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GLEN COVE POLICE Chief William Whitton, far right, looked on as Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck swore in officers Jahrae O'Neill, far left, Erasmo Troia and Andres Sicam at City Hall.

GCPD welcomes new officers Hires Jahrae O'Neill, Andres Sicam, Erasmo Troia

By ROKSANA AMID

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Echoes of applause and cheers were heard at Glen Cove's City Hall on May 9 as the City Council voted to hire three new police officers. Officers Erasmo Troia, Andres Sicam and Jahrae O'Neill were sworn in by Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck as their friends, family and fellow community members beamed with pride.

Before swearing in the new officers, Panzenbeck credited the Glen Cove Police Department as a major factor to the city's recent rise in the Moody's credit rating. According to Crimegrade.org, Glen Cove is home to a low crime rate, and is safer than 98 percent of U.S. cities, with the chances of being a victim of a crime as low as one in 203 in the northern part

of the city.

"I have to think that the police department is a major part of why people like to live here, and you gentlemen are so blessed, you're joining a wonderful group of men and women," Panzenbeck said. "It's a real brotherhood, they all watch out for one another."

Andres Sicam

Sicam, 24, always knew he wanted a career in law enforcement, but many will recognize him for his commitment to and high level of involvement in the city's school district, from which he graduated in 2018. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education from SUNY Cortland and his master's degree in health education from SUNY Brockport. He CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

Zak Malamed joins race for Congress

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Republican Congressman George Santos may have a new challenger. Zak Mal-

amed, 29, has announced he will run in the Democratic primary for the 3rd Congressional District, joining three others — Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan, former State Sen. Anna Kaplan and law professor Will Murphy. Malamed is running for office for the first time.

"Voters in this community are looking for a fresh face," Malamed said. "They just didn't expect the fresh face to be the stain on the district that George Santos has become."

Residents of the 3rd Congressional

District, which encompasses the North Shore and parts of Queens, have a year and a half to decide who will represent them in Congress. Santos announced his bid for re-election in April, despite minuscule support from high-ranking Republicans and his own constituents. Indicted in May on 13 federal charges including money laundering,

fraud and theft of public funds — his popularity has dwindled even more. But despite his legal troubles, Santos has refused to resign from his Congressional seat.

Malamed, a lifelong Great Neck resident, attended his public school district before going to the University of Maryland in 2012. There he founded the advocacy group Student Voice to promote educational equity and ensure students' voices be heard. By the time he graduated, in 2016, Student Voice had grown from a weekly Twitter pres-

ence into a national student-led call to action for more equitable schools.

In 2019 Malamed co-founded the Democratic fundraising CONTINUED ON PAGE 15

'Human error' caused mailers to ID voters as Dems

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Anyone receiving a voter mail check card erroneously identifying them as a registered Democrat, there are a few things to know.

First, it was caused by human error. Second, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman does not want any blame to be leveled at county Democrats.

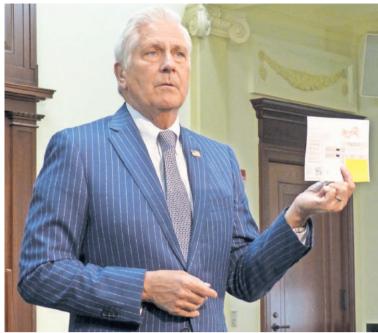
According to Blakeman, in the past couple of weeks, the county has fielded many calls from disgruntled voters claiming that they received these cards that misidentified their voter registration over the past couple weeks, Blakeman — a Republican — said. There also were claims that other details like township and Assembly district were also incorrect.

But there is no conspiracy, Blakeman said. Instead, it was a simple mistake admitted to by Phoenix Graphics, the vendor used by the county elections board to print and distribute these cards.

"The voter check cards were sent out with information on a card about people and where they're supposed to vote, what district they're in, and what their registration was," Blakeman told reporters at a recent news conference. "In this circumstance, everyone was identified as a Democrat. Not Republican. Not Working Families. Not the Green Party. So obviously, you can imagine that people who are Republicans or in another party were very concerned that their registration had been changed by s

cerned that their registration had been changed by someone else."

This has spurred concern that voters could be confused about how they can vote in upcoming primaries, thinking their registration has been changed. Another potential concern is that the other details that could be



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NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE Bruce Blakeman displays a voter card he says was sent to a voter in his jurisdiction, incorrectly labeling them as a registered Democrat. According to Phoenix Graphics, the vendor used by the county elections board, a number of voter cards were misprinted with the wrong party — a mistake caused by human error.

wrong — like township or Assembly district — could add to that confusion caused by this issue.

Blakeman says he's reached out to the elections board, and is working to not only resolve this, but ensure it doesn't occur again.

"If you got this, don't go vote in the Democratic primary," he added. "The voters rolls are accurate. These cards are not. That is the disconnect."

Phoenix Graphics is based out of Rochester, and while admitting to "human error" over the party affiliation, did claim no other part of the card was incorrect.

"As soon as it was discovered, we moved immediately to remedy the situation," the company said, in a statement.

"This is an isolated event, but we apologize for our mistake, especially to Nassau County officials, who bear no responsibility for this problem. We have fixed the error and, at no cost to taxpayers, will deliver corrected voter information cards as soon as possible."

In recent years, voter fraud concerns have risen nationwide, with many Republicans blaming Democrats for creating such situations, despite presenting little — if any — evidence to back up those claims. The most prominent case involves former president Donald Trump, who continue to state the 2020 election was stolen from him — once again with no evidence to support the claim.

But Blakeman does not wish to see that kind of sentiment rise in Nassau.

"I don't think the Democratic Party is engaged in a conspiracy to create havoc in their own primary side," the county executive said. "I would assume that the Democratic Party doesn't want a bunch of Republicans showing up for their primary. So, I don't think there's anything nefarious on the part of the Democratic Party.

"With respect to my party, I wouldn't want a bunch of Democrats voting in our primaries."

The county elections board said voters can expect registration cards with the correct information coming to their mailbox ahead of the primary elections in late June.

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May

Remembering Butch, Glen Cove's 'Big Dog'

By DAVE NIERI

Special to the Glen Cove Herald

he month of May this year marks 75 years since the death of one of Glen Cove's most beloved residents. The entire world was engulfed in a total war during World War II. The nation was rationing goods, millions of men were in uniform, and women took their places in the factories to produce the weapons and materiel that led to final victory. During that time Glen Cove became known as "the town with the Big Dog," due to a large St. Bernard named Butch, who served to divert peoples' attention from the turmoil in the world to focus on pleasanter times.

It seems we are living in such times once again. Today's turbulent events — a nation divided by ideology, a pandemic, violent crime rising in the big cities, a major war in Europe, nations around the world becoming more aggressive, and saber rattling of nuclear arms — it fits the pattern, and a retelling of Butch's story is appropriate.

Butch was born in 1939. The population today that can relate first-hand accounts of their encounters with Butch is dwindling, and those who remember him were in most cases too young in the 1940s to be in the service. His story begins in the Great Neck-Douglaston area where this young St. Bernard dog was a natural babysitter, faithfully keeping watch over his owner's young children. But by the Spring of 1942, America was "all in" in WWII and rationing of foods, including meat products, making it difficult to keep a growing St. Bernard well-fed.

As Butch grew in size, he needed more room to run, so his owner reached out to an acquaintance, J. Norris Miller, of Glen Cove. Having more resources at his command and a moderate-sized estate that fronted along Forest Avenue (where shopping centers exist today) the Millers agreed to take in Butch, and young Anne Miller technically became his owner in the 1940's. Butch soon became a revered resident and celebrity, later rising to national prominence.

Butch preferred Glen Cove's village, because he liked people, and the bustling village could provide numerous encounters with them. Mornings, he enjoyed roaming down Forest Avenue past the schools where he became a favorite of the students he met along the way. During the day, he could usually be found downtown visiting his favorite shops and eateries for snacks, such as O'Rourke's Diner, the Big Ben Market, the Green Delicatessen, and the Bridge Street Lunch Wagon. At other times of the day he might be napping in the lobby of the Cove Theater on School Street, or at the Glen Street Railroad Station, or simply lounging on the sidewalk in front of Grants, where pedestrians would nimbly step around him. Butch was known to travel to The Landing, and to hang out near the Morgan Beach refreshment stand, likely waiting for a child's ice cream to slip off of its cone. Anecdotal stories have Butch sprawled out in flower beds in Southridge. In the days before people locked their cars, and especially open sedans, Butch would occasionally find his way into an automobile and stretch out on the back seat for a nap. More than a few automobile owners would be surprised and shocked to find Butch waking up as they drove off. In short, Butch might be found anywhere in the city.

