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Remembering a day we wish had never happened

Cantor Gustavo Gitlin leads a prayer song with Harbor Patrol Officer Joseppi Sicurranza and Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck at the city's Sept. 11 ceremony on Monday. More photos, story, Page 3.

A hope to keep helping the community

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Glen Cove Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck says she wasn't raised to sit around. She was raised to do things to help her community.

The Republican incumbent is proud of her accomplishments since she took over as mayor in last year, and plans to run for reelection on Nov. 7. Before taking office, Panzenbeck saw that the city's parks and beaches had been left to deteriorate, which, she said, was heartbreaking. She has overseen major repairs of public facilities since taking office.

The steps in Morgan Park, which had collapsed, were rebuilt. The seawall has been repaired, and the walkway along the water is new. Many of the benches had rotted wood covered with mold, but public works employees removed their memorial plaques, replaced the rotted slats with new wood and

reaffixed the plaques. The upper restroom has been renovated, and has new plumbing and fixtures and a new roof. City Stadium and the gold[//GOLF?/] course have also been upgraded.

The hardest thing to me about government is that I'm a person of action.

PAMELA PANZENBECK
 mayor,
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A lifelong resident of the city, Panzenbeck, 70, is a graduate of Glen Cove High School and a former student at Landing School. Her family has a rich history on the North Shore, and when it comes to serving the community, several of her relatives set an admirable example for her when she was a child. Her great-grandfather and great-uncle were both commission-

ers of the Department of Public Works. Her aunt started the girls' softball league, now named the Martha Donaldson League.

Panzenbeck has carried on that legacy of service while raising a family. She and her husband of 42 years, Bob, have

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Katina Csillag discovers family lineage through city library

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Katina Csillag is the new president of Friends of the Glen Cove Public Library, replacing long-time enthusiast Carol Rubin. Although libraries are known for providing free access to education, news and historical resources, they also keep the public informed with facts. In Csillag's case, an investigation at the Glen Cove library gave her a better understanding of her family's lineage.

The 50-year-old is a transplant from Minerva, a small town in the upstate Adirondacks. Csillag grew up as the only child of a single teenage mother. There were a few in her community who

thought she would be a bad influence on youth because of her nontraditional upbringing, but she excelled in academics and extracurriculars. She was a member of her school's volleyball and cheerleading teams and was active in student government. By the time she graduated, she received an outpouring of support from fellow students and administration, wishing her luck on her post-graduation journey.

Csillag earned a degree in English and elementary education from SUNY Potsdam in 1995, after which she went to work with students with disabilities in an inclusion classroom setting in White Plains. After she gave birth to a daughter,

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Library should be 'center of the community'

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Caitlin, some years later, she became a full-time stay-at-home mother.

Her daughter broke her femur when she was in fourth grade, and since the school didn't have an elevator to the second-floor classrooms, Csillag and her husband turned to home schooling. They realized their daughter excelled academically when she worked independently and outside the classroom.

Csillag and her husband, who worked in Manhattan, were led to Glen Cove by their daughter five years ago, when she was accepted at LIU Post to study library science. When Csillag moved to the city, she researched places where she could volunteer. When she found the library's website, she joined the Friends of the Library.

In March 2022, Csillag joined the library's genealogy club, and was fascinated by a discussion on DNA testing. She had always wanted to research her family history, but hesitated, uncertain about what she might find. She had a loving husband and close relationships with her mother and daughter, but always felt a piece of her unknown family history lurking.

With support and guidance from other members of the club, Csillag took a DNA test last November, and on Dec. 23, she was notified that her results were ready. She logged into FamilySearch, a website used for genealogy research at



Courtesy Caitlin Csillag

Katina Csillag is the new president of Friends of the Glen Cove Public Library. Patrons like her have used the library's resources to learn new things about the world and their families.

the library her hands shaking in anticipation.

At first she didn't recognize the photo of her first match, but eventually she realized that it was someone she had never met, but knew by name: her father. Csillag was aware that he had

had two children with his first wife, but she had never met them.

She then contacted someone whom she assumed to be a cousin, and asked him only for medical information. Instead, she discovered that he was her half-brother and had also been raised by

a single teenage mother whom his father had been involved with. After a month on the site, the two siblings discovered another, younger brother who messaged them after he found their deceased father's username and password.

The five siblings met for the first time in June in the Adirondacks. In August, the siblings and their families met.

Csillag credits Lydia Wen, the library's archivist and librarian, with helping her make her amazing discovery.

The Friends are a nonprofit organization established in 1970. They are the liaison between the library and the community, serving preschoolers to retirees. The group is dedicated to supporting the activities and mission of the library, and was created to be its fundraising arm.

Csillag became president in May because Rubin, who is 101, was ready to step down. Board members of the organization saw that Csillag was vocal in their meetings and drew on her past experience as an educator, Girl Scout troop leader for her daughter, and her past volunteerism for insight.

"The library should be the center of our community, because it offers the ability to bring together all of us, no matter our socio-economic backgrounds, education, etcetera," Csillag said. "They improve our lives in ways that you may not even think about on a day-to-day basis."

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Glen Cove will never forget Sept. 11

It was a solemn rainy day on Monday as the Glen Cove community gathered to remember and mourn the tragic massacre that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center in Manhattan. Residents, public officials, first responders and religious leaders gathered inside the Glen Cove Fire Department to honor the memory of the Americans who lost their lives in the senseless terrorist attack 22 years ago.

The ceremony remembered: Edward Lehman, an avid distance runner; Matthew McDermott, who enjoyed playing golf; John F. Puckett, an accomplished audio engineer and musician; and Joseph Zuccala, who could entertain a crowd. All four Glen Cove men left behind loving families and friends.

Tony Jimenez, the city's director of veterans' affairs — a volunteer EMS worker 20 years ago who helped in the recovery effort at the World Trade Center site — led the Pledge of Allegiance. Matthew McCormack played Taps after Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck requested a moment of silence, and the ceremony concluded with touching songs of remembrance by Cantor Gustavo Gitlin of Congregation Tiferith Israel.



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The honor guard was on hand to honor the fallen on the mournful day. Peter Michaleas, far left, Benjamin Bdell, Selena Guastella and Darren Pittman proudly displayed their patriotism with American flags.



Matthew McCormack played taps, before Mayor Panzenbeck led the crowd in a moment of silence.



The Glen Cove Fire Department stood in silent solidarity to remember their fellow first responders who died in the Sept. 11 attacks.



Robert Lynch played a touching rendition of 'Amazing Grace,' a song that offers a universal message of hope.



The World Trade Center in Manhattan was attacked during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001.



Robert and Tina Cammarata, Michelle Pukett-Formolo and Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck laid a wreath in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks.

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Two overriding questions govern your choices in an elder law estate plan. First, what will happen to your assets when you pass away? Second, what will happen to your assets if you need long-term care? A comprehensive plan covers both issues. You must protect assets from going to long-term care costs so that the assets may transfer to your beneficiaries instead.

Plan A, and the best protection from long-term care costs, is long-term care insurance. Factors to consider include the daily benefit amount and an inflation rider that keeps pace with the increasing cost of nursing homes. Long-term care insurance also pays for home health aides, which allows you to "age in place," rather than go to a facility.

If you don't have, or cannot get, long-term care insurance, Plan B is the Medicaid Asset Protection Trust (MAPT). Assets that have been in the MAPT for a minimum of five years are protected from nursing home costs and, under upcoming laws, two and a half years for home care.

Consider the use of trusts, as opposed to wills, to avoid probate, a court proceeding that occurs when you die with assets in your name alone. It is also much easier to contest a will than a trust. If you are disinheriting a child, it makes sense to use a trust to avoid potential litigation. Generally, trusts save time and money in settling your estate.

You may want to leave your assets to your children in their own Inheritance Protection Trusts, rather than as outright distributions. These trusts protect the inheritance from your children's divorces, and, when the child passes away, the inheritance goes to your grandchildren, not to your son-in-law or daughter-in-law.

To sum up, an elder law estate plan (1) protects assets from the costs of long-term care, (2) passes assets to your heirs, with the least amount of taxes and legal fees possible, and (3) keeps assets in the bloodline for your grandchildren and protects the inheritance from your children's divorces.

