the people at Northwell, especially the nurses and aides who did everything to make me comfortable and keep me relaxed. Northwell was top shelf before, during and after this entire process. (For those who might wonder, I was covered by Medicare and Rosemary's insurance plan. I gave up congressional insurance 20 years ago. It was too expensive.)

Now I'm home and feel great. No real pain; just soreness. I'm eating well, and walking a few blocks each day. Weiss expected an almost full recovery in three to four weeks. There were some tense moments along the way, but I'm a lucky guy.

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

The next thing I knew, I was waking up and being told there was a tumor.

## LETTERS

The real solution involves securing our southern border with Mexico. Under President Biden's watch, millions of illegal immigrants have crossed. Now more are attempting the same at our Canadian border. Department of Homeland Security chief Alejandro Mayorkas has the nerve to claim the border is secure. With the ending of Title 42, which afforded us the opportunity to send many illegal immigrants back to their home countries, the situation will only grow worse. Regardless of how you feel about former President Trump, under his watch the flow of illegals was less and border security better.

We have spent billions to help Ukraine secure its border against the Russian invasion. It's time we spend whatever it takes to secure our borders with Mexico and Canada.

LARRY PENNER  
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## Democrats favor felons over disabled veterans

To the Editor:

First our Democratic state government gave us bail reform, which puts the criminals back on the street before police officers complete their paperwork, and Democratic district attorneys lower felony charges or completely dismiss them.

Now the Democrats, who also decriminalized marijuana, have given over 200 licenses to open stores and sell marijuana to convicted felons who were mostly drug dealers. Not one disabled veteran has received a license. In the eyes of our Democratic elected officials, convicted felons are more important than disabled veterans.

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