In the 1940s, Glen Cove had a dogcatcher and although Butch was apprehended a few times, when Arthur Aitkenhead, was the mayor he declared Butch a "free resident of the city" and could therefore roam at will without a collar.

In the 1940s Glen Cove's town dog was Butch. He'd travel too, hopping aboard the Long Island Rail Road train at Glen Street taking it to Oyster Bay to visit Hanophy's Market on South Street. Practically every railroad conductor knew the four-footed vagabond, as did many of the commuters of the day. Sometimes he'd get off at the Locust Valley station where he knew of other generous businesses that were happy to provide him with a snack.

Butch's fame spread overseas during World War II when GIs from Glen Cove told their buddies about the big dog back home. He weighed nearly 250 pounds. In a time **BUTCH WITH GLEN** Cove resident Barbara in the 1940's. The St. Bernard was a revered resident and celebrity, later rising to national prominence during World War II.

of conflict, sacrifice, and privation, Butch became a symbol of normalcy and the small town life that existed before the war. While the world blew itself up, Butch just didn't seem to care, and people who missed simpler times and normalcy focused on Butch and his adventures. Anne Miller recounted stories of the many servicemen who would write to her to inquire about him, and to say that Butch reminded them of home.

After World War II ended, Butch achieved nationwide celebrity status. Stories abounded about the dog in the local press, and similar stories were published in hundreds of newspapers across the United States after the Associated Press got wind of the "Big Dog in Glen Cove." In 1946 a Life Magazine photographer came to Glen Cove to gather material for a piece entitled "The Town Bum" that featured a number of photos of Butch during his daily routine. In addition, a few of Butch's adventures were chronicled in a full-color comic book.

Shortly after the Life Magazine photospread appeared, a team from Universal Studios arrived in Glen Cove to film a short feature film about Butch. The film crew followed Butch around for more than a week, but like an actor negotiating a studio contract Butch was somewhat uncooperative. However, the 8-minute feature film was finally in the can. With much fanfare in the local papers, Butch's film, "Hobo Hound" premiered at the Cove Theater on Sept. 20, 1946. Butch was given a makeover befitting a film star like Lassie, and he arrived at the opening in a 1947 Frazer automobile loaned for the occasion by the local dealership. The reluctant star was coaxed to make a brief appearance on stage prior to the screening by the emcee filling his jacket pockets with hamburger meat.

"Hobo Hound" was viewed in 7,000 theaters through-

out the U.S. and in about 80 countries abroad, though a copy of the film has thus far been impossible to locate. To all this hoopla, Butch remained unperturbed with his usual bored expression, only becoming excited when a treat was offered at one of his regular watering holes.

The big dog became ill during the winter of 1947-1948 and was cared for at the animal hospital in Greenvale, which prompted collection boxes to appear at local businesses for donations to Butch's medical fund. But old age and heart failure caught up with Butch and he passed away in May of 1948.

The mayor's office received letters of condolence from all over the country for months following Butch's death. Funds were collected in Butch's name by the Glen Cove Lions Club and used for a program to train seeing eye dogs for the blind, and to cast a 20-pound bronze plaque that was dedicated to him at the Glen Street Station.

Today there are two plaques commemorating Butch. The original plaque that was installed at the Glen Street Station went missing around 1969 and a second bronze plaque was cast in 1970. The original plaque surfaced when a couple in North Merrick realized that the plaque had been in their basement since they bought the home in 1979. It was returned to Glen Cove and placed in the lobby of Glen Cove High School because the student body had continued the fundraising efforts for the training of guide dogs.

After it was removed from the lobby during a renovation, the plaque was placed in storage, and rediscovered again in 2014. The following year it was donated to the North Shore Historical Museum for exhibit. The second Butch plaque is currently mounted on a large rock in a mini park on Brewster Street.



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- Outings to historic locations.
- Participation in fund raisers and charitable endeavors.

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Atria Glen Cove's recent honors:





Betty Gaffney, Rose Fuhrmann, and Sally Famiglietti with

Edward Lieberman, former local mayor, who delighted our participants with his informative historical lecture on a tour that wound its way from Glen Cove to Jones Beach. (RIGHT) Dorothy Grader and Jack Goering enjoyed the trip too.



The Doo-Wop Spectacular at the Tilles Center brought back fun memories for (LEFT) Betty Gaffney, Rose Donnelly, and Rita Bloom, (RIGHT) Dominick Nicastro, and Victoria Drewes

GLEN COVE

NEWS BRIEFS

Petting zoo, vendors, arts and crafts at street fair

The City of Glen Cove will host a street fair featuring arts and crafts, sweet treats, various vendors, food trucks and live entertainment on May 27 and May 28. There will be a petting zoo, balloons, face painting and more for children of all ages. It is a great way to start the summer, celebrate Memorial Day, support local businesses and just spend time together.

The fun begins on School Street and Highland Road, and continues onto Glen Street to Pulaski Road. There will be road closures both days of the fair which is from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tribute banners unveiled at Morgan Park

Tribute banners, sponsored by the Glen Cove Library, will be unveiled at Morgan Memorial Park, Each banner features a local veteran and spotlights the commendations that they earned. This year, the program expanded to include 88 banners. The event will recognize the two winners of the program's inaugural essay contest, who will recite their essays.

The tribute event will be held at Morgan Memorial Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove on May 28 at 11:00 a.m.

Honoring the dead at Memorial Day parade

The upcoming Memorial Day in Glen Cove is on May 29 at noon. The parade route begins on the corner of Dosoris Lane and Forest Avenue and ends at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave.

The parade is part of a nearly 160-year tradition that pays tribute to military personnel who lost their lives in service to the country. The event is a solemn occasion to honor and respect men and women

Every year, a national moment of remembrance is held in the afternoon on Memorial Day. No matter where they are or what they're doing, Americans are asked to pause for one minute in silence to remember military personnel who have given their lives in service to their country. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the midday time was chosen because it's a time when many Americans will be enjoying their freedoms on a national holiday.

Book Discussion in L.V. of 'The Code Breaker'

The bestselling author of Leonardo da Vinci and Steve Jobs returns with a gripping account of how Nobel Prize winner Jennifer Doudna and her colleagues launched a revolution that will allow us to cure diseases, fend off viruses, and have healthier babies. This program is courtesy of the Genealogy Collective and is sponsored by the Locust Valley Library and the Glen Cove Public Library.

This book discussion will take place at the Locust Valley Public Library located at 170 Buckram Road in Locust Valley on May 30, 7 p.m. to 8:30.

St. Francis Hospital health screenings soon

The Catholic Health St. Francis Hospital's outreach bus will be at the Glen Cove Public Library's parking lot, 4 Glen Cove Ave., on June 2 at 10 a.m.

Registered nurses will provide blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, and glucose screenings along with patient education and referrals as needed. No appointments are necessary, there are no fees, and insurance is not required. All are welcome. The last screening will begin at 1:45 p.m.



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services, is beyond the means of many. Since 2020, there have been numerous attempts to create a new thirty month lookback period for Community Medicaid eligibility. So far, none of these attempts have been successful and now 2024 is the earliest expected date for implementation. There is no current look-back period for Community Medicaid in New York. This means that you may move assets out of your name this month and obtain Medicaid home care benefits next month, provided you need the care.

own living expenses, plus the cost of caregiving

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The number of hours you will receive depends on the county's assessment of your needs regarding the activities of daily living (ADL's). Some of these are eating, bathing, shopping, cooking, personal hygiene, ambulating, housekeeping, dressing, etc.

Several non-profit organizations exist that offer pooled trusts. Applying to join is a formal process with which the elder law firm will assist. Costs generally include minimal start-up fees, an initial deposit and reasonable maintenance fees



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New officers eager to serve their community

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part-time physical education teacher at the city's school district. He was promoted to work full-time as a physical education teacher in 2022.

