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Pamela Panzenbeck holds onto her seat, but City Council splits

By LAURA LANE & ROKSANA AMID
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Pamela Panzenbeck, the affable, optimistic former Glen Cove city councilwoman, will remain the city's mayor, unofficially winning roughly 62 percent of the vote on Tuesday in her race against former Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos.

A retired business and computer education teacher, Panzenbeck, a Republican, is a lifelong Glen Cove resident. Her passion for and commitment to improving her hometown is equaled by her stated love of its residents, many of whom know her from the years when she was a volunteer, before she got involved in city government.

Maragos, a Democrat who captured only 37 percent of the vote, blamed his defeat on national issues, pointing out that other towns on Long Island had similar GOP wins. Adding that he had no regrets, he said he would support Panzenbeck, and offered his help.

"People are feeling our economy is not working for everybody with the cost of living so high," Maragos said. "Earlier results indicate that more Democrats came out than Republicans. The Democrats crossed



Tim Baker/Herald

Glen Cove mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, who was challenged by Democrat George Maragos, a former Nassau County comptroller, was re-elected by a large margin.

over, as did the blanks," he added referring to voters with no party affiliation.

Although Panzenbeck's win was all but certain, votes cast early and absentee ballots remained to be counted, which could affect the outcome in City Council races, which were closer. As of midnight Tuesday, for example, the margin between Democrat John Zozzaro, who was in sixth place among 19 candidates, and incumbent Republican Jack Mancusi, in seventh, was two votes.

"It's terrible to have these cliffhanger nights," Panzenbeck said. "We'll see how it all goes. This is far from finished."

The Democratic incumbents on the City Council, Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, who won 10 percent of the votes, and Marsha Silverman, who won 9 percent, were re-elected.

City Democrats celebrated winning one more seat on the council — Zozzaro, the former owner of the Downtown Café, although he said he would

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Warning period begins school bus law

By ROKSANA AMID
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There's plenty for parents to worry about when their children head to school in the morning, from getting the most out of their classes to what they're eating for lunch. They shouldn't have to fret over school bus safety, too.

Starting mid-November Glen Cove will initiate a warning period for the city school district's bus stop-arm-camera program, created to protect children from motorists illegally passing stopped school buses. Beginning in mid-December, motorists who pass stopped buses with their red lights blinking and their stop arms deployed — from either direction — will be issued a summons and a \$250 fine for the first offense, increasing to \$275 for a second offense and \$300 for a third.

The city and the school district partnered with BusPatrol,

a Virginia-based school bus safety company, to install seven WiFi-enabled cameras on all buses, which will capture video of vehicles whose drivers break the law. There will be seven cameras per bus.

What we're trying to do is not simply just enforce the law — we're trying to change driver behavior.

JASON ELAN
Head of external affairs,
BusPatrol

One camera is mounted on a bus's windshield, two more are positioned on either side, and four cameras monitor its interior and passengers.

State law prohibits drivers from passing school buses with their stop arms extended — even if the motorist is headed in the opposite direction and is separated from the stopped bus by a

divider. Some parents, such as Sara Dorfman-Masone, a mother of three children in the district, say the law doesn't deter bad driving. "I can't emphasize how many times I've had to call the bus department, letting them know of unsafe conditions that are happening around bus

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Office	Winners	Opponent
Nassau County Legislature-11	Delia M. DeRiggi-Whitton (D) 64%	John F. Stalzer (R,C) 36%
Glen Cove Mayor	Pamela D. Panzenbeck (R,C) .. 63%	George Maragos (D)37%
Glen Cove City Council	Scagliola, Silverman, Zozzaro (D) Farman, Ktisakis, Maccarone (R)	Manfredi, Pergola, Yee, (D) Jenkins, Mancusi, Peebles (R)

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Planning For and Executing Inheritances (Part One)

Planning for, and then executing, inheritances is often fraught with emotion.

Most families choose to leave the inheritance “to my children in equal shares, per stirpes.”

Per stirpes is Latin meaning “by the roots” so that if a child dies before the parent, their share goes to their children (if any) in equal shares. If there are no children, then generally the inheritance is disregarded and their share goes to their surviving siblings in equal shares.

What about gifts to grandchildren? Let’s say one child has five children and the other has two children — seven grandchildren altogether. When a significant gift is given to grandchildren equally, it is not uncommon for the child with two children to say “well it was my brother’s choice to have five children, why does my family end up getting less?” Good estate planning also looks at inheritances from the heirs’ point of view as well.

We are often asked whether inheritances should be discussed with children ahead of time.

While each family has different dynamics, this can end up being the equivalent of giving

children a veto power over what you are going to do. For example, if you seek their opinion on an unequal division, you will create a problem for the family if you choose to disregard their input. A better way might be the use of the “soft probe”. Here, you suggest an idea that you have about an unequal division, and then gauge their reaction before making a decision.

For example, where one child is very much better off than another, you might say “You know, your sister Mary could really use our money a lot more...” The monied child will generally respond one of two ways. They will either say “of course, I don’t need it, leave it all to her” and you are off the hook, or they will indicate that they consider anything less than equal shares would be unfair. In the latter case, if you still want to help Mary more, you may give her gifts during your lifetime and keep peace in the family by leaving inheritances equally. You may also make some accounts joint with Mary or name her beneficiary and those accounts would not appear under the will or trust as part of the estate.

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NEWS BRIEF

Herald, RichnerLive announce Top Chief Officer recipients

Who are the best leaders on Long Island? Get ready to find out as Herald Community Newspapers and RichnerLive present its Herald 2023 Top Chief Officers Awards gala, set for Wednesday, Nov. 29 at The Heritage Club at Bethpage in Farmingdale.

The Top Chief Awards recognizes and honors deserving top leaders including chief executive officers, chief operating officers, chief technology officers, chief human resources officers, chief sales officers, and regional presidents who have significantly shaped how we do business on Long Island.

Categories for Top Chiefs include accounting and banking, education, entertainment and hospitality, health care, human resources, labor unions, not-for-profits, real estate and development, technology, tourism, transportation, and utilities.

“Recognizing business leaders on Long Island is not just about acknowledging their successes. It’s about celebrating the driving force behind our local economy, and the innovation that shapes our community’s future,” said Amy Amato, executive director of RichnerLive, in a release.

“We are thrilled to honor these indi-

viduals who have served as architects of the Long Island economy.”

Although who makes the nomination list was determined by both the editorial and business teams at the Herald, it was Herald readers themselves who had the unique opportunity to nominate their own top chiefs, all making up a Herald Readers’ Choice Awards.

The full list of Top Chief Officer Award recipients is available at RichnerLive.com/chiefofficers.

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Nataly Barco and Ricardo Stevan provided the afternoon's musical entertainment. Their high-energy songs got everyone excited to dance in Village Square.

Celebrating downtown's Hispanic businesses

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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In spite of howling cold winds, a small crowd gathered in Village Square to dance to the pulsating beats from music by Ricardo Stevan and Nataly Barco. The joint gathering by the Business Improvement District and the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of commerce was the first of its kind in downtown, celebrating the accomplishments of Hispanic business owners of the BID district in the backdrop of Hispanic Heritage month.

The Hispanic Chamber serves and connects the Hispanic community while helping small businesses and to empower the economy of Hispanic owned businesses on Long Island's North Shore, while the BID solely focuses on attracting shoppers to Glen Cove's downtown.

Connie Pinilla, the chamber's president, and Jill Nossa, the BID's executive director, both expressed their excitement in collaborating with one another to help combat any language barriers small Hispanic-owned business owners may face, and gathering during Hispanic Heritage month was the perfect opportunity to emphasize their commitment to help local businesses.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, and recognizes the contributions and

influences of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. The month also celebrates Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, who all gained their independence on Sept. 15.

Meanwhile, Mexico celebrates its Independence Day on Sept. 16, followed by Chile's Independence Day on Sept. 18. It spans between two months to encompass Columbus Day, or Dia de la Raza, "Race Day," which falls on Oct. 12, and recognizes the cultural fusion of indigenous America and Spanish heritage.

A significant number of downtown businesses are Hispanic-owned.

JILL NOSSA
executive director,
BID

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period

According to the Pew Research center the United States Hispanic population reached 63.6 million in 2022, up from 50.5 million in 2010. The 26 percent increase in the Hispanic population was faster than the nation's 8 percent growth rate but slower than the 34 percent increase in the Asian population. In 2022, Hispanics made up nearly one-in-five people in the U.S., up from 16 percent in 2010 and just 5 percent in 1970.