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CRIME WATCH

Glen Head resident charged in wage kickback scheme

Angelo Stanco, 58, of Glen Head, and his company American Paving & Masonry Corp. of Glen Cove, were arraigned Tuesday in a wage kickback scheme. Stanco and American are facing multiple charges, including grand larceny and failure to pay their employees the prevailing wage, the pay rate set by law for work on public work projects. Stanco pleaded not guilty and was released on his own recognizance. The corporation also pleaded not guilty.

They are also being charged with forgery for allegedly demanding employees kickback checks they were entitled to receive from the Department of Labor because of the company's failure to pay the prevailing wage on projects in Brookville and Sands Point.

"A prevailing wage ensures that employees on public work sites in our state are compensated fairly and appropriately for their hard work," Anne Donnelly, Nassau County's district attorney, said. "This defendant and his company allegedly failed to abide by the law, underpaying employees their rightful wages, and then doubled down on this unlawful behavior by demanding kickbacks, threatening employees with termination if they did not comply, or stealing restitution checks outright. Some of the defendant's employees were not aware they were due thousands of dollars in wages."

"Wage theft is a betrayal of hard-working New Yorkers who deserve fair compensation for their efforts," Roberta Reardon, the commissioner for the state Department of Labor, added. "In collaboration with the Nassau County District Attorney's office, we were able to hold these wrongdoers accountable for their

actions."

According to the District Attorney's office, on July 24, 2018, Stanco acknowledged that he and his company underpaid prevailing wages owed to employees. Stanco and American agreed to send roughly \$103,000 to the Department of Labor for the underpaid prevailing wages and interest.

The department then issued 25 restitution checks for the underpayments and interest to 22 employees on Dec. 7, 2018. Stanco and American provided the employees' address information, allowing the agency to mail the checks directly to the underpaid employees.

Between Dec. 13, 2018, and Jan. 3, 2019, Stanco allegedly demanded several employees kickback the checks to himself and American, or risk being fired. Other employees claimed they never received their restitution checks because they were mailed to places allegedly controlled by Stanco and American.

Many of the kicked-back checks were allegedly fraudulently endorsed by Stanco and his company or double endorsed with Stanco's name and deposited into accounts controlled by him. Seven employees were affected by the alleged scheme, and the amount of the kickbacks totaled roughly \$43,000.

The next court date for the trial is Oct. 11. If convicted, Stanco faces between two and one-third years to seven years in prison, as well as a five-year prohibition from bidding upon or working on public work contracts.

Any worker in Nassau who believes they may have been a victim of wage theft is encouraged to call the district attorney's complaint and wage hotline at (516) 571-2149.

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Being mayor encompasses 'every emotion'

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two sons, 40 and 38, a daughter, 35, and seven grandchildren.

A business and computer education teacher in the Levittown school district for 34 years, Panzenbeck retired in 2008. She never expected to be in politics, but since she retired, her life has been full of volunteerism. She was a member of the Glen Cove Hospital Auxiliary, and is active at St. Patrick's Church. She was also the liaison to the Glen Cove Youth and Senior Advisory boards.

Panzenbeck lost her first run for the City Council in 2009, but ran again in 2013 and won. She was re-elected twice, but lost in a blue wave in 2019 that ended the Republican majority in city government. She hadn't planned to run for mayor in 2021, but decided to at the relative last minute at the insistence of then Deputy Mayor Donna McNaughton.

Panzenbeck said she is running for re-election because she believes she has made a difference.

"Being a mayor is exciting, exhilarating and stressful," she said. "It's every emotion that you can imagine, but it's great being mayor of my home town."

The job, she said, is more stressful than she thought it would be. Balancing her work and home life can be difficult at times, and she rarely has a day on which there isn't something for her to do as mayor.

Panzenbeck's major frustrations are that she can't always spend money on things she wants for the city, and that she can't make everyone happy. Two of the hardest things about her job, she said, are keeping taxes under control and keeping services operational. She also wants to pay down the city's deficit.

"The hardest thing to me about government is that I'm a person of action," Panzenbeck said. "Everything in government moves slowly."

If she is re-elected, she said, two of the biggest challenges she will face will be continuing to maintain the city's water infrastructure, with its high cost, and renovating the city's parking garages.

"I really think people should vote for me, because I've accomplished so many great things in the short time that I've been the mayor," Panzenbeck said, "and I need to keep that momentum going."



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Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck is seeking re-election on Nov. 7. Her proudest accomplishments include managing the city's deficit and renovating the city's parks and beaches.



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Neighbors save neighbors from house fire

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Glen Cove residents Tony Lagos, owner of Burger Boys Bar and Grill, and longtime friend Kevin Losee were sitting outside the restaurant on Aug. 31 enjoying a warm evening summer breeze. Typically, the street is silent during evening hours, but the quiet was shattered by broken glass and desperate cries for help just before 11p.m. Lagos and Losse sprang from their seats realizing they had to answer the urgent pleas.

When they arrived at 1 Alvin St., owned by the Charles Evans Center of Glen Cove, they saw the two-unit residence engulfed in flames. Lagos and Losse risked their lives to save residents from the blaze.

After forcing his way inside, Lagos ran into the smoke-filled home and up fight of stairs. He carried a deaf man, who didn't know about the fire, downstairs to safety. The pair worked together to vacate all four residents from the home, who were rescued within minutes of Lagos and Losse's heroic efforts.

Lagos grabbed a hose to battle some of the flames on the porch, a pile of nearby newspapers, grass and the side of the building. But he was unsuccessful.

The Glen Cove, Sea Cliff, Roslyn and Glenwood Landing fire departments arrived just moments after the residents were evacuated. The fire continued until 1 a.m., completely destroying the home. Residents lost everything, but Glen Cove Police report that nobody was seri-



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Kevin Losee, left, and Tony Lagos both saved residents from a nearby home fire on Aug. 31. Both men sprang into action after hearing cries for help from the home.

ously injured. As a precaution, one woman was transported to Glen Cove Hospital.

Lagos brought the residents back to his restaurant where he offered his neighbors food, drinks, and whatever clothing he could find.

The cause of the fire hasn't been released, but com-

mon, everyday tasks that typically go unnoticed can ultimately be the cause of any house fire. Nearly 60 percent of home fires occur because of a lack of smoke alarms or smoke alarms in disrepair. Eighty percent are caused by space heaters and wood stoves, and of every five home fires, two begin in the kitchen.

Even though the residents were taken to nearby towns or were able to stay with family, Lagos' generosity didn't come to an end after the fire was extinguished. That evening he made numerous posts to Facebook advertising a clothing drive to help the victims rebuild their lives, and also held a fundraiser on Sept. 12 at Burger Boys Bar and Grill to benefit the now displaced victims.

Lagos' fundraiser raised roughly \$1,400 of which \$1,100 was a donation from Glen Cove's Church of the Intercession of the Holy Virgin and St. Sergius on Alvin Street. Those who came to the fundraiser enjoyed a number of rounds of bingo, with prizes ranging from diffusers to home appliances including cordless drills.

Patrons like John Ferrara said he came because he wanted to support the neighborhood in any way he could and playing bingo was a great way to help while having fun. Although he lives within walking distance to the fire, he wasn't there the evening of the blaze. When Ferrara first heard about his neighbors devastating loss, he immediately donated clothes and other essentials.

Like many others, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck and Councilwoman Barbara Peebles said they were touched by the selfless nature behind Lagos and Losse's acts.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Glen Cove Chamber's 'An Evening in Paris' gala a success

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce 21st annual Gala "An Evening In Paris" is set to take place on Nov. 4. at the Metropolitan Restaurant and Bar. The featured event will revolve around the Glen Cove Chamber's honorees: Kerri Scanlon, executive director of Northwell Hospital at Glen Cove, will receive the Pinnacle Award; Richard J. McCord, a retired city of Glen Cove judge will receive the Leadership Award; Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, of GSM Communications, will receive the Community Service Award; Celeste Gullo, Celeste P. Gullo Agency, Inc, will receive the Small Business Award; and Angelina Stanco-Stone, of How Can I Help Elder Care, will receive the New Business Award.

The chamber was established in 1920 to serve the community by providing leadership, education and advocacy to stimulate economic growth within the city and surrounding areas but has also served as a way for businesses to network with one another.

