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John Botti brought his nieces, Ari, 3, and Mila, 4 to experience their first Family Night at the Races at Oyster Bay's Matinecock Historical Society in March. More photos, Page 16.

Accusations as Republican primary nears

By WILL SHEELINE

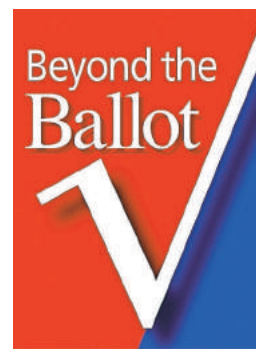
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This is the fifth story in a series exploring the complexities of elections, to provide a better understanding of one of Americans' most precious privileges, the right to vote.

Two Town of Hempstead employees, Nicholas King and Michael Desantis, have filed legal challenges against four of the five candidates running in the Republican primary for New York's 3rd Congressional District, to take on U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi. Those challenges list Mike LiPetri, the fifth candidate, who has the endorsement of the Nassau County Republican Party, as the aggrieved party in each case. The legal disputes have raised concerns about the fairness and integrity of the electoral process, as voiced by some of the candidates being sued.

King is a legislative aide to the Hempstead Town Board, and Desantis is a park crew

chief in the town's Department of Parks and Recreation. Both positions are ungraded, meaning they do not fall under the same classification or job evaluation criteria as other public jobs, such as clerks or accountants. In Nassau County, political parties typically use ungraded positions as rewards for political support, since they aren't subject to the same scrutiny during the hiring process.



Neither King nor Desantis could be reached for comment, and it remains unclear to what extent they may have coordinated their efforts, or who encouraged them to file the four lawsuits. The Nassau County Republican Party did not respond to requests for comment.

The four candidates being challenged are Bill Cotter, Gregory Hach, Michael Mandel and Jim Toes. Each candidate's petition to run for the primary was challenged by King and Desantis for various technical reasons, including discrepan-

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Proposed Hempstead Harbor regulations angers boaters

By ROKSANA AMID

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At a Glen Cove City Council meeting on April 24, many boaters said they felt anchored by red tape during a public hearing focusing on a proposal to require mooring permits in Hempstead Harbor.

A mooring is a permanent or semi-permanent anchor to which boaters can secure a vessel. Although boaters who use the harbor register their boats with the Department of Motor Vehicles, an amendment to a 35-year-old provision in the city code would require those who moor their vessels in city waters to apply for a permit, and provide their name, contact information and boat details.

This would give the harbormaster, John Testa, a record of who is using the harbor and how to contact them, and enhance his authority to enforce compliance with city regulations by issuing notices for violations, which can carry fines of up to \$5,000, and citations to appear in city court.

There is currently no suggested fee for such a permit.

"This is not to punish or be punitive in any way to anybody," Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said at the meeting. "This is so our harbormaster has information as to who is in our waters."

Peter Budraitis Jr., manager of the Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club, was one of 15 people who voiced concerns about the proposed moor-

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DPW worker Damion Stavredes noticed trash on the ground but also in the city's trees at the annual Earth Day cleanup.

Earth Day cleanup honors Bill Byrne's legacy

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Dozens of volunteers gathered on the morning of April 20 to commemorate Earth Day, demonstrating their commitment to environmental stewardship by participating in a city-wide cleanup effort. Armed with trash pickers and a shared enthusiasm for protecting the planet, the diverse group of volunteers, spanning from children to city employees, descended upon Continental Place, Johnson Street, and Hendrick Avenue to tackle litter scattered throughout the area.

"It's very important to have a beautiful environment for our kids, our future, our own health," City Councilman Michael Ktistakis said. "It brings promise. You always, remember when you go somewhere, and you realize how wonderful and clean a place is."

Despite covering only a small fraction of the city's expanse, the collective efforts of the volunteers yielded impressive results, with over 200 pounds of trash collected by day's end. Their dedication echoed the spirit of Earth Day, an annual global event that draws participation from over one billion people in more than 193 countries, serving as a testament to the widespread commitment to safeguarding the environment.

The roots of Earth Day trace back to the vision of environmentalist and former Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson, whose advocacy efforts led to the establishment of pivotal legislation such as the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, and National Environmental Education Act. The inaugural Earth Day in 1970 catalyzed a wave of environmental awareness across America, ultimately resulting in the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency in July of the same year.

The choice of April 22 as Earth Day was deliberate, strategically positioned between colleges' spring break and final exams to maximize student participation. Additionally, the date coincides with Arbor Day, a tradition dating back to 1872 in Nebraska, where individuals are encouraged to plant trees, further emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation.

