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### Faith after coronavirus

By ROKSANA AMID

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People turn to religion for comfort and hope in times of crisis and uncertainty — and March 2020, with the onset of the coronavirus pandemic in the United States and the resulting lockdowns certainly was among such times.

Houses of worship helped many who were desperately searching for ways to cope with the stress of isolation and uncertainty about the changing restrictions set in place by governments. According to data from the Pew Research Center in 2021, nearly three in 10 United States adults said the outbreak boosted their

This past March, the center reported that more Americans say that their attendance habits have declined, but it's a complicated picture: As of November, 20 percent said they were attending in person less often, while 7 percent say they were doing so more often. On the other hand, 15 percent say they were participating in services virtually more often, while 5 percent said they were watching services online or on TV less

Now that the emergency is past, houses of worship on the North Shore are reflecting on how the pandemic affected their congregations.

#### **Congregation Tifereth Israel**

'Although there was tragedy all around us, we, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 



**PEOPLE LOVING PEOPLE** serves 175 families each week at the Oyster Bay food pantry. From left are founders Gina Kang, Valerie Monroy and Donna Galgano.

# Post-Covid, people are still hungry

MINDA

By LAURA LANE

When the coronavirus pandemic hit the United States in

March 2020, many food pantries and soup kitchens closed as people working in places that traditionally provided for the food insecure were afraid to continue. This was before there

were Covid vaccines, with doctors working around the clock to understand the virus that was killing thousands of people.

Making matters even more problematic for the food insecure — people without access to enough of the food needed to remain healthy — was then-Gov.

Andrew Cuomo's March 22, 2020, stay-athome executive order. The "New York State on Pause" directive forbade non-essential businesses statewide to stay open while also restricting gatherings.

New Yorkers were in lockdown for a month and remained in a state of emergency until June 7.

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# How pandemic impacted senior centers

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**Mutual Concerns** 

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By WILL SHEELINE

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When the coronavirus pandemic hit the United States, Long Island senior centers had more than the virus to worry about.

Many seniors were immunecompromised and unable to

gather. As a result. senior centers saw their doors closed for months at a time. which left many wondering if they would ever be able to reopen.

Before Covid-19 arrived, many senior centers and senior-focused programs operated like well-oiled machines, working week in and week out to provide entertainment and

companionship for the community's elderly. Peggy Como, president of the Mutual Concerns Committee, in Sea Cliff, said that the organization held senior lunches at St. Luke's Parish Hall, but a week after the pandemic arrived, the program came to an end

"Once Covid hit, we had to shut it all down," Como said. "People were in a panic. I was in a panic. I didn't want to be responsible for anybody's sick-

Similar scenes played out across the North Shore and around the world. Judy Palumbo and Christine Rice, executive directors of the Life Enrichment Center at Oyster Bay and the Glen Cove Senior Center,

respectively, added that it felt like the pandemic came out of nowhere and upended their work and the lives of their seniors.

Palumbo said that prior to the pandemic, the Life **Enrichment Center** had an average of 75 people coming in for lunch every day, and daily buses brought seniors in for physical and mental exer-

cise as well as games and activities. Although Life Enrichment had been warned about the potential seriousness of the spreading virus by a concerned Oyster Bay resident, the hardest part initially was the suddenness of it all, although the center was able to avoid an outbreak among its members.

"I think there was a little bit

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# Minority Millennials declare they are future

By KEPHERD DANIEL

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They come from all walks of life, with diverse backgrounds and even more diverse plans for their individual futures. They are Minority Millennials, and they visited Hofstra University recently as a way to prepare to become tomorrow's leaders.

The summit — which took place at the school's David S. Mack Complex — was known as "We are the Future," featuring sessions and presentations from a lineup of today's thought leaders that included elected officials the state's lieutenant governor, a number of New York City councilmembers, and Assemblywoman Taylor Darling.

The summit featured workshops and panel sessions designed to emphasize the importance of civic power, financial literacy, and taking on leadership roles. It featured live programming aimed to promote civic power and economic freedom, all while educating and empowering Black and brown young people from across the five boroughs and Long Island.

Minority Millennials is a nonprofit civic and youth development organization founded in 2017, and serves as a resource for emerging generations of color as they seek equity in social, political and economic developments.

"We created Minority Millennials and



Courtesy Daniel Lloye

**MINORITY MILLENIALS FIRST** We are the Future summit at Hofstra University, emphasized to Black and brown young people the importance of civic power, financial literacy and taking on leadership roles.

now the We are the Future summit to bridge the gap between policy culture," said Dan Lloyd, founder and president of Minority Millennials, in a release. "We firmly believe the fundamental piece to economic freedom is ensuring young people of color are educated about the value of civic engagement. Once a person understands their role in society and how powerful their voice is within a larger democracy, their leverage of power shifts, and their ability to develop both personally and professionally dramatically increases."

In an effort to access inter-generational networking opportunities, the summit

included panel sessions and keynote presentations from New York City public advocate Jumaane Williams, as well as Suffolk County police commissioner Rodney Harrison, and Gen-Z activist Chelsea Miller.

"Coming up, the people who had the biggest impact on me and my future were the people who looked like me. Who gave me a chance. And who led by example," said Brooklyn borough president Antonio Reynoso, in a release. "I'm glad to see the We are the Future summit creating this opportunity, not just for young adults, but for the adults who have a responsibility to empower the next generation of change-makers."

AT&T was a major supporter of the summit, providing 1,000 free tickets for Long Island, Bronx, and Brooklyn high school students to attend.

"AT&T is proud to support such an important and meaningful summit, and applauds the organizers and all of the esteemed presenters for their commitment to engage in meaningful conversation about the importance of civic responsibility," said Magdalonie Paris-Campbell, a spokeswoman for AT&T, in a release. "As a company that connects people across all aspects of life, we are thrilled to support this effort to engage so many New York City and Long Island youth with the opportunity to inspire them to be the next generation of changemakers and civic leaders."

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# Many people continue to need food assistance

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The number of people who were food insecure increased dramatically during this time: Not only were food pantries and soup kitchens scarce, but many people lost their jobs. But not every place providing food to vulnerable populations closed.

"All of the food pantries closed down because of the risk, but we didn't. As soon as the restrictions were lifted, we did it outside," said Donna Galgano from People Loving People, which worked out of First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay during the pandemic. "We had 300 cars one day lined up waiting for food. At the end of the day we said, 'We did it!"

People's spirits were at their lowest during Covid, terrified by reports of deaths and worried about contacting the disease. Galgano did not want to add to the misery that people were experiencing.

"We would ask people what they needed, which we do today too," she said. "That's to give them dignity. They could choose what they wanted. We also didn't want to waste anything giving people something they didn't want."

People Loving People moved to its own space on Audrey Avenue in Oyster Bay in November 2021. Today 175 families utilize the service.

For Galgano, it has been a rewarding experience.

"We've had people tell us because of the help we gave them they could take their kids to the doctor or buy medicine," she said. "There are a lot of families in Oyster Bay who need help. I see over 100 families regularly."

Linda Eastman, the director of operations for Nosh in Glen Cove, said the need for food remains high. Nosh provides emergency food delivery to individuals and families. Eastman said it delivers food to 265 families and helps 200 to 225 walk-in families each week.

Having lost its home at the Veterans of Foreign War building due to a fire in August 2021, Nosh has been housed in a new space on School Street in Glen Cove since September 2022.

Eastman said Nosh is expecting an upswing from people in need when school lets out. And more people are expected to need assistance from Nosh now that the pandemic-era increase in benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program has ended, although Eastman said she hasn't noticed an upswing yet.



