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CHEF JEANINE DIMENNA of the View Grill, known for her compassionate spirit, is marking her 10-year anniversary as owner of the eatery, where she's helped forge touching memories with the people around her.

Chef marks 10 years at the View Grill

By ROKSANA AMID

Communities like Glen Cove flourish thanks to the selfless nature of residents like Jeanine DiMenna. While feeding the city for 30 years, she has brought people together with her passion for food and her compassion toward others. This year marks her 10-year anniversary as owner of the View Grill.

Through her decades of service to her community, she's helped create touching memories with the people around her.

Councilwoman Barbara Pee-

bles fondly remembers the many lunches she has shared with her mother at the restaurant. When Peebles' mother died five years ago, DiMenna stepped out of her kitchen and brought comfort and laughter to Peebles' grieving family at the funeral reception.

"Jeanine, of course, is a young legend in our city," Peebles said. "She makes every single event feel like it's a family event. Everyone has stories like that about her."

DiMenna's journey to the hearts of Glen Cove residents began when she was a teenager.

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Will Murphy joins Democrats hoping to replace Santos

By WILL SHEELINE

The last year has been a politically unique situation in New York's 3rd Congressional District, with the circus that is U.S. Rep. George Santos propelling the North Shore into the national spotlight in a less-than flattering manner. Farmingdale resident Will Murphy is hoping to win the Democratic nomination and "restore our faith in government."

Murphy, an attorney and a law professor, is one of the several Democratic candidates who will be running to potentially replace incumbent Santos.

Although the 39-year old has never held or run for public office, he is unfazed. Murphy said he believes the district deserves a candidate "who's not interested in partisan politics."

'Back when the Constitution was drafted, the intention was not for people to go down to Washington, D.C., and spend an entire career there and profit themselves the entire time," Murphy said. "I mean, what we really have there is a bad reality show going on."

Despite registering as a Democrat for the primaries, Murphy said he believes party politics are one of the biggest issues facing the country, and that his goal

is to offer district voters a candidate with a goal is to improve the district, not use it as a launchpad to further his political career. To that end, Murphy stated that should he be elected, he would not seek more than three terms in office and would not receive any outside income while in office.

Murphy added that he has been dismayed by political discourse on the national stage in the last few years. After being disgusted by the antics of representatives like Marjorie Taylor-Green and Lauren Boebert, he said that Santos' election was the

"When George Santos came

on the scene . . . and his fabrications and his lies and his conning of the people in our district came to light, well, that's when it became real," Murphy said. "This affects me, it affects my children, my family, my neighbors and my community."

The Farmingdale resident said he worked for years as a federal court litigator, where he spe-

cialized in representing labor unions and victims of employment discrimination. Murphy earned an undergraduate degree from New York University and a law degree from Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center. He currently runs a private law practice representing local businesses, while also teaching

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State files suit against anti-abortion group

By BRANDON CRUZ

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State Attorney General Letitia James announced on June 8 that her office had filed suit against Red Rose Rescue, a rightwing anti-abortion organization, for blocking access to three Planned Parenthood locations in Nassau and Westchester counties, including the Planned Parenthood in Hempstead on July 7, 2022.

The lawsuit, announced just over two weeks before the anniversary of the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe V. Wade, claims that several members of the pro-life group, Christopher "Fidelis" Moscinski, Matthew Connolly, William Goodman, Laura Gies and John Hinshaw, have interfered with clinics by lying to clinicians to gain access to the facilities under the guise of being a patient and having an appointment.

Once inside, James's office said, a Red Rose Rescue member posing as a patient will open a back door, allowing others inside, where they have occupied waiting rooms and refused to leave, barricaded entrances, threatened staff and clinicians, and physically blocked access to women's health care services, all in an effort to stop clinics from operating.

"Red Rose Rescue has made it their mission to terrorize reproductive health care providers and the patients they serve," James said. "Only we have the right to make decisions about our own



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STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL Letitia James addressing the media about her office's new lawsuit against Red Rose Rescue.

bodies — not anti-choice legislators, not religious extremists and bigoted zealots, and not Red Rose rescue." She continued, "We will not allow Red Rose Rescue to harass and harangue New Yorkers with their outrageous militant tactics. Make no mistake — abortion is health care, and as New York's Attorney General, I will continue to protect and defend everyone's legal right to safely access health care in this state."

James also announced that she would

seek to ban members of Red Rose Rescue from coming within 30 feet of any reproductive health care facility in the state. Under the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act and the New York State Clinic Access Act, it is illegal to block access to reproductive health care clinics or harass their patients.

At the news conference announcing the suit, Dipal Shah, the chief external affairs officer for Planned Parenthood of Greater New York, thanked James for holding Red Rose Rescue accountable for actions that he said impact not only Planned Parenthood patients, but staff and volunteers as well.

"It's unacceptable," Shah said. "We see, on an almost daily basis, anti-abortion protesters outside our health centers ... using harmful tactics to block patients' access to our health centers — everything from verbally abusing them, forcing pamphlets in their face, and blocking them from entering." He added, "These top tactics are not just disruptive, they're psychologically destabilizing and they're incredibly harmful."

Catherine Lederer-Plaskett, president of Choice Matters and founder of Project CATCH (for the Center for Analysis and Tracking of Clinical Harassers), share her experiences with Red Rose Rescue.

"I would bet that everyone in this room has a day that changed their lives forever," Lederer-Plaskett said. "I have mine. It was Nov. 27, 2021. That was the day All Women's Medical in White Plains was invaded," Red Rose Rescue managed to take over the entire facility, she said.

"If they had trespassed in a mall, they would have been evicted, removed, taken out immediately," Lederer-Plaskett said, "but because it was only women's health care, the police could be heard saying they didn't want to get involved."

James said she hoped to continue being a leader in the fight for a woman's right to choose.

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Book Fairies spread the magic of reading

By ROKSANA AMID

hird, fourth and fifth graders squealed with excitement as they ran and skipped into the gymnasium at Connolly Elementary School. Their smiles grew wider as they got closer to an irresistible treat. But these young scholars weren't craving sweet and savory candy; instead, they eagerly reached for books to feed their imaginations.

With the help of the Book Fairies, a Freeport based not-for-profit dedicated to eradicating illiteracy, students took home one book that interested them. These fairies don't work their magic by sprinkling pixie dust; instead, they offer hundreds of book choices ranging from "Diary of Wimpy Kid," to Pokémon-themed books to the "Princess Pulverizer" series and more.

One student received the organization's four millionth book, which included a golden ticket.

Eileen Minogue, the organization's executive director, was excited about handing out the four millionth book to the lucky winner, but said she has mixed feelings about the milestone.

'It's sad that we're here. It's sad that we need to provide books for our neighbors here on Long Island, Minogue said. "But as long as the need is here, we're going to be both ferrying around and doing what we

It's estimated that one in four New Yorkers is functionally illiterate. Adults who are functionally illiterate have some reading and writing ability, whereas a person who is illiterate has never been taught how to read or write, which impacts their ability to read road signs, pay their bills, and look over important medical documents. There's one book for every 300 children in a lower income area. In the higher income areas, there are 13 books for every child.

