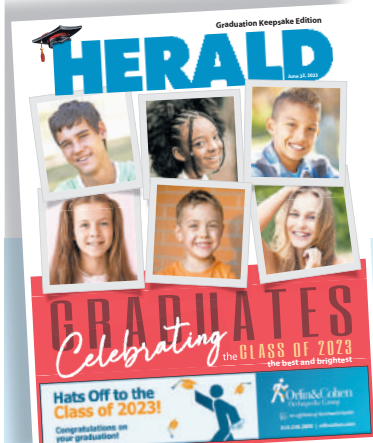


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BROOKE TRAN HAS been named the Glen Cove City School District's 2023 valedictorian.

Meet GCHS valedictorian Brooke Tran

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High school graduates in the Class of 2023 have been through a lot in the past four years. Most of their high school career was affected dramatically by the Covid-19 pandemic, but students like Brooke Tran, Glen Cove High School's valedictorian, have not only managed to overcome the stress, but to thrive despite it.

Tran comes from a family of high achievers. Her older brother, Matthew, was valedictorian in 2021, and her sister, Evelyn, ranked in the senior

class's top five that same year.

Much like her siblings, Brooke, 18, has always liked school — especially science courses — but she has known for some time that she wanted a career in health care. Her father, an emergency physician at Glen Cove Hospital, inspired her to pursue a career in medicine. She has been accepted by Purdue University as a pre-med major.

“When I was younger, my dad really awed me,” Tran said, “and as a young kid, I was always extremely fascinated with medical procedures. I

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Glen Cove Fire Department focuses on scourge of fentanyl

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Last Nov. 16, Paige Gibbons attended a sleepover with two friends. Gibbons and one of the other girls, also named Paige, bought what they thought was Percocet from an illicit dealer, hoping to ease some of their stress. They were unaware that it was laced with pure fentanyl.

Gibbons died four days after taking a small nibble of a pill. Her friend, who ingested a smaller amount, suffered two strokes, but survived, spending weeks in a critical-care unit.

Cornnie Kaufman, Gibbon's grandmother, told her 19-year-

old granddaughter's story in May at the Glen Cove City Fire Department, during an event at which community members learned how to use naloxone, or Narcan. The nasal spray is designed to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose.

Kaufman has shared the story of her granddaughter's sudden, tragic death countless times in the six months since her loss, in the hope that it will serve as a warning, to prevent other families from experiencing the same grief.

“You might say the surviving Paige was lucky,” Kaufman said. “But I fear the lifetime emotional burden will be unbearable.

These young souls were not drug addicts. They wanted to relax.

CORNNIE KAUFMAN
 Paige Gibbon's grandmother

These young souls were not drug addicts. They wanted to relax.”

Fentanyl is a strong synthetic opioid that has been used in clinical settings for decades. It is often described as 80 to 100 times stronger than morphine, and 50 times stronger than heroin. One

kilogram of fentanyl has the potential to kill 500,000 people.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, synthetic opioids like fentanyl are the primary driver of overdose deaths in the United States. A comparison between Jan. 31, 2020, and Jan. 31, 2021, found that overdose deaths involving opioids rose 38.1 percent.

“It can happen to anyone,” Kaufman said. “This demon drug knows no boundaries, and it's taking people from all walks of life.”

There are two types of fentanyl, the pharmaceutical variety and the illicitly manufactured version. Pharmaceutical fentanyl is prescribed by doctors to

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Herald staffers capture Press Club awards

STAFF REPORT

Four staffers from Herald Community Newspapers earned recognition last week for their work over the past year during the annual Press Club of Long Island awards dinner in Woodbury.

Reine Bethany, currently the editor of the Uniondale Herald Beacon, won third place in the government and politics category for her stories focusing on the Cleveland Avenue athletic field controversy in Freeport while she was editor of the Freeport Herald. Elected leaders from the village and the school district have been at odds over what to do with the green space, as plans for a distribution center there could bring millions of dollars into the community.

Ana Borruto, editor of the Franklin Square/Elmont Herald, took third place in the crime and justice category for her web story “Justice for Julio,” about residents in Hell’s Kitchen holding a vigil for a Bay Shore High School graduate while writing for GreaterLongIsland.com.

Borruto joined Herald Community Newspapers as a senior reporter last November, and was promoted to editor of the Franklin Square newspaper a short time later.

“Our whole editorial team has shown a knack for understanding their communities and following the stories vital to their readers,” Michael Hinman, executive editor of Herald Community Newspapers,



Jeffrey Bessen/Herald

THE PRESS CLUB of Long Island recognized journalism excellence at its annual dinner last week. Herald staffers Michael Malaszczyk, Laura Lane, center, and Ana Borruto show off their awards for the Wantagh Herald, Seaford Herald, Oyster Bay Herald and Franklin Square/Elmont Herald. Reine Bethany, editor of the Uniondale Herald Beacon, also was honored for her previous work with the Freeport Herald.

said. “Recognition from the Press Club of Long Island — itself a chapter of the esteemed Society of Professional Journalists — is greatly appreciated.”

Longtime Herald staffer Laura Lane was recognized as one of the best print reporters on Long Island as she picked up

a third place award in the Reporter of the Year category. Lane’s stories that contributed to the honor included one that talked about who cares for the caregivers at Glen Cove Hospital, how ex-interns led Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan’s congressional campaign, the limited options

facing refugees, and the funeral of famed Teddy Roosevelt impersonator James Foote.

Lane, who has been with the Herald for roughly 20 years, serves as senior editor for the Glen Cove Herald, Oyster Bay Herald, and Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald.

Barely a year after he started working full-time at the Herald, Michael Malaszczyk placed second in the environment narrative category. His story, “New York state adds to South Shore Estuary Reserve Act,” was highlighted.

Malaszczyk began freelancing for the Herald in March 2022 while a graduate student at Hofstra University. He became a full-time reporter a few months later in charge of the Seaford Herald and Wantagh Herald, where he was since promoted to senior reporter. All while continuing to pursue his graduate degree at Hofstra.

“There are many dedicated and hard-working journalists on Long Island, and Herald Community Newspapers is proud to be a part of that community as well as the communities our papers serve,” Jeffrey Bessen, the company’s deputy editor — and a Press Club of Long Island board member — said.

The Press Club of Long Island was established in 1974 as an independent press club after a reporter was jailed for failing to reveal a source. It is now one of SPJ’s largest pro chapters. It has honored member media organizations with an annual awards presentation since 1982.

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SAGE Foundation honors Barbara Keber

The Glen Cove SAGE Foundation honored Glen Cove Hospital's Dr. Barbara Keber, chair of the hospital's Family Medicine Department, along with the entire Family Medicine Team at the foundation's Annual Golf Outing held on June 5 at Glen Cove's The Metropolitan.

Keber, who has been with Glen Cove Hospital for close to 40 years, chairs the Family Medicine Department and has made a profound impact on the community.

"When we were deciding on prospective candidates to honor at this year's Golf Classic, Dr. Keber's name kept coming up over and over again," said Liz Luciano, who co-chairs the event Jean Marie Stalzer.

"Dr. Keber is a pioneer in her field and is also just a beautiful person," Stalzer added. "She was the perfect choice for this year's outing."

The Glen Cove SAGE Foundation, with a mission to support the Glen Cove Senior Center and Adult Day Program, was established in 2005. While the volunteer-based nonprofit organization functions year-round and is always accepting donations, the annual golf outing is its primary fundraiser.

"We are always so very appreciative of the support of the community not only at our outing but also throughout the year," said Carolyn Eipel, who took the reins as president of the organization in January of 2022.

Close to 200 guests attended this year's outing and dinner. The golfing portion of the event was held at the Glen Cove Golf Course with lunch served at The View Grill. The dinner portion of the event was held at Glen Cove's The Metropolitan.

"The support makes a giant impact on our ability to serve the senior community and it is heartwarming to see the committee members and volunteers work so hard to make sure the event is an ongoing success," Christine Rice, Glen Cove Senior Center's executive director. "We have an incredible board, committee, and team of volunteers all with a common goal to enrich the lives of our aging population. I am always touched by everyone's commitment."

For more on the foundation including support opportunities visit www.glencovesage.com.