Courtesy Courtney Callahan

**COURTNEY CALLAHAN, NOSH** co-founder, far left; former Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke; Linda Eastman, Nosh's head of operations; and County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton joined forces to help families in need during the pandemic.

People Loving People is seeing five to 10 more people each week, which Galgano attributes to the end of the SNAP increase. She said when the number reaches 200, they will not be able to assist any additional people living outside the hamlet.

"It seems like Glen Cove has exploded," she said. "Every week we get two to five people from Glen Cove. I think it's because our place is like a little market. People even come off the street asking if they can buy stuff."

Joan Adomsky, who coordinates the pantry at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Oyster Bay, said she is seeing the same number of people as she saw during Covid.

"The volunteers and I talked about it recently and we think it's the price of food, how much it's gone up," Adomsky said. "Our parish members and groups are extremely generous in keeping our pantry full. We are able to even share some with other pantries in our community. We've been very fortunate."

The pantry at the Church of St. Rocco in Glen Cove, which also relies on donations from parishioners, is in good shape too, according to coordinator Coleen Spinello. She said many came to the pantry for assistance during

Covid's peak, but more food pantries have since formed.

Spinello is on the board of the Inter Agency Council of Glen Cove, an outreach program where members network once a month. Some members such as St. Patrick's Church have experienced an increase in people needing help. "Maybe it's because the government supplements ran out?" Spinello wondered. "It's odd we aren't getting the walk-ins."

Ingrid Morales, the outreach coordinator at Oyster Bay's Youth and Family Counseling, is worried. The pantry, which helps the Spanish community, is very low on supplies, she said. She's hoping the donations will increase, as many people need help.

"People aren't giving what they used to," she said. "I think they are holding on because everyone is struggling money-wise. I think what I'm seeing is not normal."

The pantry does offer gift cards for Stop & Shop, purchased with donations from different organizations, but Morales said people don't use it for food other than certain staples. "They use the gift cards for Pampers, toothpaste, milk and eggs," she said. "They want to get food from us like rice and beans."

# Donation ensures 'music will keep playing' at Morgan

By LAURA LANE

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Former Congressman Tom Suozzi shared a pre-summer surprise on Tuesday, something that will benefit everyone in Glen Cove, as well as the city's many visitors who love music. Because of a generous donation and sponsorship of \$1 million from Rallye Motor Company and the Terian Family, the nonprofit Morgan Summer Music Festival will continue.

The free festival, which runs from July until the end of August, traditionally offers all types of professional, family-oriented musical performances, from Broadway to swing to jazz. It's funded entirely through tax-deductible contributions.

Morgan Summer Music Festival holds a special place in Suozzi's heart since his father, Joseph began the festival 64 years ago when he was Glen Cove's mayor, and his mother, Marguerite, ran it until her death in 2017. Tom and several volunteers have been in charge of the festival ever since, which offers concerts on Sunday evenings.

The property for Morgan Memorial Park, a 40-acre park overlooking the Long Island Sound, was given to the city by financier J.P. Morgan in 1926 after his wife died. He wanted to build a park in her memory, offering the city a lease for 999 years for \$1.

"The only way the concerts can happen is with the volunteers and raising money from local businesses and residents," Suozzi said. "When the owner of Rallye approached me — Juliana (Terian) – she offered to do something transformative. When we are long gone these concerts will continue because of this sponsorship."

The announcement by Rallye, came as it begins to commemorate its 65th anniversary of opening its first dealership in Glen Cove.

When Terian spoke she began by offering accolades to Glen Cove's mayor, Pam Panzenbeck. "I love that you have a strong woman leading this city," she said. "It's been a longstanding tradition for Rallye to give back. Peter (her husband) opened the first dealership 65 years ago when he was only 19 in Glen Cove on Sea Cliff Avenue. Since then, Glen Cove has continued to be our home"

Peter Terian established Rallye in 1958 as an imported car service repair garage. Today Rallye holds franchises of Acura, BMW, Lexus and Mercedes-Benz. The company is known for their philanthropy, giving back to the communities that have supported them. Terian said the family remains happy and proud to remain in Glen Cove

so many years later

Panzenbeck said her administration has been committed to the upkeep of the popular park. The sea wall, walkway and bathhouse, which will be getting a new roof soon, are but a few examples of the improvements that have been accomplished as of late.

Carolyn Willson, who was Tom Suozzi's deputy mayor when he served as mayor, has lived in Glen Cove since the 1970's. Willson is one of the volunteers that keeps the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival going each year.

"The volunteers help raise the money needed to put the concerts on and get the word out about them," she said. "I've always gone to the concerts. The concerts are a part of living here. My children came to them and now my grandchildren go."

Suozzi said that the Terian's donation is indicative of who they have always been. "Rallye has steadfastly manifested what it means to be a good corporate citizen and neighbor," Suozzi said. "The Terian Family and Rallye will ensure that the music will keep playing in the park for generations to come."

The first concert is on July 2 at 7 p.m. when "Live and Let Die: The Music of Paul McCartney" will take the stage. The full schedule can be found at MorganParkMusic.org.

# Houses of worship are experiencing 'new normal'

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as a house of worship, saw this also as an opportunity to recalibrate how people interacted with prayer," Rabbi Irwin Huberman, from Congregation Tifereth Israel, said. "When Covid hit, we already had some experience at offering Zoombased religious services."

Prior to the outbreak, Huberman noted there was a distinct lack of young adults in attendance, which the congregation sought to change. Their religious attendance did increase there and in other parts of North America at the height of the pandemic, and their attendance tripled. Although the congregation's online audience decreased as the pandemic became less severe, their overall attendance remains high.

CTI found shortening its services helped retain a higher audience while remaining spiritually rewarding.

For CTI, the "new normal" is a hybrid with some attending in person and others via Zoom. Members who are ill, far away from the synagogue, or uncomfortable with in-person services can remain connected to the CTI community.

"That's the really positive thing about post-Covid," Huberman said. "In spite of so many lives lost, that we've been able to come together following Covid with more people locally and around the world."

#### **North Shore Community Church**

Although North Shore Community

Church had a YouTube channel for those who preferred it, senior pastor John Yenchko said it didn't have a high level of engagement.

Instead, the church decided to spend as much time as possible focusing on personal interactions through phone calls or delivering care packages to congregants' homes. Church staff often would deliver packages of toilet paper and other household essentials while also praying — socially distanced — with families outside their homes. Yenchko said his congregation has resumed a sense of normality and has paralleled local public schools' Covid-19 guidelines in setting its own guidelines.

Although the church grieved for the physical divide set by social distancing guidelines, Yenchko said the community grew spiritually from the experience.

"The two great commandments that Jesus taught are to love God and love your neighbor as yourself," Yenchko said. "And actually, I feel as though through the pandemic, the core of our church, and our church as a whole, grew in loving God and in loving their neighbor."

#### **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church saw a spike in attendance from 80 members to 500 members during the height of the pandemic. The Rev. Kimberly Wilson said that this drastic increase reflected new membership across the United States, and



Courtesy Kimberly Wilson

**KAYLA AND EMMA** Sorensen performed Christmas songs for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The musicians wore their masks inside to follow state-mandated social distancing guidelines.

the increase of births related to the pandemic, which necessitated "more creative" baptisms. She performed one by a lake, and another in front of the fam-

ilv's home.

But some challenges were difficult to navigate around, especially in cold seasons. Although her church, like many, used online resources to continue services, the inability to collectively sing hymns as a way of expressing faith and worshiping God was a "devastating loss," she said.