Hispanics are the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. They own and operate more than 350,000 businesses nationwide.



Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews designed apparel honoring Hispanic heritage. He has designed dresses and ties for men combining the many flags of Hispanic nations.



Bella and Hernan Lugo spun around Village Square to keep themselves warm while celebrating their heritage.

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NEWS BRIEFS

South side of Elm Avenue construction begins

Bancker Construction will be installing two 8-inch diameter steel casing sleeves and inserting gas mains within the casings under the Long Island Railroad crossing on the south side of Elm Avenue. The multi-unit building on the north side of Elm Street, west of the

LIRR will have the ingress and egress off Elm closed during the workday. The facility has another ingress and egress to Cedar Swamp Road on the north part of its property.

Construction will happen between 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until late November.

Congregation Tifereth Israel tag sale soon

Congregation Tifereth Israel will have its annual Tag Sale, offering treasures selected from the North Shore homes of members and friends in the community. This year's sale features an extensive selection of new and gently used clothing for men, women, and children in a full range of sizes. Also available for sale are jewelry, housewares, kitchen and dining room tableware, decorative items for the home, small electrical

appliances, lighting fixtures, vinyl records, children's books and toys, and much more.

There will be an early bird preview on Nov. 11, 7 to 9 p.m. with an \$8 admission fee. The larger sale day is Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the tag sale benefit CTI and the United Breast Cancer Foundation. On tag day, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the remaining clothing and linens will be sold for a set fee per bag.

Woman's Club of Glen Cove will meet

The Woman's Club of Glen Cove luncheon will be celebrating veterans this month. Donations such as warm clothing are encouraged. All gifts will be dropped off at The Veterans Center in Northport.

For further details contact Yvette Menezes, publicity chair, at (516) 673-1061. The meeting will be held on Nov. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at The View Grill, 111 Lattintown Rd, Glen Cove.

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ARRESTS

- A 51-year-old Pomona man was arrested on Nov. 1 for trespassing, possessing tools to help him burgle a home and grand larceny. He was also in possession of stolen property and charged for criminal mischief on Cedar Swamp Road.
- A 45-year-old Sea Cliff man was arrested on Nov. 1 for criminal possession

of a controlled substance on Glen Cove Avenue.

- A 31-year-old Glen Cove man and a 42-year-old Glen Cove woman were arrested for one count each of criminal possession of a controlled substance on Nov. 3. The woman was also charged with failing to stop at stop sign.

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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Democrats gain a seat on City Council

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remain cautious until the election was certified by the Nassau County Board of Elections. He received 8 percent of the votes.

"I don't want to be a politician," Zozzaro said. "I want to do the right thing for people. It's not a Democratic or Republican thing."

Republican City Council incumbents Kevin Maccarone and Grady Farnan were also re-elected, but Jack Mancusi and Barbara Peebles were not. Newcomer Michael Ktistakis finished fifth, with 8 percent of the votes.

"Two years ago, when I won, I was in the top three, and I was very happy," said Mancusi, who was a Glen Cove police officer for 25 years. "Now I'm in the bottom, and I'm just hoping for the best when the absentee and early voting results come in. People voted, and they'll get the people they wanted in office. I'm very comfortable with whoever they choose."

First elected in 2018, Maccarone, 33, is the city's youngest elected official ever. His father, John, is the head of the Glen Cove Republican Party. He captured 9 percent of the vote, and was in third place.

"I really give all the council people so much credit — everyone worked so hard," Maccarone said.

Maccarone had posted disparaging remarks on Facebook about Silverman. When the Herald asked Silverman if it

would be difficult for her to work with him on the council, she paused.

"Every campaign I've run is on my qualifications and contributions to the City of Glen Cove," Silverman said. "I've never stooped to the nastiness. This has happened to me in the past. I put it behind me then, and will do so again to work with anyone who is elected for a better Glen Cove."

Fugazy Scagliola described this election as "a little dirtier." She said her focus would be on doing the right thing. "When you spend time going negative on others, it's a waste of your time," she said.

County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Glen Cove Democrat, enjoyed her re-election to a seventh term in the 11th District. She defeated John Stalzer, of Sea Cliff, by a wide margin, garnering roughly 64 percent of the vote.

"I really, truly enjoy my job," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "And I love working with the people in that district."

DeRiggi-Whitton, who served on the City Council before becoming a legislator, has spearheading a number of environmental projects on the North Shore. She is known for working with those across the aisle, a characteristic that she said is attributable to being a moderate and coming from a family of both Democrats and Republicans. She said she was looking forward to continuing her work in the Legislature.



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Tallying the votes for the 2023 Glen Cove election at The View Grill were from left, Leg. Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Mike Norman and City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman.

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Courtesy Chad Ryals

Chad Ryals, on right, has visited both the Glen Cove and North Shore school districts to provide young students with a unique perspective about the sacrifices America's service members make to maintain freedom.

Education and compassion help veterans feel heard

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Celebrating Veterans Day is not limited to parades, flag-waving, or ceremonies, it serves as a reminder of the importance of peace, the gratitude we owe to those who have served, and the obligation to hear their individual stories.

Army veteran Chad R. Ryals, Glen Cove's 2023 Veterans Day honoree, believes the best way to thank a veteran is to understand who each individual veteran is, and the sacrifices they made to protect the country. To get that message across, Ryals has visited both the Glen Cove and North Shore school districts to provide young students with a unique perspective about the sacrifices America's service members make. He hopes the classroom visits will be an annual tradition during the Memorial and Veteran Day holidays.

Ryals comes from a seven-generational family of veterans and said he is proud to have served his country, but he believes the path to peace is paved with understanding history.

"What good does it do for mankind to be at the top if we destroy everything to get there, then there's nothing to be on top of," Ryals said. "Those who lack the knowledge of history are doomed to repeat it."

Born in Pineville, Louisiana and raised in Converse, Louisiana to William and Betty Ryals, Chad spent his childhood learning the value of hard work starting his days at 4 a.m. He grew up on a 1,200-acre farm, where his family tended to 627 herd of cattle, 3,000 chickens and 480 acres of crops. At age 6, he helped clean, and by age 8 he was mowing the lawn.

Ryals always knew he wanted to honor his family's lineage to protect American freedom. His father was a Vietnam veteran and his great-great grandfather served in the American Revolution. His mother's side of the family had members serve in the War of 1812 as well.

Ryals enlisted in the army at 17 years old. He was sent to Ft. Benning, GA, for basic training and Advanced Individual Training as an infantryman. He went on to complete airborne school followed by an air assault course and Ranger Assessment Selection Program. After completing RASP, he was assigned to 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon Company B2 Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment at Ft. Lewis, Washington, for three months before being deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. There he fought in the battle for Baghdad, the battle of Fallujah, Ramadi and al Somali. He was later deployed to Afghanistan in the southern Helmand province where he was tasked with finding mule trains — convoys of Taliban fighters coming in from Pakistan.

Ryals left the army with an honorable discharge in 2009 with the rank of staff sergeant. He is the recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Basic Parachute Badge, Air Assault Badge, Silver Star, Purple Heart with two Bronze Oak Leaves, Good Conduct Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze star devices, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Army Commendation and Army Achievement Medal.

The transition to civilian life wasn't easy for the highly accomplished veteran. Like many others who faced the stress of combat, Ryals turned to alcohol to cope with his emotions. He credits his father and wife Katherine for his road to recovery.

"I was a train wreck when I came home," Ryals said. "I was having bad nightmares. I was in a bad place in my life."

Although the emotional battles post-war vary among veterans, Ryals understands that many need a distraction, and continues to offer his mobile number to veterans who need an understanding ear.

"We may not sit in the same kind of battles, but I want to help my brothers and sisters fight their demons," Ryals said.

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8 Harvest celebration raises \$465K to fight hunger

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STAFF REPORT

The hunger crisis won't be solved overnight, but Island Harvest took a big step to combat it last month at the food bank's 29th annual Taste of the Harvest Celebration, which raised \$465,000.

Nearly \$110,000 of that will fund an additional 365 children in Island Harvest's Kids Weekend Backpack Feeding Program, according to the Melville organization's president and chief executive, Randi Shubin Dresner. That program acts as a supplemental food support initiative for children who rely on their school's free breakfasts and lunches, but often don't get enough to eat over the weekend when school is closed.

Other funds raised will help families, older adults and veterans facing hunger in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

In addition to the money raised, this year's celebration also honored Barry and Marie Landsman, who received Island Harvest's Above & Beyond Award. The Bellmore couple have long been supporters of Island Harvest, conducting food drives, assisting with fundraising, and advising the nonprofit on matters involving the acquisition and financing of the organization's main facility at 126 Spagnoli Road in Melville.