Chamber members have their businesses advertised on the chamber's website, and advertising is also shared across various social networks, which includes



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broadcast and promotion of special events and advertisement with neighboring towns.

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are already available for the Nov. 4 gala. And there's still time to become a sponsor, donate an auction item, or place a video display ad.

The cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m., with dinner and

evening festivities beginning at 6 p.m. The evening includes an open bar, desserts by St. Rocco's Bakery and an assortment of raffle baskets and silent auction.

For questions about the upcoming event contact the chamber's office at: (516) 676-6666 or email info@glencovechamber.org.

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Santos claims plea speculation is 'wildly inaccurate'

By ROKSANA AMID

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The walls seem to be closing in on freshman U.S. Rep. George Santos as federal prosecutors asked Judge Joanna Seybert to postpone the Sept. 7 status conference to continue discussions on "possible paths forward" in his fraud case.

In a letter filed on Sept. 5, prosecutors notified Seybert that they intended to file new evidence against Santos, stating that the parties "have continued to discuss possible paths forward in this matter." They also added that the parties "wish to have additional time to continue those discussions."

In May, Santos pleaded not guilty to federal charges of wire fraud, money laundering and theft of public funds. Prosecutors accused him of fraudulently obtaining unemployment benefits, using campaign contributions to pay down personal debts and purchase designer clothing and lying to the House of Representatives about his financial condition. Santos denies he might plead guilty in the 13-count federal fraud case.

He faces up to 20 years in prison for the top counts in the indictment. The specter of additional evidence, and possibly even additional charges, could add to the pressure on the first-term congress-

man to plead.

In recent weeks, Santos has said he's not interested in a plea deal but didn't rule one out at some point in the future. In August, when Santos was asked on NewsNation's "Dan Abrams Live" whether he would consider a guilty plea, the congressman said, "Look, I don't know, I'm not making any assertions right now. Like I said earlier, right now, the answer is no, but you just never know."

In a vague Sept. 7 tweet, Santos wrote "word of the day: speculation," and told a Talking Points Memo reporter that suggestions he is considering pleading guilty are "wildly inaccurate."

But long before news reports exposed the numerous falsehoods by the embattled congressman, a vulnerability report, which was produced by a Washington D.C. based firm, questioned his claims about his personal life, curriculum vitae, and campaign finance discrepancies. The BBC's U.S. partner CBS News published portions of the research for the first time on Sept. 8, but Santos has not yet commented on the findings.

After the House's first day back after its summer recess, Santos spoke with CNN's Erin Burnett on Tuesday.

Santos focused on speaker Kevin McCarthy's announcement of an impeachment inquiry into President Biden, and told Burnett that he support-

ed a transparent investigation, but acknowledged that he had not seen evidence worthy of impeachment.

Burnett asked if there's no report with sufficient evidence why support an impeachment inquiry.

"It's very simple, the process can't be cheap and we can't allow us to do the same mistakes that speaker Pelosi did and just bulldoze through an impeachment without any credible evidence," Santos said.

He added the American public is "already fractured and sick and tired of that." But he supports the decision stating transparency is needed to find sufficient evidence for impeachment.

He claimed Pelosi didn't allow the same process, and the investigation is only based on assumptions.

Burnett asked why Republicans are mirroring the former impeachment process. Santos said he is amazed by the criticism and he didn't see outrage from CNN when Pelosi conducted an investigation on Trump, believing Pelosi set a precedent for McCarthy to follow.

"It's not like he was parading around and excited about his decision," Santos added. "It wasn't a decision he took lightly."

Burnett denied Santos' allegations and said CNN has the reports.

A clip of Republican Congressman

Ken Buck was played during the interview, which showed his opposing the investigation when there is no evidence linking Biden to a high crime or misdemeanor. Santos agreed with his colleague, and claimed there's no sufficient evidence at the moment.

"But we have sufficient evidence, allegations, and leads to support an inquiry," Santos claimed. "I think you're trying to confuse the American people in the point you're trying to convey is that we don't have sufficient avenues to go and investigate."

When asked about McCarthy's current stance on Santos remaining in Congress, Santos said McCarthy is entitled to his opinion bid for re-election, but that is solely Santos' own decision.

When asked about his potential expulsion from Congress, Santos said he believes in due process, and the committee should be wary of making a hasty decision.

"I'm going through the process and I'm standing strong doing that, but it's amazing every single time I come on networks it seems to be the same questions on and on and on again," he said.

Santos said he wasn't going to speak about his investigation on national television, even if he knew where the investigation currently stood, because he didn't want to disrupt the investigating process.



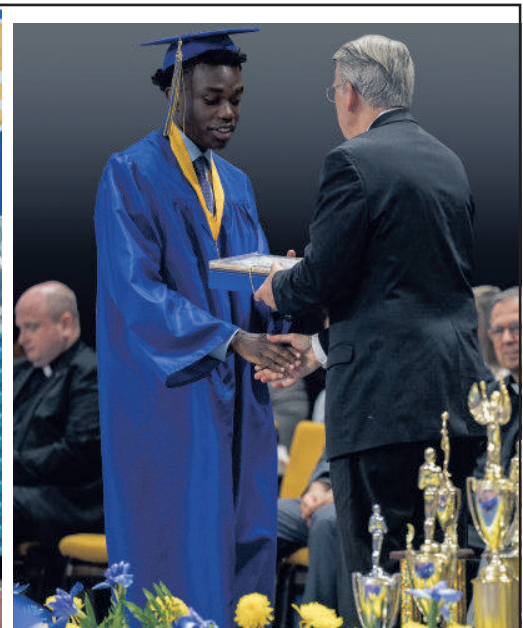
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Nassau remembers those taken on 9/11

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It's been 22 years since our world changed forever when our nation was attacked. But for so many like Susan Hutchins, it still feels like Sept. 11, 2001 — the day she lost her son, West Hempstead's Kevin Nathaniel Colbert, in the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

"Kevin was an amazing brother, nephew, godson, cousin and friend," Hutchins told the crowd that gathered at Eisenhower Park's Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre for Nassau County's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

"Today is so unsettling. And, quite frankly, as emotionally painful as it was that day. Aug. 26 was my son's 46th birthday. That last time I saw him, he was 25. In the blink of an eye, another day. Another week. Another month. Another year. It's all passed. It's 2023, and most people here are stuck in 2001."

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman put together the ceremony and musical tribute, which moved forward despite the threat of thunderstorms — which didn't arrive until the ceremony was over. While the primary focus was remembering each of the 349 people from Nassau County who died as a result of 9/11, Blakeman also wanted Monday's ceremony to be inspirational.

To help, he brought in internationally renowned classical singer Christopher Macchio, to perform everything from "Ave Maria" to Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah."

"Remember them," Blakeman said of those who were lost, including his own nephew, Thomas Jurgens. "Remember and comfort their families. And know, today, we stand together as a united county, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, political party. Today, we are one — just as America was on Sept. 12, 2001, when our nation came together to fight terrorism."

While many of the names read, like Colbert, worked in the World Trade Center towers, many more were first responders from the New York City Fire Department and the New York Police Department among others, trying to rescue as many people as they could.

"Remember those who made the supreme sacrifice," Blakeman said. "It was first responders running in to save people's lives. And also the time to realize that innocent people just going to work that day, minding their own business, were murdered by terrorists. We will never forget them, and we will never, ever stop comforting those families who lost their loved ones on that day."

Not far from the ceremony stands two stainless steel towers set inside a fountain remember all who were lost in the World Trade Center. Two steel girders recovered from the twin towers site were added to the monument in 2021.

A memorial wall there bears the names of those lost. And next to Eisenhower Park's Veterans Memorial is a separate memorial site featuring a red granite monument honoring county firefighters who died from illnesses because of their attempts to rescue people in the days following the terrorist attacks.

"Don't take anyone for granted," Hutchins said. "I don't know if we have one life, or many lives. I'm not even sure if there's life after death. What I do know is all the time with family and friends is important before they are gone, and you are gone."

Additional reporting by Rachele Terranova



Michael Hinman/Herald photos

Members of the Nassau County Police Department remove their hats during one of several prayers shared during the Nassau County's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and Musical Tribute at Eisenhower Park on Monday.



Nassau County law enforcement Explorers salute while Christopher Macchio sings the national anthem.