Wilson remembers learning that her favorite hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," written during the Black Death pandemic, served as a reminder to be grateful to God for all things.

"It was written as an affirmation of life and faith in God," Wilson said. "I think that's where we've tried to stand, that in spite of sickness, in spite of suffering, in spite of isolation, there is goodness."

Wilson said she reflected on the mental-health impact from both isolation and the sudden loss of control people had over their lives. She believes that pandemic-related trauma still affects communities of faith in multiple ways, but also believes that healing lies in caring deeply for one another and using faith as a resource to cope. She said online resources for church services became a blessing for those too ill to attend services in person

Although church attendance is approaching pre-pandemic levels, Wilson said she and her congregation have learned to cherish every opportunity to gather in person, and to understand that God is with them in times of need.



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## **Elder Law Misconceptions**

One of the most common and devastating misconceptions about elder law estate planning is that it is too late to save money from nursing home costs. On the contrary, there are crisis planning tools that may save substantial assets from being spent on nursing home costs, even after the client has already entered the nursing home. Almost always, if there are assets left, much can be saved.

There are only three ways to pay for nursing home costs – your own assets, long-term care insurance (owned by less than five percent of the population), or Medicaid provided by the government.

Many people know about the "five-year look-back period" and assume nothing can be done without advance planning. The five-year look-back rule means that if you gave any gifts away within the last five years, when asking for Medicaid to pay for expensive nursing home costs, the gift amount creates a penalty period, which results in a period of ineligibility for Medicaid coverage.

Despite the five-year look-back, New York law allows people to protect assets from nursing home costs, even without pre-planning. For single applicants, you may be able to save about half of the assets through the "gift and loan" strategy. For married couples, where one spouse needs a nursing home, "spousal refusal" may protect substantial amounts of assets for the spouse at home. These techniques are discussed in detail at trustlaw.com, under "Practice Areas", then "Medicaid Strategies".

The five-year look-back rule does not affect eligibility of Medicaid home care, also known as "community" Medicaid. Currently, an applicant may transfer their assets out of their name and still qualify for home care in the next month

Many assets, such as retirement accounts, rental properties and the family home in some cases, are exempt from Medicaid. The bottom line is that if someone you love is in failing health, the sooner you consult an elder law attorney the more you will likely be able to save.



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#### **NEWS BRIEFS**



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#### Pride flag raising

Councilwoman Marsha Silverman will host the raising of the city's pride flag with guest speakers Sarah Kate Ellis, president and chief executive officer of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. The city's high school gay straight and lesbian alliance club will also be attending.

The lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community continue to fight for their rights and acceptance in society every day. In support of the community, Silverman organized the fourth annual Pride flag-raising downtown on June 2. She began the initiative in 2019 to spread awareness of the discrimination the LGBTQ community continues to face across the country and worldwide.

Speeches will be held at Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St., on June 6, at 5:30 p.m.

# Glen Cove Moody's credit raised to positive

Glen Cove has received an improved credit rating from Moody's Corporation, often referred to as Moody's, which is an American business and financial services company.

The rating is a sign that economic prospects have improved. The last rating from 2022 was a Baa2, which reflects a stable outlook. The new rating released in May reflects an upgrade to a Baa2, a positive outlook. The improved outlook fiscally affects Glen Cove when the city issues bonds for their capital borrowing needs. Higher ratings allow for lower interest rates received in the bond market

Hed: Holocaust Tolerance and Memorial Center book club

The center's June selection for the HMTC's Louis Posner Memorial Library book club is "Once We Were Brothers," by

Ron Balson. A limited number of copies of the book are available at the front desk at the HMTC. Join the center as they discuss one of the early beloved classics of Holocaust literature.

The story details the journey of two boys, once as close as brothers, who found themselves on opposite sides of the Holocaust. Each struggled to survive in whatever way they could. After 60 years a man who is sure he knows him accuses a wealthy Chicago philanthropist of being a former Nazi officer. Readers will question the identity, and ask themselves if this s this the poor abandoned child the protagonist's family took in and raised as their own, the one who betrayed them all in the

end.

The book discussion will be held at the Holocaust Tolerance and Memorial Center on June 14, between 1 and 2 p.m. at 100 Crescent Beach Road. For additional information, contact Linda Burghardt, scholar-in-residence and discussion leader, at lindaburghardt@hmtcli.org or (516) 571-8040.

## **Amputee softball team visits Glen Cove**

The National Wounded Warrior Amputee softball seam, also known as the USA

Patriots Amputee softball team, will visit Glen Cove this summer. The team is comprised of competitive, athletic veterans who have lost limbs in combat and noncombat related injuries. While some are still in the service, others are attending college because of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, while others have moved on to new careers.

Donations and sponsorships are greatly appreciated. Send checks payable to: Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team-USA Patriots c/o Mayor's Office, Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, N.Y.

The softball game will be held on July 16 at John Maccarone Memorial Stadium on Morris Avenue at 11 a.m. Admission is free











THE HARBORSIDE





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GLEN COVE'S VETERANS and residents held their hands to their hearts while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge celebrates patriotism and loyalty to the country.

# Memorial Day honors our fallen heroes

emorial Day is a solemn day meant to honor the memories of the men and women who sacrificed their lives fighting for freedom in the United States. The day also recognizes the loss of families and friends of soldiers who died in times of war. This year, the city honored the memory of United States Army Specialist Dennis Brian Murray, and Marine Staff Sgt. Cherise Herrera, the parade's grand marshal.

Murray was born Dec. 12, 1947 and attended Eastern Military Academy,

which is now Oheka Castle. There, he developed award-winning horsemanship skills. He was drafted into the Vietnam War in 1968, and felt strongly about the need to serve his country. He died in battle on June 12, 1969.

The day also celebrated Marine Staff Sgt. Cherise Herrera, the parade's grand marshal. She has received numerous awards and honors recognizing her service in Afghanistan and the National Defense and Good Conduct medals. She is an active member of the city's veteran community.







# **RIFLE SALUTES, ABOVE,** are among some of the traditions used to honor fallen veterans.

#### SHAWN MURRAY, LEFT, and Carol Murray, honored Dennis Murray, a Vietnam veteran who died in 1969.

#### STUDENTS FROM THE Glen Cove Youth Bureau, far left, participated in the parade on their day off from school to highlight their appreciation for veterans.





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**TEAM EVA, LEFT,** run seven marathons in seven days to honor veterans. One of the parade's grand marshal's, Mike Mienko, right, marched in solidarity with the Fire Department.







#### **GLEN COVE FOOTBALL**

and cheer, above, showed their school pride, and pride in their country by marching in the parade.

#### **VETERANS TONY**

JIMENEZ, far left, and Scott Ridden attended the parade to pay tribute to those who lost their lives to war.

ALLEN, LEFT, AIDEEN and Dao Huranca watched the parade on a bright and sunny afternoon to honor the memories of soldiers who died in war.

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SENIORS LIKE BARBARA Lillis, above center, spent much of the pandemic at home playing games with relatives including her granddaughters Jordan, left, and Jessica.

# **Centers delivered** food, virtual programs

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of talk about it earlier in the year, maybe January or February, but at the time it was like it was distant," Palumbo said. "You really didn't know how badly it was going to affect us."

Most seniors, due to advanced age or previous illnesses or conditions, were at risk and had to remain isolated, yet the same isolation that saved them from getting sick, took a toll on their mental and physical well-being, according to a 2022 study by the National Institutes of Health.

The need to satisfy the innately human need to socialize required quick thinking by the local senior service organizations which stayed in contact with many members over the phone and even provided the occasional lunch or goodie bag deliv-

Life Enrichment developed a grab and go program, serving to-go meals to seniors who picked them up at the back door without having to risk going inside.