"For over two decades, we have had the privilege of working with Island Harvest," the couple said, in a statement. "Being the honorees at the Taste of Harvest event was a humbling and rewarding experience for us as parents and as Long Islanders, as we were honored to be a small part of raising funds for Island Harvest — in particular, the backpack program."

The Landsmans are both attorneys, with Marie at Rivkin Radler, and Barry at Pryor Cashman.

They also have made fundraising a family tradition by involving their children, Zachary and Saria.

"It is critical we all do what we can to raise funds for this worthy cause as there are hundreds of thousands of Long Islanders who face food insecurity every day," the Landsmans said. "These are our fellow Long Islanders, our friends and neighbors. Children. Seniors. And veterans. And, so, we hope every Long Islander joins us, and takes this moment in time to make a difference in the lives of those in need."

Also honored was former longtime operations vice president and food procurement specialist Migdalia Otero-Terry, who received Island Harvest's Linda Breitstone Spirit Award, named for the founder of Island Harvest. Otero-Terry was honored for her immeasurable contribution to the growth and success of the food bank during her tenure, which spanned two decades.

"I was humbled by the honor, and I find personal satisfaction that I have, and will continue to, help the Long Island community feeding those in need," said Otero-Terry, now president and chief executive of MTC Consulting Services.

The celebration itself took place Oct. 24 at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, attracting 450 guests. It was emceed by Pei-Sze Cheng, a member of



Photos courtesy Island Harvest

Randi Shubin Dresner, president and chief executive of Island Harvest, honored Marie and Barry Landsman with the organization's 2023 Above & Beyond award. Migdalia Otero-Terry, below, accepts the 2023 Linda Breitstone Spirit Award from Dresner.



NBC 4-New York's investigative unit.

"On behalf of Island Harvest and our Long Island neighbors we serve, we are exceptionally grateful to everyone who helped make this year's Taste of the Harvest Celebration a great financial success," Shubin Dresner said. "Thanks go

out to our sponsors, guests, participating restaurants, staff, and the committee who helped raise much-needed funds, and create such a memorable and fun evening."

The mission of Island Harvest Food Bank is to end hunger and reduce food waste on Long Island. It's accomplished

through a number of innovative programs and services aimed at enhancing hunger awareness, short-term case management, nutrition education, outreach, and advocacy initiatives.

To learn more, visit IslandHarvest.org.

Santos claims he's had a 'hellish' first year

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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During his campaign, Congressman George Santos was believed to be “the full embodiment of the American dream.” His narrative of being an openly gay child of Brazilian immigrants who rose to the upper echelons of Wall Street before entering the world of politics and the descendent of Holocaust survivors, quickly unraveled before he was sworn into office last year. Since then, his colleagues and constituents have called for his expulsion from Congress, with many asking why Santos would fabricate such an intricate biography.

Fresh off an unsuccessful House vote that sought to expel him from the chamber, the embattled congressman sounded far less optimistic about his future during an interview with CNN's Manu Raju on Oct. 5. Santos explained his various fabrications, falsities, and deceptions, notable because he faces a 23-count federal indictment that aims to convict him for all of those.

Santos admitted it was a combination of “insecurity” and “stupidity” that compelled him to misconstrue nearly every facet of his life during his run for office. He provided excuses for most of what he's been accused of, saying it was his treasurer's job to handle his finances; he will prove his grandparents fled the Holocaust; and that he actually did provide a

\$500,000 loan to his campaign despite having less than \$10,000 in his bank account.

“I lost privacy, I lost the ability to just have a normal life,” Santos said while describing his past year to CNN. “Not having the ability to just take my husband, and let's go for a walk in the park without the fear of having some psycho try to, I don't know, hurt me or him.”

Santos is also accused of fraudulently applying for unemployment benefits in an application for a pandemic-related unemployment insurance program. Prosecutors allege he received \$24,744 in benefits. When asked about those charges, Santos said that he is “not admitting anything” and that he did what he thought he “was qualified for.”

“There's people out there who have gone through this process of overtaking a check or two or whatever the case is and then just having to pay it back,” Santos said. “Nobody gets criminally indicted. That's crazy.”

Santos also told CNN he did not rule out a potential plea deal, but said that as of right now, a deal is “not on the table.”

“I'm not exploring any of that right now,” Santos said. “Those conversations are yet to be had. Right now, I'm pretty focused on my defense.”

When asked about the upcoming primaries, he said his falsehoods and pending court case potentially wouldn't affect his chances to resume his Congressional seat. Santos remains optimistic.

“Elections are tricky, there's no predetermined outcome,” Santos told CNN. “No one elected me because I said I played volleyball. People elected me because I said I'd fight the swamp, create more jobs, make life more affordable. And my commitment to America.”

Santos told CNN that he's spent the last 10 months evaluating his DNA, and has been working with a genealogist to prove his claims about his Jewish heritage. He stressed that he's Catholic and comes from a Jewish family, despite questions about that account and the lack of documentation to prove it.

“That's something I'm gonna prove before I die,” Santos said. “Unfortunately Ukraine is in the middle of a freaking war and my grandfather comes from Ukraine.”

Earlier this year, Santos alleged Nancy Marks was no longer his campaign treasurer. The replacement, according to Santos, was Thomas Datwyler, a Wisconsin-based consultant.

Derek Ross, Datwyler's lawyer at the time, said Datwyler wasn't working for Santos and attributed Santos' assertion to miscommunication. However, that changed just days ago when Ross sent a letter to the Federal Election Commission essentially saying he was duped, and that he was withdrawing his earlier statement because he couldn't vouch for its validity. Ross cited new reporting after the Daily Beast ran an extensive story alleging Dat-



Herald file photo

Congressman George Santos claims he wants to run for reelection despite the controversy surrounding his background.

wyler apparently did the work for Santos for months but hid the fact.

In an interview with Newsday, Santos alleged he parted ways with the pair and hired a new treasurer “because I just didn't feel comfortable with the setup anymore.”

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Farrell is Glen Cove's Businessperson of Year

Was honored as part of the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce breakfast

STAFF REPORT

What does it take to be a Businessperson of the Year? It's putting aside their personal time to serve, according to Frank Camarano Jr., president of the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce.

And it's always finding a way to make each and every community in Nassau County a better place to work and live — and all 38 people and organizations who earned that honor this year have done exactly that.



JERRY FARRELL

Like Jerry Farrell by the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce.

When you walk into the store he founded — Rising Tide Market — expect to be welcomed personally. Farrell has greeted his customers — often by name — for nearly 50 years.

Farrell founded Rising Tide Market in 1976, when he was still in his 20s, driven by an interest in macrobiotic foods and sustainable living, according to the Nassau Council of Chambers. Today, Farrell has shifted focus to



Tim Baker/Herald

Jerry Farrell was not only honored by the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, but was one of more than 40 people and businesses celebrated by the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce during its annual breakfast at Crest Hollow Country Club. Other winners include Paul and Roberta Danziger (Bellmore), Anthony Bott (East Meadow), Dana McDowell (Elmont), Jaime Parra (Franklin Square), Sally Barrera (Hempstead), Joshua Siegel (Long Beach), Atlantic Hardware (Freeport), and William Powell (Levittown).

organic foods and sustainable living, but his desire to educate his community hasn't waned.

Farrell loves the complex nature of owning Rising Tide, and how there is always something to improve upon. But his favorite part about coming into the store every day interacting with his customers — many of whom he considers friends.

One program Farrell is particularly fond of, according to the Nassau Council of Chambers, is the Rising Tide Grateful program. For every paper bag or reusable bag purchased or brought in by a customer, Rising Tide contributes proceeds to its charity of the month.

That program has not only raised awareness, but also a lot of money

— \$75,000 over the last nine years.

When Farrell is not at Rising Tide, he's connecting with other independent natural food retailers, working to provide a unified voice in dealing with a number of issues that affect the whole industry.

And, as a former high school track coach, Farrell is a devout follower of the sport — from youth to elite.

AI '11 times smarter' than the human eye

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departure and arrival home," Dorfman-Masone a parent in the school district said at a Nov 2 news conference at Glen Cove City Hall. "There's so many devices out in this world today that some drivers are not paying attention, and when we have our stop signs up cars are driving right by it. It's very unsafe for our children."