Members of the Nassau County Emerald Society Pipe & Drum Band march in front of County Executive Bruce Blakeman and other dignitaries like Nassau County legislator Rose Marie Walker, Nassau County comptroller Elaine Phillips and county legislator Laura Schaefer.



The Nassau County Police Department Color Guard and the Nassau County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard present the colors for the 'Star-Spangled Banner.'



Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman told the crowd that gathered at Eisenhower Park's Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre to remember those we lost on or because of Sept. 11, 2001, and to continue to remember and comfort those they left behind.



Winners' Spotlight:

EXPAND YOUR PALATE WITH LONG ISLAND'S BEST RESTAURANTS

Visit www.lichoiceawards.com to view all winners and finalists of the 2022 Herald Long Island Choice Awards presented by PSEG Long Island. Nominations for 2023 are coming soon!

BEST CHINESE FOOD:

Little Fu's
1739 Peninsula Blvd, Hewlett
(516) 295-2888
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Local restaurant Little Fu's offers meat and vegan options, but not just a veggie dish – mock meats from chicken to duck – within their full vegetarian menu. Enjoy large portions of tasty chinese cuisine for take out, delivery or eat in their sizable dining area perfect for a lunch or dinner with family, friends or a date. Japanese cuisine is also available on their ample menu.

BEST GREEK FOOD:

GREEKTOWN
90 N Village Ave, Rockville Centre
(516) 678-4550
greektownny.com

Just like owner Niko Vasilopolous' family in Greece makes it, the food at GREEKTOWN is made from scratch using fresh ingredients. They strive to create and serve food to Long Islanders that their families would be proud of. The colorful bright plates of food, including chicken souvlaki and gyros, spanakopita and so much more, are sure to satisfy taste buds. Established in 1996, this authentic greek kitchen offers catering and delivery in Rockville Centre.

BEST LATIN FOOD:

Island Empanada of Merrick
2142 Merrick Ave, Merrick
(516) 608-2663
islandempanada.com

Island Empanada, owned and operated by Roy and Kathy Pelaez, is the Long Island dream turned reality offering authentic empanadas with his crafted secret sofrito seasoning. Roy, self taught cook, trained in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico and now has two food trucks and multiple locations. Order for lunch or dinner, food truck catering, delivery and more.

BEST JAPANESE FOOD:

Himawari
116 E Park Ave A, Long Beach
(516) 431-4768
himawarilb.com

Manager Jimmy Lin and his family moved here for a better life. They brought with them their taste for food and love of people. Himawari is a family-style restaurant, specializing in traditional sushi and Japanese cuisine. They always use the freshest seafood and top quality ingredients in every dish we make. Their highly-trained staff will create and serve magnificent dishes, which are pleasing to the eye as well as the palette.

BEST INDIAN FOOD:

Raagini
924 Atlantic Ave, Baldwin
(516) 608-5578
raaginy.com

Ram Bisht, owner and food enthusiast, has crafted the robust flavors and delicacies of India as a child in his mother's kitchen. Ram, born in the Himalayas of Nepal and famous for its Medieval India food concept of 'Byanjana' that influenced the royal kitchens of India, learned from these concepts. From preparation to menu planning, Ram takes special care and mentors his staff to continue to provide the community with delectable and authentic culinary dishes and experience great Indian hospitality. Dive into foods like vegetable samosas, chicken tikka masala and coconut lemon rice and taste the spices of life.

BEST GERMAN FOOD:

Oak Chalet
1940 Bellmore Ave, Bellmore
(516) 826-1700
oakchalet.net

Oak Chalet is a the family-owned and operated restaurant serving up homemade German, European and American cuisines was established in 1981. Join them at their cozy indoor or spacious outdoor seating. Oktoberfest begins Thursday, Sept. 12 from 6-9 pm until Oct. 26 - enjoy German specialists along with festive music from accordionist Frank Rappuano.

BEST MEXICAN FOOD:

The Cabana Mexican American Restraunt
1034 W Beech St, Long Beach
(516) 889-1345
thecabanalbny.com

Long Beach is serving up specialty tacos and other Mexican dishes at The Cabana. They also offer soups, wraps, sandwiches and salads to suit everyone's taste. There's nothing like good food and a great time; and with their numerous events from discounted drink deals, live music and pop-up food vendors every monday – there will always be something new to come back to.

BEST ITALIAN FOOD:

Friendlier 76
1006 Railroad Ave, Woodmere
(516) 569-5373
friendlier76.com

Originally opened in 1976, the business continues today with enthusiasm. Ensuring each dish is prepared with the freshest product, ingredients, and extra virgin olive oil. Celebrating 44 years in the same location, Friendlier 76 of Woodmere, New York accomplishes ongoing delights for its patrons providing both a health-conscious and classic Italian menu. Upon the 1991 addition of the dining room, Friendlier offers the opportunity to enjoy a casual, quiet ambiance, fine viticulture, and always a special culinary experience. From familiar and efficient service, Friendlier 76 is ideal for any occasion including private parties. Most importantly, please prepare to be treated like Family. Friendlier 76 is dedicated to providing a personalized and intimate approach to event planning and design.

BEST THAI FOOD:

Thai Table Restaurant
88 A N Village Ave, Rockville Centre
(516) 678-0886
thaitableny.com

Take a seat at the Thai Table Restaurant and immerse yourself in the true culinary art of native Thai cuisine. Enjoy a number of dishes, from Asian, Asian Fusion and Thai to seafood, soup and noodles. There are vegetarian and vegan options as well. Relax over a meal with family or friends in their modern atmosphere and cozy ambiance or order in during their delivery hours.



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The First City Project collective's inception began in 2017, when Martino Auto Concept owners and philanthropists Joe LaPadula and Jon Holzer transformed the circa-1810 Coles House in Glen Cove into a kaleidoscopic street-art exhibit. Since that time, LaPadula, Holzer and the collective have spearheaded community events, including the "Arts and Automobiles" a pop-up art gallery, and an array of holiday-season events, including one of the nation's largest annual Toys for Tots drives.

The collective, which secured not-for-profit status in February 2022, is committed to utilizing the arts as an engine for economic growth in Glen Cove by providing new opportunities for artists to showcase their talents.



Melina, Peter and Konstantine Skuludis, saw the many faces of "Panic Attack."



Benji Kwon enjoyed sitting in the driver's seat of a Ferrari. During the exhibit, he got to zoom through these vehicles across imaginary cities and landscapes.

Tab Hauser/Herald photos

Jason Naylor spray painted a car cover for onlookers, giving art enthusiasts a glimpse into his creative process.



Antonio Bruno, Victoria Langone, Geraldina and Tommy Gagliardi admired a colorful Ferrari.



Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, left, with Ed and Janine Hill marveled at the colorful ferry window.

STEPPING OUT



Ripe for the picking

Adventures in the apple orchard



By Karen Bloom

Welcome to the short-lived delights of the season: juicy, crisp apples, sweet cider, fairs. And, of course, some pumpkins along the way. Yes, that harvest time of year approaches, and with it, apple picking awaits, underway at Long Island's 'u-pick' orchards.

Growers are producing more of the varieties that everyone loves. Think beyond the classics (McIntosh and Empire) and enjoy returning favorites Gala and Honeycrisp, along with popular choices Zestar, Jonamac and Macoun. Zestar is considered an early-season apple that's juicy, with a light and crisp texture.

Also check out the newer varieties such as RubyFrost, SnapDragon and SweeTango. The RubyFrost's blend of sweet and tart flavors and its crisp texture make it a great choice for eating as-is and in for use in baking, salads and sauces. The sweet juicy SnapDragon is known for a "monster crunch." One of its parents is the Honeycrisp — it's characterized by a spicy/sweet flavor. Honeycrisp has also given us SweeTango, with its crunchy sweet flavor.

Once home with your treasures, make some delicious apple treats.