The Glen Cove Senior Center and Life Enrichment also turned to online services to help provide connection and entertainment for the seniors trapped at home. Both organizations provided virtual exercise programs for seniors, and along with Mutual Concerns, offered outdoor lunch programs when viable.

Rice added that the pandemic provided the opportunity for care alternatives for the staff as well as the seniors.

"We were so worried about how many members we were going to lose, not only to the physical aspect of the disease but to depression, or isolation or loneliness," Rice said. "So it was a tough time for all of them."

Even as the pandemic began to wind down for the rest of the country, the senior centers and programs struggled to balance the natural desire of seniors to begin reintegrating with ensuring their



THE LIFE ENRICHMENT Center worked with Americare to provide Covid vaccines for seniors such as Tv Gonzalez, left, with help from Americare nurses like Christine D'Angelo.

safety. Three years after the pandemic arrived, its effects are still being felt.

Como said Mutual Concerns held its senior lunch twice a week before the pandemic, but only hold it once a week now. There were also serious concerns amongst the senior centers that they may not recover from the pandemic, whether due to financial concerns or from a sheer loss of members. Most have not been able to offer transportation on par with what they had before the pandemic.

Despite this, the three organizations agreed that the most uplifting aspect of the ordeal was seeing how much seniors missed and appreciated their programs and socialization opportunities. Even during the darkest days of the pandemic, they would get calls about when they were reopening and asking how soon the seniors would be able to see the staff and their friends again.

# STEPPING () U

Some final notes:

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music director bids farewell

**Bv Karen Bloom** 

t's the end of era. The South Shore Symphony's distinguished music director and conductor Scott Jackson Wiley will pass on his baton after the orchestra's performance at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre on Sunday.

The annual concert at the majestic church is a fitting finale to Wiley's 25-year tenure. The full orchestra — all 80 musicians — demonstrate the breadth and depth of their musicianship performing Mahler's Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection." The Diocesan Choir with guest soloists along with organist Michael Bauer, director of music at St. Agnes — also participate. The vast work, lasting nearly 90 minutes, commands a complete orchestra, with extra brass, choir, soprano and contralto soloists.

This is the third time in 25 years that we've played it," says principal cellist Wayne Lipton, who is delighted the orchestra has another opportunity to perform Mahler's masterpiece with Wiley at the podium.

"It's an overwhelming experience with the sound of so many musicians. The music is just incredible," he says. "It's a very dramatic piece. Each time we do it, the audience jumps to their feet at the end.

He expects a similar reaction yet again.

"The organ in the last movement is very powerful. Plus, we have a huge amount of brass, five trumpets and 11 or 12 French horns. So that's a lot of firepower, plus two harps and the organ. You add it all together and it's a powerful statement. If I were going out as a conductor, this is the piece I'd want to conduct. We're so pleased to play it as his swan

From their roots in the Five Towns back in 1983, the South Shore Symphony has grown and flourished as a regional orchestra of note. For much of that time, Lipton — as the orchestra's president since 1991 — and Wiley, who came on board in 1997, have been a forceful presence in guiding the orchestra through its many phases of growth.

'When Scott arrived, we were playing at South Shore Middle School. Since then, we've grown exponentially, Lipton says. "For me, I've learned the orchestral repertoire as principal cellist. He took his time with us and challenged us. One of his greatest attributes is as a teacher." (Wiley taught at Mannes College and as a diction coach in Italian, French, Spanish and Catalan, among his other roles).

The orchestra's move to the then-newly opened Madison Theatre on the Molloy University campus in 2012 brought Wiley and his orchestra to greater prominence. New collaborations included a yearly performance of "The Nutcracker" with local dance company, Leggz Ltd. Dance. There was also opera and musical productions with University's CAP21 theatre arts students, and special guests.

"It's been a long and successful trip with Scott," Lipton adds. "I'm thrilled to have been a part of his life all these years.

As for Wiley, an accomplished French hornist who also plays the violin, the piano, and the flamenco guitar, it's a time of transition. But not certainly not "retirement," in the traditional sense.





- June 4, 7 p.m.
- Free admission; \$20 per person suggested donation
- St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place,
- Rockville Centre
- Visit SSSymphony.org for information

"I'm proud to have been the music director of the South Shore Symphony for these past 25 years and to be named its Conductor Laureate," Wiley says. "It's been immensely rewarding to have worked in close collaboration with Wayne Lipton, an important leader in the community. Through the orchestra's residency at the Madison Theatre and under its director Angelo Fraboni, we have established an enduring bond with Molloy University, and have forged extraordinary musical partnerships.

"I am also proud as well to have founded and directed Long Island Lyric Opera, under the sponsorship of Marty Bevilagua, and to have brought operatic masterpieces by Mozart, Bizet and Puccini to the Madison Theatre. A home for all serious orchestral musicians, I am particularly

pleased that the South Shore Symphony continues to draw an ever-increasing number of its players from the ranks of the gifted and dedicated music teachers of Long Island, who are the true stewards of music in the community.

"I'm honored to pass the baton to maestro Adam Glaser, of Hofstra University and the Juilliard School, and I look forward greatly to following the orchestra under his

Wiley will remain active as music director of the Centre Symphony Orchestra in Manhattan and as a guest conductor. He will also continue as a conducting teacher and coach, and with his own studies.

His musical journey continues, as it surely does for the South Shore Symphony. "It's been a wonderful year," Lipton adds. "This the best orchestra we've ever had and a nice way to end our run with Scott. We're a wonderful family of people creating together and there's much more to come."

Photos courtesy South Shore Symphony

Maestro Scott Jackson Wiley (top right) will pick up his baton one more time as conductor of the South Shore Symphony Orchestra for its annual concert at St. Agnes Cathedral.



#### Mamma Mia

Broadway comes to Long Island with Plaza Theatrical's staging of 'Mamma Mia,' based on ABBA's timeless songs. Journey to the Greek Isles in this jukebox musical. ABBA's greatest hits are woven into the sunny tale, an ultimate feel-good show. On the eve of her wedding, a bride's quest to discover her father's identity brings three men from her mother's past back to the place they last visited 20 years ago. Inspired by the storytelling magic of ABBA's songs — from 'Dancing Queen' and 'Take A Chance On Me,' to 'Super Trouper' and 'Thank you For the Music' — an enchanting story of family and friendship unfolds. Relive those '70s melodies in a joyous show that'll have everyone humming along.

Thursday, June 1, 2 p.m.; Friday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 3, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 4, 2:30 p.m., \$49, \$45 seniors. Elmont Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont. For tickets, visit PlazaTheatrical.com, or call (516) 599-6870.



#### Jessie's Girl

It's time to drag out that neon once again and give your hair its best '80s 'do. Those crazy days are back— as only Jessie's Girl can pull off. The band of NYC's top rock/pop musicians and singers gets everyone into that 'Back to the Eighties' vibe with a 10th anniversary edition of their popular concert experience. It features a lineup that includes four pop-rock vocalists dressing and performing as '80s icons, backed by a dynamic band. Throw on top of that dynamic choreography, audience participation, props, costumes bubbles and confetti and you have a party that audiences don't want to leave. Jessie's Girl has mastered over-the-top renditions of the some of world's most unforgettable songs, all while dressed up as the iconic characters of that decade. This is theatre meets live music, covered in '80s glitz.

Friday, June 2, 8 p.m. \$45, \$35, \$30, \$20. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or Ticketmaster.com, or ParamountNY.com.