Courtesy Douglas Kearse

CHRISTINE RICE, GLEN Cove Senior Center's executive director, left, and Carolyn Eipel, Glen Cove SAGE Foundation President, right, honored Dr. Barbara Keber, the chair of the Family Medicine Department at Glen Cove Hospital, for her dedication to the city and the surrounding communities.



Photos courtesy of Glen Cove SAGE Foundation

THE CO-CHAIRS OF the Glen Cove SAGE Foundation Golf Outing Committee were Jean Marie Stalzer, left, and Liz Luciano.

SUE RASSEKH, REGIONAL senior director of operations community relations at Northwell Health, far left, Dr. Barbara Keber, Glen Cove Hospital, and Dr. Bradley Sherman, chair of the Department of Medicine at Glen Cove Hospital attended the SAGE event, below.

THE EVENT INCLUDED the annual golf outing, which supports SAGE. Golfers Glen Cove Deputy Police Chief Chris Ortiz, far left, Glen Cove Harbor Patrol Chief John Testa, Glen Cove Police Chief William Whitton, and George Lawson enjoyed the lunch after golfing at the View, below, left.



Sharing granddaughter's story to help others

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treat severe pain, especially after surgery and for advanced-stage cancer. Most fentanyl-related overdoses, however, are linked to the illicitly manufactured version, which is distributed in illegal drug markets and sought for its heroin-like effect. It is often added to other drugs because of its extreme potency, which makes them more powerful, more addictive and more dangerous.

Kaufman launched the Families Against Fentanyl campaign, which advocates for Narcan kits to be available in every middle and high school nurse's office on Long Island. She is also urging Nassau County to distribute fentanyl test strips by bundling them with Narcan kits and giving them to all who seek them. As well, she wants to increase awareness about fentanyl through campaigns in public schools.

It can happen to anyone. This demon drug knows no boundaries, and it's taking people from all walks of life.

CORNNIE KAUFMAN

Paige Gibbon's grandmother

County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, who cosponsored the event with the Fire Department, supports a bill that would require fentanyl-detecting test strips to be included in Narcan kits distributed by county agencies. The strips, which cost \$1 each, help identify tainted drugs and prevent accidental overdoses.

A strip must contact fentanyl to detect it. If a user has ingested a substance such as marijuana or heroin and has an unexpectedly dangerous reaction, the substance can be dissolved in water and a strip can determine in five minutes whether fentanyl has been cut into it.

"Narcan is a lifesaver, and it really works," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "It's one of the tools we have to fight against this."



Roksana Amid/Herald

CORNNIE KAUFMAN, PAIGE Gibbon's grandmother, holding picture, told her 19-year-old granddaughter's story at the Glen Cove City Fire Department, where people learned how to use naloxone, or Narcan. With her was Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

The training included how to spot the signs of an opiate overdose, and participants were shown how to administer intranasal naloxone to reverse an overdose. People suffering from the effects of fentanyl have constricted pupils, and will fall asleep or lose consciousness. They will have slow or weak breathing and a limp body. They may make choking or gurgling sounds and have discoloration around their lips and nails.

In the event of an overdose, a 911 call should be followed by the administration of naloxone in one of the victim's nostrils. Bystanders should keep the victim awake and turn them on their side to prevent choking until paramedics arrive.

Bystanders shouldn't worry about legal repercussions. The state Good

Samaritan law allows people to call 911 without fear of arrest if they see someone who is overdosing.

Aside from the kits and test strips, another powerful tool to help fight the use of opiates is mental health awareness. Calle Panakos, the coordinator of education and training at the Nassau County Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmental Disabilities Services, trained attendees on recognizing the signs of overdose. She demonstrated how to use the nasal spray, but also emphasized the importance of mental and emotional well-being of victims and their families.

"They are your friends, family and coworkers," Panakos said. "Connect with that person who is experiencing this difficulty. You need to put your feet in that person's shoes and let them know they're not alone."

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CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ On June 13, a 53-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for Criminal Mischief and Harassment on Daly Place.

■ On June 14, a 31-year-old Levittown

male was arrested for Criminal Contempt on Knott Drive.

■ On June 16, a 39-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for Criminal Contempt and Harassment on Putnam Ave.

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

Juneteenth celebration encourages reflection

By WILL SHEELINE

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Juneteenth is a new federal holiday, having only been named as such in 2021, but already in the last two years it has become both a celebration and chance to reflect on the impact and struggles faced by African Americans throughout the nation's history. This year, to honor Juneteenth the Glen Cove Public Library held a day of events celebrating and discussing Black culture and history which often goes overlooked or underappreciated.

The origins of Juneteenth date back to 1865 in Texas. It celebrates the freeing of the last slaves following the end of the Civil War. Juneteenth is widely considered the longest-running African American holiday, and celebrations often include eating red food and drinks, singing traditional songs and other celebrations of African American culture.

The library had all of that and more on June 17, held in advance of Juneteenth as the library is closed during federal holidays. Lydia Wen, a librarian and archivist, organized a series of events which varied between celebratory and educatory and ran throughout the course of the day.

Last year the library held a small exhibit of quilts made by the Quilters of Color Network, a nonprofit based in New York City, depicting scenes and events from African-American history. While several quilts were included in this year's Juneteenth event, and attendees were able to discuss



Will Sheeline/Herald

LIBRARIAN LYDIA WEN, left, explained the history of numerous plants and its significance to Marlene Duverge, Amari Sanders, Denise Buscemi and Mark Colonomos.

them with Quilters of Color members, Wen said she felt it was important to expand the scope of the library's efforts this year.

"This year I knew that I wanted to do a little bit more around the exhibit, creating more of a celebration," Wen explained. "Juneteenth is an incredibly significant day for so many people, and I just felt it was important that we do our part to inform the community about the amazing history not just of Juneteenth, but of African Americans here on Long Island and across the country."

Wen led attendees through a plant

exhibit of the developing "seed library," which hold a wide range of crops that have cultural and historical significance for African Americans. On display were cash crops such as cotton and tobacco, which enslaved African Americans were often forced to grow, harvest and package by their masters.

Wen also pointed out that the garden held several plants and crops which enslaved people brought over with them from Africa and subsequently became important and beloved aspects of Black cuisine, such as okra and black eyed peas.

The day also included several talks about famous regiments of color that served in the United States armed forces before the end of segregation in the military, notably the Harlem Hellfighters and the Tuskegee Airmen.

Richard Harris, assistant dean and professor of humanities at the Webb Institute, explained that although the Hellfighters were predominately made up of volunteers from Harlem, where they got their iconic nickname, dozens of them had been from Glen Cove and nearby communities.

"I think that they represent one of the most interesting military groups in American history," Harris said. "When we look at what we did a little over one hundred years ago, today it's important to remember what they accomplished during the First World War."

The day was also filled with music, particularly genres created by or significant to African-American culture and history such as spirituals and jazz. Spirituals such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" are particularly relevant on Juneteenth, as these songs often contained hidden messages and information for enslaved people seeking to flee the North before the Civil War.

Members of the Glen Cove High School Select Chorale and the Adult Choir from the First Baptist Church sang spirituals as well as choir music. The Carl Bartlett Jr. Trio played jazz, a genre deeply entrenched in Black culture and heavily influenced by other Black music such as blues and ragtime.

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HERALD SPORTS

Wild finishes highlight spring season

By **TONY BELLISSIMO**

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There was no shortage of thrilling finishes and heartbreak on Nassau County high school athletic fields this spring, capped by a nearly 4-hourlong Long Island Class A softball championship game between MacArthur and Bayport.

Here's a recap of the 10 wildest postseason endings to the 2022-23 sports year.

1. Carey 6, Plainedge 5 Class A softball first round

The Seahawks trailed 5-1 in the top of the sixth inning but staged a comeback of epic proportions still down three with two outs and nobody on base in the bottom of the seventh. Caylee DeMeo had a two-run single and winning pitcher Lauren Peers followed with a towering fly that dropped between outfielders, bringing home the tying and winning runs.

2. Calhoun 6, Mepham 5 Class A baseball semifinal

The host Colts were down three runs and down to their last out in Game 3 with nobody on base in the bottom of the seventh before pulling out a win for the ages. A hit batter, a single, and a walk set the stage for Joey Goodman, who blasted a walk-off grand slam over the fence in left.