Sicam has been highly involved in the city's youth sports program, having coached varsity football, junior varsity football, and middle school basketball. Now, he's eager to help keep the community safe.

"I always took pride in being from Glen Cove, and I see myself staying here forever," Sicam said. "I do want to raise a family here someday. I always wanted to be a part of something that helped take care of the place that you love "

Barring any potential scheduling conflicts, Sicam said he wants to help coach for the city's school district again.

Jahrae O'Neill

O'Neill is also a familiar face in Glen Cove and a graduate of the city's school district. The 27-year-old received his bachelor of arts degree in criminology from

SUNY Old Westbury in 2019 and worked with the city's youth bureau for three years. In 2015, he began working at the Boys and Girls Club, where he assisted

youths with their homework and physical fitness. The sports enthusiast still plays baseball, softball, and baskethall

He hopes that his career will help the city's youth understand they can become what they want to be when they grow up with hard work and determination. He also hopes to inspire those who want to help the community.

Erasmo Troia

Troia, 27, knew he wanted to help people from a young age. While growing up in Old Brookville, he spent most of his time in the Nassau County Police Explorers program and volunteered with the Gleenwood Fire Department before graduating from the North Shore School District in 2014. He attended Nassau Community College from 2014 to 2017 and received his

associate's degree in criminal justice.

During Troia's tenure with the New York Police Department, he removed numerous amounts of narcotics off the



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THE GLEN COVE Police Department has made the municipality safer than 98 percent of U.S. cities, according to CrimeGrade.org.

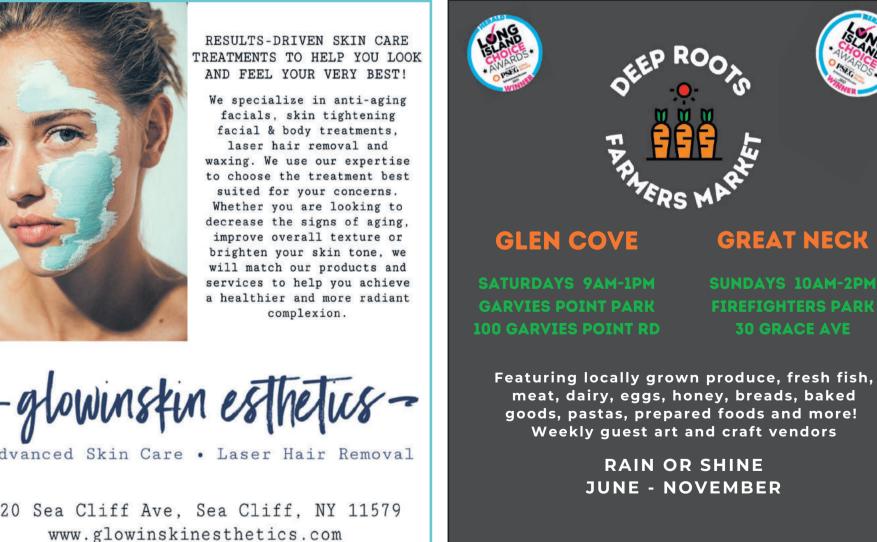
streets. One of his career highlights includes an arrest in June of 2021, in which he responded to a shooting between two alleged drug dealers. He brought both suspects into custody without discharging his weapon.

Troia was praised for having over 100 arrests, while also bringing five years of experience from the 104th precinct, which covers western Queens. He served in the anti-crime unit and was recognized as the

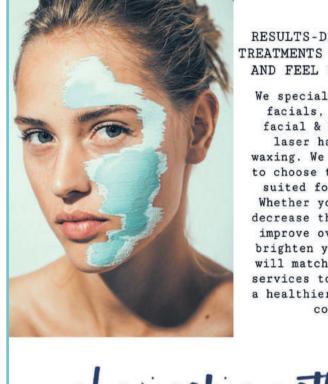
precinct's cop of the month five times.

Glen Cove's police department prides itself on having their officers heavily involved in the community.

"My hope is that you'll have long careers full of opportunities to enforce the law, but not just enforce the law, but to also help people," Glen Cove Police Chief William Whitton said. "Sometimes that's even more important. That's what we do here in Glen Cove; we help people a lot."



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'Gem of the North Shore' continues to shine

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Not all jewelers are created equal. There are those that give the industry a bad name by misleading consumers on the quality of craftsmanship, or caliber of service. When it comes time to shop for something as valuable and expensive as jewelry, many people spend much of their

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BRIAN YOUNG

Diamond & Gold

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time looking for someone who won't take advantage of them. which can take longer than it takes to decide on the jewelry itself. But for over 40 years, James "Barry" Donaldson, the founder of North Shore Diamond & Gold, kept many of his customers from starting that tiresome journey. The familyowned store has given the community something more precious than diamonds and gold could ever buy — trust.

"Jewelry can be the biggest purchase in someone's life," said James Donaldson, Barry Donaldson's only

son. "My dad always tried to budget as much as he could for people."

For those who don't frequently shop for jewelry, it's easy to miss the tiny store located on 15 Glen St. Before he died in February of 2022, the 80-year-old Donaldson made sure his loyal customers, like Brian Young, felt like family.

"He was such a class act, people don't usually trust jewelers anymore," Young said. "But with him, it was the total opposite. He struck me as a unique individual. He was the kind of guy that would give you the shirt off his back."

Glen Cove Councilwoman Barbara Peebles had her anniversary ring fixed at the store and with Donaldson's help, transformed her mother's earring into a



JAMES DONALDSON, WHO died in 2022, helped restyle an anniversary ring for Grace and John Cristando in 2012. Many fondly remember Donaldson for his caring nature and his love of the North Shore community.

ring. She fondly remembers Donaldson as a legend in the community.

"He was a trusted guy," Peebles said. "When you came in here, you had to make sure you had 45 minutes because if you left in five minutes you missed out on a nice chat with Barry."

The beloved member of the North Shore community didn't start his career as a jeweler until his 30s. Donaldson, a Toronto, Canada native, initially started working in the field of harness-horse racing before he moved to New York in the 1970s. He brought his love of horses with him, and frequented Roosevelt Raceway. When he settled in Old Westbury, he began purchasing horses for then County Executive Francis Purcell for the county's Mounty Police units.

When he attended the raceway's Saturday flea markets, he befriended a fellow county co-worker who had a side business in antique sales. Together, they scouted flea markets and antique shows, purchasing and selling antiques, jewelry and silver before Donaldson established his first Glen Cove store.

While establishing his business, Donaldson married Maranna Giamanco, and his family grew with the birth of James Donaldson in 1884.

Donaldson became known as "The Silver Man," as his expertise and knowledge of fine silver was legendary on the North Shore.

His sudden death in 2022 came as a shock to his son who he will always remember his father's love of weightlifting, running and swimming. Donaldson died from endocarditis, a heart infection,

One year later, the 39-year-old Donaldson took over his father's store, a decision he wasn't initially sure would be right for him. Although Donaldson grew up in his dad's store and helped repair jewelry, he went on to earn a dual master's degree in mental health counseling and rehabilitation for individuals with disabilities from Hofstra University in 2012. After that, he tapped into his entrepreneurial spirit and gravitated to other business endeavors.

After owning CrossFit Monarchy in Plainview, Donaldson established Donaldson Realty Group in 2015. The entrepreneur's flexible real estate business gave him room to have other side endeavors as well.

When his father died last year, Donaldson knew he had a tough decision to make —to keep his father's beloved store or sell it.

To help make the decision easier, his wife, Natalie, asked the community for their feedback on the Glen Cove Neighbors Facebook page. The responses were overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the "gem of the North Shore."

Donaldson inherited a loyal customer base from his father, many who had had children and grandchildren of their own.

"They've really motivated me to stay in Glen Cove because it's a special place," Donaldson said. "It was the best decision I've made, and I don't regret anything. I'm sure my dad is happy."



Celebrating 30 years of pride with PFY

LGBTQ organization looks ahead to what still needs to be done

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As PFY is gearing up to celebrate the month of pride in June, and the LGBTQ community in general, this year it is also celebrating its own history, as 2023 marks the 30th anniversary of the agency, which was the first of its kind in a suburban setting in the United States.