The program will be adjudicated by the county Traffic and Parking Violations Agency, and the bus company Hendrickson operates a fleet of 21 large buses and 50 smaller ones in Glen Cove that will be equipped with cameras. At the news conference, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck explained that the city will receive 55 percent of the revenue from the fines, which will go to its general fund, and 45 percent of the revenue will go to BusPatrol.

Jason Elan, the company's head of external affairs, said that BusPatrol, which has equipped some 7,000 buses across the state with cameras, has documented a nearly 40 percent reduction in stopped-bus infractions in Suffolk County, where [//HOW MANY?//] school districts use the cameras. He added that violation statistics are sent to local governments so they can see when and where infractions are occurring.

"What we're trying to do is not simply just enforce the law — we're trying to change driver behavior," Elan said at the news conference. "This is a big yellow school bus; it's large by design. We're not asking much. We're asking for people to slow down and stop for the bus, and the technology that we're introducing to modernize these buses we think (of) as a way to help achieve that goal."

BusPatrol has developed an artificial intelligence



Roksana Amid/Herald

A camera, circled above, will document motorists who illegally pass a school bus. For now they will get a warning.

system called automated violation analysis. When it detects a violation, Elan explained, global positioning and other data are sent to BusPatrol's processing center, and then AVA filters footage to enable human reviewers to conduct quality-assurance checks, compile video, and send an evidence package to law enforcement to affirm or deny a violation. If it is affirmed, a citation is generated and mailed to the offender with a web link to give them access to the video evidence of their violation.

"What's very unique about AVA is that she's only

getting smarter as (she) ... captures more violations," Elan said. "She gets smarter, so to speak. Right now she's 11 times smarter than the human eye."

The Glen Cove Board of Education discussed the program with City Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola in 2021. A mother of four children in the district, she said she was happy that the program has begun.

"We want to have compliance," Fugazy Scagliola said, "and we want to just make sure that we are always looking for ways to keep our children safe."

STEPPING OUT



Magical moments on ice Stars align in an epic adventure

By Karen Bloom

Another dose of Disney wonder awaits us as we usher in the holiday season. The latest Disney ice spectacle — aptly titled “Magic in the Stars” — arrives at UBS Arena on Nov. 15, to the delight of families who eagerly embrace every Disney moment.

Along with the always-welcome iconic characters and stories — classic and current favorites — this extravaganza is an all-new showcase full of surprises. Audiences will enjoy seeing the most characters ever gathered together on the ice: 54 in all.

If that’s not enough to grab the attention of all you Disneyphiles, you’re in for a special treat. This extravaganza offers a glimpse of the characters from the Mouse House’s upcoming animated fantasy “Wish,” scheduled to arrive on the big screen Nov. 22.

“It’s so exciting to be able to add this segment to our show,” director Adam Loosely says. “We’re incredibly excited that Disney has entrusted us with these characters prior to the film’s release. Our audiences are getting a sneak peek at Asha (the film’s teenage heroine). Her solo, performed to the ballad ‘This Wish,’ is just beautiful.”

The film, inspired by the classic wishing star, is an homage to Disney’s centennial anniversary year — as is this edition of Disney on Ice. Or as Loosely puts it: “We’re celebrating 100 years of wonder.”

Asha is joined, of course, by the many unforgettable characters all brought to life on ice in a captivating production that transports audiences to a world where imaginations soar and in true Disney spirit, “anything can happen if you just believe.” More than that, the stars certainly align in this fast-paced spectacle.

“We’re taking our audience up to the stars,” Loosely says. Mickey, Minnie, Goofy, Donald and Daisy start off this starry adventure — and even Pluto joins in. It all begins when the North Star shines brightly and descends upon Jiminy Cricket as he welcomes everyone and reminds audiences that the most fantastic, magical things can happen, and it all starts with a wish.

See Tiana, from “The Princess and the Frog,” as she strives to make her wish of opening a restaurant come true. Go along with Aladdin to discover the power of true wishes when he finds that magic lamp in the Cave of Wonders. Reminisce with beloved heroines Cinderella, Snow White, Belle and Rapunzel as they remind us to never stop wishing and dreaming.

In another first (on ice), escape “Into the Unknown” with Elsa and Anna from “Frozen



- Wednesday through Sunday, Nov. 15-19; times vary
- Tickets start at \$25; available at Ticketmaster.com or DisneyOnIce.com
- UBS Arena, 2400 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont

2.” Also hit the road with Disney and Pixar’s Lightning McQueen and Tow Mater as they cruise on the ice to “Life is a Big Way;” reconnect with Toy Story’s Buzz Lightyear, Woody, Jessie, Rex and Hamm. Set sail with Moana on her canoe into the open ocean, to witness her encourage Te Kā to “Know Who You Are” and transform into

Te Fiti. And, yes, travel to the mountains of Colombia where the Madrigal family lives, unlock the magic in the family’s casita, and discover — yet again — why “We Don’t Talk About Bruno.”

In yet another special moment, watch as Raya, from “Raya and the Last Dragon,” ascends into the air, lifting the show to higher heights as the strong warrior performs an aerial acro-pole routine.

As always, the skating brings a new dimension to the stories audiences know so well. Solos, pairs, fast-paced ensemble skating along with acrobatic routines, keep everyone in awe of what’s taking place on the ice.

“We have an incredible international cast that does it all,” Loosely says, “including fantastic tricks.”

He certainly knows his way around the ice. The former competitive skater (a member of the Canadian National Team) performed in seven productions over 12 years as a cast member. He relishes his role now helming the show.

“This transition has been so incredibly rewarding. I’m so grateful and proud of this production. It’s just so much fun,” Loosely says. “I’ve been working on it for a year, and it’s been a honor to work with such a talented team to bring it all to life. And to remind our audiences, you don’t need magical powers to be a hero. The real magic is you, and the biggest lights shine inside of you.”

“Every one of you is a star. So shine brightly and let your stories light up the night sky!”

Photos courtesy Feld Entertainment

Wish upon a star in celebrating 100 years of Disney.



The Joni Project

The Joni Project visits the Landmark stage, celebrating Joni Mitchell’s 80th birthday. The musically sophisticated band is fronted by remarkable multi-instrumentalist and singer Katie Pearlman, who impressively plays Joni’s songs in their original open guitar tunings. It also includes jazz and jam band mainstays Dave Berg (guitar), Dan Ericic (bass), Alan Lerner (drums), Mark Mancini (keyboards), Steve Finklestein (percussion), Premik Russell Tubbs (saxophone and flute) and Victoria Faiella (backing vocals). Together, they bring a fresh interpretation to Joni’s legendary tunes from their many eras and genres — particularly from the time of her stunning and dynamic collaboration with Jaco Pastorius, Pat Metheny and Michael Brecker. From the deep folk roots of her musical beginnings, Pearlman faithfully performs in true Joni style. Her tunings remain as fresh today as they were when first played.

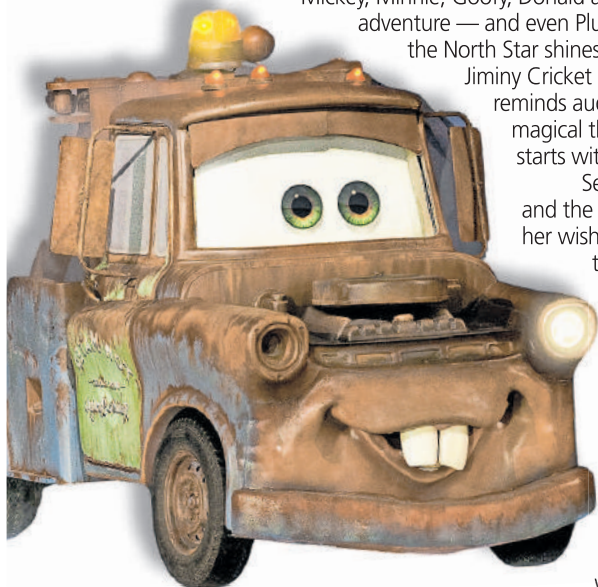
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South Shore Symphony

South Shore Symphony Orchestra, now under the baton of Adam Glaser, continues its new music director’s inaugural season with spirited Veterans Day program, “Coming Home,” at its longtime Madison Theatre home. Selections include Valeri Coleman’s “Seven O’Clock Sunset,” an anthem inspired by the tireless frontline workers during the Covid-19 pandemic, and the heartwarming ritual of evening serenades to the celebrated life and the sacrifices of heroes during isolation. There are also John Williams’ theme from “Born on the Fourth of July;” the 1989 biopic of vet turned antiwar activist Ron Kovic. Also Leonard Bernstein’s “On the Town Suite,” and more. “We are excited to begin this new chapter in the South Shore Symphony Orchestra’s story together,” says Wayne Lipton, orchestra president and principal cellist.