'It's not a level playing field for a lot of these kids," Minogue said. "Some have zero books in their homes. If a parent is choosing between rent, or food on the table, they're going for the necessities of life. The problem is if these kids don't learn how to read, they're going to be impacted for the rest of their lives.'

Kristen Schaefer, the district's coordinator of English language arts, said in addition to its practical uses, reading can be a way to relax and offer stress relief.

'Learning how to read is a skill that you take with you for your entire life," Schaefer said. "But it's so



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ETHAN GIOVERLA, LEFT, received some help from Terese Mora, right, when deciding what book to take home for his summer reading.

important that we teach our students that reading is not just something that you have to do, but that you should love to do.

New York Times' best-selling children's author Nancy E. Krulik handed over the book from her "Princess Pulverizer" series, which had the golden ticket tucked inside.

'Reading broadens our minds, and It allows kids to imagine," Krulik said. "Kids should write, and they should write any story, they should write journals, they should do research because I think they will discover a lot about themselves.'





LUAN FRANK, LEFT, and Dominic Goldberg were excited to receive their books. They're both big fans of the Dog Man

series.

AUTHOR NANCY KRAVLIK, far right, signed her book for the golden ticket winner, Briahanna Romero. She received the four millionth book distributed by

the Book Fairies.

Event focuses on pedestrian, bicycling deaths

By KARINA KOVAC

"I am living with this unimaginable pain, grief, emptiness," Diana Alati, an advocate at Families for Safe Streets who lost her 13-year-old son, Andrew in a bicycle crash, told the audience at the first ever Walk Bike Long Island Summit. The event, held at Farmingdale State College, was organized to fight what advocates are calling "the silent epidemic" — the stunning and often overlooked number of pedestrian and bicycling fatalities.

Andrew was bicycling home from a friend's house for dinner on Hempstead Turnpike, in Levittown, on June 30, 2019, when a speeding 19-yearold driver doing 55 mph in a 40-mph zone, trying to make it through a yellow light, struck and killed him. The Alati family, worried about how long Andrew had been gone, checked the Life360 app to see his location. They saw that his icon wasn't moving, and rushed out. At the scene, his mother screamed to paramedics, "Is he OK?" saying over and over, "Andrew, please don't go. Don't leave me."

But the affectionate young boy who loved baseball, hockey, music and riding his bicycle was gone, and "our family forever changed," Alati said.

Along with other advocacy groups, Alati is part of a growing movement demanding changes that would reduce the number of deaths on the streets. Simple road design changes, such as rumble strips, consistency of school zone limits from town to town, and accurate police report documents, in the case of a fatality, are ways she has suggested could help, because "my son's life was not an oopsie."



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DIANA ALATI, AN advocate at Families for Safe Streets, shared her heart-wrenching story of losing her young son, Andrew, to a reckless speeder at the first Walk Bike Long Island Summit, meant to fight the 'silent epidemic' of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities.

Cynthia Brown, executive director of the New York Coalition for Transportation Safety, remembers the days of advocating for seatbelts to be a law. She recalls the combined efforts of medical professionals recounting the horrors of seeing car crash victims, public figures lending their voices, and public service announcements shown in movie theaters, and how they succeeded.

Brown said she believes that a similar group effort is

now necessary to draw attention to the severity of the issue, which has only worsened since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. "I think we need something like this now," Brown said. "I don't know how to bring people's attention to what a serious problem (this is). It was bad before Covid, (but) since Covid it's a nightmare."

Speeding, impairment, distraction, and fatigue account for 90 percent of all fatalities, Kazem Oryani, an engineering professor at Farmingdale State College, said. "Thirty percent of the fatalities are related to speed," he said. "This is the one (worth) fighting (now). There are others, which are education on other things, which would come

Daniel Flanzig, an attorney and a member of the New York Bicycling Coalition board of directors, said he believes the next step for the next generation of drivers is automated enforcement, which works effectively in Europe and New York City — changing the incentive from relying on empathy to forcing open wallets after an impartial machine dishes out a ticket. Other than that, Flanzig said, little tweaks in a town can alter roadway behaviors, like changing the radius of a turn or painting bike lane lines more clearly with inex-

Engineer Matthew Carmody stated that intersections and streets are safer when we can see eye to eye with one another. One improvement that accomplishes that is called daylighting, which bans parking near an intersection so pedestrians and bicyclists can see motorists, and vice versa. For this, Carmody said, no traffic study needs to be done; it's just a matter of convincing the public to lose two a couple of parking spaces in order to save lives.

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Book Review: "The Good I

by Robert Waldinger, MD and Marc Schulz, PhD

Published this year, "The Good Life" reports on the Harvard Study of Adult Development, the longest scientific study of happiness ever done. Tracking the lives of hundreds of participants for over 80 years, the report concludes that it is the strength of our relationships with friends, relatives and coworkers that most determine quality of life, health and longevity.

Regarding older adults, the authors note that time is suddenly very precious. Questions arise

- How much time do I have left?
- How long will I stay healthy?
- Am I losing it mentally?
- Who do I want to spend this limited time with?
- Have I had a good enough life?
- · What do I regret?

"The fewer moments we have to look forward to in life, the more valuable they become. Past grievances and preoccupations often dissipate...research has shown that human beings are never so happy as in the late years of their lives. We get better at maximizing highs and minimizing lows. We feel less hassled by the little things that go wrong, and we get better at knowing when something is important and when it's not. The value of positive experiences far outweighs the cost of negative experiences, and we prioritize things that bring us joy. In short, we're emotionally wiser, and that wisdom helps

We learn that neglected relationships, like muscles, atrophy. Our social life, being a living system, needs exercise. Further, the reason social relationships are so valuable has a biological basis – a means of protection from predators. Without meaningful relationships, we remain in a state of stress, often unknown

Make the effort. Most of us have friends and relatives who energize us and who we don't see enough. As Mark Twain said, "There isn't time, so brief is life, for bickerings, apologies, heartburnings, callings to account. There is only time for loving, and but an instant, so to speak, for that"

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Will Murphy hopes to bring integrity back

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full-time at St. John's University.

He plans to represent the real people of the district, he said, and expressed support for local police and law enforcement organizations as well as emphasizing the need to support the school dis-

tricts and teachers in the community. The first-time candidate also expressed his support for abortion and women's rights in the state, one of the many contentious issues being discussed in the House of Representatives since the landmark overturning of Roe vs. Wade.

"The brave men and women of our law enforcement put their lives on the line every day to protect us, but they are often called upon to do jobs that are nothing like the ones they've signed up or trained for... we need to reinvest in them," Murphy said. "And the same goes for teachers. Public education has never been more critical."

One of Murphy's main goals, should he win the primary and subsequently defeat Santos, is to end the state and local tax deduction, an issue which has been front and center in

New York state and which Santos has previously written a bill for, which remains unsupported by any other members of Congress.