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# THE SCENE



#### **Iris Dement**

The Americana singersongwriter visits the Landmark stage, Friday, June 9, 8 p.m., with her timeless songs that

blend traditional folk, country, and gospel influences. Iris DeMent is considered one of the finest singer-songwriters in America today, with an inimitable voice as John Prine described, "like you've heard, but not really." Her unforgettable melodies are rooted in hymns, gospel and old country music. Praised for her storytelling and songwriting abilities, her career has spanned over three decades, seven studio albums and collaborations with John Prine, Emmylou Harris and Steve Earle, among others. On her transcendent new record, "Workin' On A World," DeMent faces the modern world — as it is right now — with its climate catastrophe, pandemic and epidemic of violence and social injustice and not only asks us how we can keep working towards a better world, but implores us to love each other, despite our very different ways of seeing. Her songs are her way of healing our broken inner and outer spaces. \$43, \$38, \$33. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or







#### 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.

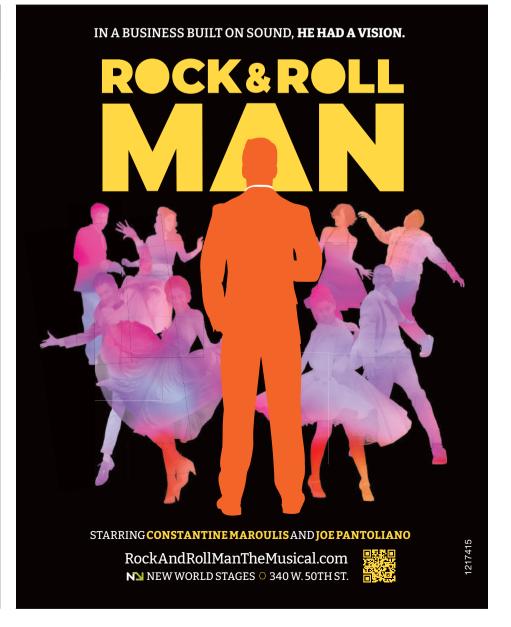
#### Broadway on Long Island

Plaza Theatrical goes to the Greek Isles with this enchanting tale, based on ABBA's timeless songs, Friday, June 2, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 3, 2:30 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.

#### Dirk Quinn Band

The Dirk Quinn Band performs at Still Partners, Thursday, June **15**, starting at 8 p.m. Enjoy a mix of funk, jam and jazz from this Philadelphia band, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., in Sea Cliff. For more information, call (516) 200-





#### **Library Walking** Club

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



#### Cruise Night

Stop by Audrey Avenue in Oyster Bay for Cruise Night, Long Island's most beloved car show on Tuesday, June 6, starting at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy classic cars, restaurants, shopping and a Kid Zone with games, side walk chalk and more. For more information text (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

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number. Submissions can be emailed to the scene@liherald.com.

time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone

#### 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.

#### Storybook Stroll

Bring the kids to Old Westbury



Gardens for a storybook adventure, a.m. Stroll the gardens

and listen to Arnold Lobel's "Frog and Toad Are Friends." Westbury. For information visit contact (516) 333-0048.

Saturday, June **3**, 10:30-11:30

Later create a unique take home craft. For ages 3-5. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old OldWestburyGardens.org or

#### fundraiser

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#### On stage

Back by popular demand, families will enjoy a musical adventure. ripped from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved children's books, on the Long Island Children's Museum stage, Thursday and Friday, June 1-2, 10:15 a.m. and noon; Saturday,

June 3, 2 p.m.



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.

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celebration, Tuesday, **June 13**, 6-10 p.m. With drag bingo

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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

#### 'The Beautiful and Damned'



Enjoy a musical interpretation of the classic novel at Westbury House, Friday, **June 9**, 7-10 p.m. Before there was Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote "The Beautiful and Damned": a story that delves into the psychological tribulations of, at first, having everything you've ever wanted. What first presents

itself as a beautiful love story quickly turns harrowing as the characters struggle to keep themselves afloat. As New York City tumbles into the Jazz Age, Fitzgerald's characters tumble down a financial and psychological spiral they may never recover from. This adaptation by Long Island native Brooke Di Spirito combines Fitzgerald's meticulously detailed novel with the elements of a stage musical: a brand new script, score, choreography. Reservations required. \$40. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information contact (516) 333-0048 or visit OldWestburyGardens.org.





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# Living in a world after the Covid-19 pandemic

By MICHAEL HINMAN

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The country officially returned to normal on May 11 with the end of the federal public health emergency surrounding Covid-19 — but for many, it's been pretty close to normalcy for months.

Virtually no one asks for proof of vaccination. Masks, while occasionally seen, have found themselves primarily back on the faces of medical professionals. And the floor



markings intended to help people put six feet of distance from their neighbors have almost faded into time.

Yet, the federal end to the emergency is far from ceremonial. Washington has stopped buying vaccines and treatment, although plenty of supplies already pur-

chased remain on-hand. It once again became more difficult to qualify for Medicaid — something that has loosened significantly at the height of the pandemic. However, states like New York isn't expected to address eligibility at the more local level until later this summer.

And, of course, many of the financial assistance programs that had almost become commonplace are long gone, but free vaccines for children remain thanks to efforts by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Pfizer and Moderna — the two major pharmaceutical companies that supplied most of the country's vaccine doses — vow they'll continue providing free vaccines to those who can't afford it, or don't have the insurance to cover it



Laura Lane/Herald file

NANCY CASALE STOPS to thank pulmonary rehabilitation director Lynda Torel outside the Glen Cove Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation last July, after battling Covid-19 and its aftermath for months. Nancy never let her age — 95 — stand in the way.

Much closer to home, government officials with Nassau County as well as the towns of Hempstead and Oyster Bay, had nothing to say about the pandemic. County Executive Bruce Blakeman went after mask mandates — especially in schools — within minutes of being sworn in more than a year ago.

"The governor should adhere to the law, follow the science, and allow local officials to decide what is best for their hometown communities," Blakeman said at the time. "Nassau is not in crisis, and shouldn't be painted with the same broad brush as the rest of New York state."

#### **Unwinding Covid**

This week — and in the coming weeks — the Herald is exploring local life in a post-pandemic world. We're following up on the heroes and the stories that filled these pages from the very beginning of the pandemic lockdown, to the height of the virus invasion, to the aftermath. All with the hope we never have to experience such troubled times ever again.

And more local programs, like the Household Assistance Program that offered a \$375 per household grant from federal funds, as well as the Emergency Rental Assistance Program — ended last fall, with a lot of the money unclaimed.

In the end, nearly 6.7 million positive cases were reported statewide, with New York City accounting for nearly half of that with 3.1 million cases. Long Island reported 1.1 million cases, while 5,346 people in Nassau County died.

Nearly 85 percent of people in Nassau received at least one vaccine shot, representing more than 1.1 million people — the best overall percentage in the state, behind the 88 percent from Queens and Manhattan.

One woman the coronavirus would not defeat was Nancy Casale of Wantagh. Last year, the then-95-year-old walked out of the Glen Cove Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation on her own power, after months of fighting Covid-19 and its aftermath.

"Nancy is a wonderful soul, said Lynda Torel from the Glen Cove center. "At 95, she's energetic, eager and willing — all the qualities that make her a fighter. She's been on a fantastic journey. She never said 'no.""

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# New Alzheimer's respite care park offers some peace

By MALLORY WILSON

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A new space dedicated exclusively to those with Alzheimer's disease and their families has been added to Eisenhower Park

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America and Nassau County opened a new respite care relief park to help those living with Alzheimer's or dementia, as well as their caregivers. The Eisenhower Park location is the second one of its sort in the country — the only other one is in the Town of Babylon.

