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On the court, remembering Michael Zangari

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Michael Zangari was well known around Glen Cove as a man who was dedicated to the community. He served on the board of the Youth Bureau, as president of the Kiwanis Club and as a coach of CYO basketball. He was also a city councilman, before stepping down in November 2018 due to a cancer diagnosis. He died on April 25, 2021, at age 61.

To honor his memory, the Kiwanis Club will once again host its Wheelchair Basketball Tournament on Sept. 28. The event was created in 2017, when Zangari and Phyllis Burnett, the current Kiwanis president, brainstormed ideas for a fundraiser. Burnett said they hatched the idea when Zangari, who used a wheelchair, said he didn't want to hide his disability like other politicians have, citing President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was diagnosed with polio during his presidency.

In memory of Michael Zangari, the Kiwanis Club of Glen Cove will once again host its Wheelchair Basketball Tournament on Sept. 28. The tournament began in 2017, when Zangari was president of the club. Zangari, at far left in front, played in several of the tournaments.

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Support grows for the DiMennas and The View Grill

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Tim Dunn sat outside the Stop & Shop on Forest Avenue for seven hours on Sept. 16, surrounded by large neon-pink signs reading "Save the View." During his vigil, Dunn collected 176 signatures. His hope is that they will prove to city officials that one of the community's favorite restaurants, The View Grill, deserves the city's support for its proposal.

Glen Cove's request for proposal called for extensive capital improvements to the city-owned property on Lattingtown Road, currently leased by res-

taurant owner Jeanine DiMenna. The RFP sets forth the city's vision for improvements, which could include adding a second story, or a total demolition of the structure to facilitate a catering hall with a capacity of 200, an increase from the 133 patrons the existing structure allows, excluding 111 more in the outdoor dining areas and a tiki bar. The contract the city ultimately awards could also include a licensing agreement for up to 30 years.

DiMenna has said that the city's vision for the building, as it stands, is beyond her reach.

"It would be a shame if Glen Cove brought in out-of-towners

to take over," Dunn said. "All her staff would lose their jobs, and we'd lose the personal touch that you receive when visiting The View."

Dunn isn't the only one advocating for The View Grill. An online petition, with 1,764 signatures, surfaced since the community first learned about the RFP last month, and a Facebook group called "Save the View-Glen Cove" had 700 members as of press time.

Kent Monkan, owner of KVM Food Corp., is the only bidder competing against DiMenna for the city-owned property at 111 Lattingtown Road. Monkan owns two restau-

rants on the North Shore — the Brass Rail, in Locust Valley, and the Heirloom Tavern, in Glen Head. Monkan had not returned several calls seeking comment as the Herald went to press.

Glen Cove Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said that the city's request for proposal submissions would be reviewed by

members of a committee that includes Louis Fugazy Jr., Scott Grupp, Pat Hall, Cherise Kramer, Yelena Quiles and Lisa Travatello. The group is tasked with reviewing submissions through the end of the month, and will submit their suggestions to the City Council for review. According to the RFP

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Community Newspapers

Dems urge Blakeman to deliver tax relief

By NICOLE WAGNER

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As renting, utilities, and grocery costs rise not just all across the country, but also here at home, Democrats inside the Nassau County Legislature are urging County Executive Bruce Blakeman to deliver tax relief ahead of the budget proposal deadline last week.

Republicans, however, say that tax relief has already come — by eliminating proposed tax increases under Democrats.

They've cited a number of proposed cost increases affecting many locally, like Liberty Utilities wanting to hike rates by nearly 35 percent. The county's Rent Guidelines Board voting to increase rents by up to 2 percent, excluding only the Village of Hempstead. And ongoing rising food prices — which were up nearly 5 percent over last year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Democrats wanted Blakeman to deliver \$128 million of tax relief, stemming from a 2021 campaign pledge from Blakeman promising to deliver property tax cuts “by over \$128 million in a single year.”

Blakeman did not respond to the Herald's requests for comment.

A \$70-million tax cut included in the 2022 county budget, passed during the administration of Blakeman's Demo-



Courtesy Legislative Majority

Nassau County Legislators Debra Mulé, Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Siela Bynoe, Carrié Solages, and Arnold Drucker called on their Republican Colleagues as well as and County Executive Bruce Blakeman to deliver \$128 million in tax relief. Republicans say they're already doing it.

cratic predecessor, Laura Curran administration, received unanimous legislative support, the Democratic legislators said during a news conference last week.

“Now is the time — as good students, as elected leaders — to come together,” County Legislator Siela Bynoe said. “The entire legislature and this administration: Provide a tax break.”

While tax cuts were delivered between 2018 and 2022, Democrats say last year's budget passed under Blake-

man included no tax cut.

But that's not true, Republicans said. Richard Nicoello, the legislature's GOP presiding officer, added his body eliminated tax increases planned under Curran between 2023 and 2025. He disputes the claim last year's budget delivered no tax cuts, and said that relief came from cutting out a planned \$35 million tax increase proposed by Democrats while Curran was still in office.

Even if that were the case, Democrats don't feel that is enough.

“At a time when the costs for various commodities are increasing across the board,” Bynoe said, “this budget provides us with an opportunity to embrace the principles of good government and deliver relief to taxpayers in a meaningful and impactful way.”

Projections show that the county is on track to end fiscal 2023 with a significant surplus. Giving that surplus back to taxpayers — including a “modest portion” of county reserves — would make that relief possible, Democrats said.

Monthly reports from the county's budget management office indicates that another \$100 million could be added to various reserves this year.

Democrats credited Curran's administration with providing a “fiscally solvent” government that “eased the burden” on Blakeman.

“Unfortunately, because of poor government policies, we have two Nassau counties,” County Legislator Carrié Solages said.

“One Nassau County for the very rich, headed by Bruce Blakeman. And then the Nassau County in which everyone else is there. As a result, his budget reflects that.”

Everyday residents of Nassau need this relief, Bynoe said.

“We need a cut,” said the Uniondale representative. “We need a reduction. And we need it now. Families are suffering, now. They need the help, now.”

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Cove Rescue has extra mouths to feed

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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About 30 kittens filled the back rooms of Cove Animal Rescue with tiny squeals of excitement. Some of the tabby kittens slept peacefully on plush pillows while tuxedo cats happily pawed at cat toys and other kittens with wide eyes and pointy ears crowded around the friendly staff ready to receive treats. The cage-free cat colony at Cove includes windows, skylights and cat doors to a screened-in area with chairs and couches. There are four cat rooms, each with climbing structures and comfy perches. Kittens have their own room with plenty of places to climb and play.

Established in 2015, the not-for-profit organization, located in the City of Glen Cove on 40 Shore Rd., has a mission to treat, heal and socialize their 45 cats, eight dogs and 30 kittens so people will want to adopt them.

Diane Connolly, the rescue's manager, volunteer coordinator and adoption "guru" said most of the dogs they receive are found tied to fences, and cats dropped off by the side of their building in containers and boxes. But the majority of their animals come from walk-ins who say they can no longer house their beloved pets.

An unspayed female cat, her mate and all of their offspring can potentially produce two kittens per year with 2.8 surviving kittens, which can total 11,606,077 cats over nine years.

To help control the increase in cat population, the rescue offers a program where Glen Cove residents can approach the rescue with animals they don't own and receive a certificate to have the animals spayed or neutered. Those animals are then brought to nearby veterinarians.

"People don't understand what a difference it makes in an animal's life," Connolly said. "It lengthens their life; it's just a positive thing to do."

Those looking to adopt a furry friend shouldn't expect a lengthy application process at Cove. The application, Connolly said, mainly encompasses contacting current or past veterinarians if applicable, establishing if someone rents or owns their own home, and gauging how strong the bond is between an animal and a prospective owner when the two first meet.