PFY, which formerly stood for Pride For Youth, is now known simply by its acronym, because a grant allowed the organization to expand the reach of its services, and it now provides lifelong assistance to anyone who identifies as LGBTQ on Long Island and in Queens.

The Bellmore-based organization was founded 30 years ago as an offshoot of the Long Island Crisis Center, Tawni Engel, the associate executive director of the crisis center and PFY, explained, because its founders recognized the need for services for LGBTQ individuals.

The crisis center operates a 24/7 hotline for people with mental health crises, and in the early 1990s, Linda Leonard, its former executive director, noticed an influx of calls from members of the LGBTQ community, Engel said.

"Really over the years, it's grown exponentially into what it is today," Engel said of PFY. "And back then, with society, the climate was very different — things were very different."

The crisis center actually lost funding from private and public donors in the 1990s because they didn't want to support organizations catering to the LGBTQ community, Engel said.



Courtesy Tawni Engel

PFY, THE ORGANIZATION previously know as Pride for Youth, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and gearing up for Pride Month in June.

"I will say that we did the right thing, obviously," she said. "What we're sort of known for is just saying, no, we want to meet the needs, and the needs that we are seeing. There's obviously a gap in services, and we want to be the ones saying we're filling that gap."

Devon Zappasodi, PFY's director, said that as the organization celebrates the momentous anniversary, it is also important to reflect on the work that still needs to be done.

"It's really exciting when we're growing and creating these new, innovative programs that are really meeting needs and helping folks," Zappasodi said. "But there's also, like, this somber tone, because, you know, we're growing and growing, but then there are still needs that are just unmet."

Some of the problems facing the LGBTQ community today include food insecurity, the inability to obtain consistent housing and job insecurity, among others. Many people struggle with their mental health, and with accessing and understanding health care services, and PFY works constantly to make sure those issues are addressed.

At the organization's 2050 Bellmore Road location and at its Suffolk County center in Deer Park, it offers rapid HIV and syphilis testing. PFY recently partnered with the Suffolk County Department of Health to run a mobile medical clinic, where things like free Covid-19 and HPV vaccinations were offered. HPV is a sexually transmitted disease that can cause long-term issues such as cancer if untreated.

To celebrate the anniversary and Pride Month, the organization has an upcoming Pride Gala on June 13 at the Westbury Manor. Ninety-four percent of all proceeds will be devoted to helping the LGBTQ community through PFY's services.

Attendees will hear from award-winning actor Maulik Pancholy, who is openly gay and known for his role in the sitcom "30 Rock," among other series. For information on the gala, visit tinyurl.com/PFYEvent2023, and for more on the agency, visit LICCPFY.org.

We're "always keeping the community close to us," Zappasodi said, "because without them, we're nothing — it's really coming from them — 30 years of working with and in collaboration with the community."





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OCEANSIDE SCHOOL NO. 4 was just one of several schools taking a field trip to an open house hosted by the Nassau County Police Department at the David S. Mack Center for Training and Intelligence, just in time for the organization's 98th anniversary. More than a thousand people came to each of the three days of the event.

NCPD celebrates 98 years with open house

By KARINA KOVAC kkovac@liherald.com

t's not quite a centurv. but when anvthing reaches the ripe age of 98, it's certainly time to celebrate. And that's what he Nassau County Police Department did recently with its second annual open house — a three-day event at the David S. Mack Center for Training and Intelligence, that attracted somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,000 people each day.

Among those helping the department celebrate its near-milestone were groups of students from various schools who gathered to see demon-

strations, learn more about the history of the department at the police museum, and visiting Children's Safety Town.

We have progressed like the rest of the country has with police reform and the needs, as technology advances, as types of guns on the street, drugs, different ways to commit crimes" have advanced, we have advanced," police commissioner Patrick Ryder said. "We are very fortunate here in Nassau County that we are, I like to say, ahead of the curve."

Staying ahead of the curve means undertaking a new training village that will replace the usual tactical training the department has done since 1925 with what Ryder describes as a more accurately simulated real-life scenario. It'll be complete with different locations such as a school, house of worship, different types of residences, a bank, a police station, and even a train station with a trestle and platform for specialized situational training.

Through new technology and analytics, the department can adjust to the complexities modern law enforcement can encounter out in the field, Ryder said.

"Life has gotten complicated with the amount of mental health crisis people out



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THE GRAND FINALE at the end of the recent Nassau County Police Department open house at the David S. Mack Center for Training and Intelligence was the take-off of the police helicopter.

> there" are experiencing, Ryder said. "How do we do it? And how do we do it better? It's a challenge for us every day. We're working to make it better."

The open house aimed not only to familiarize the public with police work, but also to bridge any divide in communities where trusting the police could be lacking. Ryder acknowledged past mistakes and said the department is committed to moving forward with the public's support. And really, in the long run, they are the good guys, after all.

"We're here to help," he said. "You know, yeah, sometimes you're dealing with bad things. Things happen, and you know, people are upset. We got that. We understand that. But we want them to understand. We're here to help vou. And trust in us. We've got to build that trust.

'We know we have errors. We've made mistakes. We want to get better."

One attendee eager to see the police was Jack Mallon. The 2-year-old wore a police vest and enjoyed the repelling demonstration.

"We came just to show him a little bit and to support the police and get his interest piqued a little bit," said Christina Mallon, Jack's mother.



NASSAU COUNTY POLICE Department commissioner Patrick Ryder stands in front of a repelling demonstration off the David S. Mack Center for Training and Intelligence, where the department celebrated its 98th anniversary recently with an open house.

It's important to support law enforcement, she added, because "they do so much for us so we should do a little bit for them.'

Visitors watched an array of demonstrations beyond repelling like using the Jaws of Life to help rescue people from crashed cars, and a display of police canines. Officer Michael Leone, one of the officers involved in the K-9 demonstration, was signing specialty made K-9 cards given to the kids after the display - something they could take home as a souvenir.

It was "exhilarating" to see the kids rush him for autographs, Leone said, adding that "it's nice to be appreciated by the public.'

Steve Dembo took his children out of school early to attend some of the open house. He knew it was law enforcement

week, so he reached out to the department to see if anything was going on, and found out about the training center event he knew his two children would enjoy.

"I think it's important for them to see what the police officers do every day," Dembo said. "It's interesting. They're interested in it."

Together, the family saw the repel demonstration, the new state-of-the-art robot dog, and even met the motorcycle unit.

They love really everything so far, Dembo said. And that allowed the dad to take his kids home with them the lesson that "police are your friends, and if you have any kind of trouble at all, they'll help you.

"It's very important that kids know that," Dembo added. "Not to be afraid of them.'

STEPPING OUT

ES AIR FORCE

Look to the skies **HIGHFLYING** at the **Bethpage** Air Show

By Karen Bloom

t's the moment we've been eagerly awaiting: Memorial Day weekend has arrived. Besides the observances, parades and barbecues, for so many of us, that annual trek to Jones Beach to watch the action overhead during the Bethpage Air Show is a beloved tradition not to be missed. This year's extravaganza, on Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, is helmed once again by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

The distinguished squadron, back for their 9th headlining appearance, is joined by other elite military pilots including the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, the U.S. Marines F-35B Demonstration Team, the U.S. Navy F-18 Growler Legacy Team, and the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod Team.

The Thunderbirds, "America's Ambassadors in Blue," demonstrate the extraordinary capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon — the Air Force's premier multi-role fighter jet. The elite military pilots proudly showcase the capabilities of the \$18 million, 19,700-pound fighter aircraft, which can travel at speeds up to 1,500 mph. Grace meets power in this mix of six aircraft performing formation flying and solo routines. Flying only a few feet from wingtip to wingtip, observers can glimpse the superb skills that all fighter pilots must possess.

Other renowned civilian performers include the always popular Skytypers and their flight squadron of five vintage World War II aircraft. Mike Goulian, North America's most-decorated aerobatic pilot. Folds of Honor Biplane with Ed Hamill. The American Air Power Museum Warbirds. Long Island's daredevil pilot David Windmiller. The Warbird Thunder team. The Civil Air Patrol. And the Farmingdale State College Flying Rams, who will fly several of

their 22 college-owned aircraft. The Skytypers, an air show favorite, combine the best of old and new. The team uses five of the remaining World War II-era NA SNJ planes left in the world, meticulously restored with the

latest technology. "These were Navy scout planes used on missions in World War II and the Korean War," explains Larry Arken, Skytypers' flight leader. "We've modernized them and give them plenty of TLC. We have to take care of our warbirds. They've got quite a military history. They've landed on aircraft carriers and as fighter trainers they trained the Greatest Generation."