Saturday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. \$30, \$25 seniors.
Madison Theatre, Molloy University, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. Tickets available at MadisonTheatreNY.org or (516) 323-4444.



THE \$ SCENE

Nov. 12

Melissa Errico Sings Sondheim

Long Island's own Melissa Errico brings her Broadway pizzazz to the Adelphi University Performing Arts Center stage, Sunday, **Nov. 12**, at 3 p.m., in Sondheim

Sublime. The actress-vocalist celebrates the brilliance of her mentor, the late Stephen Sondheim. Come to the cabaret matinee and hear why Broadway World says that "the way Melissa Errico immerses herself in every moment, the technical brilliance of her vocal abilities, and the sheer star power that the lady exudes, makes her a take-no-prisoners performer, offering a leave-it-all-on-the-floor show," among her many accolades. From "Send in the Clowns" to "No One Is Alone," Errico sings the Sondheim masterpieces — from "West Side Story," "Gypsy," "Into The Woods," to, of course, "Sweeney Todd" — delivering her insightful and witty vision of Broadway's greatest modern songwriter. She also provides a swinging look at Sondheim's influences from Cole Porter to Rodgers & Hammerstein, as well as her own personal relationship with the master, joined by a jazz trio led by legendary music director Billy Stritch. First known for her starring roles on Broadway, including "My Fair Lady," "High Society," "Les Miserables," and more, she's also acclaimed as a concert singer. Errico's album, "Sondheim Sublime" was called by The Wall Street Journal as "The best all-Sondheim album ever recorded." Her history with Sondheim began when he selected her to star as Dot in "Sunday In The Park With George" at The Kennedy Center, and she has since co-starred as "Clara" in Passion at Classic Stage Company, and in the New York City Center Encores! production of the Sondheim/Richard Rodgers musical "Do I Hear A Waltz?" She'll also sing selections from her highly-anticipated new album "Sondheim In The City" (Spring 2024), a playful and swinging pop-inflected follow up to her lyrical, romantic first recording of his music. Tickets start at \$45. Adelphi University, Westermann Stage, 1 South Ave., Garden City. (516) 877-4000 or Adelphi.edu/pac.



Board games from days gone by

Enjoy an evening of learning and playing historic games at Old Westbury Gardens' Westbury House, Friday, **Nov. 17**, 7-9 p.m. The Long Island Tabletop Gaming Expo takes visitors on journey through 5000 years of board game history, from its roots in ancient times to more familiar examples from the time of the Phipps family. A brief lecture on the history of board games, includes a presentation of each of the featured games. These historic games are fully playable, and you can try them out yourself. Featured games include: Senet, The Royal Game of Ur, Three Man's Morris, Six Man's Morris, Nine Man's Morris, Twelve Man's Morris, Mancala, Go, Chess, The Royal and Most Pleasant Game of The Goose, Backgammon. The Landlords Game (transition to the modern Monopoly). Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information contact (516) 333-0048 or visit OldWestburyGardens.org.

Nov. 23

North Shore Turkey Trot

Participate in the half-mile North Shore Turkey Trot, Thursday, **Nov. 23**, benefiting North Shore Community Youth Organization. Race starts at 9:30 a.m. on 200 Glen Head Road, Glen Head. Rain or shine.

Volunteer with Friends of the Gold Coast Library

The Friends of the Gold Coast Library seeks enthusiastic volunteers who can lend their graphic design, marketing, social media, and fundraising talents. As a non-profit organization, Friends fully aligns with the library's mission to enrich our community with recreational and cultural experiences and lifelong learning opportunities. With the construction of a new Library building on Glen Head Road, there's no better time to get involved with the Friends of the Gold Coast Library. Contact the Friends at friendsofgcpl3@gmail.com if you're able to help.



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Deep Roots Farmers Market

Choose from all sorts of food items and more at the Deep Roots Farmers Market, Saturdays, through October, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., rain or shine. Browse among more than 30 vendors offering local organic produce, eggs, honey, breads, sweets, fresh pastas, prepared food and more, plus weekly guest art and craft vendors. 100 Garvies Point Road, in Glen Cove.



Talking birds

The South Shore Audubon Society invites all to a lecture program, "Raptors of Nassau County's South Shore," with nature photographer Jay Koolpix, at its monthly meeting, Tuesday, **Nov. 14**, 7:30 p.m., at Freeport Memorial Library. See fascinating photos and videos of South Shore raptors courting and mating, having meals, capturing prey, and feeding their young dependent nestlings. Bald Eagles, Ospreys, Great Horned Owls, Northern Saw-whet Owls, Merlin, Cooper's Hawks, Snowy Owls, and many more local raptors are featured. 144 W. Merrick Road (at S. Ocean Avenue) in Freeport. For more information about the program or South Shore Audubon, go to SSAudubon.org.

Three Cheers for 30 Years!



Long Island Children's Museum is gearing up to hit another milestone birthday and invites families to celebrate, Saturday, **Nov. 19**, noon to 4 p.m. Join in the fun at this special party. Make some quintessential '90s sand art, create a party hat, send a wish with a bubble wand, decorate (and eat) a tasty mini cupcake and leave a birthday message at the hands-on collaborative installation. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.

History in miniature

Raynham Hall holds a cocktail reception for its exhibit, History in Miniature, Thursday, **Nov. 16**, 5-6:30 p.m. The exhibit examines dioramas throughout history, and explore the obsession with small figures. 30 W. Main St, Oyster Bay. Visit RaynhamHallMuseum.org for 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.

Tea time

The festive season is underway at Old Westbury Gardens. Enjoy a cream tea (featuring scones, Devonshire cream, assorted sweets, and tea), then a guided tour of decorated Westbury House, Tuesday, **Nov. 28**, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.; Wednesday, **Nov. 29**, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Thursday, **Nov. 30**, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. \$22.50 person. Advance registration suggested. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information contact (516) 333-0048 or visit OldWestburyGardens.org.



Happy hour with Jackie O

Join former Sea Cliff mayor Ed Lieberman for a visual lecture on Jackie Kennedy Onassis's life and times, Friday, **Nov. 17**, 6-7:30 p.m., presented by Sea Cliff Arts Council. Examine her love for the arts, literature and music. \$20. 86 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff. Tickets available at SeaCliffArtsCouncil.org.



Veterans Day Ceremony

Glen Cove Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, community leaders and VFW Post 47 invite residents to gather to pay tribute to the city's veterans and to recognize the consummate public servant, Chad R. Ryals, as the 2023 Honoree, Saturday, **Nov. 11**. Ceremony begins promptly at 11 a.m. Doughboy Monument, on the corner of Brewster St. and Glen Cove Ave. (in front of Glen Cove Library).

Outrageous Oyster Bay Scavenger Hunt

Join in the fun at the Outrageous Oyster Bay Scavenger Hunt, Wednesday, **Nov. 28**, 2 p.m., at Southdown Coffee. 49 Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay.

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. 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. Register at GlencoveLibrary.org or call (516) 676-2130 for more information.

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St. Boniface Martyr celebrates 125 years

By WILL SHEELINE

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After 125 years of serving Sea Cliff and its Catholic community, celebration was in the air at St. Boniface Martyr Catholic Church earlier this year. The church recently commemorated its 125th anniversary with a jubilee event that aimed to honor the parish's history and foster a sense of community.

The church was founded in 1898 by Bishop Charles E. McDonnell, the second bishop of the Brooklyn Diocese, who appointed Father James J. Donohue as its

first pastor. Although ground wasn't yet broken on the church until the following year, the village's paper at the time, The Sea Cliff News, predicted, "As Father Donohue is a hustler, it will not be long before a handsome new church will be erected."

The early church was incredibly active, holding events from lectures and balls to picnics and open air dancing according to the church's website history. By 1900 the church was officially completed, after years of dedicated work by residents of Sea Cliff, Glen Head and Glenwood Landing, who had lovingly built the

church by hand.

Father Josef Norys, who has served as the parish priest since July of the previous year, said his first meeting at the church was to begin planning the celebrations. He said it was important for him and the church that the focus of the celebration be not just about the church's history, but giving thanks for the many blessings the St. Boniface Martyr has experienced over its long existence.

"My main goal was to use the jubilee as a vehicle for revitalizing the parish coming out of Covid," Norys said. "So it was very convenient to have something to

celebrate, plan events and try to get everybody excited about things again."