Since its inception, the rescue has had an outpouring of community support from walk-in donations, but with the recent economic hardships, it has decreased by 90 percent. The donations usually consisted of food, treats, toys, and cleaning supplies. While the shelter can sustain necessities for the animals, walk-in dona-



Roksana Amid/ Herald photos

Cove Animal Rescue welcomed 30 new kittens to their designated cat rooms. These two kittens have plenty of plush pillows available to relax on.

tions help save money if the funds need to be allocated elsewhere.

"People are having hard times with bread being \$5 a loaf," Connolly said. "There's less and less to be generous with but Glen Cove is just so good to us. They really are, it's just that we have so many mouths to feed."

Before the kittens came the rescue went through about 30 cans of food a day, now with extra tiny mouths to feed, the number has increased to about 40 cans of food.

The rescue is currently looking for more volunteers to help socialize the animals and clean the facilities. Those interested in donating to the rescue can find their wish list and the option to donate money directly to the shelter on their site: coveanimalrescue.org.



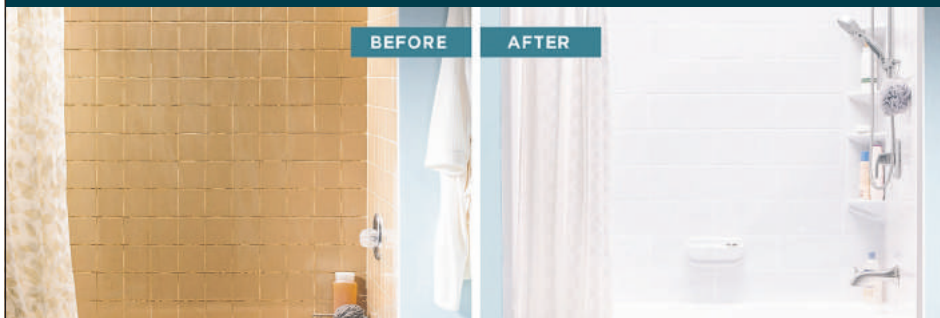
The kittens are friendly, and eager to be adopted into warm loving households.



Sadie has lived at the rescue for eight years. She is an energetic friendly adult dog.



Abby is a gentle giant. She came to Cove Animal Rescue severely underweight, but the staff put in a lot of care to get her healthy again.

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“You must train your intuition — you must trust the small voice inside you which tells you exactly what to say, what to decide.”

— Ingrid Berman

“Intuition is a very powerful thing, more powerful than intellect.”

— Steve Jobs

“I've trusted the still, small voice of intuition my entire life. And the only time I've made mistakes is when I didn't listen.”

— Oprah Winfrey

“The more you trust your intuition, the more empowered you become, the stronger you become, and the happier you become.”

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O.B. man charged in murder-for-hire case

Oyster Bay resident Qing Ming (Allen) Yu and his alleged associates Antony Abreu and Zhe (Zack) Zhang have been charged with murder-for-hire relating to the execution-style killing of businessman Xin (Chris) Gu in Flushing, Queens on Feb. 12, 2019.

According to court filings, Yu, 55, allegedly hired his co-defendants to kill Gu because Gu had left Yu's Manhattan-based real estate development company called Amaco and started his own rival company called KG Management in late 2018. Yu's company was having financial troubles at the time Gu quit, and several Amaco clients followed Gu to his new company.

Abreu is alleged to be the shooter and Zhang the getaway driver. On the evening of Feb. 11, 2019, Gu hosted more than 100 people at a Lunar New Year celebration at a restaurant in Flushing and an after-party at a nearby karaoke bar, to celebrate his newly opened company.

At around 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 12, 2019, Gu called an Uber and waited for the car

outside. Abreu allegedly exited a car he had been waiting in and shot Gu multiple times and fled in Zhang's vehicle. Later, Zhang allegedly rewarded Abreu with an expensive Richard Mille wristwatch for successfully carrying out the hit.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Nadia Moore, Devon Lash and Gabriel Park are prosecuting the case. Yu is represented by attorney James Kousouros; Abreu by Susan Kellman; Zhang by Henry Mazurek.

All three defendants are in custody. At the time of his arrest, Yu owned at least four properties in the New York City area, including an eight-bedroom home in Oyster Bay, which had an estimated value of more than \$2 million. Zhang, 35, was arrested in Arcadia, California, at a residence he was renting for \$9,000-a-month. Abreu, 35, is a resident of Queens.

If convicted of murder-for-hire, the defendants face mandatory life sentences.

CRIME WATCH

ARRESTS

- A 40-year-old Bronx man was arrested on Sept. 15 for two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance on Brewster Street.
- A 48-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on Sept. 15 for criminal possession of a weapon and menacing on Elsinore Avenue.
- A 24-year-old Astoria man was arrested for criminal trespassing on Sept. 16, for endangering the welfare of a child, petit larceny and unlawful imprisonment on Woolsey Avenue.
- A 19-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Sept. 10 for assault on Grove Street.
- A 34-year-old Brooklyn woman was arrested on Sept. 13, for trespassing on Prospect Avenue.
- A 36-year-old Great Neck man was arrested on Sept. 14 for disorderly conduct and obstructing governmental administration on Walnut Road.
- A 68-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for On Sept.14, driving while intoxicated on Walnut Road.

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.

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Zangari: Glen Cove 'city of opportunity'

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Burnett said that those who knew Zangari well called him "Wheels," because he would "go flying through the city."

Zangari was used to fighting and pushing through despite his physical limitations. Although he was able to walk for most of his life, he was born with spina bifida, and began using a wheelchair when he was 51. That did not infringe on his activities, however. He was a past commissioner of the Eastern Wheelchair Basketball Conference as well as a CYO coach.

Zangari worked for the United Spinal Association for several years as a senior technician, fitting, servicing and repairing wheelchairs. More recently, he was a medical equipment pricing analyst at Home Medical Equipment. Each year he was also a consultant for the U.S. Open Tennis Championships, which he loved, focusing on the Open's Wheelchair Championships.

Erik Blackburn, Zangari's stepson, said that everyone felt comfortable around his stepfather, who had a wide smile that was hard to miss in a crowd.

"He was mostly focused on giving back to the community and nurturing young athletes," Blackburn said. "Mike was a very safe person for anyone to come to. He would help anybody who needed it."

Zangari's family immigrated to Glen Cove from Italy when he was 5. "While America is referred to as the land of opportunity, Glen Cove has always been my city of opportunity," he wrote in a letter announcing his candidacy

for the City Council in 2015. In the letter, he noted that Glen Cove was where he learned to fish, swim and drive, and also where he met his wife, Janice.

Zangari's community involvement began when he was elected Student Council president at the Henry Viscardi School, in Albertson.

"I have always wanted to make a difference, to use the opportunities this country has given me to inspire others," he wrote in the 2015 letter. "I cannot complain about problems unless I become part of the solution."

He was elected to the City Council in 2015, running as a Democrat, and was re-elected in 2017, this time as a member of the Conservative Party, but stepped down the following year.

This year marks the tournament's third year in the city, after a brief hiatus due to scheduling conflicts and the pandemic. It will take place in the Glen Cove High School gym, starting at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday. The competitors will include a team of Glen Cove first responders and educators, who will play against the New York Rolling Fury, a nonprofit that offer teens with disabilities a way to compete, build self-esteem and raise money for college.

The money collected during the tournament will help fund Kiwanis Club scholarship programs.

Blackburn said that his stepfather had an "indomitable spirit," and refused to be pigeonholed as a disabled person. "He never wanted anyone to look at him and think that he's just a person with the disability or that's a person in a wheelchair," Blackburn said. "He wanted for them to see something other than that."



Courtesy Eric Blackburn

Michael Zangari was well known around Glen Cove as a man who was dedicated to the community. To honor his memory, the Kiwanis Club of Glen Cove will once again host its Wheelchair Basketball Tournament on Sept. 28.