More than 50,000 people on Long Island — or 3 percent — live with Alzheimer's disease. Across the country, that number jumps to 6.2 million people — or one in every 53 — said Chuck Fuschillo, president and chief executive of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. There are more than 100,000 caregivers.

We created "a respite relief park to give them a place to get out in the open," Fuschillo said. "Obviously in the beautiful park that's here in Eisenhower Park, but also for the caregivers to come to a safe setting to avoid caregiver burnout. The caregivers in this county — and throughout the island — really are our heroes."

The park was created both to serve those living with the disease, and to recognize the caregivers. It includes educational information about dementia and Alzheimer's, along with benches, a brick walkway, a gazebo, and greenery. Its purpose is to enable a caregiver to have much-needed relief, and learn more about what resources are available for them.

It's also a place for a caregiver and their individual with Alzheimer's or dementia to come and chat in a peaceful, outdoor area.

"This is an integral part of what this park is about," Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman said. "It's not just about sporting events, it's not just about cultural



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**BERT BRODSKY, THE** founder and board chair of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, shares his experience of taking care of his mother, who had Alzheimer's, during the unveiling of a respite care relief park at Eisenhower Park's Field 6

events, it's not just about entertainment — it's about a place where people can go to be with nature, in a peaceful setting. And it's incredibly important to those who have been afflicted with Alzheimer's and dementia."

Blakeman heard from many who have family members with Alzheimer's or dementia about how disrupting it is for those families.

"They need places to go. They need programs. And that's what the American Alzheimer's Foundation does," the county executive said.

"They create these programs. They create an environment to help not only people who are afflicted, but also those people who are living with it each and every day—the families and the caregivers."

Private donors funded the park's creation. Other money came from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, a charitable organization that gives money for health care and health-related initiatives in New York. The foundation helped fund the Town of Babylon location, and a new one that will be built in Yonkers this fall.

Fuschillo thanked county legislator Tom McKevitt for taking the lead on the project after the legislature approved the park.

"Alzheimer's is not only so tough for the person who's going through it, but especially to the family and caregivers — it's completely consuming to their life," McKevitt said. "They want to have a place where they can go with their relative, with their loved one, and have a few moments of peace."

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America was founded in 2002 by Bert Brodsky, whose mother lived with Alzheimer's disease between 1980 and 1992. At the time that he was caring for her, Brodsky found there was not a lot of information out there regarding the disease, and he struggled with how to find support.

Now, the foundation helps hundreds of thousands of people annually.

"I never thought I could affect anybody's life but my own, but I've been fortunate enough to be able to start the foundation and help those families that are dealing with this terrible, terrible disease," Brodsky said.

"The respite park is a perfect example of what could happen when you put your mind to something, and you try and make the world just a little bit better."

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# State parks prepare for busy summer of sharks

By MICHAEL MALASZCZYK

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Excited about summer, but nervous about sharks? There are a few things to know.

Above all, state officials have a comprehensive plan they say will ensure swimmers and boaters will be safe from sharks this summer. Joining forces to make that happen are the state's parks, recreation, and historic preservation office, along with the environmental conservation department and the state police. All will increase surveillance along every state park beach.

"With New Yorkers and visitors alike preparing to enjoy our beautiful Long Island beaches all summer long, their safety is our top priority," Gov. Kathy Hochul said, in a release. "I encourage all New Yorkers to listen to local authorities, follow guidance, and take precautions to ensure a safe and responsible beach trip this summer."

How state officials will patrol parks deserves a big thanks from technology. Some 18 drones will monitor beaches for sharks — up from eight last year, Nearly three-dozen state staffers — from police to lifeguards — have or will be trained, all by Fourth of July weekend.

Two new Yamaha WaveRunners — what many might know as jetskis — have been assigned to lifeguards to patrol both Jones Beach and Robert Moses state parks

To keep swimmers away from high levels of fish activity — where sharks are more likely to prowl — buffer zones will be created between swimming areas and surf fishing areas.

"The action being taken along the South Shore of Long Island will give us eves

in the sky and along the coastline," state parks commissioner Eric Kulleseid said. "Over the past two seasons, we've learned that drones are the most effective mecha-



Michael Malaszczyk/Herald 1

**THERE COULD BE** sharks lurking in this choppy water off of Jones Beach's West End. But if there are, there's a few things to know — like the state is putting resources into protecting swimmers from sharks, and that shark activity is a sign of a healthy environment.

nism to detect environmental conditions that could attribute to shark activity."

Those environmental conditions include areas with seals, schools of fish, diving birds, and murky water. Shark activity also can be higher at dusk, night and dawn, according to experts.

Should a shark be sighted at any beach, swimming will be suspended for at least one hour. That sighting then will be referred to the Long Island Coastal Awareness Group, an environmental organization which consists of more than 200 people from municipalities, agencies, and private beach operators from Queens and Long Island.

There was higher-than-usual amount of shark activity off of Long Island last summer, including one documented shark attack on Jones Beach. Other places on the island with confirmed shark attacks included two on Smith Point Beach, and one each on Ocean Beach, Seaview Beach, and Fire Island.

The Ocean Beach attack was identified as a sand tiger shark, which is native to Long Island's waters. Typically docile, these are the sharks one might see on a trip to the Long Island Aquarium in Riverhead.

One of the attacks at Smith Point Beach was confirmed to be a tiger shark — most likely a juvenile.

None of the attacks were fatal, but the increased activity prompted the environmental conservation department to ease fears. State biologists Jim Gilmore and Chris Scott made two things clear to reporters last year — shark activity is not as dangerous as "Jaws" might lead you to believe. And shark activity means the environment of Long Island waters is doing well.

According to Gilmore and Scott, Long Island beachgoers may have let their guard down in recent years because the environment had not been thriving enough to support normal levels of shark activity.

"Many of our coastal shark species are protected now because they had declined," Gilmore said, at the time. "And they were an important predator in the marine environment. So overall, this is good news for the marine environment and our ecosystems."

Scott emphasized that seeing these ocean predators at Long Island beaches is completely normal.

"If you went to the woods in Alaska, you might see a bear," he said. "If you go to the ocean here on Long Island, you might interact with a shark."



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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 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

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ong Islanders have all kinds of non-romantic love affairs. They love their school boards, their teachers and their garbage collectors, and they even show some love for their utility companies. But when things go wrong, the love affair is over. That applies especially to the companies that provide electricity, gas or cable service.



JERRY KREMER

The shortest of the love affairs is when the lights go out for a long period of time.

The problems with lighting companies date back to the early 1960s, when the Long Island Lighting Company was Public Enemy No. 1. Those of you who were living

on Long Island at the time should remember that just uttering the word LILCO would get somebody mad. It was a powerful organization that had many friends in high places, but it made mistake after mistake, and its ratepayers wanted heads to roll. The company's biggest calamity was when power was knocked out for weeks while its chair-

man was in Italy. He didn't come home until it was too late, and that was the moment of truth.

For the following 20 years, ratepayers demonstrated, howled, screamed and went to war against LILCO, demanding

that the state take it over. In 1988, Gov. Mario Cuomo signed a bill establishing the Long Island Power Authority, whose sole purpose was to take over LILCO and keep the lights on forever. LIPA bought out LILCO, and took over its workforce and operations. LIPA did a decent job, but it was always understood that someday the Long Island operation would be contracted out to a larger utility company.