Murphy said that Santos' numerous controversies have rendered him ineffective to help his constituents and added that unlike the scandal-laden Santos, he would actually be able to work with fel-

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Murphy believes he is the only candidate with the knowledge and integrity to restore civic pride and added that he is the only candidate living, working and raising a family in the community. Murphy is the father of two sons, Connor, 3 and

Aidan, an infant, and is happily married to his wife, Megan, who is also an attorney.

Murphy described his family as "the light of my life," and added that they were a big part of his decision to run for Congress. As a parent of young children, he is particularly concerned with the threat of gun violence in the country and would do everything he could to see children in the district safe from such weapons.

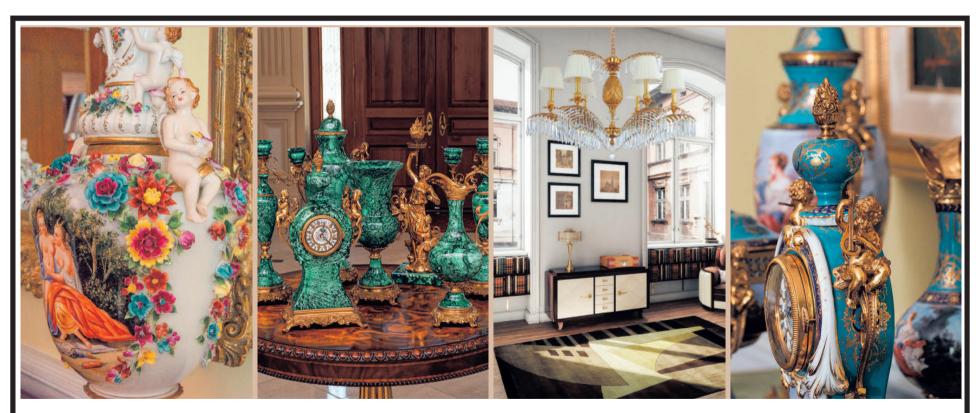
He is also focused on providing more federal funding to special education services and early intervention. This is particularly important to him, he said, since his son Connor has some developmental delays, and he's experienced the struggle many parents have gone through trying to get specialized resources.

"Not every family looks like mine, and not every family involves wedding rings and babies. I understand that and I celebrate that," Murphy said. "But at the end of the day, this is a district that is defined for people from Manhasset to Queens and all the way to the Nassau-Suffolk border by families of all shapes and sizes, and I am the family candidate."



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HERALD SPORTS

Arcangelo wins historic Belmont Stakes

By TONY BELLISSIMO

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There was no Triple Crown on the line, but the 155th running of the Belmont Stakes was historic nonetheless.

Trainer Jena Antonucci etched herself into thoroughbred racing history last Saturday when Arcangelo, ridden by jockey Javier Castellano, pulled away down the stretch to finish atop the nine-horse field before a roaring crowd of 48.089 at Belmont Park.

The Florida-based Antonucci, 47, became the first-ever female trainer to capture any of the Triple Crown races and did so with her first-ever entry. Castellano, meanwhile, has now won all three.

"It's the horse and I am so grateful," said Antonucci, who began training on her own in 2010. "I will forever be indebted to his honesty to us, his heart, and he is why you get up seven days a week. I

didn't get a lot of sleep the last few nights. I'm not going to lie. I'm so grateful."

The race marked the 50-year anniversary of Secretariat's electrifying 31-length Belmont triumph. One of the symbols used to honor "Big Red" this year was the addition of blue roses to the traditional blanket of white carnations awarded to the winner, reminiscent of the famous blue and white checkerboard silks of Secretariat's owner, Meadow Stable.

Owned by Blue Rose Farm, Arcangelo was full of run throughout as he sat behind pacesetters National Treasure, the Preakness winner, and longshot Tapit Shoes along the backstretch. As the field approached the turn and with Angel of Empire and Hit Show still very much involved after a mile in 1:37.41, Castellano made a decisive move to put the lateblooming son of Arrogate in ideal position going into the turn.

A retreating Tapit Shoes left clear running room for Arcangelo to sneak up along the inside of National Treasure, who dropped out of contention at the quarter pole. Drawing away at the eighth pole, Arcangelo then held off late-charging favorite Forte and Tapit Trice to win by 1 ½-lengths in 2:29.23.

"This is a dream come true. To win two Triple Crown races in the same year, it's amazing," said Castellano, who rode Mage to victory in the Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May and guided Bernardini and Cloud Computing to Preakness scores in 2016 and 2017, respectively. "Everything worked out good," he added. "There's always something to shoot for, but I'm just going to keep working hard. But this is so special. He was so impres-

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JON EBBERT, FAR left, owner of Blue Rose Farm, jockey Javier Castellano and trainer

Jena Antonucci.

sive. He was always there for me."

Castellano entered 2023 0-for-15 in the Kentucky Derby and 0-for-14 in the Belmont Stakes. Last Saturday's win was redemptive for the 45-year-old Venezuelan native, who finished runner-up in the Belmont on three occasions — all by narrow margins, including a three-quarter length loss aboard Stay Thirsty to Ruler On Ice in 2011; a head defeat to Tonalist in 2014 when piloting 28-1 shot Commissioner; and a nose defeat to Creator in 2016 aboard

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Arcangelo, a \$35,000 purchase who didn't make his career debut until December, won his third consecutive start and was coming off an impressive triumph in the Grade 3 Peter Pan at Belmont May 13. He paid \$17.80 to win and earned a \$900,000 payday to boost his lifetime earnings to \$1,067,400 in five starts.

Jon Ebbert, owner of Blue Rose Farm, was in awe as he earned his first Grade 1 win of his career and said he always had faith in the grey ridgling.

"It's amazing," he said. "What an amazing ride. I'm so proud of the horse. He's an amazing horse. He's all heart. We knew he had it in him. Javier rode him perfectly and Jena is an amazing trainer. I'm so lucky to find her. The rest is history."

Forte nosed out Tapit Trice for second. Angel of Empire and Hit Show finished in a dead heat for fourth. Rounding out the field was National Treasure, Il Miracolo, Red Route One and Tapit Shoes.

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Smoke of wildfires raises health concerns

Air quality advisories were issued five days in a row amid worst pollution in memory

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he thick yellow haze that descended on Long Island last week was more than a natural sepia-toned filter — the unnervingly post-apocalyptic scene brought with it some serious health concerns.

The blanket of smoke that blocked out the sun on June 7 was a result of a soonerthan-typical start to what is projected to be Canada's worst wildfire season ever. The resulting smoke plume was like nothing New York state had ever seen, according to officials from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

"It's certainly the worst in memory, by far," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said of the air quality at a June 7 news conference. "It certainly is unprecedented."

Long Island, like most of New York, received health advisories regarding degraded air quality every day from June 5 to 9. The advisories came as no shock to residents who were experiencing a yellow, smoke-scented world.

It "smelled like a campfire I couldn't escape from," one Facebook user commented to the Lynbrook Herald. "Amber skies, and fire pit smell everywhere," wrote another.