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Essential workers need a living wage

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Juon Hodge, a direct support professional with AHRC, an organization that provides specialized support for children and adults with developmental disabilities, works at the organization's New Woods Road residence in Glen Cove. He began his role with the Glen Cove home nine years ago, thinking it would only be a temporary part of his life. But, like many others in his position, he grew attached to those he cared for, and formed a family bond with his colleagues and residents.

Although Hodge works in a field he loves, his pay at AHRC doesn't cover his life expenses. The Lynbrook native starts his day at 5:30 a.m. and commutes to his second job working for the parks department for the Town of North Hempstead. At 2:30 p.m., he commutes from Westbury to Glen Cove and finishes his shift with AHRC at 11 p.m. He gets home around midnight and prepares him to start the same day again five-and-a-half-hours later.

"We're working at this point just to survive even with two jobs," Hodge said. "I feel like with one job, we should be homeowners, but with the two jobs, I couldn't be a homeowner today if I wanted to."

It takes a lot of energy to be a DSP like Hodge, especially since both of Hodge's jobs are hands-on. When he works for the Town of Hempstead, he mows lawns, picks up trash and repairs fences and equipment on playgrounds. When he arrives to work in Glen Cove, he distributes medications, cooks, and cleans the home. He also escorts the residents to doctors' appointments or near-by parks to enjoy fresh air.

Despite the high demands of the job, DSPs currently earn only slightly more than minimum wage. Statewide, reimbursement for DSP salaries has increased just 1.4 percent per year over the last eight years. Despite the high demands of the job, DSPs currently earn on average between \$10 and \$13 per hour.

This low pay is forcing these essential workers to look for other jobs so they can afford food, shelter, and basic necessities. As a result, currently 25 percent of these jobs are vacant, and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are left without the support



Roksana Amid/Herald photos

Juon Hodge plays many board games with residents Pauline Wisz, Dean Davidson and Eileen Ewald. Quality time like this forms strong bonds that make the residence truly feel like home.



Juon Hodge spends his working days at New Word Roam home in Glen Cove helping residents like Johanna Heinrichs put dishes away in kitchen cupboards.

they need, and those who formed attachments with one another feel as though they're losing families.

For the past 25 years, advocates from AHRC and its sister agency, Citizens Options United, have been advocating for the creation of a standard occupational classification for DSPs, which they say is foundational to ensuring

people with disabilities have access to critical supports and services. This would help the state and the federal government collect data on demographics and turnover rates. This, in turn, would help inform policies to address the workforce shortage.

Christine Basile, the residential manager at AHRC's home on Red Spring

Lane in Glen Cove, has worked for AHRC for 25 years. She believes increasing wages for DSPs would make a significant change in the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

"Can you imagine getting married 30 times in one year, or changing friends 40 times in one year? It's an exceptional loss to the people in our programs," Basile said. "When people leave, the residents feel it, and the parents feel it, too. People need staff they can trust."

Taiwan Verene, the residential manager at the New Woods home in Glen Cove, said one thing about the DSPs is there are so many instances when they put the needs of the people they support before themselves. Somehow, DSPs blur the lines to do what's needed for the residents first before they consider their work—life balance.

Hodge said he and many others feel as though their pleas for wage improvements have gone unheard for too many years.

"I feel like they don't see it as we have a life, but we want to own homes. We have dreams too and we have things that we want to do too," Hodge said. "I feel like everyone, that I know that works in this agency either work here nonstop or they have two jobs. I know people who work in this agency that barely sleep at their own house because they're here during night shifts."

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Neighbors: keep 'mom-and-pop' business

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guidelines, the contract will be awarded late this month or in early October.

Fred DiMenna, Jeanine's husband and the restaurant's event coordinator, said The View hosted 262 private events in 2022, with an average of 33 people per event. Between January and April last year, the restaurant hosted 50 private events, which accounted for about 20 percent of its annual revenue. Because The View's lease is set to expire next February, DiMenna has told prospective customers that he is uncertain about the restaurant's future and cannot commit to any private events next year.

All her staff would lose their jobs, and we'd lose the personal touch that you receive when visiting The View.

TIM DUNN
Glen Cove

DiMenna said he hoped the city would announce its decision within the RFP's anticipated fall timeline, since there are only two submitted proposals. He added that for every uncertain day that passes, the restaurant is losing future revenue.

"We've got us losing from our pockets, and us losing with respect to renovating the place," DiMenna said. "We have the city losing rent money, and we have the people of the city losing the ability to have events with us at the beginning of next year, even if we do get the lease."

Charlie La Greca, a new Glen Cove resident, signed Dunn's petition. La Greca hasn't dined at The View, but is familiar with the Brass Rail. He signed the petition because he remembered how sparse franchises



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Roksana Amid/Herald

were in Italy when he lived there, and appreciated the country's "mom-and-pop" business model.

"Knowing that The View comes from someone who resides here makes me want to protect that, because it's part of the culture of this town," La Greca said. "Just like the Brass Rail is an important place in Locust Valley, The View holds the same position, so why shouldn't they have that opportunity to be allowed the chance to stay there first?"

Liz Greenberg, a local resident who is familiar with both restaurants, said she was frustrated when she heard that Monkan was vying for the contract. She believes that anyone who would take the DiMennas' lease would cultivate an impersonal atmosphere. The community is devoted to the DiMennas, Greenberg said, and she appreciates all that they have done, and wants to support people who foster a warm, personal atmosphere.

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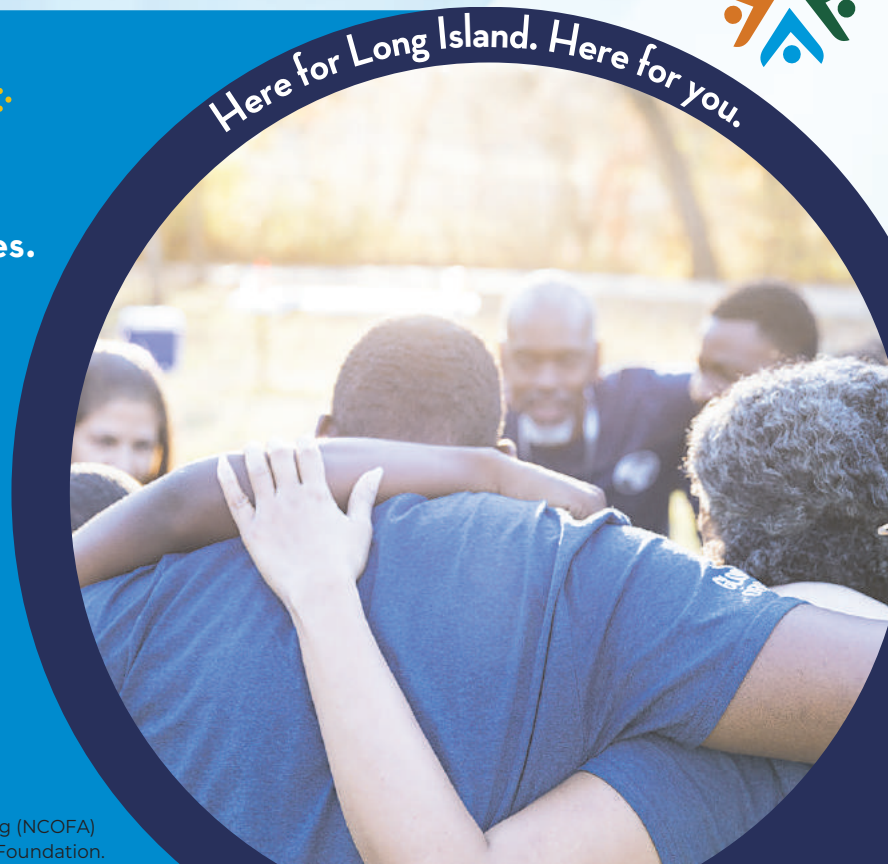
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A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Glen Cove Hospital for the John and Diana Colgate Family Reception Area on July 27.