The planning for the jubilee began almost a year in advance, with a goal of revitalizing the parish community and providing a renewed sense of purpose. To announce the Jubilee Year, the church displayed two prominent banners on its façade, serving as a constant visual reminder to the community.

Norys added that the preparations for the jubilee took months to plan and the dedicated work of multiple individuals at the church. Each week, a half-page feature highlighted old photographs, historical moments, and prominent individuals from the parish's history.

This ongoing exploration of the parish's past aimed to foster a sense of nostalgia and appreciation for the rich heritage of St. Boniface Martyr.

The grand jubilee celebration took place in September, although the official anniversary occurred in June. This scheduling decision aimed to ensure a more significant attendance, given that June is a period when many people go on summer vacations. The celebration included a special mass, presided over by Norys, and was attended by former pastors, including Father Mike Torpy and Father Bob Romeo. Unfortunately the most recent priest, Father Kevin Dillon, was unable to attend the event.

The mass provided an opportunity for the parishioners to reconnect with former pastors, with a particularly warm reception for Torpy, who served as the pastor three terms ago. Following the mass, a reception was held in the garden, featuring a quartet orchestra playing classical string music.

"It's good to have a reason to get together and remember how fortunate we are to have what we have," Norys said, "which is basically a healthy parish that's been around for that long, 125 years, in many different incarnations."

The Jubilee celebration brought together hundreds of parishioners, filling the church to capacity. The event was followed by numerous letters, emails, and calls expressing appreciation for the experience and how it had rekindled a sense of enthusiasm within the parish.

The church's 125th Anniversary Celebration stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of faith, community, and renewal that characterizes this historic Catholic Church in Sea Cliff. The legacy of St. Boniface Martyr continues, with the 125th anniversary celebration serving as a reminder of the enduring strength of faith and community that has persisted over the years.

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FATHER JOSEF NORYS
Pastor,
St. Boniface Martyr



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LEGAL NOTICE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 618505/2022 COUNTY OF NASSAU

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC Plaintiff,

-vs- EDWARD MAXWELL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS MAXWELL, if living, and if she/he be deceased, her next of kin, distributes, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the

plaintiff; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS MAXWELL, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. Plaintiff designates NASSAU as the place of

trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 16 KEMP AVENUE, GLEN COVE, NY 11542 Section: 21, Block: 251, Lot: 8 Servicer: PHH Mortgage Corporation Servicer Telephone: (800) 330-0423

To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

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The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$674,686.66 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 002353/2015

If proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there are other health or safety concerns, the then Court Appointed Referee will cancel the Foreclosure Auction. This Auction will be held rain or shine.

Frank T. Santoro, Esq., Referee. MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, Suite 205, 10 Midland Avenue, Port Chester, New York 10573 Dated: 10/17/23 File Number: 17-301259 SH 143002

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF GLEN COVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Board of Zoning Appeals on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views.

The hearing will be on the application of Angelo Cipriano residing at 10 Guilfof St. Glen Cove NY, requesting to demolish an existing two-family dwelling and construct a new two-family dwelling. The Applicant is requesting variances of the following sections of the Glen Cove City Code:

1. Glen Cove City Code §280-59 B (4) - Applicant has an existing lot width of 62.32 feet where the required lot width is 75 feet or the prevailing, whichever is greater.

2. Glen Cove City Code §280-59 F (c) - Applicant seeks to maintain an existing detached garage in addition to two proposed attached garages exceeding the maximum garage floor area.

Existing free-standing garage = 754sf Proposed attached garages=2@226=452sf

Total proposed garage area=754+452=1,206sf The subject property is located at 102 Elm Ave., Glen Cove, NY, designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 22, Block 7, Lot 27 in the city's R-4 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.

Dated: October 30, 2023 BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 143246

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF GLEN COVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Board of Zoning Appeals on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY. The hearing will be on the application of SV110 Development LLC for the conversion and additions to an existing 2

Ω story mixed use building into eight (8) apartments consisting of two (2) studio apartments and six (6) two-bedroom apartments with nineteen (19) accessory parking spaces plus two (2) retail spaces. The property is located at 110 School St., Glen Cove, NY, located in the Glen Cove B-1 Central Commercial District, CBD Overlay and designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 23, Block 53, Lot 36.

The Applicant is requesting variances of the following sections of the Glen Cove City Code:

1. Glen Cove City Code §280-65 (G) 13 (e) Applicant proposes two residential units with direct exterior access to grade level when none are permitted.

2. Glen Cove City Code §280-65 (G) 13 (h) Applicant is proposing 2601 sq ft of usable open space with 160 sq ft being part of a handicap parking access aisle and with 2 patio areas that include access routes to residential units, when 2500 sq ft are required.

3. Glen Cove City Code §280-65 (G) 13 (i) Applicant proposes eight (8) residential units one (1) of which is not accessible by an operational elevator when all units must be so accessible.

4. Glen Cove City Code §280-65 (G) 13 (l) Applicant proposes a residential mixed-use building with more than six (6) residential units which does not have a superintendent as required.

5. Glen Cove City Code §280-65 (G) 13 (d) Applicant proposes lot area of 14,953 sq ft when 15,000 sq ft are required. Dated: October 30, 2023 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 143247

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY to discuss giving permission to Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department to hold a referendum vote to extend LOSAP eligibility from 35 years to 50 years. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Tina Pemberton City Clerk 143244

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The Applicant is requesting variances of the following sections of the Glen Cove City Code:

1. Glen Cove City Code §280-6 to allow for 42 parking spaces, with three (3) parking spaces measuring eight (8) feet wide by sixteen (16) feet long, where nine (9) feet wide by twenty (20) feet long is required,

and two (2) proposed handicap parking spaces which do not meet ADA requirements for access aisles.

2. Glen Cove City Code §280-52 B (1) to allow the development of 5,741.5 square feet of steep slope area of 25% or greater, where no land area covered by slopes measuring 25% or greater is permitted to be developed, regraded, or stripped of vegetation.

3. Glen Cove City Code §280-65 G (13) (a) to allow the construction of a residential mixed-use building on a lot with 16,351.3 square feet of net allowable lot area where 40,000 square feet is required.

4. Glen Cove City Code §280-65 G (13) (b) to allow a total of twenty-four (24) efficiency one-bedroom units of the total, where no more than one-third (1/3) of the total twenty-nine (29) units may be one-bedroom or efficiency units.

5. Glen Cove City Code §280-65 G (13)(d) to allow a minimum lot area of 16,351.3 net square feet where 46,000 square feet is required.

6. Glen Cove City Code §280-65 G (13)(g) to allow a side yard setback on the east side of the property of 0 feet and a side yard setback on the west side of the property of 6 feet where a fifteen (15) foot side yard setback is required, and no required landscaping provided in the west side yard of the property.

7. Glen Cove City Code §280-65 G (13)(h) to provide only 2,500 square feet of open space where 8,150 square feet is required.

8. Glen Cove City Code §280-65 G (13)(f) to allow a lot coverage of 83.13% where 65% is the maximum coverage for residential structures.

Dated: October 31, 2023 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 143245

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OPINIONS

How quickly the world seems ready to turn on Israel

The war in the Middle East has become more than a conflict between Israel and Hamas. And it is more than a regional confrontation of Israel vs. Iran, which utilizes Hamas and Hezbollah as proxy fighters and front men in its campaign to destroy Israel and its people.

In many ways, the war has become a struggle for Western civilization and for the survival of our values. The Oct. 7 assault on Israel by Hamas constituted the nadir of human degradation. Man's inhumanity to man. Rapes, mutilations, murders and beheadings even of children

should have caused all people to call for Hamas to be consigned to humanity's ash heap.

Instead we see hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people taking to the streets around the world to denounce Israel. More than just pro-Palestinian, many shouting "From the river to the sea!" are pro-Hamas and anti-Israel. And all too many are antisemitic, displaying Nazi swastikas.

Particularly disturbing are the large numbers of Americans taking part in these demonstrations. College students betray a shocking lack of knowledge of history, and too many university heads

tolerate antisemitism on their campuses, while Jewish students feel threatened and unsafe. The media increasingly show a moral equivalence between Israel and its murderous enemies, Iran, Hamas and Hezbollah. The most disgraceful episode was a New York Times false front-page story accusing Israel of bombing a Gaza hospital based on reports from Hamas.

A number of LGBTQ+ organizations, all of which would be violently oppressed if not murdered by Hamas, are siding against Israel. Most bizarrely, so too are some Jewish groups.