3. Calhoun 6, South Side 5 Class B boys' lacrosse semifinal

Jayden Finkelstein had a hat trick and an assist and junior goaltender Mark Restivo made 13 saves to propel the Colts to victory. Jake Lewis, Braden Garvey and Shaun Walters also scored as Calhoun avenged a 10-5 regular-season defeat to the Cyclones.

4. North Shore 11, South Side 10 Class C girls' lacrosse semifinal

The Vikings trailed by five goals in the first half before rallying and eventually winning in triple overtime on a goal by Kylee Colbert.

5. Garden City 7, Calhoun 6 Class B boys' lacrosse championship

Garden City, which defeated the Colts handily, 16-8, April 21, had its hands full in the rematch on the county title stage and scored the decisive goal with 1:48 remaining off the stick of Carson Kraus. Lewis scored three times for Calhoun and had the potential tying goal nullified with seconds remaining due to a crease violation.

6. Garden City 9, Long Beach 8 Class B girls' lacrosse championship

For the second straight year Long Beach fell a goal short of topping Garden City for the county title. A late goal by Garden City's Kendal Morris with 2:41 left in the second half proved the difference. Delaney Chernoff had a hat trick and Delaney Radin added four points for the Marines.



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7. Manhasset 13, North Shore 12 Class C girls' lacrosse championship

The Vikings dropped an OT heartbreaker after leading 12-9 with less than six minutes remaining in regulation. Colbert had seven goals to finish the campaign with 101. Ava Bartoli and Daniela Martini scored twice apiece.

8. Seaford 1, Center Moriches 0 L.I. Class B softball championship

Scoreless in the bottom of the ninth, the Vikings captured their first Long Island crown in walk-off fashion on Kaitlyn Young's bases-loaded single to left with one out to bring home Gabby Bellamore. Pitcher Skyler Secondino dominated in the circle with 15 strikeouts.

9. Babylon 6, Seaford 5 L.I. Class B baseball championship

One strike away from making more program history after winning its first-ever county title, Seaford baseball was unable to shut the door against Babylon. The Phantoms scored four runs in the bottom of the ninth to win it in unbelievable fashion after the Vikings plated three runs in the top of the inning.

10. Bayport 4, MacArthur 2 L.I. Class A softball championship

After defeating Clarke for the county championship in a series that went the distance, MacArthur gave everything it had in a marathon L.I. Class A title game before falling in 12 innings. The Generals tied it in their final turn at-bat on star pitcher Taylor Brunn's RBI double.

KAITLYN YOUNG, ABOVE, had the walk-off hit for Seaford in its 1-0 victory over Center Moriches in the Long Island Class B softball title game.

KYLEE COLBERT'S GOAL in triple overtime lifted North Shore over South Side in a thrilling Nassau Class C girls' lacrosse semifinal.



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PROTESTERS FROM LONG ISLAND Progressive Coalition, the Working Families Party, and Nassau Democratic Socialists of America come together for a quick group photo before heading into the Nassau County Rent Guidelines Board hearing to voice their opinions about proposed increases to rent-stabilized apartment leases in Nassau County.

Tenants don't want rents going up this year

Landlords blame economy, need for upgrades, for raise request

By **BRANDON CRUZ**

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They don't just want to pause rent increases in rent-stabilized apartments in Nassau County. They want to go back to 2021, before the Nassau County Rent Guidelines Board allowed 2 percent increases on one-year leases, and 3.5 percent on two-year leases.

Those tenants along with politicians supporting them banded together at the Hempstead Town Hall last week to issue those demands, which were set for a final vote on Wednesday after the Herald's publication deadline.

Democracy is a participation sport, and it's essential that people go out and voice their concern.

MICHAELLE SOLAGES

Assemblywoman

Michaëlle Solages said.

Last week's demonstrations were organized by the Long Island Progressive Coalition, Working Families Party, and Nassau Democratic Socialists of America.

Jeremy Joseph, an advocate and organizer with DSA, claims tenants weren't notified about the open hearings regarding raising their rent.

"We knocked on a lot of doors, we put up flyers in buildings," he said. "By the next day, almost all of those flyers were taken down by landlords because they don't want their tenants to come out and speak their minds."

"Every year landlords show up because it's their job to know about this. They want to raise the rent as much as they can, but they don't tell the tenants."

Landlords seeking another raise in rent due to infla-

tion and because they say they want to use the extra money to help upgrade poor conditions of the buildings they own. Richard Rush, a landlord whose real estate firm owns and manages various apartments throughout Nassau, said the buildings "require a lot of repairs and maintenance to upkeep, and landlords should be incentivized to maintain their buildings for the benefit of the tenants."

But Darinel Velasquez, an advocate from New York Communities for Change, says it is absurd landlords need to feel incentivized in order to provide an inhabitable space to their tenants.

"Landlords have been making consistent profit every year while failing to maintain and upkeep the buildings they own," he said.

Data compiled by the rent guidelines board reveals the consumer price index surged by nearly 4 percent in the metropolitan area over the past year through April. Meanwhile, Nassau landlords saw their income grow nearly 3 percent, but their expenses expand wider at nearly 4.5 percent between 2021 and 2022.

However, tenant advocates are questioning the credibility of this data, claiming it was developed by landlords and lacked independent auditing. Landlords, however, say the data inflates their income by incorporating earnings from non-stabilized units, which they say are considerably more profitable.

The state's housing and community renewal division has found the average rent for a rent-stabilized apartment in Nassau County was \$1,474 per month in 2022, resulting

in a profit of more than \$360 per month for landlords.

Joseph calls this new attempt to raise rents to nothing more than landlord greed, who place profits over people and already charge more than market value for their other non-stabilized properties.

"The problem with treating housing like a commodity is that its value outpaces our wages," he said.

Some tenants shared with the rent guidelines board their issues with their landlords, while they as tenants continue to struggle financially."

Some tenants claimed they were pressured into signing leases without reading them, having their rent randomly raised, and even charging upward of \$150 per month for parking.

That has forced some residents, like Melissa Devone, a 62-year-old battling lung cancer, to park three blocks away from her apartment after chemo treatments because she simply cannot afford that additional monthly expense.



ASSEMBLYWOMAN MICHAELLE SOLAGES

tells the Nassau County Rent Guidelines Board it should carefully consider the impact any rent increase would have right now on tenants working through the same inflationary pressures as landlords.

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Tenants also claimed rodents run rampant through many units, mold, a lack of security and sense of safety, lack of maintenance and upkeep, and an overall lack of quality living.

Although the vote was expected to happen this week, some organizations do offer free legal resources for tenants who might find themselves in an untenable situation. Long Island Housing Services is a private, non-profit fair housing advocacy and enforcement agency serving Nassau and Suffolk counties. They can be reached at LIFairHousing.org.

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ALBERT TRIMARCHI JR., far left, Gregory Trimarchi Jr., Peter Ingoglia and Brian Trimarchi shared a few laughs on Father's Day at the View Grill in Glen Cove.

Saying thank you to dad on Father's Day

Fathers and their families celebrated Father's Day at the View Grill on Sunday, enjoying a robust lunch. We often take for granted the day that celebrates fathers but at one time it didn't exist.

It was Sonora Smart Dodd, from Spokane Washington, who is credited with the nation's first Father's Day over 100 years ago. She had been raised by a widower along with her five siblings and wanted fathers to be honored as mothers already were on Mother's Day. She sought support by going to local churches, the YMCA and government officials and was successful. To her credit, on June 19, 1910, Washington state celebrated the nation's first state-wide Father's Day.

But it wasn't until 1972 that Pres. Richard Nixon was successful in marking the day, signing a proclamation making Father's Day a national holiday. Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday in June.



JOE MORRIS, LEFT, and Don Franklin, above, at the bar.



GERRY HERBERT, FAR left, Lou Fugazy, Doug Poncet Sr., Roy DiMarco, and Al DeMaria, Sr. found a few moments to catch up, above, left.

ROYA AND AZAM

Forouzesh, Hassir, Avieheh and Kian Forouzesh enjoyed a view of the golf field at the brunch, left.

STEPPING OUT

Band of brothers

Kevin and Michael Bacon are in their

BROOD

By Karen Bloom

Bound by blood and a mutual love of American roots music, the Bacon Brothers have spent the past quarter-century in a creative whirl, funneling their shared DNA into their unique sound that crosses genres. They call that sound "Forsoco" — a blend of folk, rock, soul and country influences, delivered by two songwriters who were born to collaborate — and it's taken the siblings across the world.