Revival of Glen Cove Hospital continues

By LAURA LANE

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Glen Cove Hospital is continuing its journey forward with renovations that are creating a renaissance of sorts to benefit patients, caregivers and the community. The latest improvement is the replacement of a wall on the first floor with an imaging reception room for patients and their families. Located a few steps away from the operating room, the reception room, with its offerings of coffee and tea, pale blue and white walls and soothing artwork, providing a serene environment for those having imaging and surgical procedures and their families.

With the inception of the waiting area family members will be right there so if a surgeon needs to speak to them, they are close by.

TAMIKA WALLACE associate executive director of perioperative care, Glen Cove Hospital

The John and Diana Colgate Family Reception Area is phase one in the creation of an imaging center also to be named after the Colgates. They donated over \$1 million to the project also raising an additional \$2 million from their friends and family. In the past, the couple have supported the oncology department and renovations to GCH's emergency department.

"We are immensely grateful to John and Diana Colgate for their extraordinary generosity and commitment to improving healthcare in our community," said Kerri Ann Scanlan RN, the hospital's executive director. "Their contribution has allowed us to create a state-of-the-art imaging center that will greatly enhance our ability to provide exceptional care to our patients."

There are also plans for a new in-house MRI machine in February.

"It will be a state-of-the-art MRI with lower decibels, music and a heated table," said Melonie Pernice, GCH's associate executive director for hospital operations. "By having an MRI on site the diagnosis will be faster, which will be better for our patients and our communi-



The John and Diana Colgate Family Reception Area is steps away from Glen Cove Hospital's operating room, allowing for doctors to speak to a patient's family members in person.

ty. Even our employees will benefit because if they need an MRI they can come on their lunchbreaks."

Currently, patients are transported to a nearby Northwell Health imaging center to have the testing performed. Having the new MRI and imaging waiting room will benefit them and their families.

"With the inception of the waiting area family members will be right there," said Tamika Wallace, associate executive director of perioperative care, "so if a surgeon needs to speak to them, they are close by."

Having their families so close is also a relief for the patients, she added. "They love it that their families are being taken care of and they don't have to worry about them," Wallace said.

"Having the Colgate Imaging Center for an MRI and the new reception center will provide world class care to our patients and the community we serve right in our own facility," Scanlon said.

Scanlon said a new CAT scan, which will have a lower dose of radiation than the traditional machine, will also be arriving soon for GCH's emergency room.



Coffee and tea are available in the reception area for families while they wait for their loved one.

Advocates rallies for more 'red flag' action

By PARKER SCHUG

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They don't want new legislation — they're simply want enforcement.

Last week, Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, victims of gun violence and local gun control advocates gathered on the north lawn of the Nassau County Supreme court to rally for just that enforcement when it comes to the state's "red flag" law.

The "red flag" law — or the "extreme risk protection order" law — was established in 2019 in an attempt to prevent guns from falling into the hands of someone posing a threat to themselves or others. It followed nationwide mass shootings, acts of domestic violence, and suicides by gun.

"These laws provide space and time between the guns and gun owners if they are thinking of harming themselves or somebody else," said Jana Nesbitt Gale, deputy chapter lead and co-local group lead of Long Island Mom's Demand Action organization. "It's not about taking the gun away forever. It's just about providing a temporary cooling off period for the safety of the person in question."

Since the law's fruition, Gov. Kathy Hochul has enhanced the legislation, requiring state police to file an red flag protection order when they deem it necessary, and by adding health care practitioners who have seen someone as a patient within six months to the list of those who can file for such orders. Hochul has pushed police training councils to create and teach policy and procedure on when a red flag protective order petition should be used.

Others eligible to file a protective order petition include district attorneys, school officials, and even those who might live with someone who might be intending harm.



Parker Schug/Herald

Linda Beigel Schulman shares the story of her son, Scott, who lost his life to gun violence, at a Nassau rally advocating for improved enforcement of 'red flag' laws — intended to prevent weapons from falling into the hands of someone who poses a threat to themselves, or others.

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According to Seth Koslow — a Democrat running against Joseph Baker for the Nassau County Legislature — 35 protective order petitions were issued in the county over the course of a recent year. During that same time, however, neighboring Suffolk County filed more than 1,500.

Many red flag protective order petitions in Suffolk came from 911 calls, Koslow added, where someone threatened to hurt themselves.

"We need more rigorous police use of the existing 'red flag' law," Koslow said. "Taking this step will help (keep) our children safe from self-harm, and help us sleep better at night."

Baker — who seeks to represent Freeport, Merrick and Bellmore, among other communities — is not believed to have publicly spoken out on his position of "red flag" laws.

Linda Beigel Schulman — mother of Scott Beigel, a teacher murdered in the 2014 Parkland, Florida high

school shooting — shared that if a "red flag" law had been in place in that state sooner, her son might be alive right now.

If Republican candidates believe mental health issues cause gun violence, she added, they should use the "red flag" law to its fullest extent.

"The proper enforcement of 'red flag' laws means people like me — like you, your family, your friends, your coworkers — will not have to endure what I do each day," Beigel Schulman said. "You'll never have to live with a scar that never heals. Pain that never goes away."

Deanna Drury shared her family's experience with suicide, losing her uncle to suicide by a gun, and nearly losing her mother.

"I'm grateful on her bad day," Drury said, "she didn't have access to a gun."

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The gun club offers a dedicated space for gun owners to practice their sport with like-minded individuals.

Gun club picnic brings people together

The Matinecock Rod and Gun Club, founded in 1945, hosted a picnic for members and their families on Sunday to mingle under bright and sunny skies. The day was filled with food catered by member chefs who smoked a variety of meats and ribs, served with homemade salads, pastas, burgers and hot dogs.

The picnic was held at the club's house on Doseris Pond, and roughly 100 members brought their families to the picnic. The club is Glen Cove's sportsman club with 125 members from the North Shore.

The club meets and shoots firearms at the Glen Cove Shooting Range located off of Lattintown Road. The club offers a great place for members to shoot in a safe environment and meet people while promoting the sport of shooting.



Wayne and Sheryle Gaddy, Lew and Gail Dorgan, and Anthony and Christina Ciminere mingled at the picnic.



Tina Pemberton and Mary Ann Macmema brought savory sweets in goodie bags for members to enjoy during the picnic.



Former club presidents Tom Coltery, James Oates, Robert Ottaviano and Chris Grella helped Al Avazis cook for members during the picnic.

STEPPING OUT

Through the decades

Hofstra Museum turns 60

By Karen Bloom

Hofstra University Museum of Art's many treasures are grand in scope and scale. It's been a proud transformation for the museum, which began with a single gallery space, constructed in 1963. Decades later, it's among the region's leading arts institutions.

"Hofstra Museum is the only nationally accredited public facing (university) museum on Long Island," says Alexandra Giordano, the museum's new director.

The museum reaches into its vast collection once again to open its fall exhibit season with "New Perspectives: The Museum of Art at 60." It's a sampling of the more than 5,200 works of art in the permanent collection, which date from 1500 B.C.E. to the 21st century. Painting, prints, drawings, photographs and sculpture — with an emphasis on American and European art — are all here. African, Asian, Melanesian, and Central and South American artifacts add to the strength of the collection.

"We like to think of ourselves as a learning lab for the campus, as well as hub for community enrichment and education," Giordano says. That educational component also serves as foundation for arts education for students from pre-K through high school. It's all in keeping with the museum's mission to facilitate rich and varied cultural and artistic explorations in an atmosphere promoting an open exchange of ideas. That's certainly what this exhibit is all about.