The Farmingdale-based Skytypers are, of course, a familiar sight along beaches in the northeast with their skytyped messages generated at an altitude of 10,000 feet with puffs of smoke in dot matrix-style letters. Those messages will be on full display during the show, following their aerobatic routine.

"We like to think of this as the largest text message in the world," Arken says.

Each message is two miles long and as tall as the Empire State building. Visible for 30 miles, they can be seen by 4 million people, according to Arken.

His planes' flying maneuvers also command attention in their five-ship formation.

"We fly low, at 500 feet," Arken says. "We're known for our precision skills that involve 18



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 For up-to-date information, visit BethpageAirShow.com. minutes of dynamic maneuvers. We're always improving our planes and refining our routines."

His team is a close-knit group of five pilots, with decades of military and professional experience.

"I like to say once you check in you never check out. The camaraderie of our team is what makes us special," he says.

"We're thrilled that this is our 20th year with the show. It's so important to us as it's our home show. For many of our friends, it's the only time they get to see us (perform).

We are always excited to be here and put a smile on people's faces. It's great fun to fly down low and see everyone on the beach. This is an awesome weekend, and all the performers are great at what they do."

Photos courtesy U.S. Air Force

Airmen and women execute daring manuevers in a thrilling display of the might of the Air Force's premier multi-role fighter jet, the F-16 Fighting Falcon.



Dan and Claudia Zanes

All ages will enjoy some Memorial Day weekend fun on the Tilles Center lawn, with Grammy Award-winner Dan Zanes and Haitian-American jazz vocalist Claudia Zanes. They perform a mix of old and new songs from near and far in a style that has been called 'all-ages social music,' also described as an all-ages party. This interactive concert will have you dancing and singing along as the duo performs homespun, joyful music for everyone to enjoy. It's a relaxed performance open to all, with modified sound levels and quiet spaces for those who wish to move around. Zanes occupies a unique place in American music where sea shanties, English music hall, North American and West Indian folk music, party songs, the spirit of early rock-and-roll, and soulful originals collide. Kids will also enjoy games, bubbles, face-painting and crafts, starting at 12:30 p.m., with a barbecue lunch available for purchase

Saturday, May 27, 2 p.m. \$25. LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville. TillesCenter.org, or (516) 299-3100



Tom Rush and Loudon Wainwright III

Two gifted performers pair up for an exciting double bill on the Landmark stage. These legendary singer-songwriters will enthrall their audience in an evening filled with story-telling, ballads passionate gritty blues. Tom Rush, a gifted musician and performer, offers not just a performance but a musical celebration. His distinctive guitar style, wry humor and warm, expressive voice have made him both a legend and a lure to audiences around the world. For the past 52 years, Loudon Wainwright III has carved out a distinguished career as one of our most original singer-songwriters: a six-string diarist with material that is by turns, tongue-in-cheek, tender, sarcastic, heart-wrenching, and always deeply personal. Along the way, he's released more than 20 albums, won a Grammy, acted in film and television, and had his songs recorded by artists including Johnny Cash, Mose Allison, Bonnie Raitt, and his own son, Rufus Wainwright.

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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.

Deep Roots Farmers Market

Deep Roots Farmers Market opens on Saturday, June **3**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Garvies Point Park, 100 Garvies Point Road in Glen Cove. Pick up home-grown vegetables. fresh farm eggs, meats, dairy and more. More information at DeepRootsFarmersMarket.com.

Broadway on Long Island

Plaza Theatrical goes to the Greek Isles with this enchanting tale, based on ABBA's timeless songs, Saturday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 28, 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, June 1, 2 p.m. The show features "Dancing Queen" "Super Trooper," "Knowing Me, Knowing You," and more. It's performed at Plaza's stage at the Elmont Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. \$49, \$45 seniors. Elmont. For tickets, call (516) 599-6870 or visit PlazaTheatrical.com.

Colin Jost

The SNL star brings his standup act to The Paramount stage, Thursday, June 1, 8 p.m. As one of SNL's main writers, he's never at a loss for words. \$89.50, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$39.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or Ticktmaster. com or ParamountNY.com.

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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 Clifff. Those iinterested in joining the lunch program can call Peggie Como at (516) 675-7239.

Oyster Bay Cruise Night

May 31 The Oyster Bay Chamber of Commerce Cruise Night resumes Tuesday,

May 31, at 5:30 p.m. The weekly event occupies Audrey Avenue, the main road through Oyster Bay, and the hamlet will be alive with energy and live music. In addition to the cars, there will be a Kid Zone for children with games, side walk chalk and giveaways. For changes or rainouts text CruiseNight to (218) 229-8880.

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.

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.

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.

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, Wednesday, May 31, 10:15 a.m. and noon; Thursday, June 1, 10:15 a.m. and

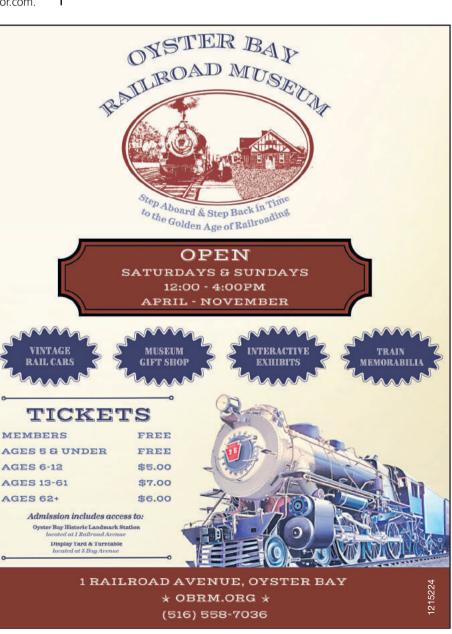


noon. Elephant and Piggie storm the stage in a rollicking musical romp filled with plenty of pachydermal peril and swiney suspense perfect for young audiences. Together with nutty backup singers, The Squirrelles, the comedic duo even gets the audience involved in the action. \$9 with museum admission (\$7 members), \$12 theater only. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.

Westbury House Tour

For many years visitors to Westbury House at Old Westbury Gardens asked what was beyond the first floor corridor. Now beyond the door and discover "secrets of the service wing," during a 60-minute guided tour, Friday, **May 26**, noon-1 p.m.; Monday, May 29, noon-1 p.m.; Wednesday, May 31, noon-1 p.m. and 1:30-2 p.m. Be introduced to the intensive labor required to create the lifestyle experienced by the Phipps family and their guests; tour the many rooms that were "behind the scenes" to create the formal dining experiences of early 20th century. Go along the corridors to the butler's pantry and silver cleaning room then descend the 17 steps to the kitchen, scullery, and wine storage rooms located on the ground floor. Reservations required. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information contact (516) 333-0048 or visit OldWestburyGardens. org.





¹² Top lawyers honored for time in, out of office

By MALLORY WILSON

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t was an experience that provided plenty of perspective, including for Frank Torres.

'Whenever I'm honored and recognized for what I do in my field of law, it's so humbling," said Torres, an associate attorney with Duffy & Duffy. "I never would have expected so many years later after getting out of law school that I would have gotten to this point."

That point was being recognized as one of the Top Lawyers of Long Island during a ceremony last week, May 17, at the Heritage Club at Bethpage. Hosted by RichnerLive — the events division of Richner Communications and Herald Community Newspapers — the event featured some 300 attorneys, all mingling and congratulating each other on their achievements.

Lawyers were awarded for their accomplishments in a wide range of fields, including civil rights litigation, land use and zoning, commercial litigation, personal injury, and dispute resolution.

Jothy Narendran, a co-managing partner with Jaspan Schlesinger Narendran, was named one of the philanthropists of the year. She encourages everybody at her firm to get involved with a charity that they connect with on some level. For Narendran, that work involves Spectrum Designs, a custom apparel shop that employs individuals who are neurodiverse

"It's so nice to be recognized, especially in the community that we're in," Narendran said. "I don't think there's success without giving back."