Viewing, listening to and reading this incessant anti-Israel vitriol, which is raging in America less than five weeks after the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, moved me to compare how America reacted to World War II, when our survival was threatened, with how so many Americans want Israel to react today.

Before the attack on Pearl Harbor, we were decidedly isolationist. Hero aviator Charles Lindbergh was foremost in the pro-isolationist America First movement. While there was an element of Nazi support, most isolationists genuinely believed that Europe's wars were for Europe and Asia's wars for Asia. None of this involved the United States. As for Nazi aggression and Hitler's persecution of Jews, European countries

had been attacking one another throughout history, and one group or another was always being persecuted.

Most significant, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans were natural barriers against any foreign war impacting the United States. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was re-elected to his third term in 1940, and pledged not to have "American boys fighting in foreign wars."

Then came Pearl Harbor, and our isolation ended overnight. Young men rushed to enlist in the military. Rather than being hotbeds of resistance like they are today, colleges and universities strongly supported the war effort: Not only did students enlist, but campuses were used as training centers. Women, immortalized as Rosie the Riveter, worked in factories and defense plants.

No one called for a ceasefire. No one challenged FDR when he ordered the firebombing of Tokyo, not for any military action to show Japan that we would do whatever had to be done to defeat and destroy the Japanese empire. When the tide of war shifted toward America and our allies, no one called for a pause to allow the distribution of food and fuel to the German and Japanese people.

When Dresden and other German cities were bombed, reporters were not in the streets, asking German mothers or senior citizens how they felt about it. Hitler and Hideki Tojo, the prime minis-

ter of Japan, were not given equal time with Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. When offers to negotiate were suggested by Germany, they were rebuffed by FDR, who demanded unconditional surrender.

And after Germany and Japan were defeated, the United States helped build both into flourishing democracies and industrial powers. Most significantly, when America and the world realized the full extent of Hitler's depravity, and how the Holocaust had almost decimated the entirety of the Jewish people, we declared "Never again!" brought Nazi leaders to justice at Nuremberg and recognized Israel as the Jewish homeland.

Today Israel is under siege, and much of America and the Western world, which fought so valiantly to destroy Nazi Germany and Imperialist Japan, is attempting to restrict Israel's ability to preserve its very survival, and is enabling — and in some cases supporting — the present-day Nazi axis of Iran, Hamas and Hezbollah. This abdication of moral responsibility and failure of will by Western countries in the face of this mortal, existential threat to Israel threatens not just Israel's survival as a nation, but our survival as a civilization.

We must not allow "Never again!" to be supplanted by "From the river to the sea!" We must stand with Israel.

Peter King is a former congressman, and a former chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security. Comments? pking@liherald.com.



PETER KING

The Western world is trying to restrict Israel's ability to preserve its very survival.

Why is George Santos still in Congress?

U.S. Rep. George Santos perpetrated an enormous fraud on the voters in New York's 3rd Congressional District. He lied about his life story, faked his academic and professional credentials, misled the public about his heritage and the cause of his mother's death and falsely claimed connection to the Holocaust, the

Pulse Nightclub massacre, the Sept. 11 attacks, and animal rights advocacy, to appeal to specific segments of voters.



JODY KASS FINKEL

These were not accidental misstatements, exaggerations or embellishments, but rather the purposeful

defrauding of NY-03 voters — Republicans and Democrats alike. The unspooling of Santos' lies over many months has been fodder for late-night comedy

and international media interest. By now, everyone knows that he doesn't belong in Congress. So why is he still there?

As the federal charges against Santos continue to mount, and more of his associates plead guilty to crimes they committed together, Santos has refused to resign or to agree to a plea deal. Unfortunately, he won't go on trial until next September. So the only way to restore meaningful representation to the 700,000-plus residents of NY-03 is to expel him from Congress.

The Constitution permits the House to expel a member, and there is no limit on that authority, except that it requires a two-thirds majority. But expelling a member of Congress is momentous, with only five expulsions from the House of Representatives in the history of our country. Therefore, as a practical matter, Con-

gress would need a reason to take this extraordinary action. We believe that Santos' unprecedented, admitted fraud to get elected should be that reason.

But members of Congress have not been uniformly in favor of Santos' ouster. Former Speaker Kevin McCarthy refused to expel Santos in order to protect his narrow majority, and the new speaker, Mike Johnson, has indicated the same sentiment. Others are concerned that expelling Santos could encourage political abuse of this weighty constitutional provision.

In May, a Democratic-led effort to expel him failed when every Republican chose to protect the party's slim majority by voting to bury the Santos mess in the House Ethics Committee, where it had already languished for months. But on Nov. 1, a second Resolution to Expel Santos was brought to the House floor for a vote, this time by

By now, everybody knows that he doesn't belong there. Pass the resolution!

Republicans. The final tally was 213 opposed to expulsion, and 179 in favor. Twenty-four Republicans voted to expel Santos, and 31 Democrats voted against expulsion. Nineteen representatives voted "present," and 22 were absent.

Many Members of Congress, Republican and Democrat, say they will vote to expel Santos once the House Ethics Committee report is in hand. The committee has announced that its report will be issued by Nov. 17. Therefore, constituents of the 3rd District expect Congress to again vote to expel Santos before the end of November, and we expect both parties to whip votes so that the resolution passes this time. Congress owes it to the people of NY-03 and the country to bring integrity back to the House. It's long past time to oust Santos from Congress.

Jody Kass Finkel, of Great Neck, is the founder and coordinator of the nonpartisan group Concerned Citizens of NY-03, which was formed in January, with the sole mission of having George Santos expelled from Congress.

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Small businesses need us, and we need them

Our world is seemingly dominated by the twists and turns of the nation's largest corporations, where billions of dollars are constantly at play, and millions of jobs on the table.

Because of that, it's easy to overlook the businesses that aren't trading on the New York Stock Exchange, or that may not have a lot to spend on marketing and branding — where the owner knows every employee, and every employee knows her.

These are our small businesses — our mom-and-pop businesses. And while they might not be the Apples or the Disneys of the world, they remain vital to our communities, and our very lives.

There are 90,000 businesses on Long Island, according to Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, and a vast majority of them employ fewer than 50 people. Many might not be household names beyond their immediate neighborhoods, but where they are known, they are important.

Yet with each passing year, our society pulls further away from the small businesses that we so cherish and pushes further into the realm of the mega-corporations. Not that there isn't a place for the conglomerates — it's just best that they don't devour too much of our economic base.

Small businesses account for 44 percent of U.S. economic activity, according

to a report from the federal Small Business Administration just ahead of the coronavirus pandemic, and their share of the nation's gross domestic progress is slowly, but surely, shrinking. Between 1998 and 2014, the small business share of GDP dropped from 48 percent to 43.5. Small business GDP itself is growing — but just under 1.5 percent a year, as compared to the 2.5 percent of larger businesses.

A lot of that shifting began after the 2008 recession, and continued as big-box stores grew dramatically, as did online retailers like Amazon. That's a primary reason why organizations like the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce — which represents more than 50 chambers of commerce in the county, and more than 10,000 businesses — are so keen to promote "Shop Local."

Small businesses need us, and we need them. Small businesses provide more jobs and more opportunities to people in their communities, corporate recruiter Martin Rowinski wrote in Forbes magazine last year.

"Successful small businesses put money back into their local community through paychecks and taxes, which can support the creation of new small businesses, and improve local public services," Rowinski wrote. "No matter how small it starts — one, two, five, 10 employees — within that town, the city or the county, your small business cre-

ates new economies where once there was nothing."

And that should be the definitive conclusion to this discussion, but sadly, it's not. While it's nearly impossible to find anyone who would consciously choose a large company over a hometown business, it still happens all the time. Many times, it's because we simply don't think about the impact of ordering something from Amazon, or ordering a pizza from a chain rather than a local pizzeria.

More often than not, it comes down to cost — more often than not, it's cheaper to head to Home Depot than to a local hardware store. Or to the 7-Eleven instead of the family-owned bodega on the corner. There is a place for the Home Depots and the 7-Elevens in our communities — but just not at the cost of local business. And it's important to keep that in mind when we choose where we spend our money.

One of the biggest spending periods of the year is coming up after Thanksgiving, and there will be so many businesses chasing after us, hoping to receive the dollars we're looking to spend.

But let's make every effort we can to keep those dollar right here in our communities. "Shop Local" isn't just a slogan — it's key to keeping our communities thriving. And it ensures that our small businesses will never be overlooked.