New Perspectives is just that: a view of the museum's collections through "new" eyes. Actually a showcase of 10 "mini exhibitions," curated by what may seem unlikely individuals.

"We invited campus and community members to bring us a new perspective and point of view. It's an interdisciplinary approach that involved alumni, students, staff, administrative leadership and others," Giordano says. "We have created a place where art intersects with the community."

These "guest curators" reviewed the collection database, examined works in collection storage, and then made their selections. Their entries, of course, vary in style and content, depending upon their interests and focus.

Assemblywoman Taylor Darling is among those invited to participate.

"I'm deeply honored to be a part of Hofstra Museum 60th



Top: Benny Andrews' Chasty, 1961, is a mixed media, oil and collage on canvas, represents a playful portrait. A gift to the museum by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Tucker.

Bottom: Dong Kingman's Harlem Girl, Harlem Girl, undated oil and collage on masonite, captures the spirit and resilience of an African American woman in an urban environment. A gift to the museum by Dr. Alfred Brotman.



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anniversary," she shares.

"The experience was truly remarkable as the artworks I chose resonated with my soul on a profound level. Each piece exuded a powerful feminine energy that both motivated and inspired me, leaving an indelible mark on my heart and reaffirming the importance of celebrating art and culture in our academic community."

Among her selections: The Dowayo peoples' Namji Fertility Doll and George Gach's sculpture, Maternity.

Other highlights include Benny Andrews' collage "Chasty," selected by Margarita Lopez, a recent alumna, and Dong Kingman's "Harlem Girl," another pick by Darling.

"Their use of materials, oil on canvas, really captures their subjects," Giordano adds. "Both artists complement each other well."

As always, public programming enhances the exhibit experience. Upcoming events include a conversation with the curators, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. The guest curators will discuss their selections and experiences, offering insight into this collaborative exhibition. Attendees will hear how they viewed the collection from their individual outlooks. Light refreshments will be available.



Martin Sexton

Take a musical cross country trip with Martin Sexton, whose latest album *Mix Tape of the Open Road* blazing through all territories of style. Critics liken it to a charm bracelet of 12 gems all strung together with the golden thread of what Rolling Stone calls his 'soul-marinated voice.' Growing up in Syracuse, 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 of his big brothers, his musical fire was lit. 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 Carnegie Hall. Still fiercely independent, he's influenced a generation of contemporary artists.

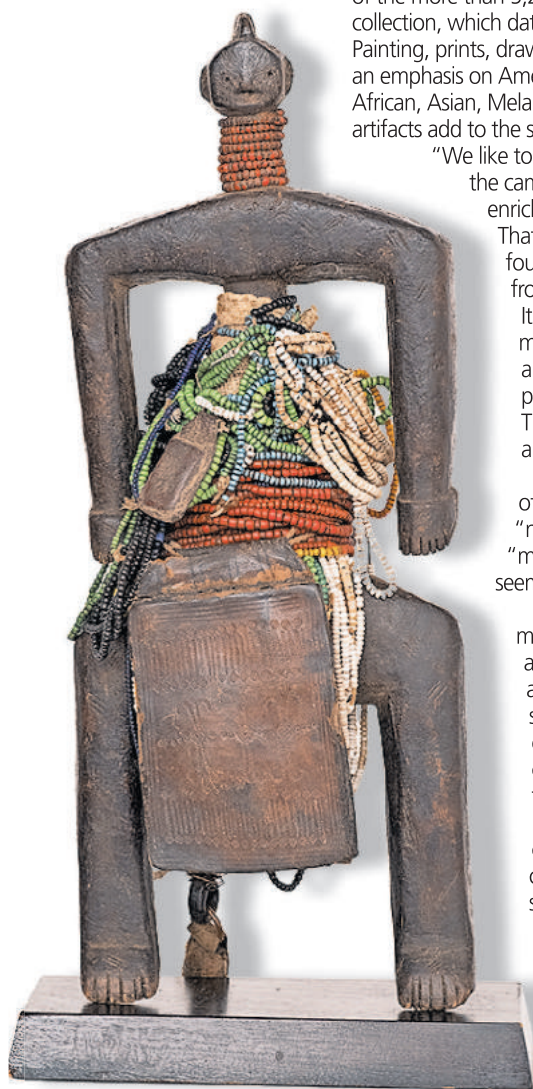
Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m.
\$49, \$44, \$39. *Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.*



'Easy come, easy go'

Queen-mania rocks on with Killer Queen's homage to Freddie Mercury and his bandmates. Formed in the United Kingdom in 1993, Killer Queen played their first public shows at London University where Queen itself had its first shows 21 years earlier. Fronted by Patrick Myers, critics have described Myers' resemblance to Mercury as 'spooky;' his uncanny likeness was further proven when he recorded a No. 1 hit single singing as Freddie Mercury on Fat Boy Slim's record 'The Real Life.' Their expert musicianship, extraordinary energy, and accurate portrayal of beloved band has rightfully earned them the title of Queen Royalty. Combined with Myers' powerful three-and-a-half octave tenor range, expert musicianship and dynamic stage presence, Killer Queen continues to captivate audiences the world over.

Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m.
\$49.50, \$39.50, \$35, \$24.50. *The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.*



The Dowayo peoples' Namji Fertility Doll, early 20th century, wood with patina, beads, leather, and metal, is a fascinating representation of feminine power and fertility, Gift to the museum by Dr. and Mrs. Pascal James Imperato.

THE \$ SCENE

Oct. 2

Indie icon and National Symphony Orchestra Artistic Advisor Ben Folds visits The Paramount, on the heels of his recently released *What Matters Most*, Monday, **Oct. 2**, 8 p.m. Folds says his first full-length studio album in eight years is his most "true" to date. "There's a lifetime of craft and experience all focused into this one record," explains Folds. "Sonically, lyrically, emotionally, I don't think it's an album I could have made at any other point in my career." One of the major music influencers of our generation, Folds' body of genre-bending music includes a string of classic albums with Ben Folds Five and a glorious mix of collaborations and special projects. Folds is known for hits like "You Don't Know Me", "Way to Normal" and "Landed" but as lead singer of the famous Ben Folds Five he spent much of the '90s generating his success with the band. After releasing no less than six solo albums, Folds really is his own entity, with a huge number of hit songs under his belt, fans are loyal to his unique sound and continue to follow him into his 4th decade of music. Ben has worked with handfuls of notable artists through the years, both collaborating with and writing for, including Nick Hornby, Ymusic and William Shatner, including performing with some of the world's great symphony orchestras. He has also managed to fit in writing music for hit films, proving time and again that he's a man of many talents. He takes success in his stride and continues to be the humble musician he was for so many decades. A self-confessed enigma, he prefers to stay out of the limelight except when touring, but can easily claim credit for some of music's most unlikely trends. \$99.50 \$79.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$39.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.



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 in Hempstead, one of the bedrocks of early and current Hip-Hop, includes vendors, food and activities. Dressing in early Hip-Hop-era attire encouraged. 99 James A. Garner Way, across from Village Hall, Hempstead.

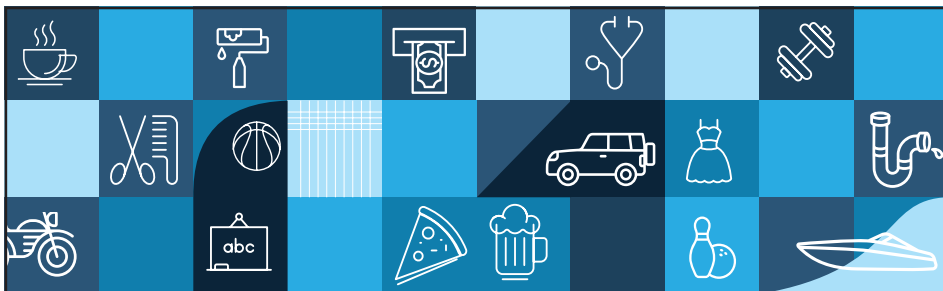
On exhibit

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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The Oyster Festival, known throughout the region for its fun mixture of new activities and old favorites that are certain to entertain the entire family including live entertainment, ships, top-notch artisans, pirate shows, midway rides, and the iconic oyster eating and shucking contest. And of course, the food court, where volunteer chefs and culinary pros work side by side, cooking and serving dozens of unique oyster, clam and other seafood concoctions along with traditional festival fare. Festivities take place throughout Oyster Bay's downtown, Saturday and Sunday, **Oct. 14-15**. Visit TheOysterFestival.org 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.