For Kevin Bacon, the A-list actor, his brother Michael is a musical extension of himself.

As the Bacon Brothers Band, they've performed on many stages since their 1995 start at a small club in Philadelphia. Now they return to Long Island on Friday, where they'll appear at The Space in Westbury.

"Long Island is a special, unique place," Michael says. "We've got tons of friends on Long Island, and really enjoy playing there." Michael, an Emmy-winning composer, is involved with Long Island High School for the Arts and teaches at Lehman College in the Bronx, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in music.

"Unlike my brother, I've never done anything but music," he says. After some time in the Nashville music scene, he found success scoring television and films. All the while he and his brother kept at their songwriting and their band.

The older of the two, by nine years, it became apparent to Michael in childhood — in their hometown of Philadelphia — that Kevin had the makings of a musician.

"We sort of started very low key just by writing songs together, I realized at a very early age the talent he had for music, even though he's completely untrained," Michael says. "And after we put the band together, Kevin wasn't expecting to play guitar."

Yet it all unfolded quite naturally, it seems.

"I grew up always listening to music as a kid," the younger Bacon says. "My brother was writing music and a lot of my heroes were guys with guitars. That's what I was looking up to. I chose acting, in part, because it turned out to be easy. Rather than practicing all the time, which is not."

Clearly the talent was undeniable, and Michael brought him along. "I saw early that Kevin had a gift for lyrics and melody."

That led them to become a songwriting duo. Now, both occupied with their demanding careers, they're very much still at it, albeit separately.

"It's a process," Kevin explains. "I keep voice notes for when an idea pops. I'll do a chord pattern or melody and go from there."

Their band's success is a continuation of a story that began long ago when the two siblings were raised on a soundtrack of 1970s singer-songwriters, Philly soul singers, and classic rock bands.

"We're still exploring the sound we began making 25 years ago; we've just gotten a lot better at it," says Michael, whose success mirrors his brother's own accolades as an actor. "Music is a life's work. It's a universe of things yet to know. It's exciting to be doing stuff we couldn't have done 20 years ago — to know that we've come so far, yet still have so much left in the tank."

And it will be on full display at The Space. With their longtime bandmates — including bassist Paul Guzzone, drummer Frank Vilardi and guitarist Tim Quick — the Bacon Brothers will perform a lively set that includes their latest EP "Erato," along with their recent single "Philly Thing," released in November.

"We're always trying to break out of our specific habits and try something new," Kevin says. "We're two songwriters who have a lot of different influences, and we've learned to embrace that reality. As long as it comes from us, it sounds like us."



- Friday, June 23, 8 p.m.
- The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury
- Tickets are \$45-\$80; available at TheSpaceAtWestbury.com

with the actor-as-musician come to realize he is just that. And, as a treat for their audiences, it all comes to a close with one unforgettable moment: the band's rendition of "Footloose."

"It's a song that makes people joyous," Michael says. Certainly an apt description of their creative partnership.

Courtesy Jeff Fasano

Kevin and Michael Bacon — brothers, songwriters, and multi-instrumentalists — have merged their individual careers into success as bandmates.



'Midsummer Nights'

Midsummer is the longest day of the year and has been long considered a magical night. In part, inspired by the photographs of Old Westbury Gardens' founder Peggie Phipps Boegner and her cousins, the estate is adorned for a summer celebration. Visitors of all ages are invited to picnic, stroll and relax during two special evenings, enjoying the gardens amid the sounds of ambient music. The grounds are illuminated with lanterns and decorated with wreaths and floral arrangements. It's a delightful celebration of the summer solstice — a transformation of the gardens that offers a look at the landscape from a different vantage point. Wander along the many paths that appear completely different when observed lit by lanterns. Bring a picnic dinner or purchase food and beverages on-site from the Café in the Woods.

Friday and Saturday, June 23-24, gates open at 6 p.m. \$20 adults, \$16 Members; \$8 ages 7-17, \$6 member child. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury. (516) 333-0048 or OldWestburyGardens.org.



The Australian Pink Floyd Show

After nearly 40 years performing, it is time to shine on again as The Australian Pink Floyd show tours with a new concert celebrating the 50th anniversary of 'The Dark Side of the Moon.' With colorful lighting and video, lasers, gargantuan inflatables and flawless live sound that was the benchmark of Pink Floyd shows, these musicians deliver a memorable experience. The iconic album is featured in its entirety, followed by a selection of Pink Floyd's iconic tracks. Replicating music from every phase of Pink Floyd's journey, this tour reinforces the band's dedication to the heritage of Barrett, Waters, Gilmour, Wright & Mason, with a show that pays sincere and genuine tribute to those legendary Pink Floyd productions.

Sunday, June 25, 8 p.m. \$85, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50, \$39.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com, or ParamountNY.com.

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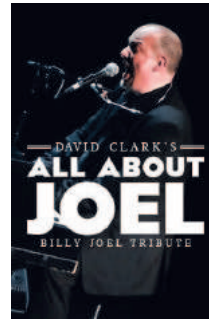
June 30

Motor City Revue Journey

back in time to 1960s Detroit and the birth of the Motown sound, when Motor City Revue visits the Landmark stage, **Friday June 30, 8 p.m.** This 11-piece tribute band will have you dancing and singing along to the songs immortalized by Smokey Robinson & The Miracles, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, The Supremes and countless others. From Hitsville to Soulsville, they'll perform it all, with a passion and delivery of the true Motown sound that is undeniable. Their ability to match the vocal harmonies and instrumental mix that distinguished the original recordings is not to be missed. All will be humming along to these iconic tunes that defined a generation, in this authentic recreation of the great era that revolutionized the music industry. \$47, 42, \$38. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.



June 25



In a 'New York State of Mind'

Plaza Theatrical continues its season with "All About Joel: A Billy Joel Tribute," **Sunday, June 25, 2:30 p.m.** David Clark's stunningly accurate piano playing, lead vocals and an eerily similar stage look to the Piano Man himself delights audiences, while engaging everyone with wit and humor. Come hear all your favorite tunes including "Just the Way You Are," "New York State of Mind," "Piano Man," and so many more. It's performed at Plaza's stage at the Elmont Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. \$40, \$35 seniors. Elmont. For tickets, call (516) 599-6870 or visit PlazaTheatrical.com.

June 25



On exhibit

Nassau County Museum of Art's exhibition, "Eye And Mind: The Shin Collection," highlights the extraordinary collection masterworks assembled by 31-year-old connoisseur Hong Gyu Shin, an internationally recognized figure in the global art world. He shares his treasures, including works by Whistler, Lautrec, Boucher, Daumier, Delacroix, Klimt, Schiele, Balthus, Warhol, de Kooning, Gorky and many other important names from art history provocatively juxtaposed with the painting and sculpture of our own time from both Asia and the West. On view **through July 9.** Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.



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Planting Pride Festival

June 24

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.

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.

Launch the Season fundraiser

June 29

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.

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 GlencoveLibrary.org or call (516) 676-2130 for more information.

July 8



Family Bat Walk

Stroll Old Westbury Gardens with Gabriel Willow, a New York City-based urban naturalist and environmental educator, Saturday, **July 8**, 7:30-9:30 p.m. He will lead a walk through the gardens to listen and look for bats while discussing bat ecology and conservation. All ages are welcome. Space is limited and reservations are required. Rain date is **Saturday, July 15**. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information contact (516) 333-0048 or visit OldWestburyGardens.org.

Westbury House Tour

For many years visitors to Westbury House at Old Westbury Gardens asked what was beyond the first floor corridor. Now beyond the door and discover "secrets of the



service wing," during a 60-minute guided tour, Friday, **June 23**, noon; Sunday, **June 25**, 1:30 p.m.; Monday, **June 26**, noon, Wednesday, **June 28**, noon; Thursday, June 29, 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. Visit 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.

Summer sounds

Radio Flashback rocks Eisenhower Park, **Saturday, 24**, 8 p.m. Highlighted by their 4-part harmonies, this is a classic rock tribute to the music, the artists and the experiences everyone fondly remembers. Bring seating. Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. For information, visit NassaucountyNY.gov.

Senior Lunch Program

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

Having an event?

Items on The Scene page are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to thescene@liherald.com.

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Gala shares pride in PFY

It was a celebration of 30 years proving service and guidance to the young LGBTQ community of Long Island, and it was a celebration in style.