Around 2010, LIPA decided to publicly ask the utility industry to consider operating on the island. Two companies, Con Edison and Public Service Electric and Gas, offered to become the power provider. Con Ed was well known, but many new arrivals from New York City had a bad taste in their mouths from its service, and PSEG began to get serious consideration. It had a lot of friends in high places, and in a short time won the con-

tract to provide electrical power to Long Island's 1.3 million residents. The utility got a bad break when, two days after its contract took effect, the Island was hit with a major snowstorm, but we Islanders can be very forgiving, and PSEG was

spared any criticism.

The romance with PSEG continued for quite some time, until we had three 100-year storms in one year. Thousands of ratepayers were without power for weeks, and the company's response was slow and inefficient. Part of the reason it was unable to get its customers post-storm relief was the aged power system. Its communication operation, as well, was antiquat-

ed, and the grid had to be made stronger and more efficient. That took money, and that meant rate increases. PSEG began taking long-overdue steps such as massive tree trimming, but the bonds of love had already broken.

Over the past few years, there has been a new effort to get the state to consider letting the power system be managed locally again, but with a whole new approach: municipalization, which means that LIPA would be overseen by a

whole new bunch of local citizens who would be responsible for its operation. The state created a commission and gave it \$2 million for hearings and consultants. To date, the process has fallen flat, and it will be some time before it gets moving ahead again.

There are two things wrong with the drive to let John Q. Citizen run the power system. First of all, why not sit down with other power companies and see if they are willing to be the operators? It's possible that we can find a company with the credentials to keep the lights on without jumping into some untested, citizenrun operation.

Second, even if we can't immediately find a suitor, giving a group of local neighbors the power to dictate to professionals is a very dangerous move. Long Islanders don't ask for much in the course of the average day. They need their lights to stay on, and the best way to accomplish that is to have people running our system who know what they're doing.

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# Summer reading: To escape or go deep?

f course, we must *have* a summer to take up the subject of summer reading. Which reminds me of a great book about Krakatoa, which was blown to oblivion in 1883 when a volcano erupted, creating what became known as the year without a summer. The book "Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded," by Simon



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Winchester, explains that the massive volume of debris thrown into the atmosphere darkened the world for months, not just in Indonesia, but

around the globe.
Anyway, what I was saying is that we've had plenty of chill winds this spring, but the

days ahead look promising. If you're still in indoor mode, you might pick up Winchester's book and commiserate with the millions of people in the 19th century who lived in the shade of Krakatoa.

I would put that book in the category of "escape," and I would add a few to the list for those reading to run away. Heaven knows, many of us have our traveling pants on. I feel as if I could become one

of those people who eventually combusts from the pressure of awful news in the world and starts screaming at the TV or running down the street with my hair on fire. When I was a kid, my escape from stress was reading, and it still is. Still,

it's so hard to concentrate when I see with my own eyes glaciers the size of Rhode Island breaking off the Antarctic continent.

B roaden your base But we must persist. Add to the escape literature of info, and a blockbuster by a prince of a guy, Harry, the Duke of understand why Sussex. He narrates the world is "Spare," the audible version of his memoir, in a going to hell. warm and ironic voice. His tone is intimate and his affect is humble. The royals are an endless source of skullduggery and palace intrigue. This book is infused with tasty morsels of delicious gossip.

Also, pick up "Priestdaddy," by Patricia Lockwood, the comic memoir of her childhood in a rectory as the daughter of a priest. She uses her own life as copy, and she gets why it would be an entertaining subject even for those of us whose fathers aren't priests but just fathers.

One more on that list would be "The

Possibility of Life," by Jaime Green, on the search for other life in the universe. Think of it as the ultimate escape: Who's out there, and how can we make contact? Spoiler alert: They won't come in human form

If distraction and escape aren't possible, if you're too consumed by the political and cultural moment, then just give in and read deeply and widely so you can broaden your base of information and at least understand why the world is going to hell.

I'm leaning toward nonfiction and short stories these days. Try "The Great Leveler," by Walter Scheidel. In this wellreviewed nonfiction book,

he argues that only catastrophes like pandemics and great, violent upheavals like world wars can ever address economic inequality. Hey, you're depressed anyway — might as well be educated as to why.

"The Soul of America," by the great Jon Meacham, is a glorious history that basically asks, over many illuminating pages: How do we save our democracy?

"The Naked Don't Fear the Water," by Matthieu Aikins, is a timely and telling nonfiction account of an American soldier who goes back to Afghanistan after the war. His mission is to find the man who worked with him in country and help him escape.

"Tenth of December," on the other hand, is both escapist and deep. The short stories by George Saunders — author of the popular and weird "Lincoln in the Bardo" — are challenging, but you can do it. They require concentration and focus, and that's a good thing, because it means you may be able to tune out the news. I can't begin to explain the stories; they defy summarizing. But I urge you to read them and absorb what Saunders has to say about our American culture

Finally, you can read any number of books about the rise of Donald Trump, the end of civility in America, the undermining of our democracy and the threat of totalitarianism. But if you truly want to examine the real possibilities of the past serving as prologue to the present, try a nonfiction masterpiece, "Hitler," by Ian Kershaw. One critic called it "mesmerizing," and said that what was most amazing was the number of opportunities when Hitler might have been stopped in his mad rise to power. Nuf said.

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## **HERALD EDITORIAL**

# Learn about dementia, for your sake and others'

emory loss is common as we get older. Going to the grocery store and forgetting what you went there for. Trying to remember the name of an actor from your favorite movie. Even panicking because you have no idea where you left

These are experiences many people can relate to, especially once you reach

But memory loss may be more than just a sign of aging. It can be an early sign of Alzheimer's.

June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month. More than 55 million people worldwide live with the disease or another type of dementia, according to the Alzheimer's Association. Now is a great time to get checked, because early detection could make a major difference in how the disease progresses.

There is no cure for Alzheimer's, but doctors recommend medications like galantamine, rivastigmine and donepezil. They're helpful, according to the National Institute on Aging, because they prevent the breakdown of acetylcholine, which is important for memory and learning.

Put simply, the drugs help nerve cells communicate.

There are opportunities for everyone to observe Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month. Spreading the word about the

importance of being tested for the disease as well as learning about the different types of dementia is something everyone should do.

And knowing the signs of Alzheimer's can help you help others. The most obvious, of course, is memory loss — specifically about recent events. Difficulty completing tasks that were once part of your routine is another. And sometimes people's personalities change, and they may become more aggressive, angry or hope-

Not being able to find the right word to express oneself is often another sign, as is an inability to do tasks that were once

And while it might not seem related, it really is important to prevent and address hearing loss, even if it involves buying hearing aids. According to Johns Hopkins, hearing loss is estimated to account for 8 percent of dementia cases. Scientists believe hearing loss may actually be a cause of dementia. When you can't hear. your brain works overtime as it strains to hear and fill in the gaps, which comes at the expense of other thinking and memory systems.

Researchers are also finding that hearing loss causes people to be less engaged. We can all think of a relative who sits in a corner and doesn't participate at family functions, complaining they can't hear

what's being said.

Don't ignore them. It's important for them to be socially engaged, because they need to remain intellectually stimulated in order to avoid dementia. A little patience and encouragement from those around them can go a long way.

If you do find out you have early signs of Alzheimer's or dementia, don't give up. Find ways to train your brain to fight the disease. Do crossword puzzles, word searches, Sudoku. Play chess, or even video games. Challenge vourself to learn new information or skills, like how to knit. Enroll in a class.

And for those who can still find their keys, reduce your risk of Alzheimer's or dementia by getting enough sleep, maintaining a healthy weight, not smoking. and managing your blood sugar.