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.



An inspired concert

Conductor-composer Steven Sametz directs The Princeton Singers in "Inspirations," a program of diverse musical selections, Adelphi's Performing Arts Center stage, Saturday, **Sept. 30**, 4 p.m. They have captivated audiences and listeners for 40 years through their versatile musicianship. The ensemble is noted for their mastery of works from Bach to Schoenberg, with forays into unexplored and exciting realms such as Aboriginal and Native American ritual music, Igbe chanting, and Arab-Andalusian muwashahat. Inspirations is a look at how contemporary composers take their inspiration from chant, carnival songs, and spirituals, including works by Josquin des Prez, Johann Sebastian Bach, Johannes Brahms, Steven Sametz, and Adelphi faculty member Sidney Boquire. \$35. Adelphi University Performing Arts Center, 1 South Ave., Garden City. (516) 877-4000 or Adelphi.edu/pac.

Westbury House Tour

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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.

Trivia show

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QPR Suicide Prevention Workshop

Glen Cove Public Library offers a virtual suicide prevention workshop, Monday, **Sept 25**, 7 p.m. Learn how to recognize the warning signs of suicide with Barbara Tedesco of UnitedHealthcare. QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer, the three simple steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Know how to offer hope, how to get help and save a life. 4 Glen Cove Ave. Register at GlenCoveLibrary.org or call (516) 676-2130. The Zoom login information will be emailed before the program.

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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Smiling takeout

When I'm served a new dish in a restaurant, if I sense the food is smiling at me, I know I'll love every bite.

This month, foods smiled at me in two new Mexican restaurants, a farm-to-table ever-evolving eatery, and a new bakery inside a gourmet shop. Check out these happy foods.

Tocolo Cantina (120 Village Square, Glen Cove) As I entered this sleek, chic new restaurant, I knew the motto had to be modern Mexican. My waiter mentioned the chef takes traditional dishes and adds new flavors and variations. I counted seven different salsas on the menu. My face lit up as a beautifully designed plate of mahi mahi tacos with confetti shredded lettuce and fresh mango salsa arrived at my table. It looked so pretty. How could it not smile? My meal was delicate and flavorful. Other exceptional dishes include shrimp with spicy tomato marmalade, and for dessert, a churro sundae with whipped cream and a cherry.

Foster (39 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff) In this farm-to-table restaurant, executive chef-owner, Jason Potter, told me he uses produce from four local farms. As soon as a vegetable or fruit is in season, he incorporates it in an original dish.

Sometimes the dishes turn over quickly. "As an example, the season for green beans was about three weeks, then asparagus came for about two weeks," Potter said. The smiling strawberry and beet salad with candied hazelnuts has been his summer favorite. "Beets are on the way in, but strawberries are on their way out."

So, a red and yellow watermelon salad with colored heirloom tomatoes will soon take its place. There's always

something new at Foster. For now, think: salmon with blueberry teriyaki, scallops with turnips, and pork chops with cherry jam. Three consecutive Tuesday night Japanese Omakase pop ups will begin on Sept. 19.

Sivar Food Mexican Grill (18 Forest Ave., Glen Cove) With a warm smile, Victor Doradea, Sivar's co-owner, welcomed me into his new, homey, family-run Mexican cafe.



CATHI TUROW

"Our food is somewhere between authentic and modern," he said, adding the authentic dishes range from tacos to hen soup. "Bandeja Mixta is a platter with a little bit of everything: grilled beef, grilled chicken, Mexican sausage, guacamole, rice, French fries, and beans. The Birria is a traditional favorite, made with boiled beef and four kinds of peppers. They cook together for over three

hours. It's a good flavor. Everyone loves it."

Grace's Marketplace (81 Glen Cove Ave., Greenvale) There's a pastry revolution in this gourmet shop. The Vanilla Bean Bakery freshly bakes the newest cakes, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, and puddings.

When I looked at the pastries, they all smiled. The s'mores cupcakes, topped with marshmallow and smoked with a torch, give you the same smoky, crispy texture as when you're at a campfire. The creamiest cookie butter cheesecake ever takes two days to create. The banana toffee pie offers a taste of grace and elegance. If I looked and tasted like those three desserts, I'd be smiling too.

Here's to happy foods! See you next month!

Cathi Turow can be reached at: cturoutakeout@gmail.com

NEWS BRIEF

Planting Fields Arboretum holds Fall 5K

Lace up your running shoes for the Planting Fields Arboretum's 3rd Annual Fall 5K on Oct. 8. With crisp air and colorful autumn foliage, this year's run promises to be a rewarding one.

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Run or walk at your own pace and enjoy the natural beauty of autumn and the Planting Fields as you make your way to the finish line. Whether you're a serious runner, new to the sport or just want to enjoy a beautiful fall morning, consider participating in the Planting Fields 5K.

For more information contact Katie Walsh, community engagement manager, at kwalshplantingfields.org or (516) 922-8680.

THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Blurry Lines

Dear Great Book Guru,
With summer ending, I'll so miss Sunset Serenades, breakfasts at Sea Cliff Beach, and meeting up with friends for outdoor dining throughout the village. But now is the time to turn to some extensive reading. I have a 50-book challenge and have only read 18. Help me, please!

—Hopeful Fall Reader

Dear Hopeful Fall Reader,

I recently read a great book by Colson Whitehead, a favorite author of mine. "Harlem Shuffle" is the first in a proposed trilogy – all to be set in Harlem over the turbulent decades of the late 20th century.

We first meet Ray Carney in 1959. A successful salesman (and later owner) of a flourishing furniture store in Harlem, Ray is confronted daily with ethical choices. As a side business he also sells jewelry and appliances of very questionable provenance, but even his legiti-

mate business requires payoffs to corrupt politicians and violent criminals.

Always hoping to better his situation, Ray gets involved in a jewelry heist at the iconic Hotel Theresa, Harlem's Plaza Hotel. He realizes quickly that he has become entangled in a world of high finance and political malfeasance.

Throughout we see that Ray's misdeeds barely register on the scales of justice with the race riots of the early 1960's serving as a backdrop to Ray's story. By the end of the book, Ray is living a double life – middle class aspiring homeowner/businessman by day and an avenging Robin Hood-like defender of his community after hours. A very funny

read and on the other hand, a complex look at what exactly is a crime. Highly recommended!

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

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OPINIONS

In Washington, the inmates are running the asylum

Every few months there is a respected opinion poll that asks how much credibility Congress has. Poll after poll finds that the public's faith in Congress is at an all-time low, and sinking lower by the week. As a former state official, I follow the daily events in Washington, and the more I read, the more I'm convinced



**JERRY
KREMER**

that it may be time to have a recall election to sweep out some of the crazies who are wielding too much power in Washington. Regrettably, there is no recall process, so there is no way to make the 535 members of the House and Senate account-

able to voters other than regular elections.

It is hard to recite in one column all of the missteps that our elected federal officials are committing, but I'll give it a try. Let's start with Sen. Tommy Tuberville, an Alabama Republican. Tuberville, whose claim to fame is that he was a successful college football

coach, is holding up over 300 military promotions, including the vacancy of the joint chiefs of staff, because he doesn't like the military's abortion policy. Every officer in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines is affected by this holdup, but not one Republican senator has been able to get Coach Tommy to change his position.