Dutch Apple Pie

Crust:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon shortening
- 2 to 3 tablespoons cold water

Filling:

- 8 cups sliced cored peeled apples
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Topping:

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar

In medium bowl, mix 1 cup flour and the salt. Cut in shortening, using pastry blender (or pulling 2 table knives through ingredients in opposite

directions), until particles are size of small peas. Sprinkle with cold water, 1 tablespoon at a time, tossing with fork until all flour is moistened and pastry almost leaves side of bowl (1 to 2 teaspoons more water can be added if necessary). Gather pastry into a ball. Shape into flattened round on lightly floured surface. Wrap flattened round of pastry in plastic wrap, and refrigerate about 45 minutes, or until dough is firm and cold, yet pliable. This allows the shortening to become slightly firm, which helps make the baked pastry more flaky. If refrigerated longer, let pastry soften slightly before rolling.

Heat oven to 400° F. On surface sprinkled with flour, using floured rolling pin, roll pastry dough into circle 2 inches larger than 9-inch pie plate. Fold pastry into fourths; place in pie plate. Unfold and ease into plate, pressing firmly against bottom and side and being careful not to stretch pastry, which will cause it to shrink when baked. Trim overhanging edge of pastry 1 inch from rim of pie plate. Fold and roll pastry under, even with plate; flute as desired.

In large bowl, toss filling ingredients. Pour into pie plate, mounding apples toward center.

In medium bowl, use pastry blender or fingers to mix butter, 1 cup flour and the brown sugar until a crumb forms. Sprinkle evenly over top of pie. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon granulated sugar on top.

Bake 45 to 55 minutes or until pie crust and crumb topping are deep golden brown and filling begins to bubble. Transfer to cooling rack to cool.



New York Apple Slaw Salad

- 2 cups sliced, finely chopped green cabbage
- 1 cup sliced, finely chopped red cabbage
- 1 medium red apple, sliced thin and cut into small matchsticks
- 1 medium green apple, sliced thin and cut into small matchsticks
- 1 cup grated carrot
- 1/4 cup shelled, roasted pistachios
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Sweet and Sour Cider Dressing

- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon country dijon mustard (such as Grey Poupon)
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
- 2 tablespoons apple cider

In a cruet or jar, combine dressing ingredients and shake well. Set aside. Combine cabbage, carrot and apples into a large bowl. Chop pistachios with a knife or use a chopper.

Add chopped pistachios to the bowl.

Add dressing, salt and pepper to taste, and stir well.

Refrigerate for at least 20 minutes; stir again before serving.



The Wiggles

That crew from 'down under' is back, ready to entertain the pre-school set with their first U.S. tour since 2019. Ready, Steady, Wiggle! delivers all the fun and escapades fans have come to expect — a high-energy celebration of music and dance that captivates young audiences. Featuring all the Wiggly classics, such as 'Fruit Salad,' 'Hot Potato' and 'Rock-a-bye Your Bear,' as well as new songs from the group. It's the ultimate family party. And perhaps best of all, there are more Wiggles than ever. This is the first opportunity to see the new Wiggles lineup live. That means double the fun with eight Wiggles: two Wiggles for each jersey color on stage (and on TV), including Anthony, Simon, Tshay, Lachy, Caterina, Lucia, John, and Evie. Enjoy an even more interactive, and engaging experience, with, of course, appearances by those beloved characters Dorothy the Dinosaur, Wags the Dog, Henry the Octopus, and Captain Feathersword.

Sunday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. For information/tickets, visit WestburyMusicFair.org, LiveNation.com or TheWiggles.com.



Great Marques Concours D'Elegance

Old Westbury Gardens is the setting for a showcase of some of the world's finest cars. The Great Marques Concours D'Elegance — presented by Mercedes-Benz and BMW Car Clubs of America — features an outstanding array, along with Ferrari and other exotics. They're arranged on the great lawn — to the delight of luxury car aficionados from throughout the region. In fact, this is considered the northeast's premier Concours event. This edition celebrates 50 years of Mercedes Motorsport with special AMGs on display. See over 700 European cars that are representative of the best of their class, including some of the most historic and coveted vehicles.

Sunday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free with an Old Westbury Gardens general admission ticket. \$15, \$13 seniors (62+) and students, \$8 ages 7-17, under 6 and members free. 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury. Visit OldWestburyGardens.org, or contact (516) 333-0048.

THE \$ SCENE

Sept. 23

Remember that mix tape your friend made you way back when — the one that's etched in your soul? Martin Sexton's new album *Mix Tape of the Open Road* is that musical cross-country trip, blazing through all territories of style. It's a charm bracelet of 12 gems all strung together with the golden thread of what Rolling Stone calls his "soul marinated voice." He perform tunes from *Mix Tape* as well favorite Martin classics on the Landmark stage, Saturday, **Sept. 23**, 8 p.m. Growing up in Syracuse, N.Y., uninterested in the music of the day, Sexton fueled his dreams with the timeless sounds of classic rock 'n' roll. As he discovered the dusty old vinyl left in the basement by one his big brothers, his musical fire was lit. Sexton eventually migrated to Boston, where he began to build a following singing on the streets of Harvard Square, gradually working his way through the scene. He launched his own label, KTR, in 2002. Since then he has infiltrated many musical worlds, performing at concerts ranging from pop (collaborating with John Mayer) to the Jam scene to classic rock (collaborating with Peter Frampton); from the Newport Folk Fest to Bonnaroo to New Orleans Jazz Fest to a performance at Carnegie Hall. Still fiercely independent and headlining venues from The Fillmore to Carnegie Hall, he has influenced a generation of contemporary artists. Regardless of his reputation as a musician's musician, Sexton can't keep Hollywood away. His songs have appeared in television series such as "Scrubs," "Parenthood," "Masters of Sex," "Sprung," and in numerous films, though it's his incendiary live show, honest lyrics, and vocal prowess that keep fans coming back for a new experience every time. \$49, \$44, \$39. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.



Sept. 29

Legends of Hip-Hop concert

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Hip-Hop, Mayor Waylyn Hobbs Jr. and The Village of Hempstead host a free concert featuring Hip-Hop legends The Sugar Hill Gang, Rob Base, Hempstead native A+ and Keith Murray, Friday, **Sept. 29**, 6 p.m., at Denton Green. The concert kicks off a year of activities in Hempstead, one of the bedrocks of early and current Hip-Hop. The event also will include vendors, food and activities. Dressing in early Hip Hop-era attire encouraged. 99 James A. Garner Way, across from Village Hall, Hempstead.

On exhibit

View the landmark exhibition "Modigliani and the Modern Portrait," at Nassau County Museum of Art. Devoted to the way that Modigliani powerfully re-defined the art of portraiture, the show includes his masterworks along with paintings and drawings by his Parisian contemporaries (Picasso, van Dongen, Laurencin). Modigliani's enduring influence on artists even in our own time is shown in a selection of Contemporary paintings by such important figures as David Hockney, Eric Fischl, Elizabeth Peyton and others. The exhibition is being curated by Dr. Kenneth Wayne, founder of The Modigliani Project, which authenticates paintings and drawings (two of the works in the show have been recently approved by the committee). Through Nov. 5. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.

Leaf Peepers



Celebrate fall and all the colors of the season with the family at Long Island Children's Museum, Saturday, **Sept. 23**, 12-2 p.m. Use your imagination to make animal art out of colorful leaf shapes, focusing on the seasonal shades of vibrant yellow, deep purple, and fiery orange, at the drop-in program. Suitable for ages 3 and up. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org



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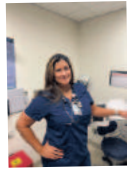
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Art classes

Nassau County Museum of Art welcomes those interested in improving their art skills or those who simply want to explore their creativity to participate in one of their many stimulating classes. The fall schedule includes Watercolor Florals: Beginner to intermediate levels (adults and teens 16+), Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon, **Nov. 2-Dec. 14**. \$300, \$270 members. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. For information and to register visit NassauMuseum.org or call (516) 484-9338.

Constitution Day

Sept. 17 is the 136th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution. Celebrate this historic day at Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay, Sunday, **Sept. 17**, noon to 4 p.m.. Board members will be at the picnic tables under the tent handing out free pocket-sized booklets containing the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. 20 Sagamore Hill Road, Oyster Bay. Visit NPS.gov/sahi for information.

Art talk

Grab your lunch and join Nassau County Museum of Art Docent Riva Ettus for her popular "Brown Bag Lecture," now back on-site at Nassau County Museum of Art, Thursday, **Oct. 19**, 1 p.m. Enjoy an in-depth presentation on the current exhibition "Modigliani and the Modern Portrait." Participants are invited to ask questions at the end of the program and to join the 2 p.m. public tour of the exhibit. 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.