PFY — formerly known as Pride for Youth — raised thousands of dollars for its Long Island Crisis



MAULIK PANCHOLY, ACTOR from shows like '30 Rock' and 'Star Trek: Discovery,' shares why organizations like the Long Island Crisis Center's PFY group are so important to helping the LGBTQ community. The gala at Westbury Manor raised tens of thousands of dollars for PFY's programs.

Center programs last week during its annual gala at Westbury Manor.

Special guest at this year's event was Maulik Pancholy, the openly gay actor many would know for his roles in the NBC sitcom "30 Rock" as well as the children's series "Phineas and Ferb."

"I think the gala is going to be a time for us to kind of get together and reflect on where we have come as an agency, where we need to go as an agency, and really honor the pioneering leadership and spirit that has laid



Photos courtesy Jonah Murdoch

THE STAFF FROM Long Island Crisis Center's PFY group that focuses on the LGBTQ community of Long Island and Queens, gather for a group picture during the organization's annual gala last week at Westbury Manor, celebrating 30 years of the program on Long Island.

the groundwork that has made PFY what it is," PFY director Devon Zappasodi told the Herald ahead of the event.

The organization was originally intended for young people, but grants have allowed PFY to expand to serve anyone who identifies as LGBTQ on Long Island and in Queens.

The crisis center operates a 24/7 hotline for people with mental health crises, and PFY was formed in 1993

after former executive director Linda Leonard noticed an influx of calls from members of the LGBTQ community.

"They were actually getting a lot of calls on the hotline for folks who were looking for LGBTQ services, such as counseling ... or support groups," said Tawni Engel, the crisis center's associate executive director. "There was nothing like that that existed at the time."

Anyone seeking more information or help can visit LICCPFY.org.

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Celebration of life planned for Hubert Hilton

By LAURA LANE

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Hubert E. Hilton was often described as the kindest, gentlest man outside the boxing ring, but inside it he was driven and vicious. And his tenacity paid off. A professional boxer in the 1960s, Hilton was ranked the No. 7 heavyweight in the world in 1965 by Ring magazine.

The man known as “Doc” in the boxing world died on Oct. 27, 2022 succumbing to cancer. He was 83. Although he had moved to Farmingdale roughly 50 years ago, he continues to be a legend in Glen Cove, where he lived most of his life. After he died, his family realized that the city’s residents did not know of his passing. This week that will be rectified.

There will be a celebration of the former Glen Cove resident’s life at Morgan Park on Saturday at 10 a.m. His daughter, Janine Hilton Jones, said people who knew her father will be permitted to share their memories, of which there will be many.

“I feel this will be closure for a lot of people, especially for us,” Hilton Jones said. “I always brought him back to Glen Cove because it was “it” for him. It was his home.”

Hilton was born on Aug. 18, 1939 in Georgia. When both of his parents died, he moved to New Jersey to live with people who cared for him. Then as a young boy he moved to live with his aunt and uncle, Ethel and George Hilton, who lived on Shore Road in Glen Cove.

Sandra Tillman, of Glen Cove, met Hilton when she was 11 and they began dating, marrying when she was 18 and Hilton, 21.

Sandra said Hilton was always athletic, able to outrun anyone and excelled at sports. He began training as a boxer when he was 17 at the Lincoln House, now

the location of the city’s Boys & Girls Club. Hilton would train every day after school and when he turned 18, began competing at Sunnyside Gardens in Queens.

At 6 feet 2 inches, “Doc” was 190 pounds of solid muscle. He fought in London, South America and Brazil, where he was poisoned. Sandra said someone put poison in the water used to wipe Hilton’s face and eyes. After the sweat was removed from his eyes, Hilton couldn’t see.

“His vision was blurry, but he fought anyway,” Janine said. “They were betting he’d lose, and he lost the fight.”

Frank Pena, president of the Glen Cove Boxing Club, said although Hilton stopped boxing in the ring in 1973, he never retired. He took thousands of punches sparring with Howard Davis Jr. preparing him to compete in the 1976 Olympics, which he won.

“They say Howard Davis opened the door for Glen Cove, but it was Hubert,” Pena said. “To be number seven in the world, that’s big.”

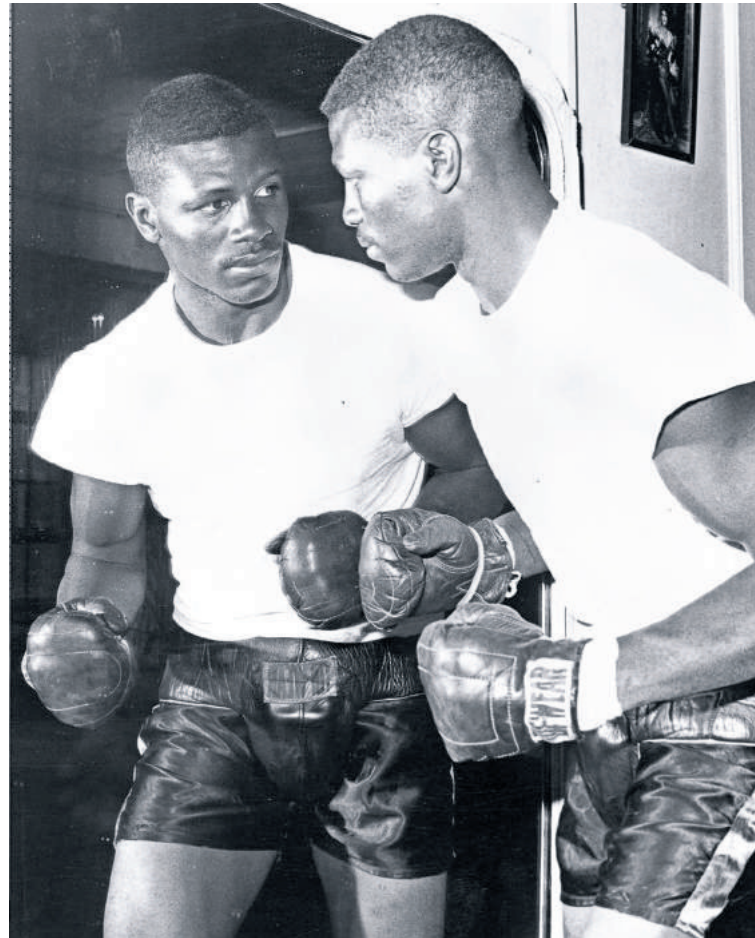
Charlie Dione was Hilton’s sparring partner from 1966 until the 1970’s. He admired him for more than his talent as a boxer. “Hubert wouldn’t overpower you when he sparred with you,” Dione said. “He fought at your level. That’s the kind of guy he was.”

Hilton never drank or smoked, Dione said. His body was chiseled. When he wasn’t in the ring he ran to keep in shape.

“Hubert ran like a deer,” Dione said. “He’d run 12 to 15 miles per hour when he ran, and he ran up hills.”

People may not have seen him run up hills, but they did see him run behind the garbage truck each day while working as a sanitation engineer for the city.

“He’d talk to you when he was working and he had the biggest smile,” Tony Gal-



Courtesy Janine Hilton Jones

IN THE 1960S, Hubert Hilton, of Glen Cove, was ranked the No. 7 heavyweight in the world.

lego, of Glen Cove, said. “He was the most friendly man and had the biggest hands, like baseball mitts. Everyone in town knew Hubert. He was our local hero.”

Hilton loved kids and coached football and softball to 8 year olds. Janine said her father would carry kids on his back.

“I have a picture of him waving to kids when he was working,” she said. “He was a great dad. He was always there and always so encouraging. I miss the fun times and the laughs. We used to laugh all

the time.”

Hubert Hilton is survived by his life partner of 51 years Karen Dunphy; children Daniel, Hubert, Deborah, Carlos, Annette, Barrett, Janine, Schanda and the late, Erik; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his siblings James, Louella, Carrie, Edward, and Helen and siblings Sarah, Willie Jo and Jerome who predeceased him. In lieu of flowers, make donations in Hilton’s memory to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society; LLS.org.

Valedictorian reflects on her academic career

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wasn’t the type to shy away from blood, or TV shows where someone’s leg gets cut off and it starts spewing blood, or other grotesque things. It’s weird, but I love being in hospitals.”