The Senate is currently under the control of the Democratic Party, and New York's Chuck Schumer is the majority leader. You'd think Schumer would try to force the Senate to act, but somehow the majority party refuses to try to break the logjam. It seems there's a Senate rule that allows a member to stall a nomination, or a group of nominations, by placing a "hold" on them. This old-boy tradition is apparently too important to get the military promotions back on track.

Things aren't much better in the case of Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. Sadly, last year Mc Connell suffered a bad fall at home, and since then he has been experiencing all kinds of problems that have affected his speech. He

has had two startling public incidents that have exposed his underlying issues. But McConnell has been encouraged to stay in the job, because both parties would rather have him as leader than anyone else.

There are a few senators capable of taking over that job, but the party leaders prefer to have an ailing leader rather than some new minority boss.

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy is busy wrestling with the crazy Freedom Caucus.

The case of House Speaker Kevin McCarthy is probably the saddest of any Washington story. It took 15 rounds of voting for McCarthy to be elected speaker, and he holds on to his job so long as he can satisfy the Freedom Caucus, a group of far-right-wing zealots who came to Washington to burn down the government. Every day, the caucus members flex their muscles and the speaker jumps to placate them. Under rules that he agreed to, any member of the Republican Conference can move for his ouster, which would force an immediate vote on a new speaker.

McCarthy's weakness poses a special problem for three members of the Long Island congressional delegation. Repre-

sentatives Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito and Andrew Garbarino are faced with the possibility of a government shutdown on Sept. 30, and their votes, along with those of a few other moderate members, could keep that from happening. The votes of most members of Congress are often ignored by many voters, but there is no way the trio can avoid the wrath of Long Islanders who lose postal or passport service or some other government function if the shutdown happens.

At the same time that the House majority is wrestling with the crazy Freedom Caucus, they will also have to eventually take a vote on impeaching President Biden. I may be a registered Democrat, but I feel free to state that most of my readers tell me this is a do-nothing House that should be spending its time on things like inflation, border security, migrants and helping less fortunate people survive on modest paychecks.

Jerry Kremer was an Assemblyman for 23 years, and chaired the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee for 12 years. He now heads Empire Government Strategies, a business development and legislative strategy firm. Comments about this column? jkremer@liherald.com.

I'll be choosing my words even more carefully

I'll be seeing you, just not every week.

In June, when I wrote, "Column writing through hell and high water," I told readers I was taking a leave from writing for a few months to help my husband through a serious health issue.

Many of you reached out, with kind words and encouragement. I wasn't surprised. You're good people.



**RANDI
KREISS**

My husband is doing well, but everything changes everything, and the time away from a weekly deadline made me realize that this is a good moment to take a step back and switch from writing weekly to writing once a

month.

Now, I understand that for some of you this is excellent news. You can reduce your aggravation level and possibly lower your blood pressure. This summer, one of my favorite letters was from a reader who said that everything I wrote made her angry, but she would miss me.

Well, Mary, I'm back.

As I go through my days, I think constantly of columns that need to be writ-

ten. What I'm happy to let go is the deadline that has been a boundary in my life, week in and week out, for 40 years. When we traveled, I either had to write two or three columns in advance or find Wi-Fi in the wilderness. I'm not complaining; I felt accountable to my readers.

As I wrote three months ago, this hasn't just been a column; it has been a running memoir of our times. I wrote my heart out after 9/11, grieving with so many readers who lost loved ones in the towers. I scribbled my way through blackouts, epic blizzards, hurricanes and, for three years, the pandemic.

I wrote about how to sleep better and eat better and find friends and keep friends. Sometimes an idea landed on the page full blown, and sometimes it has been a struggle to compose a cogent piece. I spent my 750 words a week in wildly different ways, from warning folks off the road when my son got his license, to welcoming President Ronald Reagan to Congregation Ohr Torah, in North Woodmere, with a bust of his head in chopped liver, to sharing my grief for my darling girl, Zoe the dog, when she passed at 16.

My work has been personal. I have written about my children's lives, their

mitzvahs and their missteps. My breast cancer. My husband's heart surgeries. I struggled for days trying to find just the right words to honor my parents when they died. In some ways the column has been a running story of all of our lives.

After all, don't we share the same hopes and dreams, worry about the threats to our Mother Earth and yearn for a safer world for our kids?

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

As politics got nasty and toxic in recent years, I jumped in, wanting to use my 750 words to rally support for our democracy, women's rights, LGBTQ rights and laws that ensure equality for every community and every human being. I think these were words well spent, although at times the backlash has been fierce. That's what opinion columns are for: to stir the pot, open the debate and disagree without getting too creepy.

I love newspapering. Ink in my veins is how the expression goes. I will write my monthly column going forward with a renewed focus on our democracy. We

I'm happy to let go the deadline that has been a boundary in my life.

Randi is back, but beginning with this issue, she will appear in the Herald once per month.

have the votes to bring sane and serious people into office. Time to close the chapter on book banning in America. Translated, that means supporting equal justice for all as the former president and his cronies face the consequences of their transgressive, mean-spirited time in office.

Last week, David Ignatius, the respected columnist and longtime Biden friend, called for President Biden to withdraw his bid to run in 2024 because he's too old. I agree; he is old. But there isn't a qualified, experienced alternative who has the chops to run and win a national election.

Trump is old, too. He is also unfit in mind, body, temperament and demeanor. He has been criminally charged in four indictments. Biden has boosted our democracy and enhanced our reputation around the world. He has robust skills and a natural charm that can't be learned or bought. His team is working well for America during a treacherous time in our history.

Run, Joe, run.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

A call for responsible boating

Although it's late in the season, boating safety should remain at the forefront for everyone on the water.

Whether boating off the South Shore of Nassau County or the North Shore's Long Island Sound, having a safe and fun day on the water is the goal. And that includes personal watercraft operators and their passengers.

But boating can quickly turn treacherous without proper precautions, and a commitment to safety.

Every year, more than a dozen people die in boating accidents in New York — with 28 dying last year alone, according to the state parks department. These incidents are not mere statistics — they represent lives disrupted and ecosystems harmed.

To safeguard against such tragedies and to preserve the waterways, boat

operators and their passengers should be educated on fundamental seamanship and waterway rules, how to use their equipment properly, and basic first aid.

Knowing what navigational markings mean goes a long way in reducing hazardous situations such as running aground and passengers falling overboard. Equally crucial is the necessity for personal flotation devices. The majority of boating-related fatalities are caused by not wearing lifejackets. Twenty-one of the 28 people who died last year weren't wearing them.

Boating under the influence is a grave danger. Just as drinking and driving are a hazardous combination, alcohol and boating do not mix. Impaired judgment and slower reaction times increase the risk of accidents, accounting for 21 percent of the boating fatalities in New

York between 2005 and 2022, according to the parks department. If needed, designate a sober operator and bring along a non-drinking crew member.

Weather conditions can change rapidly on the water. Check the forecast before heading out, and be prepared for unexpected changes. Even experienced boaters can forget to do something as basic as checking the weather before casting off.

Navigational aids such as charts, radios and GPS devices are invaluable tools. Knowing your location and having the means to call for assistance are critical components of safe boating.

Making safety a priority can help ensure that every voyage is a memorable and safe experience. There are a couple of good months of boating weather remaining. That's plenty of time to make good habits routine.

LETTERS

Time to get back on trains, out of our cars

To the Editor:

Re U.S. Rep. Anthony D'Esposito's column "Congestion pricing will fuel further flight from New York" (Sept. 7-13): Congressman Esposito has it all wrong by opposing New York City's proposed congestion pricing plan, which would charge drivers \$23 during peak hours to drive south of 60th Street in Manhattan.