Looking for a way to make a difference? Help people with Alzheimer's by volunteering. The Long Island Alzheimer's and Dementia Center, in Westbury, often has volunteers helping at its day program. They act as companions, and help people with memory loss be creative in arts and crafts. It can be a very rewarding experience.

Until there is a cure for Alzheimer's, it's important to take care of yourself by being tested and helping those around you who may need that little push. And it's important to take care of yourself, too.

#### **LETTERS**

#### D'Esposito punted on Santos

To the Editor:

The Herald seemed intent on misleading its readers as to the actions of U.S. Rep. Anthony D'Esposito in last week's story "D'Esposito wants George Santos out of Congress.

The article stated that D'Esposito "spoke out in support of a resolution to expel his fellow Long Island Republican representative," leaving the impression that he did all he could to remove Santos from Con-

What the article left out, however, is that D'Esposito did not vote to expel Santos. Instead, he introduced the resolution that resulted in the matter of expulsion being referred to the House Ethics Committee, which has been investigating Santos since March.

D'Esposito disingenuously defended this vote by claiming that it would be the "quickest way" to rid Congress of Santos. Of course, that is false. The quickest way would have been for the majority of House Republicans — including all those who have called for Santos' removal — to vote for his expulsion.

Instead, a direct vote on expulsion was blocked by the D'Esposito resolution. While D'Esposito's rhetoric on Santos is welcome, actions speak louder than words. The people of Long Island and the nation deserved better.

> JAY K. GOLDBERG Woodmere



#### This Floridian agrees with Kremer about DeSantis

To the Editor:

Re Jerry Kremer's column "Something's going wrong in Florida" (May 18-24): I totally agree with his observations.

Back in the 1970s, I was a Nassau County

Democrat. I spent many days at headquarters in Mineola. Today I'm living in St. Augustine, Florida. When we moved to this area, Ron DeSantis was our congressman. Then, amazingly, Trump propelled him to the governor's mansion.

I agree totally with Kremer's assessment of the person I call "DeMentis" because he's so crazy. With a compliant and willing legis-

#### **OPINIONS**

# Why Nassau needs a strong inspector general's office

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s a legislator who served during the height of corruption in Nassau County and witnessed the indictment of former County Executive Ed Mangano, I know firsthand how important it is to have mechanisms in place to protect taxpayer money from the pitfalls of waste and fraud.

Over the past few years, I have worked



**DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON** 

closely with my colleagues in the County Legislature's Democratic minority caucus to strengthen the integrity of Nassau's procurement system and make the process of awarding contracts as fair and secure as possible. We did so by increasing the

rigor of our contract reviews; requiring vendors to submit the names of all principals and any political contributions they have made; and mandating the disclosure of any violations an applicant may have been issued.

Soon afterward, we created the Office of the Inspector General and appointed the county's first inspector general, Jodi Franzese, with unanimous bipartisan

support following an extensive search. After the fights and scandals of the previous years, this was a truly proud moment in my legislative career, and represented real progress in our ongoing efforts to root out corruption in the county.

Operating as an independent official, the inspector general and their team promote transparency and increase the accountability of county operations by reviewing each contract to detect and prevent waste, fraud, and the abuse of taxpayer money in county procurement. Continued support for the office is critical to ensure the integrity of our procurement system one that encompasses hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

At a time when the county has received hundreds of millions of dollars in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds and tens of millions more in settlements from the opioid manufacturers and distributors who flooded our communities with dangerous, addictive prescription drugs, I believe this function is especially vital. And with the Legislature's vote on May 22, the county is also likely to face an array of substantial contracts in the not-too-distant future related to the redevelopment of the Nassau Hub in Uniondale, the outcome of which will profoundly shape our county for a generation.

However, it appears that there are efforts being made to weaken this crucial

government watchdog at a time when I believe it is needed the most.

After her four-year term expired at the end of 2022, Franzese worked for months without being reappointed by the Legislature, putting herself and the entire office in an uncertain position. Without the protection of being formally appointed by a bipartisan, 13-vote supermajority, her ability to accomplish

her mission of serving as an independent watchdog was inherently weakened. Our minority caucus introduced legislation in April to extend her contract through 2026. Unfortunately, the majority rejected our proposal.

I can't help but wonder whether political considerations were a factor in the decision to stall Franzese's reappointment. Consider this fact: If Republicans capture just one more seat in November, they will establish a 13-vote supermajority in the Legislature. With that, they

would have full control of every arm of county government, and could feasibly install an inspector general who would rubber-stamp whatever contracts come before the Legislature, undermining its ability to provide checks and balances as a truly coequal branch of government.

Such an atmosphere would be a tremendous disservice to county taxpayers. I fear it would also create a fertile breeding ground for a return to the troubles of our recent past at a time when those taxpayers simply can't afford to go back-

For all these reasons, I am passionate about preserving and enhancing ethics safeguards like the inspector general's office. Not only do such entities protect taxpayer money from waste, fraud and abuse, but they also deter future bad actors and help to ensure that elected officials have all the information they need to reach informed decisions. The minority caucus will continue to fight tirelessly to improve the procurement process to make it more open, inclusive and cost-effective, because it is essential for Nassau County to continue down the path of good government and transpar-

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#### **LETTERS**

lature, he is turning Florida into our country's leading autocracy. This state is a stark contrast to what it was when we first moved here in 1992. At that time it was affordable, safe and sane. Today it is expensive, dangerous and crazy.

Kremer is correct in his commentary on the sad social and political conditions in Florida in 2023 under the misguidance of Ron DeMentis. I do not believe he can or will win the 2024 Republican nomination, but I am fearful that he can persuade the state legislature to change the twoterm governorship limit. That would be devastating to a state his policies have already crippled.

> RICHARD CORTELL St. Augustine, Florida

#### Post-pandemic, we need a new way forward

To the Editor:

During the coronavirus pandemic, New York froze. In particular, health care services froze in their tracks under the strain and demand, and shifted to responding to the new threat to the population's health.

Unfortunately, health care services and interventions not related to Covid-19 were put on the back burner. As a result, non-Covid health issues were not prioritized, resulting in people getting sicker for a variety of reasons.

Although the pandemic was a prioritizing focus for health departments and the government, other issues did not need to be pushed to the side.

One issue that was left behind was the focus on reducing rates of sexually transmitted diseases, with an increase in infections reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2020. Due to the pandemic restrictions imposed to make people safer, many sexual health clinics and health care providers reduced service or close entirely.

Additionally, government resources previously dedicated to reducing STD rates were redirected to address the pan-

This allowed rates of STDs such as syphilis and gonorrhea to increase. This scenario is most harmful to adolescents and young adults, who are at disproportionately greater risk of testing positive for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, as the CDC recommends routine testing for this age group. But the pandemic disrupted this routine for many.

In addition, disparities for marginalized communities, such as people of color and men who have sex with men, were exacerbated, with men of color who had sex with men disproportionately testing positive for STDs during the pandemic.

Although the government was required to redirect national health initiatives to address the crisis, a new way forward is needed, because these disparities persist, and there are proven methods of

#### FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



Illuminated art, projected onto a wall of the high school — Baldwin

addressing them. Targeted interventions are required to eliminate these disparities, making better use of our local communities to keeping us healthier going forward.

Redirecting funding back to local organizations and health care providers that are addressing these issues is an important start.

Go get tested, and stay safe!

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#### CORRECTION

In "Glen Cove welcomes three new officers" (May 25-31) we should have said that Mayor Pam Panzenbeck credited the Glen Cove Police Department with the city's mention in Money.com as number 37 in top places to live.



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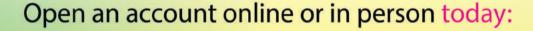


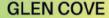
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