Her journey to a successful academic career included music. Her first instrument was the piano.

“My mother ... plays the piano,” Tran said. “When she was younger, she didn’t have the money to invest in private lessons, so she always wanted to give her children the opportunity to have that experience.”

As a third-grader, she was inspired by her older brother to play the violin, but she dropped an early-morning orchestra class in seventh grade to pursue her passion for volleyball. She has played on the varsity team, and has also competed for Club Ace Long Island, a travel volleyball club.

As Tran grew up, she appreciated the wisdom and advice her teachers have shared. English teacher Valerie Stazzone helped her through a difficult time. Earlier this year, Tran faced the end of a friendship, and she turned to Stazzone for guidance.

“She was very kind, and gave me a lot of words of wisdom that I think really helped me to pull through

Although her academic talents are undisputable, what stands out to me is that she is a compassionate human being.

MARGIE TOCKMAN

guidance counselor, Glen Cove High School

this year,” Tran said. “She believed in me, and that really helped when I felt I didn’t have too much support. One of the things she said was, ‘If you’re not happy, then that’s a sign that something’s wrong with a relationship, whether it be platonic, romantic, or any sort of relationship.’”

Tran was class president from her freshman to junior years, serving as a liaison between the administration and the student body. One of the challenges she faced, she said, was striking a balance between appealing to her class as a whole while consider the input of students with opposing views on school issues and activities, all while working with limited resources

amid the pandemic. She said that although she tried her best, people clearly had high expectations.

“It was very hard to hear about people talking about me behind my back, and just criticizing the way I do things,” Tran said. “It took some strength to really put those comments in the back of my head and just keep doing what I thought was best, and what I was capable of.”

Those who know her well say that, aside from her academic accomplishments, Tran is a young woman with tremendous character, determination and grace. Among her other activities, she volunteers at the Shelter Rock Church in Manhasset, where she has also taught Sunday school.

“Although her academic talents are undisputable, what stands out to me is that she is a compassionate human being,” Tran’s guidance counselor, Margie Tockman, said. “If you ask Brooke what her biggest accomplishment is, she’ll say that it was staying true to herself and remaining a kindhearted person.”

Tran offers one piece of advice to her fellow classmates, which mirrors what Stazzone told her. Pursuing happiness, Tran said, is a form of self-care, and keeping that in mind will help them succeed in all areas of their lives.

Bank of America presenting sponsor of new WE Summit

STAFF REPORT

More women are leading businesses than ever before, and Bank of America is on the forefront to support those efforts, whether across the country or here on Long Island.

Bank Of America has been named the presenting sponsor of the inaugural Women's Executive Summit, set for Monday, Aug. 7 at The Crescent Beach Club in Bayville.

Hosted by Herald Community Newspapers and RichnerLive, the WE Summit highlights how every business around the world is undergoing salient changes to the way they operate, no matter what industry they're in.

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As we navigate this time of pivotal change, the 2023 WE Summit brings together thought leaders, innovators, and barrier-breaking women for conversations around the theme "The Future is Now."



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THE INAUGURAL WOMEN'S Executive Summit — presented by Bank of America and hosted by Herald Community Newspapers and RichnerLive — takes place Monday, Aug. 7 at The Crescent Beach Club in Bayville.

"We are excited for the opportunity to partner with Bank of America at the Women's Executive Summit," Amy Amato, executive director of RichnerLive, said in a release. "Since the pandemic, the work space has evolved dramatically, and we are bringing thought leadership together to help navigate these uncharted water."

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Second Marriage Planning

In second marriage planning, a co-trustee is sometimes recommended on the death of the first spouse. While both spouses are living and competent they run their trust or trusts together. But when one spouse dies, what prevents the other spouse from diverting all of the assets to their own children? Nothing at all, if they alone are in charge. While most people are honorable, and many are certain their spouse would never do such a thing, strange things often happen later in life. A spouse may become forgetful, delusional or senile or may be influenced by other parties. Not only that, but the children of the deceased spouse tend to feel very insecure when they find out their stepparent is in charge of all of the couple's assets.

If you choose one of the deceased spouse's children to act as co-trustee with the surviving spouse there is a conflict that exists whereby the stepchild may be reluctant to spend assets for the surviving spouse, because whatever is spent on that spouse comes out of the child's inheritance. Then what if stepparent gets remarried? How will the stepchild trustee react to that event? What if it turns out the stepchild liked the stepparent when his parent was living, but not so much afterwards?

Here is where the lawyer as co-trustee may provide an ideal solution. When one parent dies, the lawyer steps in as co-trustee with the surviving spouse. The lawyer helps the stepparent to invest for their own benefit as well as making sure the principal grows to offset inflation, for the benefit of the deceased spouse's heirs.

The stepparent in this case takes care of all their business privately with their lawyer. The trusts cannot be raided. These protections may also be extended for IRA and 401(k) money passing to the spouse through the use of the "IRA Contract". Surviving spouse agrees ahead of time that they will make an irrevocable designation of the deceased spouse's children as beneficiaries when the IRA is left to the surviving spouse, and further agrees that any withdrawals in excess of the required minimum distribution (RMD) may only be made on consent of the lawyer.

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THE GREAT BOOK GURU

A summer odyssey

Dear Great Book Guru,
July is one of my favorite Sea Cliff months. There are so many great events, plus all of those Sunset Sere-nades to enjoy! I would love to read a book set on Long Island that captures some of the summer vibe. Any suggestions?

—Fan of Sea Cliff Summers

Dear Fan of Sea Cliff Summers,

Emma Cline's "The Guest," is set entirely on Long Island's East End and covers one summer week. Alex, 22, is bright, beautiful, and homeless, thrown out by her New York City roommates for not paying rent, drug use and stealing from them. She has been banned from local restaurants and bars, and is being stalked by Dom, a mysterious, threatening character from whom she has stolen a large amount of money. But in a "lucky"

move she meets Simon, a much older, very wealthy man who has a home in the Hamptons, where we first meet Alex. A few weeks into her stay, she angers him, and she is once again looking for shelter.



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The rest of the book is a Homeric-like odyssey; she travels throughout the Hamptons meeting an assortment of mostly very wealthy, unscrupulous characters who she beguiles, bewitches and betrays only to be trapped by her own missteps.

The novel is a suspenseful tale of one woman's misguided attempts to survive, but it is also a harsh indictment of

a money-driven society that treats people with shameful disregard. Alex is not blameless, but it is hard not to see her as a victim. Highly recommended!

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at annmdipietro@gmail.com.

ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

'Cozy chic' choices to go

This month, I found four new eateries that combine contemporary cuisine with old-style homemade flavors. I call the food combinations "cozy chic" because they taste like a mixture of childhood memories and modern magic. Check these out.

■ **Healthy Meals Direct** (9 Bridge St., Glen Cove) Who was raised on Swanson's TV dinners? I was. This new eatery brings that experience to a whole new "cozy chic" level. When you enter the shop, you'll notice the walls are lined with huge refrigerator cases. The cases are filled with trays of freshly prepared meals-for-one. Each day, there are about 80 choices that range from blueberry pancakes, to coconut curry chicken and rice, to cilantro lime shrimp bowls.

Since the meals aren't frozen, just pop one in your microwave for 1-2 minutes and a delicious dish is ready to munch. I loved watching my white bean chicken chili come to life in my microwave at top speed. There are also creative overnight oats to grab and go. My overnight peanut butter and jelly oats were smooth as silk after sitting on my car seat for five minutes. You can also order meals online. They'll be delivered to your home. (healthymealsdirect.com)

■ **Ben's Deli** (140 Wheatley Plaza, Greenvale) Who always orders Ben's matzah ball soup because it tastes like the kind your grandma used to make? I do. Now there are four new salads that combine that moment with a splash of international flavors. I ordered the new steak salad (though I substituted brisket). The brisket and roasted sliced onions reminded me of my granny's kitchen. The brisket and onions sat atop fresh spinach leaves, tomatoes, and quinoa to give it a clean, healthy kick.

Lastly, crunchy won tons gave it an Asian tone. Other new salads with similar ingredients are made with salmon and chicken outlet strips. The quinoa and vegetable salad makes a lovely, light partner with a pastrami sandwich.