The Air Quality Index, created by the Environmental Protection Agency, measures the level of pollutants in the air and the resulting health concern. Sensitive groups — children, seniors, pregnant women, or those with heart or lung conditions — should be mindful of AQI ratings of over 100, and everyone, regardless of health, should be careful when ratings rise above 150. Places in Nassau County saw ratings of over 300 during the June 7 peak of bad air. New York City had a rating of 484, briefly making it the most polluted city on earth.

"If you've been looking out the window the last couple of days, you can see the effects of the Canadian wildfires," Dr. James McDonald, acting commissioner of the state Department of Health, said at Wednesday's news conference. "If you're out walking and all of a sudden you're coughing, you're feeling short of breath, that's a signal. When your body speaks to you, you want to listen to your body."

The DEC and other environmental and health organizations urged people to limit time outdoors. Gov. Kathy Hochul issued a statement urging all schools to suspend outdoor activities, and the Public High School Athletic Association canceled a number of sports events on Long Island.

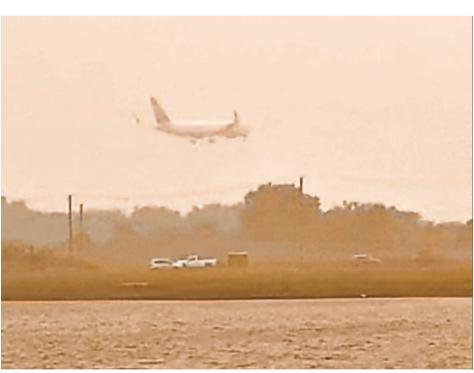
"When we're talking particularly about wildfire smoke, we know that contains fine particulate matter, which we know can enter the lungs," Trevor Summerfield, the director of advocacy in New York for the American Lung Association, said. "These particulate matters could be potentially toxic as well. We don't want anything in the lungs that's coming from burning. We know that's just not healthy for you."

Short-term exposure to such pollutants can cause coughing, sneezing, shortness



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THE SMOKE THAT drifted south from the fires in Canada obscured the skyline and reduced visibility across Long Island.



Courtesy Elysa Parker

THE VIEW FROM North Woodmere Park as a plane landed at John F. Kennedy International Airport on June 7.

of breath, a runny nose, and irritation of the eyes, nose or throat, according to the DEC. Significant long-term exposure can lead to more serious complications, such as asthma. The DEC and the American Lung Association urged people to stay indoors as much as possible, and to wear an N95 mask if a trip outside was unavoidable.

Last week's conditions were something of a perfect storm of atmospheric anomalies. According to Nelson Vas, the warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service, the intensity of the smoke Long Island experienced was exacerbated by a poorly timed low-

pressure system that funneled smoke from extreme fires in Quebec south to Long Island and the metropolitan area. The stifling smog, Vas said, was so intense that Long Island temperatures dropped several degrees.

"Some of the wildfires have spread a bit," Vas said. "That and the wind direction have all come together to really increase the concentrations down here."

The severity of the fires is due largely to an extended dry season in Canada. Vas explained that New York has not experienced such a dry spring, making a similar wildfire season here unlikely.

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the possibility that this is only the beginning of a pattern that could continue to threaten the Northeast with smoke. Climate change is a direct cause of the increased intensity and longevity of wild-fires, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. "We're really concerned about climate change," Summerfield said. "We know that climate change has an impact on our lung health because of incidences like this. I think it's just getting worse."

He added, "In New York, we're blessed to have great air quality, for the most part. And when we're used to that, and then you get (June 7), which is like the worst you could possibly see, it's a pretty stark wakeup call."

The stifling smog has given way to normal atmospheric conditions, but if the experts are right, and Long Island can potentially expect future run-ins with wildfire smoke, a hazy yellow world may be added to the growing list of "unprecedented events" people should get used to.

New Navy attack sub named USS Long Island

By KARINA KOVAC

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A new Virginia-class nuclear-powered attack submarine has been named the USS Long Island, paying homage to the multitude of veterans from Long Island and the island itself. The announcement was made to active sailors and media on Pier 88 in Manhattan during the 35th annual Fleet Week, the city's time-honored celebration of the sea services, by Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro.

The submarine is the third U.S. Navy ship named after Long Island, but a long way from the original USS Long Island steam trawler purchased by the Navy in 1917. As an attack submarine, the 377-foot-long vessel is designed specifically to seek and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships, project power ashore with Tomahawk cruise missiles and Special Operations forces, carry out intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions, support battle group operations and engage in mine warfare.

"New York has been a Navy town since our nation's founding," Del Toro said at the announcement. "Today over 200,000 veterans are spread across the five boroughs, with over 50 percent living on Long Island, in Brooklyn and Queens. The service of these veterans throughout our nation's history has been admirable, and it's an honor to recognize them as well as the district itself with this submarine naming."

Capt. Patrick Evans, a naval special assistant for public affairs, wrote in an email to the Herald about the history of the original USS Long Island: "It served as a minesweeper, harbor patrol ship, and an icebreaker until after the first world war and (was) decommissioned in 1919."

The second ship to bear the name Long Island was an



Courtesy U.S. Navy/Amber Speer

SECRETARY OF THE Navy Carlos Del Toro announces the name of the Navy's newest submarine, USS Long Island, on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp on May 25 during Fleet Week.

escort carrier, the first of its class at the time. Notably, it was the first of the Navy's prototype aircraft carriers, which launched squadrons of attack aircraft in the Pacific theater in World War II.

Earlier, in 1941, the ship cruised the East Coast on neutrality patrol, keeping a watchful eye on potentially dangerous patrolling German submarines. A year later, the ship would prove instrumental in assisting with the Guadalcanal campaign.

Fighting at the Battle of Guadalcanal, one of the turn-

ing points in the war, the USS Long Island helped save the island of Guadalcanal from a Japanese onslaught. The vessel carried Marine Corps dive bombers, and two squadrons of Grumman Wildcat fighters, built in Bethpage, into the skirmish.

After the war, the USS Long Island trained pilots and ferried returning American troops home from the Pacific as part of Operation Magic Carpet, the largest combined air and sealift ever organized to bring troops back. Many of them, no doubt, were coming home to Long Island.



HERALD NEIGHBORS



Roni Chastain/Herald photos

GROUPS OF FRIENDS gathered to enjoy Greek culture and festivities.

Opa! Festival celebrates Greek heritage

here's a look forward to, as the weather starts to warm up, and a festival is the perfect way to kick off what's fun with friends and family. The festival last weekend, hosted by the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection, was set on the sunny backdrop of the newly constructed Garvies Point and Hempstead Harbor.

The festival offered rides and scrumptious Greek food. Local vendors offered an array of unique items including toys, bags, t-shirts and jewelry with the Evil Eve.







LUCKY WINNERS TESTED the odds at the festival's raffle table, above. Prizes included Greek food and items from local businesses.