Amy Amato, executive director of RichnerLive, expressed gratitude for all who attended and made the event possible. Herald publisher and chief executive Stuart Richner described the gala as a "great way to celebrate all of the

legal firms and professionals that contribute to our community. They are critical to ensuring that everyone's interests are represented both fully and fairly. And I congratulate all of the winners for their hard work, passion and expertise.³

A portion of the ticket proceeds were donated to the Suffolk County Bar Association Charity Foundation, and the Nassau County Bar Association We Care Fund. There the money will be used for educational and charitable purposes, including the improvement of citizenship and justice, and to provide scholarships, grants and charitable programs to help those in need.

Brad Cronin, founding partner of Cronin & Cronin Law Firm, was honored with the lifetime achievement award for tax certiorari. He's been practicing in his field for 40 years.

You do a lot of hard work to get to this point," Cronin said, "but the wonderful thing is I have a wonderful staff that's been with me for 20, 30 years. And it means a lot that they've been able to support me and everything I do '

Giuseppe Franzella, member of Bond Schoeneck & King, was honored for his work in commercial litigation. Franzella chose this particular path of law because of his family, and that he's known that that was what he wanted to do since he knew what work was.

"I just wanted to be able to advocate for people and really solve people's problems, which is what I do today as a litigator," Franzella said. "I'm very flattered to be honored. It feels great to have the support of my firm and the local legal community, and it's an honor to be among this group that's been nominated, which is people I've worked with in the legal community, and looked up to, for a long time.'



TOP LAWYER HONOREES enjoying dinner during the awards ceremony with friends, family & loved ones.



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Michael Malaszczyk/Herald file **IN APRIL, REP.** Anthony D'Esposito, far right, and Nick LaLota, second from left, have been outspoken about expelling George Santos from Congress, but voted last week to refer the matter to the House Ethics Committee. Rep. Andrew Garbarino, far left, serves on the committee and supports their votes.

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By MICHAEL MALASZCZYK

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U.S. Representatives Anthony D'Esposito and Nick LaLota — George Santos's Long Island colleagues — have been outspoken about the need to expel Santos from the House of Representatives. In fact, D'Esposito, whose district represents the South Shore of Nassau County,

was the first House Republican to call for Santos's resignation, doing so in early January when most Republicans had been silent on the matter at the time. LaLota, whose district encompasses the North Shore of Suffolk County, joined D'Esposito in this demand shortly thereafter.

But given the chance to vote directly on the matter of his expulsion, the pair chose to refer Santos to the House Ethics Committee.

Last week, House Democrats offered a resolution to expel Santos. When the vote got to the floor, the House voted to refer the matter with the final tally being 221-204.

The explanations LaLota and D'Esposito have given for their votes is that it does not mean they want Santos to remain in office, but rather, that referring the decision to the committee is a better way to go about the congressman's expulsion.

"And I am personally in favor of this individual's expulsion from this house. Regrettably, however, I'm in the understanding that we currently do not have the two-thirds support from members in this house to expel that individual," said D'Esposito on the House floor prior to the vote. "I believe that this individual is a stain on this institution, a stain on the state of New York, a stain on Long Island and a stain on the beloved Nassau County." LaLota spoke in support of D'Esposito after the vote had passed.

"While I would have preferred there to be enough votes to expel the sociopath scam artist, Congressman D'Esposito has spearheaded the next best option — to refer this matter to the Ethics Committee, where we expect a result within 60 days for the terrible liar to be gone, by resignation

or expulsion, before August recess," said LaLota in a statement.

LaLota and D'Esposito's other Long Island colleague, Andrew Garbarino, who represents the South Shore of Suffolk, has been silent on the subject of Santos — for no other reason than the fact that Garbarino sits on the Ethics Committee.

But Garbarino expressed support for LaLota and D'Esposito's vote, saying that sending it to the committee is the right move politically.

"No previous vote for expulsion of a member from

the House has occurred without an accompanying report from the Ethics Committee or another select committee set up to review said expulsion resolution," said Garbarino in a statement. "The Ethics Committee is best positioned to investigate this matter. I'm reserving all other judgment until the investigation is complete."

The trio, occasionally referred to as the "Long Island Three," have actively refused to work with Santos on anything. When Santos introduced a bill — the SALT Relief Act — that would raise the state and local tax cap to \$50,000, D'Esposito, LaLota, and Garbarino did not co-sponsor it. In fact, in what could be seen as a counter to Santos, the three introduced their own relief bill, the SALT Deductibility Act of 2023.

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Malamed calls Rep. Santos a 'stain' on district

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organization The Next 50. The advocacy group, which is also a federal political action committee, supports Democratic politicians under the age of 50. Notable alumni include Wes Moore, the 63rd governor of Maryland, and Elissa Blair Slotkin, a representative from Michigan's 7th Congressional District.

Melamed decided to run for Congress, he said, because Santos has become a global embarrassment to the district. The first-time candidate said he hopes to transition his district's reputation from that of shame and embarrassment to one of hope.

As part of his platform, Malamed said he plans to tackle the challenges of affordable healthcare. He worries about the rising costs of medical necessities, in addition to child and elder care. Malamed said he can still remember the crippling cost of healthcare his family faced when he was a child while his mother experienced chronic health issues

While Malamed has no problem with allowing others to keep their private health insurance, he supports funding for public health insurance. Earlier this year, he found himself in a plight that many Americans face: a lapse in coverage, which occurred because when transitioning between jobs he missed the deadline to apply for coverage. While traveling overseas to visit family in Israel, Malamed was able to use his travel insurance to find affordable healthcare.



ZAK MALAMED HAS announced his candidacy for the Democratic primary in the 3rd Congressional District.

"The most wild thing is that my failsafe, my protection, my security blanket, was actually leaving the country to ensure that I had some form of access to healthcare," Malamed said. "The cost of healthcare in this country is egregious,

and unjust."

Equal to his concern for public health and safety is his advocacy for gun control. Unlike Santos, who supports a bill to make the AR-15 assault rifle the national gun, Malamed is an outspoken advocate

against gun violence.

ILEN COVE HERALD For Malamed, it's personal. He still mourns the death of a close friend, who, when buying a burrito at a San Francisco gas station in 2021, was caught in the crossfire of a shooting.

Malamed himself narrowly escaped being shot outside a music venue in San Francisco. He vividly remembers seeing 25 the discharge of fire from the gun before 202: guiding his friends to safety behind nearby cars.

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"I saw things in San Francisco that I want to make sure don't happen here in New York," Malamed said. "The issue of gun safety is paramount for public safety. It's paramount for me."

If elected, Malamed said he also wants to ensure that Americans have access to affordable housing. He believes that the rising costs of medical care and energy, as well as post-pandemic inflation, have contributed to the severe increase in housing market prices. He hopes to create incentives for communities on state and national levels to work to build affordable housing, rather than imposing the developments on communities. He said he understands the impact these developments would have on a community's resources. His strategy is to analyze the impact housing developments have on communities due to the increase in population.

"For a generation like mine, the rising cost of housing makes it unattainable to buy here," Malamed said. "We need to find ways to make it more accessible.

ORNELLA DATKHAYEVA AND Rodni Leftwich are Glen Cove High School seniors who took third place in the **Broadcast Awards** for Senior High. They were recognized for their news coverage of the recent tree of inspiration installation at the high school.

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SCHOOLS BRIEF

Courtesy Glen Cove School District

Students win third place in school news package

Glen Cove High School television students won third place in best school news package at the Broadcast Awards for Senior High ceremony. Seniors Rodni Leftwich and Ornella Datkhayeva won for their news coverage of the recent tree of inspiration installation at the high school.

Broadcast Awards for Senior High is

an annual celebration of student broadcast journalism and video production. Founded in 2017, the awards are part awards ceremony and part-learning conference for Long Island high school students, teachers and school administrators involved in high school journalism programs and media production classes.



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OPINIONS Yes, we're a nation of immigrants, but . . .

he ongoing influx of undocumented immigrants into New York City now threatens not just to overwhelm the city, but to spread into the suburbs, as we have already seen in Rockland and Orange counties, raising serious quality-of-life issues.