Sagamore Hill Band

Enjoy historical tunes with the Sagamore Hill Band and Roosevelt Songbirds, Saturday, **Sept. 16**, at 6 p.m., on the grounds of Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay, near the Pet Cemetery. Their mission is to collect, preserve and present music dedicated to, or connected with, Theodore Roosevelt. Rain date is Sept. 23. Bring seating and a picnic meal if desired. 20 Sagamore Hill Road, Oyster Bay. Visit NPS.gov/sahi for information.



Deep Roots Farmers Market

Deep Roots returns with another farmer's market, Saturday, **Sept. 16**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Find a great selection of locally grown vegetables, organic eggs, grass fed meats and dairy, fresh baked bread and sweets, honey, and other locally made products. All products are grown or produced on Long Island. All produce is grown using sustainable and chemical free growing practices. Weekly guest craft/artist vendors, and live music, too. Enjoy goodies from all your favorite vendors in the parking lot just west of the Beacon Condos on Garvies Point Road.

Job Fair

Nassau BOCES, in partnership with Nassau County School Districts, holds a Job Fair, Wednesday, **Sept. 20**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Freeport Recreation Center. It promises to be an exceptional opportunity for job seekers. Representatives from Nassau BOCES, SCOPE Education Services and several school districts will offer an exclusive platform for candidates to explore a wide range of exciting career opportunities within the field of education. Attendees can look forward to engaging with representatives from the participating school districts. Job seekers, whether seasoned professionals or fresh graduates, are encouraged to attend this event to explore positions as Teacher Aides, Bus Drivers, Security Personnel, Naturalists, Bus Dispatchers, Registered Professional Nurses, Maintainers, Food Service Personnel, Cleaners/Laborers, HVAC and Electrical technicians, Groundskeepers, Monitors and more. Each participating district, offering insights into their educational programs, work culture, and career advancement opportunities; face-to-face interactions with district representatives, allowing candidates to ask questions, discuss job openings, and showcase their skills; networking opportunities and on-site resources and workshops to help attendees refine their job search strategies, improve interview techniques, and create effective resumes. Attendees are encouraged to dress professionally, bring copies of their resumes, and prepare to make an impression. 130 E. Merrick Road, Freeport. Visit NassauBoces.org/jobfair for information.



Trivia show

Enjoy drinks and a free trivia show in a cozy atmosphere, **every Wednesday**, at 7 p.m., at Campground Craft Beer Market in Sea Cliff. Tango Time Trivia shows are fun and free to play, and the winner gets a prize. Hosts bring the energy, jokes, good music and fun to help unwind after work. Bring your friends, co-workers and family. Campground serves a wide range of delicious craft beers and warm finger foods to enjoy while competing for first place. 208 Sea Cliff Ave. Visit Campgroundbeer.com for information.

Library Walking Club

Participate in Glen Cove Public Library's at-your-own-pace hour walk, **every Thursday**, at 9:15 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.

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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But what about the middle? Based on an average lifespan of about 80 years, each of us can look forward to about 30,000 days on this earth.

How will we truly spend that time? That is what the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is essentially about.

In 1996, Linda Ellis penned poem "The Dash Poem," which captures the writer's reflections upon the imminent passing of a co-worker's spouse. She notes that while we can't dictate the beginning or ending of our lives, we can control that dash which separates the two. She inspires us to ask, "How will we be remembered?"

Ellis' poem reflects upon the many dashes, which have preceded us.

For that dash represents all the time That they spent alive on earth.

And now only those who loved them Know what that little line is worth.

When we attend a funeral, at graveside, as we tell stories at the Shiva — we identify that person's best qualities. Each of us has quirks, which endear us to others. We honor the beauty, uniqueness and individuality of each person. But the truth is, none of us are perfect. How tragic it is that while a friend or family member is alive, we too often fail

to focus on the positive, and in particular tell them how much we love and appreciate them. How we wish we could tell them now.

The High Holidays are made up of many components. At family celebrations, we celebrate the sweetness of life, with hopes for a happy and peaceful year ahead. We also recall those who gave us life, and so many others who we

once played, laughed and even struggled alongside.

But in addition, we reflect upon the dash of our own lives.

As Ellis writes:

So, when your eulogy is being read

With your life's actions to rehash...

Would you be proud of the things they say

About how you spent YOUR dash?

The blessed gift of these High Holidays inspires us to commit towards self-improvement. It also involves forgiving others. It is that process which can liberate space in our souls.

Difficult? Of course, but necessary.

These days, too many focus their attention on themselves and the pursuit of pleasure. But in reality it is meaning that we are truly searching for.

During these High Holidays, as we reflect upon life's sweetness, those who have passed, and our own future dash, let us embrace life, and continue our journey to improve.

For the gift of life, and the reality of change, never end.

Rabbi Irwin Huberman
Congregation Tifereth Israel

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Giuseppe Graziosi

Giuseppe Graziosi, 86, of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 23. Beloved husband of Stella Morra; loving father of Angelina and Michael (Janine); dear brother of Pasquale (Porfy), Costantina Grella (Giuseppe), Lucia Grella (Pasquale), Gina Bruno (Antonio), Carlino (Rita),

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The hearing will be on the application of Luz Hurtado residing at 9 Ford St., Glen Cove NY, requesting Variances from Sections 280-30; 280-59 C (8) and (12) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to construct a new addition to an existing one family dwelling on a non-conforming lot. The property has an existing lot area of 5,900 sq ft when 6,500 sq ft are required, and a 50' lot width when 65' are required.

The proposed addition will result in lot coverage of 28.15% (1,661sf) where a maximum of 25% (1,475 sf) is permitted. The North side yard setback is an existing non-conforming 8'1" when 10' are required and the South side yard setback is 13'-1". The proposed addition will reduce the Southside yard setback to 10' (minimum required setback) and the total yard setbacks to 18'1" when 20' are required. The subject property is designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 23, Block 21, Lots 42 & 43 and located in the city's R-4B One- & Two-Family Residence District.

The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing

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The hearing will be on the application of House of The Woofers, Inc. requesting a Use Variance for the Conversion of an existing office/warehouse to a dog boarding facility with accessory grooming. Animal boarding is not a permitted use or a special use in the B-1 zoning district as per Section 280-65 (B), and Section 280-65 (G) of the City of Glen Cove Code.

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OPINIONS

Looking back again on a tragedy we'll never forget

For all Americans, and particularly Long Islanders, who recall the horror of Sept. 11, 2001, reliving those tragic moments each year is devastating, and yet, at the same time, gratifying and reassuring. Devastating because we think of the friends, neighbors, family members and the so many innocents we never knew who perished



PETER KING

that fateful day at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and the many thousands who have subsequently died or are suffering from 9/11-related illnesses. Gratifying and reassuring because we saw Americans stand

together united and strong as never before in our lifetimes. The enemy who had intended to break us instead generated a rebirth of patriotism and community spirit.

I distinctly recall being at ground zero on Sept. 14, just three days after the attacks, when President George W. Bush stood amid the ruins of the twin towers with his arm around the shoulder of retired FDNY firefighter Bob Beckwith, from Baldwin, pledging through a bullhorn that the terrorists would “hear all of us soon.” Inspiring as were the presi-

dent's words, so, too, were the looks of determination and strength on the faces of the cops, firefighters, EMS and construction workers searching for remains among the tons of debris and twisted steel.

Then there were the endless funerals, wakes and memorial services to attend, beginning for me the morning of Sept. 15, at St. Killian's Church in Farmingdale, where mourners lined the streets and filled the church to bid farewell to FDNY Chief of Department Pete Ganci. The services at which I was asked to speak included those for firefighters Tim and Tommy Haskell, of Seaford; George Cain, of Massapequa; and Michael Boyle and Dave Arce, of Westbury. It was agonizing to see the anguished looks on the faces of the spouses, children and parents of these brave men, brought down so unexpectedly in the prime of their lives.

The following several months saw federal legislation passed, and then tense public meetings and behind-the-scenes negotiations attempting to devise formulas for providing fair and adequate compensation for families of 9/11 victims. In short, play God and try to determine the value of a human life.