LIZ FEGOS, LEFT, and Anna Leandrou helped at the festival.

simon, LEFT, JESSICA and Zared Shawver seized the warm day to have fun in the sun, far left.

STEPPING () U T

How does your



Get outside and go green

By Karen Bloom

ne of the best things you can grow in a garden is a life-long gardener. With summer upon us, the world outdoors beckons. Starting at home. Your personal landscape is a great place to enjoy being

The kids can benefit in so many ways from digging right in. Literally. There's growing body of research that indicates gardening-related activities boost physical and emotional health, even academic performance,

besides the all-around benefits of family bonding.

So parents and grandparents who are not already getting down and dirty with the kids, what are you waiting for?

From the onset, prepare to pivot. Gardening with kids requires flexibility. Most kids prioritize exploration and discovery in the garden rather than appearance or production. You might have a planned activity, but they prefer to focus on the grasshopper they just found. Rather than corral them back to the task at hand, try talking to them about the grasshopper, sharing their wonder and excitement, and then finding a way to connect it to your activity.

Remember that positive associations with gardening are the goal. If they walk away with those, you've succeeded. And they'll be back to learn more.

Let kids choose what to plant. Offer guidance and guarantee some sure-success plants are among their picks. But if they want beets, roses and petunias, why not? Giving kids agency over what plants they grow also gives them the incentive to continue engaging with their plants over time. Don't forget that gardening isn't confined to a raised bed or backyard. You can grow a multitude of plants indoors, on windowsills, porches, or balconies,

multitude of plants indoors, on windowsills, porches, or balconies, you name it!

Choose garden projects that work for your needs. To set yourself up for success, always consider projects or activities you might want to try through the lenses of the kids' age and ability levels, your budget, available space, available time, safety concerns, and growing conditions in your area.

Leave room for good old-fashioned digging. Many

kids love to dig in the dirt, and digging and observing are

excellent for their sensory systems, gross and fine motor

skills, and practicing focus and empathy for small creatures. Leaving a designated dig space in the garden gives them a spot to search for worms and grubs, and helps keep disruptive digging out of other areas of the garden.

Make the garden a joyful place.
Positive associations with nature early on in life give kids a sense of belonging to the natural world and responsibility for it. Help with the behind-the-scenes maintenance of kids' gardens so they continue to be an

inviting space for them. Give them opportunities for responsibility, but don't turn gardens into a chore or punishment they would rather avoid. Embrace kids' preferences, and avoid

pressing them to taste, touch or smell something they don't want to.

Ensure activities are geared toward equal access. Think through how to share a gardening experience equally with all the kids participating. Try collaborative gardening: One kid digs a hole, another sprinkles compost, another kid places a seedling in, and so on. This helps multiple kids be involved in smaller garden tasks

Set aside time when kids can explore the garden without an intended activity. Positive associations also come from moments when kids are allowed to observe, explore and play in a self-led way.

And just as important, enjoy gardening yourself.
One of the most powerful teaching tools is the use of modeling.

Don't underestimate how impactful showcasing your enthusiasm for gardening can be on the kids you're working with.





The Fab Faux

With a commitment to the accurate reproduction of Beatles' repertoire, The Fab Faux treat the seminal music with unwavering respect, known for their painstaking recreations of the songs (with emphasis on the later works never performed live by the Beatles). The musical virtuosity of The Fab Faux — in actuality five New York City-based musicians – upends the concept of a Beatles tribute band. Far beyond extended cover sets, their shows are an inspired rediscovery of The Beatles' musical magic. Imagine hearing complex material like 'Strawberry Fields Forever' or "I am the Walrus" performed in complete part-perfect renditions. Or such harmony-driven songs as 'Because,' 'Nowhere Man,' and 'Paperback Writer,' reproduced with extra vocalists to achieve a double-tracked effect. That's The Fab Faux experience

Friday, June 16, 8 p.m. \$75, \$55, \$45, \$35. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com, or ParamountNY.com.



Felice Brothers

A folk-Americana-rock-country band with deep roots in varied genres, The Felice Brothers are lauded as 'musician's musicians' and poets. The brothers — Ian on guitar and lead vocals, and James, a multiinstrumentalist and vocalist — hail from the Catskills. Their early songs echoed off subway walls and kept company with travelers and vagrants. Their current lineup, with the addition of bassist and inaugural female Felice member Jesske Hume and drummer Will Lawrence (also a singer/songwriter) as their rhythm section, promises to be the best yet. Their latest tunes carry messages that beg listeners to think deeply about the environment, humanity, legacy, and death. Many of the songs depict nostalgia, transience and getting older. For songwriter lan Felice, there must also always be a current of hope in the music.

Sunday, June 18, 7:30 p.m. \$37 and \$32. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.

THE SCENE



Tom Chapin & The Chapin Sisters

Harry Chapin's family holds a special place in the long rich history of family ensembles. Always busy with their many endeavors, the family unites for a rare performance together on the Landmark stage, Thursday, June 22, 7:30 p.m. Their successful musical careers are a testament to Harry's enduring legacy. His brother Tom Chapin, with daughters Abigail and Lily Chapin, who perform as The Chapin Sisters; along with bandmate Michael Mark on electric bass and Jon Cobert on piano, will enthrall the audience with their pristine harmonies and folk-influenced melodies. A fixture on the music scene for decades, the Chapins, of course, continue to carry on Harry Chapin's philanthropic legacy. Non-perishable food items will be collected for Long Island Cares, the Harry Chapin Food Bank. \$150 and \$75. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.







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.

Planting Pride Festival



Stop by Planting Fields Arboretum, located at 1395 Planting Fields Road

in Oyster Bay, for the second annual Planting Pride Festival taking place on Saturday, June 24 from noon to 4 p.m. Planting Pride features a high-energy extravaganza filled with performances, local vendor support, tours of special exhibitions, behind the scenes access to historic spaces, and much more. Visit PlantingFields. org for information or contact (516) 922-8680.

Women's Club of Glen Cove

The Women's Club of Glen Cove meets, Tuesday, June **20**, at 11:30 a.m., at The View Grill. Come participate in this important philanthropic organization. 111 Lattingtown Road, Glen Cove.

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-

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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

On stage

Families will enjoy another 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 15-16, 10:15 a.m. and noon. This musical comedy adventure stars Willems' beloved character The Pigeon, who is eager to try anything and everything. The audience is part of the action, in this innovative mix of songs, silliness and feathers. \$9 with museum admission (\$7 members), \$12 theater only. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org

Senior Lunch Program

Enjoy visiting friends, with a delicious lunch and chair yoga, at the popular senior program hosted by Mutual Concerns. every Tuesday, at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, at 253 Glen Ave., in Sea Clifff. Those iinterested in joining the lunch program can call Peggie Como at (516) 675-7239.

Launch the Season fundraiser



Friends of the Bay holds its annual Launch the Season fundraiser to celebrate

the beauty and continued conservation of local waterways, Thursday, June 29,

6 to 8:30 p.m., at The Clam Bar at Bridge Marine. 40 Ludlam Avenue in Bayville. (Rain date is Thursday, July 13). Tickets available at FriendsOfTheBay. org. For more information, call (516) 922-6666

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 the scene@liherald.com.