He claims it would create a heavy cost burden on Long Island drivers heading to the city. If you drive into New York, however, you have to look at all the costs.

First, Long Island parkways and surface streets in the city are in a constant state of gridlock. It feels like rush hour from early morning until evening. Once you get to Manhattan, you slow to a crawl, with delivery trucks blocking you on nearly every block. Every day, 700,000 cars, taxis and trucks stream into Lower Manhattan. The average speed is 7.1 mph, and each of those vehicles spews carbon into our heavily polluted environment. MTA bus speeds have declined 28 percent since 2010.

If you have a 75-mile round trip commute and you expense that, according to the IRS, you could write off roughly \$48. That's what the feds see as the wear and tear of putting miles on your car, insurance, maintenance and depreciation. And what about the price of gas, which is spiking at over \$4.25 a gallon? If you make a 75-mile round trip five days a week, and your car gets 20 miles per gallon, it will cost you \$160 a week.

Once you get to Manhattan, there's parking. If you can even find an open lot, it's very costly, \$50 to \$75 a day in Lower Manhattan. Street parking is almost impossible, since Covid created hundreds of restaurant extensions onto the streets. Couple that with Citi Bike racks, and thousands of parking spots have vanished.

The time we spend in our cars getting into Man-



hattan is intolerable. I used to broadcast the financial news on the ABC radio networks from BusinessWeek in Midtown. My commute at 4 a.m. took about 35 minutes. That same commute during rush hour can take 90 to 120 minutes. Plus, if you're going to Lower Manhattan via the L.I. "Distressway," you're paying \$17 a day, or \$85 a week, for the Midtown Tunnel.

Bottom line, if you add up the costs of commuting by car, you're paying more than \$100 a day with parking. And don't forget about precious time consumed. New Yorkers lose 117 hours on average each year sitting in traffic, costing them nearly \$2,000 in lost productivity and other costs. We have the longest commute times of any city in the country. Wouldn't you rather see your kids than taillights?

The stress and cost of driving pushed me onto the LIRR and the subways. It's a relief not to worry about being late for an appointment or sitting in stop-and-go traffic. The LIRR now gets you to the East Side at Grand Central Terminal as well as Penn Station and Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn.

I do agree with Congressman D'Esposito that the MTA is mismanaged. It should be deconstructed and rebuilt to make it cost-effective, and to rid us of unconscionable overtime and featherbedding. It's another unfair surcharge on Long Islanders and New Yorkers.

According to traffic engineers, congestion pricing will reduce traffic and pollution and persuade people to get back onto the trains. The new funding will hopefully close the MTA budget deficit and improve

OPINIONS

Searching the sky 2,000 miles from home

On clear summer evenings, I sit on the lawn of William L. Buck Elementary School in Valley Stream — a five-minute walk from my house — with a telescope I was given four years ago at my bat mitzvah. From my small corner of the universe in Valley Stream, peering upward, I see constellations and planets. My eyes travel farther than any land-bound human has ever gone, exploring the cosmos through my glass lens. In these moments, I know I love space visible in the night sky, and the science that can describe it.



ILANA GREENBERG

This summer, I spent six weeks pursuing this passion for astrophysics with the Summer Science Program in New Mexico.

Thirty-four other student scientists and I started by shooting photos of the night sky, using the telescope at Tortugas

Mountain Observatory, near Las Cruces. Then, in flipbook-like fashion, the captured images showed a small speck of an asteroid hurtling through space. From three simple images, we derived coordinates and calculations that could predict the position of the space rock and track its journey around the solar system for the next 50 million years.

Nightly discussions in the observing center with my peers began with thoughts of confusion and questions about how to decipher the symbols and numbers that haunted our whiteboards, but by the close of the program, we found understanding. We spent our days poring over problems and collectively devising solutions to what at first seemed unsolvable. The program allowed us to gain firsthand experience in the work of astrophysicists. Like them, we collaborated and questioned and watched calculations that once existed only in textbooks come alive in the surrounding sky.

Unlike a typical school day, our work was not accompanied by an unwelcome sense of stress. Instead I felt an exhilarating sense of opportunity, relishing the reality that a high school student like me could tap into the infinite world of space exploration.

As we made our discoveries in Las Cruces, the scientific community was making its own exploratory voyages. In just one summer, the James Webb Space Telescope continued peering further into the past with the infrared space images it produced; gravitational waves were collected using astronomical objects light-years away; and India landed a rover on the south side of the moon.

Working away in the New Mexico heat, I was inspired by the fact that these breakthroughs were applying the same fundamental scientific method we high school kids practiced daily. I felt connected to the greater scientific community, if only in a small way. The world was inno-

vating on a large scale, while our small class learned to develop the potential for our generation to follow in our greatest scientists' footsteps.

Las Cruces was far from home. It didn't have a pool or bike paths like the ones in Valley Stream's Hendrickson Park — but across the mountain, 30 degrees above the horizon, we could see an asteroid moving across the sky through our 24-inch-diameter telescope. Though far from home, I felt comforted by the same sense of awe and passion I had experienced so many times while looking up at the night sky from my backyard.

I came home a few weeks ago, and have since gone back with my miniature telescope to Buck Elementary, to stare at the sky and think of how far civilization has come in understanding it, and how far we have traveled. And now I can appreciate the fact that whether I'm in Las Cruces or here in Valley Stream, I can explore it, too.

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LETTERS

rail service.

Congestion pricing is now being used in advanced cities like Singapore, London, Milan and Stockholm. It makes those urban areas more livable, less congested and less polluted. Shouldn't New Yorkers make the choice to do the same? Or do we want to fall behind, pay more for commuting, inhale carcinogenic vehicle exhaust and be fatigued and stressed by the time we arrive at our Manhattan destination?

JIM PAYMAR
Rockville Centre

D'Esposito's opposition is 'shortsighted'

To the Editor:

Congressman Anthony D'Esposito's shortsighted attack on congestion pricing for drivers entering part of Manhattan misstates or omits key aspects of this much-needed plan.

Specific charges and exemptions from the tolls have yet to be determined. There is no factual basis for the congressman's claim that "commuters would pay upward of \$23 during peak hours."

D'Esposito acknowledges that "increasing ridership on public transportation is a noble cause." But this stance cannot be squared with his opposition to a plan designed to generate \$1 billion a year to improve service on the region's rail and bus lines. The congressman further implies that the MTA doesn't deserve increased funding due to a "long history of mismanagement." But he offers no evidence for this contention, and he ignores

the impact of the pandemic, which cost the MTA nearly half its operating budget.

D'Esposito cites a "recent rash of violent crime" as a disincentive for drivers to use public transit. Incidents of major crime in the transit system actually decreased by nearly 9 percent in the first five months of 2023, according to the New York City Police Department. Plus, daily ridership is returning to pre-pandemic levels.

The congressman's overall contention is that congestion pricing would serve as a tax that would spur an exodus from New York. But commuters could avoid this "tax" simply by choosing not to drive into one of the most congested areas in the country. And congestion pricing would in fact help make an iconic part of New York a more alluring place to work and play.

It's important to note that driving a car, especially in a densely populated area, is not a benign activity. Pollutants emitted from tailpipes contribute to about 320 premature deaths each year, according to the New York City Health Department. An additional 225 people died as a result of vehicle crashes in the city in 2022. Driving likewise threatens our children by contributing greatly to climate change.

Congressman D'Esposito wishes to be seen as fighting for the interests of his constituents, even though only a minority of them would likely be affected by congestion pricing. Responsible representation, however, does not reinforce unfounded fears, nor does it justify threats to public health.

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Atlantic Beach

FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



The Nassau County Veterans Picnic and Resource Fair — Eisenhower Park, East Meadow

CORRECTION

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. In last week's edition we stated otherwise.

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