■ **Pio Pio** (51 Cedar Swamp Rd., Glen Cove) Who picks up pre-roasted chickens in the supermarket because the thought of cooking a bird is terrifying? I do. But, in this new "cozy chic" Peruvian restaurant, Juanita's chicken brings poultry to a whole new level. Every bite is filled with luscious Peruvian spiced flavors. Enjoy it as part of a meal in this sleek, upscale restaurant, or order a roasted quarter pound, half pound or whole chicken to go. A limited menu is currently offered featuring Empanadas de Pollo, Lomo Saltado, and ceviche. It's a privilege to have this gourmet Peruvian restaurant in town. New dishes are added to the menu every day.



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■ **Smusht** (158 Main St., Port Washington) As a kid, who ate ice cream sandwiches every day? I did. This new ice cream shop brings ice cream sandwiches to a cozy chic level. Here's the way it works: Choose any ice cream flavor, ranging from Bumpy Lane to Banana Brownie. Next, choose two huge cookies that don't have to match. I chose a Peanut M&M cookie and a Funfetti to go with my Cookie Monster ice cream (gooey, chewy and blue-y). Place the ice cream between the cookies and add a topping. All the cookies and ice cream flavors are store made. They taste like summer!

See you next month!

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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Tab Hauser

NINA AND MARK Ring, Charles Ring, Allison Schreder and Leslie Recheur enjoyed pizza and drinks at the Safe Harbor member picnic.

New season at Safe Harbor welcomed

Safe Harbor Glen Cove's opening picnic is a way for the marina to welcome its members to the new boating season. At this year's picnic, members enjoyed custom-made mini pizzas and grilled burgers and hot dogs from Pizza Compa-

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From a House committee room to the Valbrook Diner

Last week I was at two events that, in very different ways, encapsulated significant aspects of my life. The first was in

Washington, where I was invited to testify before the House Intelligence Committee, along with four other retired members of Congress — two Republicans, Frank LoBiondo and Ileana Ros-



PETER KING

Lehtinen, and two Democrats, Jane Harman and Jim Langevin, who had also served on the committee. Except for a few fleeting hours in February, this was my first time back in Washington since late December 2020, just days before my retirement.

The chairman of the Intelligence Committee, Republican Mike Turner, and the ranking member, Democrat Jim Himes, wanted our perspective on what the committee's current focus should be, and on the need to restore bipartisanship, which has been sorely lacking over the past six years. In my testimony, I stressed the necessity of not losing sight of the continuing threat of Islamist ter-

rorism. None of us wants to experience another 9/11, and the terrorists are in many ways as lethal as they were on Sept. 10, 2001.

I also joined my former colleagues in strongly urging bipartisanship. The committee is a vital component of our national security, and should not be politicized.

Besides testifying, I met with Long Island Representatives Andrew Garbarino, Anthony D'Esposito and Nick LaLota and joined Speaker Kevin McCarthy at a meeting in his office with elected officials from Northern Ireland. I also ran into various congressmen, Capitol Police officers and reporters I knew from my days on the Hill. And I went to my old haunt, the Dubliner, to have dinner with staff members from my office and the Homeland Security Committee.

Being back in the halls of Congress with current and former members brought back 28 years of memories encompassing victories, tough losses and challenges as well as meetings with presidents and world leaders. While I made the decision to retire from Congress and turn the page, I never regret

even a day that I was fortunate to be there. Those were almost three decades of unparalleled moments that I had never imagined I would experience.

Back on Long Island two days later, I relived different, but equally meaningful memories. Several times a year, Tom Dewey, my Brooklyn Prep classmate and a Fordham Hall of Fame track coach, organizes a get-together of a group of guys I hung out with during my high school years, just blocks from fabled Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. Meeting at the Valbrook Diner in Valley Stream with Tom, Charlie, Allen, Johnny and Jackie is like going back in time.

For better or worse, no one has changed. There's the same banter, sarcasm and stories, with no one allowed to take himself seriously. In the past few years, we've been joined by retired Nassau County Police Department Detectives Jim Skopek and Melissa Zimmerman, who were on my security detail when I was in Congress and fit right in. Before his days as a Nassau cop, Skopek was an NYPD officer patrolling the Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, neighborhood where these guys grew up.

Zimmerman's classic moment last week was when she asked my old friends what they thought of my recent successful cancer surgery, and she was met with blank looks, grunts and smirks. Not a hint of sympathy or concern.

Behind all this tough-guy talk, though, there is genuine friendship and loyalty, as well as a real knowledge of life and reality. These guys have all done well, but never brag about it. I'm not one of those guys who say the good old days were perfect or so much better. But during these diner reunions, I'm struck by the true authenticity of these guys — an authenticity I sense is diminishing in today's world.

During my years in Congress and politics, I was known for not backing down or caring about what was said about me. This thick skin — or thick-headedness — was in many ways attributable to the street smarts I learned from these old friends. It's reassuring to see nothing has changed.

All this interconnection of experiences came together for me again during those few days last week. Thanks for the memories.

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

In one memory-filled setting, I was testifying. In another, I ribbed old friends.

An open letter to my dad on his birthday

should point out that this is a *really* open letter, because my dad died four years ago.

I write because I have so much to tell him. My dad, who would have been 101 last week, loved his time on earth; he so enjoyed the rhythm and small pleasures of his days.

Every morning he woke up thinking about his first cup of coffee, and he prepared it with all the exquisite ritual of a Japanese tea ceremony. He moved slowly, and the making of the coffee could easily take 15 minutes. Once it was brewed, he filled his cup to the very brim and sloshed

it all over the floor before he got to the table.

"Why do you have to make the cup so full?" my mother said pretty much every day for 72 years.

I like to think he's with my mom, who died two years ago. They were married so long that they walked, talked, ate and laughed with a special kind of synchro-

ny. Hard to tell where one left off and the other began.

Dad would have been gripped by the public drama of the impeachment hearings. He died the day Donald Trump got elected, and although I'm not suggesting cause and effect, he did say, "I can't believe I lived to see this day," before he succumbed to a major heart attack at 97.

He would read the newspapers at the breakfast table as breakfast lingered into lunch in his last years. He read the best parts out loud to my mother, and she was his cheerleader, damning the folks he saw as the bad guys and taking into her heart, like family, the leaders he loved. Their fierce loyalty to the Dems, going back to FDR, was part of what kept them chugging along. They cared. They followed the news. They talked back to the TV.

So, Dad, I'm sorry you missed this state of affairs, this unraveling of our government and erosion of our moral center, because you would have found it fascinating, even if it depressed the hell out of you. Mostly I miss commiserating with you about it all. We could go on for

some time, couldn't we, reassuring ourselves that no, the United States of America would never elect a man like Donald J. Trump, and then we did. Dad, it's worse than we feared, but I believe in our better angels, and I'm patient. I

know our country will right itself. I'll keep you posted. Promise.

You missed the coronavirus. Missed Roku. Missed cauliflower pizza crusts.

You knew about Amazon but you missed letting it rule your life. You and Mom went to stores, right? Well we hardly do that now, because if you need anything, from the 4.0 readers you wore to rare Ethiopian pistachio nuts, you can order them online and

Amazon will get them to you in hours, or days at most.

You missed some terrific books, Dad. We spent a lot of time talking about what we were reading, and even in your last months, when you were kind of dreaming your days away, you still held a book in your lap because it felt familiar. You kept saying you wanted to learn how to use a Kindle.

You missed the great-grandkids get-

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ting braces, and learning to drive, and several mitzvahs. You missed that we bought a new vacation house. I gave some thought to the idea that you might not be able to find me, but I suppose your travel rules are different. In my old place, I used to see the occasional heron on the beach or a dolphin in the surf and imagine it might be a kind of visitation.

I did see an unseasonal robin the other day that gave a wicked shake of its wing as it landed on a naked branch, and I confess, I thought of you.

Mostly, Dad, I hate the idea that you aren't in the world, in the light, in the realm of sunrises and sunsets, just a phone call away, at the Thanksgiving table.

We all think about loved ones who have passed. Some write letters or post to websites for the departed. It all helps.

Many find that Shakespeare offered wise counsel to those who grieve when he wrote, "Give sorrow words."

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Don't let money win: Veto this bill

It might not be easy to discuss the Greek playwright Euripides and the Dutch philosopher Erasmus in the same breath, especially considering they walked the earth 2,000 years apart. But they did have a shared philosophy, and it's one all of us are familiar with: money talks. Especially in politics.