Let me make it clear from the start. America is a nation of immigrants. They have always been



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the lifeblood that gives America its unique sense of determination and ingenuity. I am a grandson of immigrants. Like the late Gov. Mario Cuomo, I consider America to be more a mosaic and stained glass window than a melting pot.

No country has more legal immigration than the United States. Having said that, we cannot be a nation without borders or one that allows entry to unlimited numbers of migrants. There must be an orderly process and procedure for immigration, not just to safeguard our society and communities, but for the welfare of the immigrants. We cannot financially afford the surge of undocumented immigrants we are seeing today.

Coming out of the coronavirus pandemic, our economy was straining to recover. Mental health and education needs caused by Covid had to be met and paid for, with diminished revenues. Crime in our streets had to be

brought under control to protect our residents and to make cities safe for people to return to work and play. Housing had to be provided for the growing numbers of homeless, including America's veterans. Adding 60,000 undocumented immigrants to New York City is unsustainable, especially since we have virtually no idea who these people are and what physical, mental and educa-

tional needs they have. Nor do we know the criminal histories some may have.

While the overwhelming majority of undocumented immigrants are good people, some are not. I saw examples of the negative results of uncontrolled illegal immigration on Long Island in 2014 and 2015, when there was a surge of undocumented minors across the southern border. A significant numbers of those kids were sent by the federal government to communities such as Brentwood and Central Islip, many of whose residents are hardworking immigrants from Central America. This put a severe burden on the local school districts, which had to accept these kids on very short notice while addressing their unique educational and psychological needs and deficiencies as

well as the language challenges.

> Despite Rep. Steve Israel and I making requests and introducing legislation, the Obama administration refused to provide these school districts with any added funding. There was also the chilling reality that a number of these young people were connected to the MS-13 gang, which was recruiting new members and carrying out brutal

acts of violence against other students. In the 18 months from the fall of 2015 to the spring of 2017, MS-13 carried out a reign of terror in the immigrant community, brutally murdering 25 mostly young people.

You can understand why residents in communities in Brooklyn and Staten Island are so opposed to large numbers of undocumented immigrants being housed close to schools and neighborhood facilities.

This crisis of undocumented migra-

tion would be severe enough if there were any end in sight. Instead, more buses of immigrants arrive at the Port Authority every day. New York City Mayor Eric Adams wants to lessen the city's burden by sharing it with neighboring counties, which are no more able to provide the necessary services than the city. Not surprisingly, Rockland and Orange counties are resisting through legal proceedings, and Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman has made clear his opposition to Adams's plan.

The only answer to this humanitarian crisis is for the Biden administration to secure our porous border as quickly as possible. Despite the president's protestations, he doesn't need congressional authorization to get the job done. He has the necessary power and authority.

Congress will not consider legislation on undocumented migrants already in the country until there is assurance that the border is secure, and the asylum system is reformed so that just claiming asylum won't provide long-term sanctuary until hearings are held years in the future. Our challenge must be to stop illegal immigration while ensuring that America remains a nation of immigrants.

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

Dishing up an old-time menu for the holiday

he Memorial Day acai bowl just will not work. Neither do I want to see a tofu hot dog or an Impossible Burger vegging out at my table. Save the kale smoothies for another time. This year, after all the pandemic deprivations and accommodations and missed celebrations, I look forward to an old-time cookout, me and my old

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RANDI KREISS

dessert.

Eating natural didn't come naturally. I didn't grow up breakfasting on mango, granola and yogurt, lunching on avocado toast and dining on six ounces of salmon. I grew up the old-fashioned way, boosted by sugar, highly processed cereal, egg salad with mayo for lunch and liver and red meat for dinner. I stored bags of potato chips under my bed. I know, you're as surprised as I am that I reached this age.

My parents' childhood diet was worse. As Jewish people of European descent, they ate everything with a scoop of chicken fat on top. Chopped liver was a fave. They were

poor, so my mother's family of six would share one chicken and fill themselves up with mounds of mashed potatoes (laden with chicken fat, of course). They served up pots of soup, also glazed with fat. The preferred cooking method was frying, and they weren't using canola oil, believe me.

My mom and dad lived to 95 and 97, which does raise the question of

whether chicken fat is an undiscovered health food. In their 60s they started eating fish and chicken, broiling instead of frying, consuming very little sugar and bulking up fruits and vegetables. They also started exercising, every day, in dogged moderation.

My food evolution began in college, when, after playing the vending machine cookie and cocoa slots, I gained 12 pounds. I hadn't thought about it before: Would eating cookies and drinking sugar make me unhealthy? Was I prepared to buy all new clothes to accommodate my chocolate chip cookie habit?

As my parents improved their eating habits in the 1960s, I too educated

myself about nutrition and began grazing at the salad bars rather than the dessert buffet.

I was an awful cook dog a when we set up our first apartment. At my first official dinner party for the family, I cooked Cornish hens, plated them, and served them to our parents. They were hens on steroids, and it looked as if a flock of geese had landed on our table. When my mother-in-law stuck a fork in hers, blood spurted out.

Some food fads of the day were fondues, either chocolate or cheese, processed white bread and Tang (dehydrated orange juice). I did own a fondue pot, but eventually, dipping bread chunks into melted cheddar lost its appeal. Everyone I knew had a bun warmer to hold the doughy rolls we served with dinner.

Eventually I learned to cook, and have been doing it every day for more than 50 years. We have moved toward the food paradigm of lots of vegetables and a small amount of protein, preferably fish. I eat lower-fat foods and less sugar because I believe in science, and I know that a hot dog a day will put me away. But one or two a year is good for my personal sense of well-being.

We all associate food with memories, and the coming together on Memorial Day, a holiday both celebratory and somber, has always included a gustatory launching of the summer season. The meal demands fresh corn and watermelon. Beer for the grownups.

This weekend, as we honor those who have given their lives keeping us safe and strong, let's go back to basics. Even as fake news, fake intelligence and photo fakery overtake us, let's serve up real hot dogs, rolls, sauerkraut, relish, hamburgers and ketchup, and let's top it all off with a gaudy and gigantic red, white and blue Jell-O mold, which has no real ingredients at all aside from food coloring.

I don't know why the prospect of an old-fashioned barbecue feels so satisfying, and I'm not going to analyze it. Just save a seat for me at the long table with the paper tablecloth and pass me a dog with the works.

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HERALD EDITORIAL How not to make a mountain out of a molehill

olitical animosity in America is as old as the Constitution.

Divisiveness and rancor are not traits unique to American

politics, either. Humans have learned and relearned how to debate without smashing one another over the head with clubs. Politics is messy. It will always be a

blood sport. Political parties exist to dismantle their enemies. But hope remains that discourse will win the day over destruction.

Last week in Nassau County, there was a moment of collective breath-holding for those who support the rule of law, after a printing company made every active voter in the county a Democrat.

The company, Phoenix Graphics, of Rochester, assured the public the mistake was a printing error, and that no one's party registration had been changed by the Nassau County Board of Elections. Phoenix promised to fix the error, and print and mail updated voter registration cards to everyone.

County Executive Bruce Blakeman, a Republican, held a news conference anyway, clutching one of the incorrectly printed voter registration cards.

To his credit, Blakeman resisted a rhetoric-filled speech to score political points. It would have been so easy for him to blame Democrats or cast doubts on the June primaries and the November election, especially since this election cycle will be the first with newly redrawn county legislative districts.

Redistricting is a bare-knuckled politi-

cal process that already causes voter confusion. Blakeman could have added to the confusion and distrust by blaming political enemies. He didn't.

In fact, Blakeman explicitly said that Democrats weren't engaged in a conspiracy. He emphasized that the county's voter rolls are correct. He said there was nothing "nefarious" in the printing error. And he made light of any possible allusion to a conspiracy by saying that it would be nonsensical for Democrats to want Republicans to vote in Democratic primaries.

Pause and reflect for a moment on how significant Blakeman's actions and words were. He could have made vague accusations, sown doubt and appeared to supporters as a hero battling dark forces.

The era of McCarthyism, the Gilded Age, the Civil War — there have been a number of times in our history when all hope of working with political rivals seemed dead. Our present-day political polarization has been described as among the most divisive in history. The ability to talk respectfully with people who disagree seems all but lost. Gerrymandering and U.S. Supreme Court rulings continue to separate us, and at any time there are a host of wedge issues that prevent reform.