A Sea Cliff Story

See the premiere of a short film "A Sea Cliff Story" by Mike Luciano and Brianna Lee, presented by the Sea Cliff Arts . Council, Friday, **June 16**. With a pre-screen party starting at 7:30 p.m., screening at 8:30. 325 Prospect Ave., Sea Clif. Tickets available at SeaCliffArtsCouncil.

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.



Summer Solstice Fundraiser

Oyster Bay Railroad Museum holds its annual Summer Solstice fundraiser, Thursday, June 22, 7-10 p.m., at the Sagamore Yacht Club. Enjoy entertainment with Acoustafunk, buffet dinner and drinks, raffle prizes and more. Proceeds raised support the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum. Head of Bay Avenue, Oyster Bay. Visit OBRM.org or call (516) 558-7036.

'Blinded By The Light'

Bruce Springsteen tribute band E Street Shuffle rocks Eisenhower Park, Saturday, June 17, 8 p.m. Hailing from Asbury Park, N.J., E Street Shuffle is a band that built itself from the ground up on the principals of being as musically authentic as humanly possible, while embodying the spirit, power and camaraderie of Springsteen and the E Street Band's legendary live concerts. Bring seating. Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. For information, visit NassaucCountyNY.gov.

Westbury House

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, June 16, noon; Sunday, June 18, 1:30 p.m.; Monday, June 19, noon, Wednesday, June 21, noon; Thursday, June 22, noon and 1:30 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.



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View Grill chef shares her love of great food

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She hung out with her friends in front of the Tiffany House Restaurant at the Glen Cove Golf Course, and her loud music soon caught the attention of the

"Eventually, they got tired of chasing us away and tried a different solution," DiMenna said. "They invited me inside and hired me to wash dishes.

Not long after she started washing dishes, she realized her culinary talent. She worked at the restaurant through high school, ascending from doing prep work and dishwashing to sharing the duties of head chef at age 19.

DiMenna's love of cooking led her to study at the New York Institute of Technology's Culinary Arts Program. She then worked at the Harrison House, now the Glen Cove Mansion, for over a decade. In 1997, she decided that it was time to move on in her career and became the assistant chef at Page One Restaurant in Glen Cove. She was promoted to executive chef within a year and became part owner. After nearly two decades of success there, an opportunity presented itself that she couldn't pass up. She closed Page One and opened The View Grill.

Acquiring the restaurant brought her full circle, and since then she has received numerous awards, honors, and recognition from both the city and state. She was also featured on the Food Network's Casino Kitchen in 2014, but one of DiMenna's biggest accomplishments has been spreading her kind and generous nature through food.

Even though the coronavirus pandemic thrust her into what she called the most difficult time of her life, DiMenna helped others who had fallen on even harder times.

When a fire destroyed Nosh headquarters, an

extension of the North Shore Soup Kitchen, in August of 2020, the organization lost about two months' worth of food for the 600 families the nonprofit serves. After hearing about the devastating loss, DiMenna offered Nosh space to store donations, and offered the restaurant's parking lot to set up tents and tables for bi-weekly pickups.

"After our fire we didn't have a place to do anything," Linda Eastman, Nosh co-founder, said. "She was so gracious in allowing us to use her space. With such an open heart and open arms, constantly, she's a rare person."

DiMenna's authentic nature has also inspired loyalty among her staff. Rachel Bueno relationship with DiMenna started when she was a student taking an adult education cooking class being taught by DiMenna. Originally, Bueno took the class to experience delicious food and cooking tips. When she got to know DiMenna better, she went to work for her.

"Even though she's my boss, she doesn't feel like she's my boss," Bueno said. "She doesn't have to tell you what to do, she'll ask you. She's the only person I could work for I couldn't work for anybody else."

DiMenna was also instrumental in the growth of the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. When the chamber was formed in early 2020, they hadn't established relationships with local restaurants yet. DiMenna knew the newly established chamber was tight on funding events and meetings and worked with them to establish an affordable per-person cost for events at her restaurant.

"She actually calls to check up to see how we're doing," Connie Pinilla, the chamber's president and co-founder, said. "She takes the initiative to make sure that we're doing okay. I genuinely love her because she's a good soul."



ONE OF JEANINE DiMenna's biggest accomplishments has been spreading her kind and generous nature through food.



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A list of the real estate located in the City of Glen Cove upon which liens are to be sold with a brief description of the same by reference to the Nassau County Land and Tax Map is available in the Tax Office or online at www.glencoveny. gov. The name of the owner is the same as it appears on the assessment roll of the year in which such unpaid taxes or charges were levied or accrued and the total amounts thereof.

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Ten Davids and one Goliath

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o date, there are at least 10 Republican Davids who have announced that they are running for president, and there are perhaps another five coming. This should very much please the Goliath, Donald Trump, who welcomes as many competitors as possible.

Almost all of the declared candidates



JERRY KREMER

have one thing in common. They are afraid to attack the former president, even though doing so would make them look truly independent. Former Vice President Mike Pence criticized Trump for his actions on Jan. 6, 2021, but then pledged to

support the eventual party nominee.

From candidate to candidate, the story is the same. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis takes pokes at Trump and tries to outdo him, but refuses to aim any direct hits at him. DeSantis wants the support of the pro-Trump movement, so he won't take on Trump in any mean-

Former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley has some impressive credentials, and talks about "moving forward," but she can't muster the nerve to say anything negative about Trump. On issues like abortion, she is wishy-washy, saying she is pro-life and not criticizing DeSantis for his six-week abortion ban. She

claims she does "not want to get into the numbers game '

South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott is well respected in the Senate. He is very articulate, but when confronted with specific issues, he dances around like Fred Astaire. He could become a formidable candidate, but if he hedges like all the other candidates, he won't get any

Vivek Ramaswamv is a former tech and finance executive who relatively few people have ever heard of. He is prominent in conservative circles. He has a lot of work to do to get public recognition, and even though he declared back in February, he hasn't made a dent in any public opinion polls. He is silent on

Former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson has great executive experience and is working hard to attract independents. He has made some negative comments about Trump, primarily about Trump's

role in the Jan. 6 insurrection. Hutchinson has a very conservative record on taxes and abortion, which might attract some voters. But he is too low-key at a time when more vocal candidates get noticed.

> Doug Burgum, the governor of North Dakota, is a new face on the national political scene. In his home state he is known for cutting taxes and anti-transgender policies. Money is no issue, because Burgum is a billionaire. But a governor from an obscure state won't ever be a favorite to lead the pack. He appears to be running primarily for name recognition, which may help in the

next election cycle.

One of my favorite candidates is former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Coupled with the fact that he is a former U.S. attorney, he is articulate and tough. At his announcement of his candidacy, Christie ripped into Trump with humor and sharp barbs. Few political observers think he can win the nomination, but he has the ability to cause some damage to Trump.