Although Glen Cove's cleanup effort was two days



Katarina Cukro closely inspected sidewalks, looking for small pieces of litter like bottle caps.

before the actual day, the cleanup held special significance as it honored the late Beautification Commissioner Bill Byrne, a revered environmentalist who passed away unexpectedly on June 1, 2021. Byrne's legacy loomed large over the event, as he was remembered for his tireless advocacy for litter control and environmental preservation in the city.

It was Byrne who initiated the city's Earth Day cleanup in 2017, leaving an indelible mark on the community's environmental initiatives.



Myrrah Cukro, senior housing specialist for the city's Community Development Department, was one of the dozen volunteers to collect litter.

As volunteers cleared away debris and shared stories of Byrne's impact, the cleanup event served as a poignant reminder of the power of collective action and the enduring legacy of those who champion environmental conservation. Through their efforts, participants not only honored Byrne's memory but also reaffirmed their commitment to protecting the planet for future generations.

Navigating the City of Glen Cove's code

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ing regulations. He highlighted the proposed prohibition of commercial vessels in the mooring area could disrupt member access to boats via launchers, a boat that helps members access their boats on moorings.

As a mooring contractor, Budraitis emphasized the necessity of storing mooring equipment in the harbor, and he asked how moorings would be deployed if this practice were disallowed. He also noted the complexity of organizing the mooring field, considering factors such as boat type, depth, and seabed composition. And he expressed concerns about a proposed requirement to remove non-approved moorings within 30 days, citing potential negative effects on mooring longevity and the logistical challenges of boat storage. He explained that a mooring's removal could potentially worsen its condition due to oxidation when it is exposed to air, thereby shortening its lifespan.

"The language in this code calls that any non-approved mooring needs to be removed within 30 days." Budraitis said. "The thought that there is expertise that is going to go on into planning this — or to operating this — is a little unsettling."

Chris Lucas, of Glen Head, a member and former commodore of the Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club, said that the topic of moorings and the mooring field



Roksana Amid/Herald

Glen Cove is discussing issuing permits for moorings in Hempstead Harbor.

has come up on a number of occasions. The club, he said, has demonstrated responsible stewardship and management of its mooring field since 1891. Currently, that includes maintaining a detailed grid with GPS coordinates of each boat in the fleet, daily visual inspections and visual checks before and after significant weather events. Lucas said he believed the proposed amendments to the city code seemed to

be a government overreach.

"With all due respect for the policies being put forth, they show a lack of knowledge and understanding of this topic," Lucas said. "Some of what's being proposed, such as a desire to move moorings at will, without the permission or authorization of the owner, risks potentially jeopardizing the safety of vessels in our harbor."

At one point during the hour-and-a-

half-long public hearing, Panzenbeck suggested moving forward with the council meeting, and said she would schedule a separate meeting with the commodores of the harbor club and the Sea Cliff Yacht club. Councilwoman Marsha Silverman said that the public hearing should proceed, since Panzenbeck had suggested it. Silverman went on to say she advocated a separate meeting with the commodores from each club before the public hearing.

At one point, Debbie Godzman, a member with the Harbor Club, tried to address Testa directly, but Panzenbeck interjected, saying that she and the commodores, along with Testa, would meet instead to discuss the proposed changes.

Panzenbeck met with the commodores of the Harbor Club and the Sea Cliff Yacht club on April 29, and said she was optimistic about the meeting, saying they came to an agreement on how to handle the city's concerns. She also emphasized that the city is not looking to charge any fees for moorings.

"We came to a great meeting of the minds today," Panzenbeck said. "When there's an incident in the middle of the night, my Harbor Patrol guy shouldn't have to start calling everybody to find out who the boat belongs to, and they agree with that. He shouldn't have to call the commodores or the fleet manager as well. All he wants to know is whose boat is on that specific mooring."



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For gifts you receive of appreciated stock or real estate during the donor's lifetime, no capital gains tax is payable, however the donee receives the donor's basis. It is generally considered better to wait, if possible, and pass the gift to the donee at death, due to the "stepped-up basis". The basis of any inherited property is "stepped-up" to date of death value. If the property is sold within six months of the date of death, then the sale price is deemed to be the date of death value.

If the property is going to be held for

some time it is helpful to get date of death values to establish the new basis. For real estate, this means getting an appraisal from a licensed real estate appraiser (not a real estate broker!). For stocks, you simply ask the company holding the stocks to provide this information.

When a spouse dies with jointly held property, there is a half of a step-up — the deceased spouse's half gets stepped-up to date of death value, while the surviving spouse has the original basis. However, for a primary residence the capital gains tax exclusions discussed above continue to apply.

With combined Federal and New York capital gains taxes reaching about 30%, it is essential to look at holding onto appreciated property until death (especially if you have taken depreciation on the property which can lower your basis to zero) and to look carefully at the estate plan to see if property should be transferred to a surviving spouse to get another step-up on the second death.