Significant changes were made in the federal government, with the creation of

the Department of Homeland Security as well as House and Senate committees on Homeland Security, while the New York City, Nassau and Suffolk County police departments formed and deployed sophisticated counterterrorism units. Because of those efforts, a number of terrorist attacks against New York have been prevented, and no large-scale attack has been successful since 9/11.

I was appointed to the House Homeland Security Committee when it was initially formed as a temporary committee, and then was named chairman soon after it became a permanent committee in 2005. I remained in a leadership position on the committee, as chairman or ranking member, until 2012, when term limits required me to assume subcommittee leadership roles. As chairman, I passed comprehensive chemical plant and port security legislation, and fought hard for adequate homeland security funding for New York City and Long Island. More controversially, I conducted a series of hearings on Islamist radicalization.

Separate from my committee work, there was a long, hard fight to finally get 9/11 health care legislation passed in 2010, and then subsequently to have it extended. Unfortunately, much of the unity of purpose that existed in Congress

after Sept. 11 dissipated over the years, and the lasting consequences and needs created by that day — health care, family compensation and added security and counterterrorism programs — came to be seen as New York problems rather than national responsibilities.

What has not changed, however, is the courage and determination of those who lost loved ones that day, or of the first responders who worked so hard and risked so much by working at ground zero in the days, weeks and months after 9/11. So many of those good people unflinchingly attend one or more of the commemorative events at the World Trade Center site; at Point Lookout; at Seaford High School; at Burns Park, in Massapequa; at the Wall of Remembrance at the Brooklyn Cyclones ballpark, in Coney Island, or the other commemorations throughout New York and Long Island.

It is vitally important that the events of Sept. 11 be remembered from generation to generation, first and foremost to honor the memory of those who perished, but also as a strong warning that we must never let our guard down. Finally, 9/11 should be a lasting reminder to Americans that no matter what our political differences might be, we must make every effort to stand united, because we are still the greatest country in the world.

God bless America.

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

Are you working those friendship connections?

Last week I had dinner with Jack, an old friend. We've known each other for 30 years, and he was my friend by extension, since his wife and I were best buddies for decades. She died about eight years ago. Since then, he and I have met up once or twice a year. Because we both loved her, we have woven together a new fabric of friendship from loose threads.



RANDI KREISS

This time he told me that he was feeling seriously stressed about keeping his friendships going. At age 80, living alone, in a new relationship with a woman he likes a lot, he said he is frightened of being alone. He

feels as if it's a full-time job to keep up with friends, follow their life events, make dinner plans and generally say yes to any invitation, even when it's something he doesn't want to do. The planning is burdensome, yet it's his lifeline.

My dinners with Jack are just OK. He is still the unapologetic, self-centered man he always was. We mostly talk about

him and his new toys and his kvetches and his worries. I go because we share memories of Margaret. We both miss her. A tough guy, he surprises me sometimes with a candid revelation. Last week he said, “I know it's foolish, but I wonder if Margaret knows what I'm doing and if she would approve of my life now.”

“I know she would,” I said, and I sensed that my words mattered. He said he is thinking about whether and how to financially provide for his new partner. He said he isn't sure if the new relationship will last. I suggested that he not think about how it will end, but how wonderful it has been these past few years. I suggested he be generous. More than generous.

I was glad I joined him for dinner, because we had a real conversation and an emotional connection.

Also, his anxiety about the need to keep his friendships fresh and alive resonated with me big time. It confirmed my sense that friends are the saviors of our senior years. As we get older, if we live geographically distant from family, friends become the most important peo-

ple in our day-to-day lives.

Much has been written about the connection between loneliness and depression and cognitive loss. The antidote to being lonely is being a friend and having friends, but it doesn't just happen. Especially as one gets older, friendships require more tolerance and good nature and forgiveness. Good pals sometimes forget a lunch date or don't call when we're sick or make a plan that excludes us when we wanted to be included. So, to keep our relationships viable, we have to be forgiving.

This one doesn't hear so well, that one can't drive at night, another one clearly is drinking too much. We have to turn the other cheek and turn the other way because we all live in glass houses.

Even more, we have to keep reaching out to people, accepting their bids to get together or share an activity. We have to get out of the house because no one knows we're inside, feeling alone. We need to make the call, plan the dinner, send the email and be open to social connection.

As young parents it was easy for us to

As older people, we have to work harder to tend the ties that bind us.

Randi is on a brief leave. This column was originally published March 12-18, 2020.

become friendly with our children's friends. During our working years, it was easy for a business friend to become a personal friend. As older people, we have to work harder to tend the ties that keep us bound to one another, responsible for one another and in touch with one another.

The thing is, not every friend meets all of our standards or fills all of our needs, and neither do we hit the mark every time with the people who call us friends. But everyone can offer something.

When we were young and when we were working and parenting, friends were our distraction, our biking buddies and our carpool partners. Now friends are vital to our health and well-being.

Friendship-building is the new work of the over-70 crowd. Some friends, like Jack, you see twice a year. Some friends are evergreen, and some are seasonal.

No matter. Boomers need to tend that garden.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Politics is partisan – voting isn't

Some 158 million Americans voted in the 2020 U.S. presidential election, but 63 million eligible people could not because they weren't even registered to vote.

That's disturbing.

In New York, there are some 13 million registered voters, and another 2 million people of voting age who aren't registered. Voter turnout has increased in recent years, but voter registration has declined slightly.

Americans who neglect their civic duty to vote are roundly chastised every November, but the emphasis must be put on persuading unregistered people to register — and helping them to do so.

Education is a huge part of increasing voter registration.

Municipalities must continue to partner with nonprofits like the League of Women Voters to help people understand the importance of voting, and how simple it is to legally register. There are many websites that offer you help to register to vote. Perhaps the easiest is Vote411.org.

Next Tuesday, Sept. 19, is National Voter Registration Day, which, since its

inception in 2012, has helped register more than 5 million Americans to vote. The West Hempstead Public Library is holding an event that day to help people do so. More events will be held across Long Island.

Clearly, voting is an important issue. The health of a representative democracy depends on people voting. It also depends on constant outreach to get people registered to vote.

In New York, citizens who are 16 or 17 can pre-register, an important first-step in joining the voting public. Civics classes in high schools often provide voter registration forms to students of eligible age to start the process. These students are educated about the history of voting rights, and the importance of exercising the right.

For those concerned about voter registration fraud, providing false information when registering to vote is a crime (and there is a notice on the form itself). The number of illegally registered voters is minuscule in reality.

Celebrate National Voter Registration Day next Tuesday by registering to vote yourself, or talking about the impor-

tance of voting with family and neighbors. Spread the word, and more people will see how important voting is to a strong America.

And while you're registering to vote

... Becoming an organ donor is a personal decision. No one should intrude on a person's right to decide to become an organ donor. We do, however, encourage people to learn more about the need for organ donors — especially in New York.

According to NY.gov, there are 8,500 people in New York state who need life-saving organ transplants. Just under half of adults 18 and older in the state are registered as organ donors. Some 3,400 New York patients received lifesaving organ transplants in 2022, according to SUNY.edu, and 1,002 New Yorkers donated last year.

Becoming an organ donor is your decision. If you wish to do so, the process is simple, and can be done at the state motor vehicle department — or while you register to vote. Take time to educate yourself about the need for more organ donors, and what you can do to help.