While all of these announced candidates are running around Iowa, New Hampshire, Arizona and Georgia,

Trump is sitting back and thinking, the more the merrier. In the coming weeks there will be more entrants into the presidential horse race, which will make him even happier. The latest polls show him with a wide lead over his nearest rival, DeSantis. In recent weeks, DeSantis has seen a drop in his support due to some of his very unpopular actions in Florida.

Is it possible Trump could lose his party's nomination? In politics, anything can happen. He faces two indictments (so far), in New York and Florida, which would sink almost any other candidate. But his continuing popularity among Republicans could keep him viable as a candidate, even one who's been indicted.

And it's possible that even if he's not the eventual nominee, Trump will run anyway. He may be willing to burn the Republican house down, even if he's in

For now, it's the Davids against Goliath, and Goliath is looking hard to top-

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Column writing through hell and high water

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I can focus on

So we'll rerun

some favorites.

Donnie's health.

break, so

've written my column through hell and high water. To be specific, I wrote my heart out after 9/11, grieving with so many readers who lost loved ones in the towers. I scribbled my way through blackouts, epic blizzards, hurricanes and, for three years,

I wrote about how to sleep better and



RANDI KREISS

eat better and find friends and keep friends. Sometimes an idea landed on the page full blown, and sometimes it's been a struggle to compose a cogent piece. I spent my 750 words in wildly different ways, from a tribute to

a courageous teacher friend going through chemotherapy to a send-up of the muchreviled New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, to one column many years ago in which I advertised for a prom date for my daughter. (She was in on the joke.).

My work has been personal. I have

written about my children's lives, their mitzvahs and their missteps. My breast cancer. My husband's heart surgeries. I struggled for days trying to find just the right words to honor my parents when they died. In some ways the column has

been a running history of our times in our Long Island communities. After all, don't we share the same lives and dreams, worry about the same threats to our mother Earth and hope for a safer world for our kids?

Many of my columns have suggested or reviewed books, the other love in my life. In return, many of you have pitched books my way that turned out to be thrilling and illuminating.

As politics got nasty and toxic in recent years, I jumped in, wanting to use my 750 words a week to rally support for our democracy, women's rights, LGBTQ rights and laws that ensure equality for every community and every human being. I think these were words well spent, although at times the backlash has been fierce. That's what opinion columns are for: to stir the pot,

open up the debate and disagree without getting too creepy.

When I was lucky enough to travel, I wrote to you from places as far-flung as Mumbai, the Maldives, Japan, Norway, Komodo Island, Normandy, Singapore,

Malaysia, Cambodia and Dubai. The first question I asked when booking a trip was, "Will there be Wi-Fi?"

Over the decades, I had one official week off per year, the end-of-year edition of the Heralds, when we publish special editorial pages. I consider the obligation to turn in a column every week, on deadline (most times), a sacred privilege and a joy. Mine used to be considered a "humor" column, and I

miss that, but the world is only intermittently funny these days.

Maybe you can tell: I love newspapering. So it is with some sadness that I write today to tell you that I am taking a two-month leave starting next week.

My husband, my Donnie, is facing a serious medical challenge, and I want to be there for him 100 percent. I hope to see him through it, help him get healthy

and strong again, and come back to this page with fresh ideas, good news and renewed focus.

Over the next few weeks, we've decided to revisit some winning columns from the past 20 years, and hope they still offer a laugh or an insight or a reason to write an angry letter. I did briefly consider using ChatGPT to write my column while I'm away, but I'd hate to find out that I can be replaced by an app that's writing fake college essays for a living.

I am keeping a journal of this time, and if you'd like to stay in touch, please write to my email below and I'll share some of what I'm writing on our medical adventure. I wish we were off on a Hawaiian Islands fling. Or a return to Komodo Island, even with the monstrous, salivating dragons, I'd even settle for the North Seas cruise where the waves were 20 feet high and the sun didn't shine for 14 days.

This turn of events is not what I would have expected or wished for in our lives, but it is what has been given us at this time.

Wish us luck.

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Don't let our map of history disappear

istory is not the past, but a map of the past," historian Henry Glassie once said, "drawn from a particular point of view, to be useful to the modern traveler."

We explore that map through collections of stories, drawings and photographs. Later, through moving images and even elaborate recreations on the silver screen. Yet no matter how advanced our mapmaking skills of history have become, there is not a single plot point or directional as effective in truly connecting us with history than directly interacting with those who were there.

That's why we are so grateful for efforts like the UJA-Federation's Witness Project. Similar to other efforts with variations on the same name, the UJA started the Witness Project five years ago, as an effort to tell stories from the Holocaust and World War II directly from the source: those who witnessed it.

As part of a recent featured exhibit and film, "The Ties that Bind Us," at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, the Witness Project showcased its efforts to tell stories directly to high school students in twice-monthly small group meetings where each has a chance to interact with

someone who experienced the horrors of the genocide, and later the triumphs of the period when it ended.

One of the witnesses who took part in the project is Fred Zeilberger, who was ordered to stack bodies of fellow prisoners like firewood at a makeshift concentration camp in Latvia. He was just 14, and was one of just 27 Jewish prisoners to survive that camp, out of 1,000 who ultimately ended up there.

"I was working every day," Zeilberger recounted. "If you didn't work, you didn't

Some might question why we, as a society, spend so much time focused on history, when we have the present — and the future — to deal with. But that's the thing. You can't understand the present or prepare for the future without exploring the past. That means the bad, the good. The horrific, the triumphant. There is no room for filters, only for an honest assessment of what we, as a society, have cobbled together over the years, decades and

And yes, a lot of our history will make us quite disappointed in our ancestors. We may even feel terrible about what happened, even though we personally did not do any of those things.

No one, of course, wants to feel bad, But a little bit of guilt is far different than the pain and suffering so many others experienced before us. And if feeling bad helps us better understand the plight of those who came before us, it's a small price to pay

It's an oft-repeated quote, so often that it could be argued that it's cliché. But George Santayana was right: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Remembering the past might not ensure that it won't be repeated, but it's the best defense we have for breaking the cycles of pain and anguish that fill our history books.

Our darkest period in modern history is, by far, the Holocaust. Every story from this time couldn't be more important. But as each year ticks by — as the Holocaust rapidly approaches the century mark it's vital that we keep listening. We keep learning. We keep seeking.

A map might make our travels easier by pointing the way, but it doesn't simply make them easy. There are many obstacles blocking our way from the bright future we all want, and it's important that we look at our own societal map — past, present and future — to ensure that we find our way

LETTERS

Another private energy company, Jerry?

To the Editor:

As former Assemblyman Jerry Kremer writes, "The PSEG love affair is over" (June 1-7). There is no prospect of LIPA continuing to contract management of our electrical system to PSEG. But Kremer is wrong to suggest that after the breakup, Long Island should get back out there and seek a relationship with a different private company.