Mention "stolen election" and people reach for pitchforks and torches.

Blakeman may not have scored political points with overzealous conspiracy theorists. Much more important, he sought to calm the electorate and reassure people's faith in voting and democracy. Now that he has poured cold water on a potential simmering issue, he and county legislators must focus on continuing to reassure voters that the county's voting systems are secure. First, the county must investigate how the printing error occurred. Was it caused by an inadvertent keystroke? Did Phoenix check information before printing nearly 1 million copies of the registration cards?

Next, Nassau legislators must adopt a local law that stipulates that vendors are responsible for fixing such errors at no cost to taxpayers, and that vendors submit a statement of accuracy verification prior to publication. Phoenix voluntarily owned up to its mistake and said it would pay to fix it, but county taxpayers shouldn't have to rely on the goodwill of vendors when they err.

Finally, the county must insist on prior review by a Board of Elections employee, who would examine voter registration cards and give the OK for printing.

Blakeman should hold another news conference with Democratic and Republican legislators before next month's primary to reassure voters that the voter rolls are correct, and that no party registrations were incorrectly changed.

Partisanship in our country is close to all-time highs. Blakeman deserves credit for resisting an easy layup to score political points. He and the Legislature must, however, work hard in the coming months to reassure voters that their registration information is correct, and that their votes will be accurately counted.

LETTERS

Grogan's letter was short on facts

To the Editor:

Re Steve Grogan's letter to the editor, "Democrats favor felons over disabled veterans" (May 11-17), referring to the Democratic lawmakers who have decriminalized adult-use recreational marijuana in New York:

Grogan argues that Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary licenses to sell marijuana have gone to convicted felons, without providing the context behind the assertion. According to a March article in the Albany Times Union, state officials have reserved more than 300 "justice-involved" licenses in the first round, begun last November, for those previously convicted of a marijuana offense, or those whose immediate relatives were convicted. Lawmakers did so, in large part, to help compensate historically marginalized communities of color that were harmed by disproportionately higher marijuana possession arrests compared with predominately white areas.

From January to March 2018, for example, 93 percent of those arrested for marijuana possession in New York City were people of color. Of 4,087 arrests, 2,006 were Black people, 1,621 were Latino, and 287 were white, according to the Innocence Project. Yet Brookings Institution statistics from the time tell us there was relative-

ly little difference in marijuana use among people of different races.

Grogan writes that licenses went "mostly" to convicted drug dealers, with-

out attributing the statement to a source. Meanwhile, Section 137 of the state's cannabis law prohibits anyone convicted of marijuana trafficking within the last



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OPINIONS Israel's safety must be America's priority

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n many corners of the world today, instability and democratic backsliding reign supreme. We see this phenomenon playing out in real time as Russia continues its malicious invasion of Ukraine, China further cracks down on human rights, and Sudan braces for a potentially protracted civil war.

In the face of such a deteriorating international secu-



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United States reaffirms its commitment to standing for freedom, and continues to nurture democracy around the globe wherever there is fertile soil. America's greatest ally in this generation

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al struggle is Israel — a free country whose miraculous establishment by the Jewish people and survival against great odds has often drawn the ire of its antisemitic, authoritarian neighbors.

Recently I had the opportunity to travel to Israel as part of a bipartisan congressional delegation led by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, to see for myself the manifestation of that country's great democracy and celebrate the 75th anniversary of Israel's hard-fought freedom. During our time in Israel, my House colleagues and I met with President Isaac Herzog, Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu, Speaker of the Knesset Amir Ohana, and several other Israeli lawmakers, and briefed them on ways Congress is working to help Israel combat violence perpetrated by terrorist groups and state sponsors of terror, such as Iran. While speaking to our

Israeli partners, my colleagues and I reaffirmed our support for enhancing Israel's "Iron Dome" missile defense system, and announced our participation in

tem, and announced our participation in a new joint U.S. House-Knesset Parliamentary Friendship Group — a bilateral association of legislators from the United States and Israel designed to promote avenues of cooperation between our countries.

What's more, the American delegation formally delivered a copy of a congressional resolution I co-sponsored that calls for the strengthening of the Abraham Accords. The accords — a historic framework brokered by Nassau County's own David Friedman, who served as America's ambassador to Israel — provide a path to lasting peace in the Middle East,

and I am proud that a Long Islander played such a large part in their formation.

We were shown such warmth by the Israeli people as we toured large swaths of Jerusalem, including the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre — moving visits to sites important to my Catholic faith. I also paid my respects to the victims of the Holocaust at Yad Vashem, which serves as a

palpable reminder to the world that we must work tirelessly to prevent such evils from ever being carried out again.

Indeed, Jerusalem truly is a holy city, and I am grateful to the Israeli people for their considerate caretaking of so many important religious places of worship and other sacred sites. Sadly, however, the carefully maintained peace established by Israel that I observed was shattered as rockets fired from Gaza targeted innocent Israelis in the southern sections of the country near the end of my visit — a painful reminder that Israel remains under siege, and that underscores the need for the United States to continue supporting our greatest ally in its struggle for survival.

On my flight back to New York from Jerusalem, I couldn't help but think of those poor Israeli men, women and children forced to live in fear of indiscriminate death falling from the sky. We cannot allow this to remain the reality for the people of Israel.

I have seen firsthand how Israel stands as a beacon of hope in a world cloaked by darkness, and a shining example of the power of liberty in building a free, fair and just society. The United States must do everything in our power to safeguard our Israeli allies, for Israel's very existence is a victory for the free world, and its success is America's success. As a member of Congress, I will continue to do everything in my power to provide Israel the tools necessary to ensure that the blue and white banner forever flies high over the country's eternal capital of Jerusalem. Israel will remain.

Congressman Anthony D'Esposito represents New York's 4th Congressional District.

FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Camp Avenue School - Merrick

est per-capita liability payment, 33 percent more than the second-highest state, Pennsylvania. And it far exceeds states like California and Texas, which New York is competing with to attract and retain the best and brightest physicians.

We just completed a budget cycle in which significant steps were taken to address the stability of our community health care providers, particularly those providing needed care in our undeserved areas. Yet this legislation would undermine the positive steps the Legislature has taken to protect access to care.

I urge the Legislature to work toward the adoption of truly balanced legislation that can expand the rights of grieving families, while at the same time preserving our patients' ability to continue to receive needed health care in our communities.

> DR. DAVID PODWALL President, Nassau County Medical Society

LETTERS

three years from obtaining a license, pending state board review. All license applicants must also prove they have owned a profitable, legal business for at least two years. For more, go to bit. ly/436glY2.

Finally, Grogan states that no disabled veterans have received licenses in Round One, again without attribution. The state's Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act of 2021, however, requires that service-disabled veterans receive priority treatment in the licensing process, along with minority- and women-owned businesses and distressed farmers.

For more, go to Cannabis.ny.gov.

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Larger lawsuits will only damage our health care

To the Editor:

The State Legislature is again considering legislation (A.6696/S.6636) that would exponentially expand damages awardable in wrongful death lawsuits. This bill is very nearly the same as one that was thankfully — vetoed by Gov. Kathy Hochul last January. The physicians at the Nassau County Medical Society and throughout the state worked tirelessly to have this bill vetoed, but this issue is now resurfacing.

As doctors, we have great sympathy for the grieving families of our patients, and we understand that this legislation seeks to help them. However, any legislation to expand costly lawsuits must be balanced to help prevent the enormous adverse impact it would have on our health care system. Had the first bill been signed into law, it would have made it even more difficult for our struggling community hospitals and medical practices to continue to provide needed patient care.

While the new bill purports to respond to the governor's veto, it in fact does not.

Hochul identified several reasons for vetoing the earlier bill, including that it "would increase already high insurance burdens on families and small businesses and further strain already distressed health care workers and institutions," which would be "particularly challenging for struggling hospitals in under-served communities."

Furthermore, the governor articulated her concerns that the bill "passed without a serious evaluation of the impact of these massive changes on the economy, small businesses, individuals, and the State's complex health care system."

The new bill does not address these concerns. It would continue to enable the awards of new categories of damages that multiple actuarial studies show will lead to a nearly 40 percent growth in liability costs, on top of the already unaffordable costs facing our physicians and hospitals.

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