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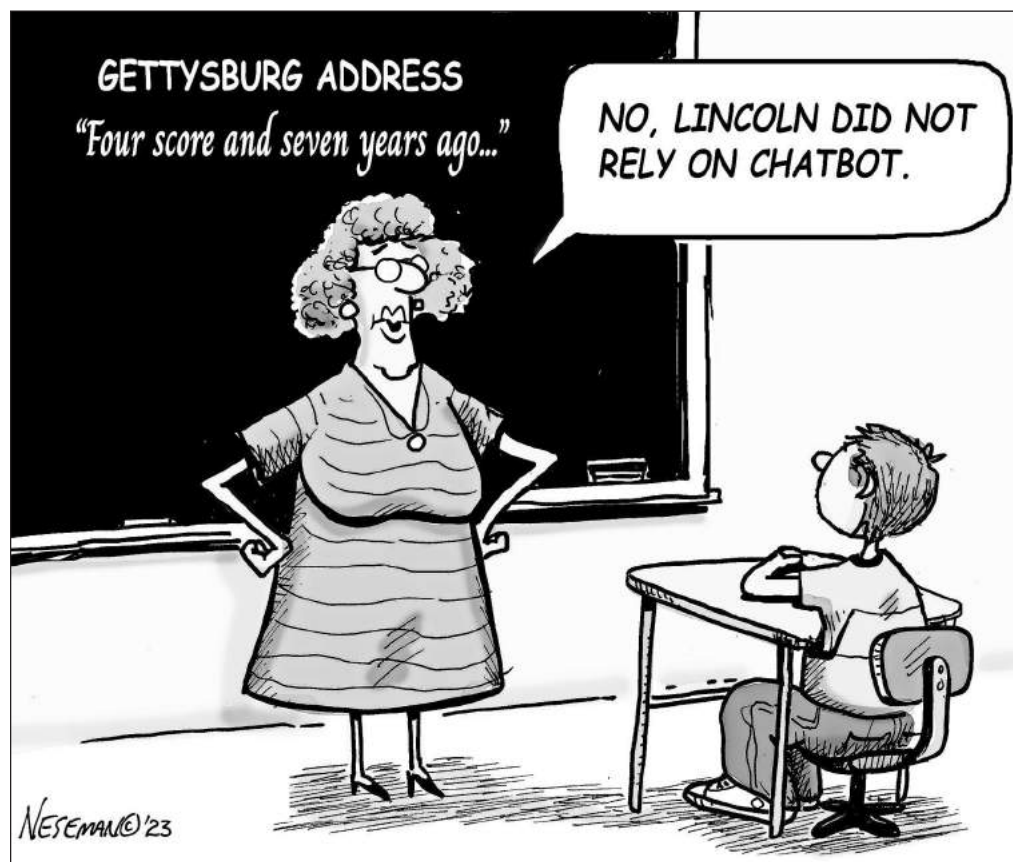
Listen to the voices of Glen Cove

To the Editor:

In Glen Cove we have a community treasure. The View Grill is just a decade-old restaurant, but one that has served as a vital center for us. We go there for community and (bipartisan) political meetings, for golf and mah jong luncheons. We celebrate our important friends and family events there: birthdays, anniversaries, christenings, engagements, weddings and more. We often drop in for lunch or dinner. Why? Because we know we will be beautifully taken care of, the food expertly prepared, and the bill won't require a second mortgage on the house.

But now The View is under threat of losing its lease, and the people of Glen Cove are shocked and outraged. Its owners, Jeanine and Fred DiMenna, have generously and continually supported the community. This was attested to this summer, at the restaurant's 10th anniversary celebration, as representatives of numerous community nonprofit organizations offered proclamations and thanks for the support they've always received from The View.

A volunteer from Nosh, our emergency food delivery service, thanked Jeanine for having allowed the use of The View's dining rooms for weeks so that Nosh could continue to prepare urgently needed deliveries despite having suffered a devastating fire at its home base. There are many stories like that. During Covid, Jeanine inaugurated pickup and delivery din-



ners for four, with different choices each day. They were priced so reasonably that I wondered with each order if I was offering support during the pandemic or exploiting the owners' generosity!

Oddly, our city officials have decided that we really don't need this beloved restaurant, which is inextricably linked to our

community. They seem to think that what Glen Covers most hanker for is a destination — translation: expensive — restaurant and a third large catering establishment in our little city. City officials tell us the DiMennas may put in a proposal, but since the RFP's provisions give the advantage to operators who can sink a great deal of

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Sometimes you just may be guilty until proven innocent

In recent months, former President Donald Trump has been hit with 91 charges in four criminal indictments. As an attorney, I've paid close attention to all of the cases, which may be hard for most non-lawyers to follow. His actions on Jan. 6, 2021, are well known, but it's up to the special counsel, Jack Smith, to prove criminal conduct.



**JERRY
KREMER**

Most people I know have said nothing about Trump's alleged retention of classified documents. An eventual trial will reveal what kinds of papers were involved, and then it will be up to a jury to decide right or wrong.

When it comes to the Georgia

indictment, I'm not willing to give Trump the free pass he demands by yelling that the case is a "political witch hunt." The 96-page indictment spells out conduct that's best described as colossal chutzpah. While some of the other indictments used overly broad language, the Georgia case spells out conduct that is typical of what would happen in Russia, Hungary or Venezuela.

The day after his 2020 election loss, Trump embarked on a comprehensive campaign to change the results of the election in Georgia. Despite a number of statements by Republican Gov. Brian Kemp that the election in his state was run "according to law," and his denials that there was any fraud, Trump continued his efforts to have the results thrown out. The whole world has heard Trump's conversation with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensberger demanding that he find 11,780 votes, which would have given Trump one more vote than he needed to win the state.

As a further display of pure arrogance, Trump also called the speaker of Georgia's House, David Ralston, demanding that he convene a special session of the Legislature for the purpose of overturning the results of the election. Once he knew what Trump was asking, Ralston refused to take his calls. That was followed by more calls from the president to other election officials, asking them to find fraud. Those calls were coupled with calls allegedly made by a Trump lawyer accusing a Black worker of fraudulent conduct. Those accusations

led to right-wing hate threats to her life.

If you think the other indictments are difficult to understand, this one is, as they say, a piece of cake. The case of the fake electors sounds like something you'd see in a movie. Over a dozen people, many of whom were Republican Party officials, gathered at the Georgia Capitol and signed a document certifying that Trump had won the state — in spite of Kemp's statement that the returns had been counted three times and no fraud had been found.

And then there are the allegations concerning Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani. Once hailed as America's Mayor, Giuliani had sunk to the depths of being something of a traveling conspiracy salesman, going from state to state, peddling tales of alleged election fraud. He went to Georgia to testify in front of a number of legislative committees, under oath, claiming that 11,000 dead people had voted and that thousands of ballots had been delivered in suitcases to polling places. Giuliani is now charged with multiple counts of election fraud and lying under oath. Sadly, his license to practice law is currently being challenged in three

states.

Of the six lawyers who have been indicted along with Trump, four worked directly under Giuliani. One of them, Sidney Powell, claimed multiple times that Dominion's voting machines were easy to manipulate, and were controlled by Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez. Those allegations cost Rupert Murdoch's Fox News \$787.5 million in damages, with one other major lawsuit yet to be resolved.

I've heard frequently that Trump is, like any other criminal defendant, considered innocent until proven guilty. I know that as a lawyer, I, too, should adhere to that noble sentiment. But the Georgia case has too many specifics — too many emails and too many voice-mails — to merit that kind of thinking. There is no way Trump can deny that he never said what he said and never took the actions that he took. To my way of thinking, all the facts go against him, and I don't believe that, like Harry Houdini, he can escape.

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money into the site, it is most unlikely that the DiMennas' proposal can be successful.

Having joined with many residents who have adopted the #SaveTheView hashtag, I ask our elected officials to listen to the voices of Glen Cove. You've heard our support for The View loud and clear at council meetings; you've read our support for the restaurant in other letters to the editor, and, if you're on social media, you've seen that our community is solidly in support of The View. As you review the responses to the RFP, please give the community's wishes as many points as "plans to spend \$1 million plus to renovate."

DORIS MEADOWS
Glen Cove

The immigration crisis isn't new, Senator

To the Editor:

I found the letter last week from State Sen. Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, "The ongoing migrant crisis," to be purely par-

tisan bashing of the Democrats and President Biden. The senator seems to imply that the immigration crisis is new, when it is, in fact, not at all new.

For at least the last 40 or 50 years, the two parties have been unable and unwilling to come up with any significant immigration reform legislation, and Republicans have mastered the art of using the immigration issue as a cudgel against the other party. The issue is a complex one that requires thoughtful minds — not buoys, cages and busing unsuspecting migrants from red to blue states.

Want to solve the immigration problem quickly? Easy. Let's get rid of the enormous "Help Wanted" sign at our border. Let's fine and prosecute the employers. But that isn't going to happen. We love paying substandard wages, and it is so much easier to blame.

We can only hope that more of us, including Sen. Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, become politically engaged and more informed about the issues. Only then will we find humane solutions that are acceptable to most of us.

NANCY GOLDMAN
East Rockaway

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