Our current arrangement, in which a public utility (LIPA) outsources management to a private corporation (PSEG), is a unicorn found nowhere else, because it's unworkable. PSEG wastes tens of millions of dollars a year, and gave us high electric bills, substandard service, and the lowest customer satisfaction in its class.

But the problem is bigger than one underperforming company. The incentives of outsourcing are all wrong. PSEG's incentive is to



OPINIONS

Debt ceiling agreement leaves New Yorkers shortchanged

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fter Congress voted on the debt ceiling deal, pundits took to their pulpits — Twitter, television, and even the House floor to label my Republican colleagues and me, who voted against the now-law, "MAGA extremists." When I placed my vote, I wasn't thinking about House Speaker Kevin McCarthy or former Pres-



GEORGE SANTOS

ident Donald Trump. President Biden was certainly a non-factor.

I was thinking about my neigh-

New York's 3rd Congressional District, covering northern Nassau County and part of Queens, is perhaps the nation's most misunder-

stood district. It is the state's wealthiest congressional district and the country's fourth-wealthiest, but the reality is that we are facing an affordability crisis. Rampant spending in Albany, Nassau and Queens has crushed my constituents under its weight. According to the Tax Foundation, New Yorkers face the highest state and local tax burden of the 50 states. The same organization found that, based on 2019 data all six counties with a median tax rate of over \$10,000 are in New York. Nassau is among them.

The lowering of state and local tax deductions in 2017 to \$10,000 has further hurt the 3rd District. For Nassau in 2018, the average SALT amount reported among itemizing filers was over \$30,000, while the average SALT deduction claimed was just over \$9,000.

I have heard countless stories of bright young men and women, many of whom graduated from the nation's top universities, unable to move back to the district.

Friends and neighbors have been forced out of their family homes. To put the magnitude into perspective, in 2022, the net migration for Nassau was minus 8,906, and minus 59,444 for Queens.

Looking at the numbers and the personal stories I hear daily, our district's affordability crisis becomes clear. That's why, on May 30, the day before the House vote, my office's phones were ringing all day, with dozens of calls and text messages from concerned constituents. They almost uniformly urged me to vote "no" on the deal. My constituents have been hurting, and they know that this bill is bound to exacerbate their struggle.

Any bill that would benefit my constit-

uents would, like my own SALT Relief Act, include an increase in the SALT cap and constraints on out-ofcontrol federal spending. Instead, the enacted law includes no relief, fails to put a dent in the 40 percent federal spending increase since Covid and gives the president a blank check through 2024

Massive spending on entitlements is one culprit in our massive cost-push

inflation, further contributing to our district's unaffordability. In essence, this type of spending increases the money supply for consumers and artificially drives up demand for goods without increasing production. That in turn increases prices and devalues the dollar. Americans have already felt the devastating effects of this administration's spending policy, which this bill green-lights for another 19 months.

Among the nation's worst taxpayer returns on investment, New Yorkers would see almost no support in dealing with a higher cost of living. The Fiscal Responsibility Act effectively continues a trend of financially pummeling our district and then demanding that it subsidize others. This, coupled with no SALT relief, made this legislation, now law, unacceptable to me as soon as it crossed my desk.

The president ought to sign bills that are good for our country, senators ought to vote for bills that are best for their states, and representatives ought to vote for bills that are best for their districts. That's precisely what I did - my constituents called on me, and I responded.

Many question how I could vote against a deal to avert fiscal disaster. Indeed, many of my colleagues will be able to return to their districts with a major victory in tow. And why shouldn't they? They helped to protect our nation's full faith and credit. But to those critical of my vote: With a generation from my district unable to live and work in the same towns as their parents, could I do the same?

U.S. Rep. George Santos represents New York's 3rd Congressional District.

LETTERS

serve shareholders, which it does well, posting impressive profits. It also does well for itself, with big executive salaries and bonus packages.

It's the same with other private utility companies. National Grid tried holding New York hostage by halting all new gas hookups unless it got a new pipeline, bringing local development to a standstill and damaging our economy. The company pursued its own interests at the expense of the public's, and didn't back down until the state imposed a \$36 million fine and threatened to yank its operating license. Then National Grid had the chutzpah to turn around and push for a rate hike.

Putting ratepayers first would mean lower bills, shorter outages, and better service. Serving the public interest would mean faster ramp-up of renewables, and giving local voices a say in planning and oversight. Outsourced private management isn't designed to deliver these things. That's why, instead of getting enmeshed with another private company after PSEG, LIPA should switch to full public power, and manage the system for the benefit of Long Islanders.

> LISA TYSON Executive director, Long Island Progressive Coalition Massapequa

The outdoor season is the noisy-aircraft season

To the Editor:

There are only a few short months during which we who live on Long Island can enjoy being outdoors, riding bikes, taking walks, sitting in the backyard, gardening and eating outside.

And we are bombarded by the sound of jets taking off from Kennedy Airport every 60 to 90 seconds.

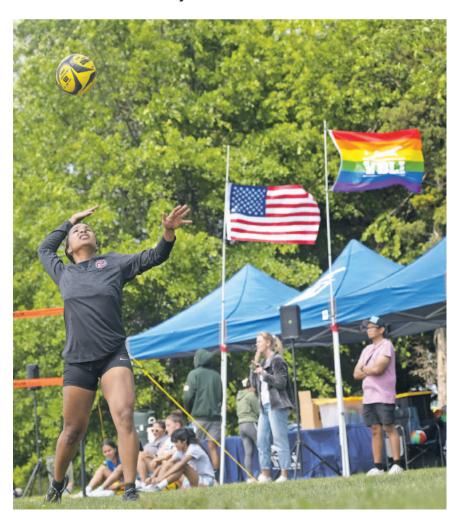
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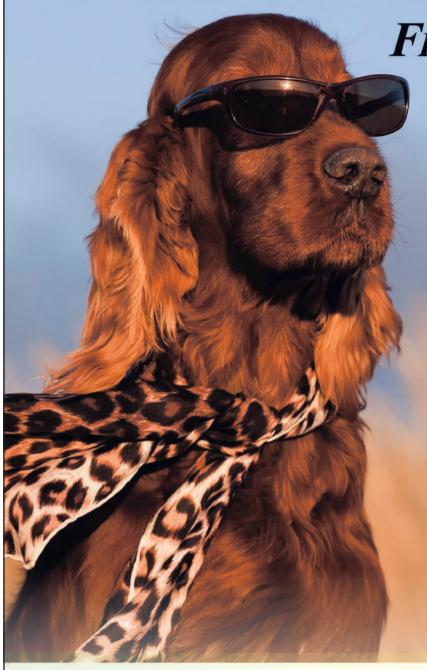
There is a Port Authority noise control number where you can lodge a complaint about the intolerable, brutal noise blasts. Call (800) 225-1071 and say something. If enough of us call, perhaps the P.A. will do something to let us enjoy our lives in the summertime while paying monumentally high taxes to do so. We deserve some peace and quiet.

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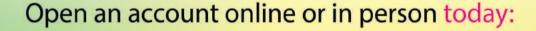


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