When it comes to government, if you want to make a splash, all you need is to flash — some green. The loudest voices in a campaign, or in any discussion, really, are typically those with the deepest pockets. Even running for local office can cost thousands of dollars, with that total easily hitting six digits for state office, and far more if you want to go to Washington.

Over the years, however, New York has worked hard to level the playing field. New York City, for example, has offered candidates a matching public-finance option for years. Anyone not taking large special-interest donations can qualify for public money, allowing their voice to be just as loud as anyone else's, no matter how much anyone has raised. The option is intended to keep big business and heavily funded political movements away from lawmakers, while ensuring that taxpayer investments are returned to communities through campaign expenditures.

Lawmakers in Albany have paid attention as well, writing legislation that would provide matching funds to any Assembly candidate who raises at least \$6,000 from 75 different donors in his or her district, and to any State Senate candidate who raises at least \$12,000 from 150 donors.

Statewide candidates would see a match of \$6 for every \$1 of qualified donations. Assembly members and senators would see matching qualified donations ranging from \$12-to-\$1 to \$8-to-\$1.

Candidates would still have to campaign. They would still need to win support. But this law would help ensure that that support isn't drowned out by opponents with massive campaign war chests, funded by special interests.

Everything was looking good for the proposed bill until the final week of the legislative session. Then lawmakers apparently had a chance to take a closer look at it, and suddenly remembered something really important: They have to run for re-election. The candidates with the deep pockets whom this law would weaken? It's them, the incumbents. The politicians who already have a built-in advantage simply because they have "Assembly member" or "Senator" in front of their name.

So, those very lawmakers revisited the new law, and introduced some changes. Instead of raising \$6,000, Assembly candidates would have to raise \$10,000, from 145 donors, to qualify for matching funds. Senators would need to raise \$24,000, from 350 donors.

Candidates wouldn't need to win just some support — this is an exceedingly high bar.

In fact, the only people who would actually benefit from this bill, S.7564, if Gov. Kathy Hochul signs it into law are the very incumbents this kind of campaign finance reform is intended to humble by preventing them from winning

elections before they even start, simply because of how loudly money talks. If this revised bill becomes law, the voice and reach of the incumbents would be stronger — and further — than ever before. Not only would they have the big money of special interests, but they'd have taxpayer money backing them as well. And anyone challenging them? Well, good luck.

The reworked legislation easily passed the Assembly and Senate, but fortunately, not with the help of many of our local representatives. State Sens. Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Jack Martins and Steven Rhoads voted against it, as did Assembly members Jake Blumencranz, Ari Brown, Brian Curran, David McDonough, John Mikulin, Edward Ra and Michaelle Solages.

State Sen. Kevin Thomas was a "yes" on the bill, as were Assembly members Taylor Darling and Charles Lavine.

All are Republicans except for Solages, Thomas, Darling and Lavine.

A representative democracy mandates leaders who truly represent the people. If someone believes they can represent them better, they deserve to have every opportunity to prove it. The matching-campaign-funds program could have been a great start, helping this particular democracy achieve those goals.

But if the governor signs this monstrosity into law, not only will the potential gains of the earlier law be erased, but the entire democratic process will take 10 giant steps backward.

Hochul must do the right thing, and veto S.7564.

LETTERS

Santos doesn't deserve a voice in the Herald

To the Editor:

I was frankly disappointed that you chose to give Rep. George Santos air-time in last week's op-ed "Debt ceiling agreement leaves New Yorkers short-changed." Who care what Santos thinks, or even believes that he thinks what he says he does? Even those who offered him up as a candidate have shunned him and have urged his ouster.

You end by saying he represents New York's 3rd Congressional District. He does not. He illegitimately occupies the seat intended for one who is supposed to represent that district. This charlatan represents no one.

RICHARD B. SCHWARZ
Bayville



OPINIONS

We honor the fallen, but must not forget our veterans

All of us owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude to the heroic men and women who lost their lives while protecting our country as members of our nation's armed forces.

Americans recently commemorated

Memorial Day — a sobering occasion that reminds us that freedom is never free, and that in a perilous world, we sleep safely at night precisely because of those servicemen and women who are fighting for us.



JOSHUA A. LAFAZAN

After our collective pause to

honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, it behooves us to take the next step by renewing our commitment to taking care of veterans right here in Nassau County.

Some 67,000 of the 16.5 million veterans in the United States call Long Island home. And there's no denying that while these heroes have upheld their end of the contract to protect and serve the nation, we haven't adequately fulfilled

our end to care for them when they come back home.

Across the country, fewer than 50 percent of returning veterans in need receive any mental health treatment. An estimated 250,000 veterans are unemployed and in need of work.

And with 68,000 of them homeless, there are 5,000 veterans here in Nassau who are at risk of homelessness.

Those statistics should shock the consciences of every American and provide clear evidence that this moment requires immediate action. That's why I have proposed the creation of a 21st-century Veterans' Bill of Rights that would ensure that none of them are ever left behind in Nassau County.

Such a bill would reaffirm the fundamental rights for veterans that must be protected:

- The right to dignified housing.
- The right to gainful employment.
- The right to be protected from discrimination.

■ The right to be supported in the community, in such organizations as VFWs and American Legions.

In addition, the Veterans' Bill of Rights would formally commission a study to identify where resources are needed to best serve our veterans, and recommend additional investments ranging from new technology to advancements in health care, and more. Once completed, the study's findings would be presented at a public hearing of the County Legislature's Veterans Committee.

My office has already taken important steps toward fulfilling the tenets of the Veterans' Bill of Rights. In January 2022, the Legislature unanimously passed the Hiring Our Heroes Act, a measure I sponsored that exempts veterans and active-duty service members from county civil service exam fees. Not only does removing a financial burden of up to \$200 from eligible applicants incentivize their return to the civilian workforce, but it also recognizes how veterans' leadership, military experience and ability to perform under pres-

sure make them valuable candidates for public service.

This legislative measure builds on the Dignity for Our Heroes initiative, another legislative package that I sponsored and passed in 2019 that protects veterans from discrimination in housing and employment, and convened the Nassau Commission on Ending Veteran Homelessness.

While I take great pride in these earlier measures, they should be viewed as a foundation to build on. We must not cease in our efforts until every veteran in the county has access to the resources they need to meet their health care, housing and workforce needs. And it is imperative for all of us to approach this issue with compassion and care, so that we can continue chipping away at harmful stigmas that dissuade our heroes from seeking the assistance they need and deserve.

These men and women have always had our backs, and it is imperative for us to always have theirs. Please contact your legislator and ask them to support the Veterans' Bill of Rights. And I ask you to never forget our fallen heroes, or our veteran heroes at home.

Joshua A. Lafazan represents the Nassau County Legislature's 18th District.

Too many who have come home lack housing, jobs and mental health care.

LETTERS

We don't want to hear from him

To the Editor:

I am very disappointed in your policy that allowed George Santos to use valuable editorial space to make himself look good in last week's op-ed.

The man has duped the voters of Long Island — your readers — and won an election based on a slew of false information. He should have been expelled before he was sworn in, but the partisan politics that rules our country prevented the Republican Party, which happens to be my party of choice, from doing the right thing. I am equally disappointed in my party.

And please don't use the excuse of freedom of the press to tell us why you allowed Santos to have that editorial space. That freedom is reserved for law-abiding, honest citizens. George Santos is neither.

RICHARD S. KAHN
Glen Cove

Republicans love those fossil fuels

Dear Congressman D'Esposito:

While New Yorkers choke on fumes from Canadian wildfires fueled by climate change, it's worth highlighting the role that Republicans are playing in making the problem worse. House Republicans, including my own representative, Anthony D'Esposito, brokered a debt ceiling bill that advances construction of the controversial Mountain Valley Pipeline and makes it easier to build fracked-gas pipelines. This dirty deal will increase profits for the fossil fuel industry while increasing air pollution and wrecking our climate.

FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



Stoked for a summer of keeping swimmers safe — the Freeport Recreation Center lifeguards take a break from training.

The dangerous air we are breathing now is only the beginning — we must reverse course and move off fossil fuels. As a grandfather and a member of Food & Water Action, I urge D'Esposito to stand up for Long Islanders, not the fossil fuel industry. And

as a Long Islander, I urge my neighbors to remember the Republican dirty deal at the ballot box.

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