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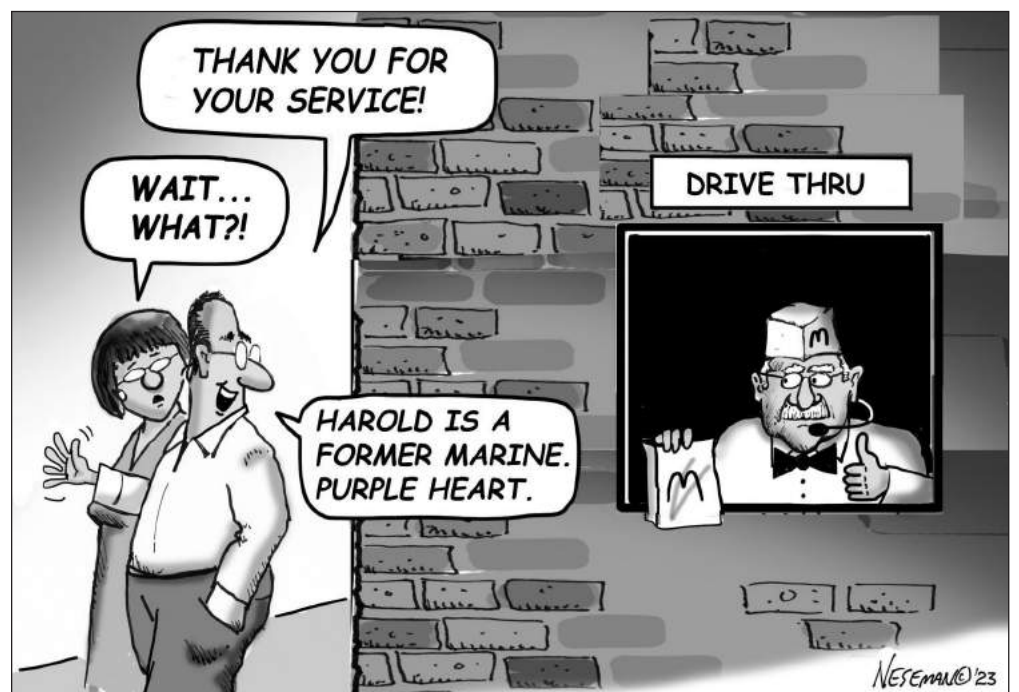
Does Congressman D'Esposito want to solve the border crisis?

To the Editor:

U.S. Rep. Anthony D'Esposito's partisan column last week, "The Biden border crisis comes home to New York," blaming President Biden, Gov. Kathy Hochul and New York City Mayor Eric Adams for the influx of migrants at our border, exemplifies the dysfunction of the House of Representatives. It's up to Congress to work across the aisle and introduce laws that have a chance of passing. But the Republicans don't really want sensible immigration laws, because they want to scare people into voting for them.

Any fool can see that D'Esposito is intentionally introducing legislation that he knows will never be enacted just so he can say, "See, the Republicans are trying to keep you safe, while the Democrats want an open border." Keep an eye out for a tax-paid mailer that will mention yet another bill that will never become law.

D'Esposito conveniently failed to mention that he refused to support Biden's comprehensive aid plan, which would not only give \$14.3 billion in aid to Israel, but also direct \$14 billion to boost the number of border agents, increase staffing for



processing asylum cases and install new machines at the border that detect fentanyl. D'Esposito also failed to mention that 93 percent of fentanyl coming over our border is smuggled by U.S. citizens coming through legal entries. So if D'Esposito wants to find real solutions to the fentanyl

epidemic, why wouldn't he vote to pass Biden's aid package, which would do just that?

D'Esposito's solution to New York City's rising costs of sheltering migrants is to defund the effort. Please tell me how that makes sense. One of the major reasons why

OPINIONS

Nassau must take a proactive approach to regulating AI

It is a commonly held frustration of Long Island residents that our governments seem to always be behind the curve, as opposed to ahead of it. Quite regularly we hear the phrase uttered that government “must become proactive rather than reactive.”

As a lawmaker, I often hear this complaint when someone is describing a dilapidated municipal building, a deteriorating sports field or a poorly maintained road. The major consequences here — almost always extra construction costs for taxpayers — add to the affordability crisis we are facing.

But where reactive government is becoming very dangerous relates to the remarkable developments in the world of artificial intelligence. Experts are warning that the consequences of government falling too far behind in terms of rules

and protections here will be nothing short of catastrophic.

Nassau County must heed this warning. That’s why I’m seeking to propose new legislation called the Artificial Intelligence Privacy Act. Researchers are exploring the viability of making it a misdemeanor offense to clone someone’s voice or image using artificial intelligence without their consent. The bill I propose would affirm our residents’ right to privacy from artificial intelligence tools, and allocate new resources to the Nassau County Police Department to train personnel and collaborate with federal officials to enforce that right.

As new AI technology continues to proliferate and grow in sophistication even beyond what humans can comprehend, neither laws nor lawmakers’ understanding of this new landscape have kept up — and we’re already beginning to see the consequences.

Take the scammer who uses AI to

clone the voice of a family member so they can fake a hostage situation and extort a ransom. Consider the cyberbully who uses AI to clone the image of an individual and create scenarios that never existed. Or, most egregiously, take those

bad actors who exploit AI to create and distribute explicit sexual images of women and children.

Data corroborates the cause for concern here. According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, AI tools with malicious intent have created 100,000 computer-generated fake nude images of women without their consent or knowledge. More troubling yet, an AI tool kit was utilized to generate text depicting the sexual exploitation of children.

It is long past time for our government to get serious about protecting the privacy of its citizenry. In my estimation, there is no longer time left to wait.

Let me be clear: This proposal is not birthed of hostility toward AI as a whole,

or the tech sector — one that contains the cutting-edge new companies that we must attract to our region so that we can secure our tax base and stop Long Island’s exodus of talented young professionals.

In fact, we as a county would be wise to welcome pioneering tech companies specializing in AI to solve some of the world’s most pressing problems. If there are health care firms using AI for preventive detection of disease, or environmental firms using AI to enhance storm-detection systems or to bolster conservation efforts, we should absolutely be aggressively courting those companies to set up shop here.

However, it is unacceptable that our government currently lacks an adequate understanding of AI and the tools that are needed to best protect residents from its abuses. The Artificial Intelligence Privacy Act I am seeking to propose would represent the first step of many in the right direction, toward a balance between innovation and privacy.

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That’s why I’m seeking to propose the Artificial Intelligence Privacy Act.

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our restaurants closed or cut hours is because they are unable to find staff. We are at record low unemployment. Although Biden brought inflation down lower than any other industrialized nation, prices at the grocery stores will still be high as long as our farmers are unable to find workers.

But of course, D’Esposito fails to mention that Hochul passed a bill that will allow migrants to work in New York after 30 days instead of a 180-day wait. Her program matches migrants with employers, filling 1,300 jobs on Long Island alone. This will get migrants out of shelters, giving them the ability to provide for their families while they seek asylum. Real solutions to real problems.

What D’Esposito should be doing is initiating a similar program on the federal level. Other countries do just that. But no, because then he won’t be able to scare his voters into thinking that criminal migrants are traveling 2,000 miles from the border to Merrick just so they can steal deodorant from CVS.

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Caregivers need more support from Albany

To the Editor:

November is National Family Caregivers Month. In New York, 546,000 family caregivers are providing care worth over \$19 billion to their loved ones with dementia. Though these caregivers create significant savings for the state, they are not getting

enough support in return. The funding for New York’s Alzheimer’s Disease Community Assistance Program, or AlzCAP, which offers care consultations, support groups, educational programs and other services, has been stagnant for years, while the number of caregivers who need these services has continued to grow, especially since 2020.

I have seen the care-giving struggle firsthand for five years. My grandma has Alzheimer’s, and my mother is her caregiver. My mother must balance caring for my grandmother while doing the same for my autistic brother. And she does this while trying to deal with the other demands of her life. She’s not alone — there are many of these “sandwich caregivers” with similar stories. It is imperative that New York support them, not only because it will mitigate their financial, emotional and physical struggles, but also because it will be less of a financial burden for the state than nursing home care.

Taking care of someone with Alzheimer’s is extremely expensive. One study found that 47 percent of family caregivers have cut back on their food, transportation and health care expenses to pay for a loved one’s care. Also, many caregivers struggle with mental health issues, such as depression, and often don’t have the financial resources to take care of their own physical health.

New York can do better in supporting people who take on this vital role. Please join me in calling on our state senators and Assembly members to increase funding for AlzCAP.

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