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Hach, Toes claim GOP denying choices

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cies in the addresses of the signatories submitting petitions. The outcome of these challenges could have significant implications for the fall election, potentially leaving LiPetri as the only Republican candidate on the ballot.

Toes explained the intricate process of challenging and defending petitions. His was challenged because many signatories wrote the name of their local municipality instead of the town name — Sea Cliff, for example, instead of Town of Oyster Bay — as their place of residence. These technical errors led to the disqualification of roughly 800 signatures on Toes' petition alone.

The lawsuit against Hach alleges that some of the people from whom he obtained signatures were not registered Republicans, although he attested that his campaign had used state Board of Elections voter records to determine whom to reach out to.

Toes expressed concern that this process could diminish voter trust in the electoral process. Both he and Hach said they believed this was an obvious attempt by local party leaders to clear the field for LiPetri's candidacy, although there is no clear evidence that King and Desantis were ordered to challenge his opponents' campaigns.

"In my opinion, the Nassau County Republican Party should have been shepherding in a robust and fair primary election, as opposed to getting this involved by nominating candidates before the primary occurred," Toes said. "They put their hands on the scale

in a very aggressive way, and it's not right."

Hach had similar concerns about the fairness of the process. He highlighted the importance of allowing voters a choice in the primary, and added that the challenges might prevent a fair contest between the Republican candidate and Suozzi in November's general election.

"The Nassau GOP is trying to limit the choice of the voter," Hach said. "It's a sad situation."

Hach and Toes also questioned the wisdom of the Nassau GOP pre-selecting a candidate to run against Suozzi, since the last two handpicked candidates for the district were George Santos, "a national disgrace," said Hach, and Mazi Melesa Pilip, who, according to Toes, "got trounced" by Suozzi in the special election to fill the seat from which Santos was expelled.

Both candidates said they expect to lose their respective suits, which were set to be decided at a meeting of the New York State Board of Elections on Wednesday, after the Herald went to press. They also confirmed that if they do lose, they are unlikely to

challenge the rulings.

Mike Falk, a spokesman for the LiPetri campaign, denied any coordination among King, Desantis and the campaign. Falk defended the legal challenges as legitimate and necessary to ensure that candidates follow the rules when gathering petition signatures.

"The laws are very clear on what's needed to get on the ballot," Falk said. "Some people might not like the rules, but just because you don't like it doesn't mean you don't have to follow them."

The Nassau GOP is trying to limit the choice of the voter.

GREGORY HACH
Candidate,
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Four lawsuits have been filed against candidates in the Republican primary for New York's 3rd Congressional District, perhaps for the purpose of clearing the field for Mike LiPetri, the party-endorsed candidate.

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Middle school tackles self-esteem issues

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The Glen Cove Middle School has initiated a groundbreaking empowerment program called "Beautiful Me" to address the growing challenges faced by its female students. The program, created by Warren and Jackie Hance of Floral Park, was created after their three daughters Emma, Alyson and Katie were killed in a wrong-way crash on the Taconic Parkway in 2006. The program's goal is to empower women of all ages in recognizing their innate beauty, building healthy relationships, and improving self-esteem.

The initiative comes in response to a noticeable uptick in issues affecting female students at Finley Middle School, Nelson Iocolano said during a Board of Education presentation on April 15, attributing the increase to a variety of factors, including isolation from state lockdowns from the coronavirus pandemic and concerns about self-esteem.

"It's not just a program for girls who are having disciplinary issues or difficulty with their peers," Iocolano said. "It's really about empowerment and getting our young ladies to recognize the beauty that is within them."

In the 2022-2023 school year, 26 percent of suspensions involved girls, while 48 percent involved boys. During the following school year, the percentage of suspensions involving girls rose to 74 percent, while the percentage involving boys decreased to 52 percent.

Josephine Santagata, the school social worker, explained that 25 women in the middle school volunteered to become certified Beautiful Me facilitators. As part of their training process, they immersed themselves in the workshop experience by trading places with the students for a day. They participated in sessions led by Karla Mauer from the Hans Family Foun-



Courtesy Glen Cove City Schools

Glen Cove Middle School has initiated a groundbreaking empowerment program called 'Beautiful Me.'

dation on March 14 and March 21.

"What I found through the training process was this collective understanding that there was a greater need within our building to help empower our young girls, but we also found something within adults, as female staff," Santagata said. "There were also things that we were struggling with internally, that we also needed the opportunity to come together as a building and identify things that we're struggling with and what we can do together to create better change within our building for our young ladies."

The workshop saw participation from approximately 100 eighth and seventh-grade girls in separate sessions held on April 5 and April 15. The final session with sixth graders is scheduled for May 6.

One module focuses on self-care and the creation of

self-generated rules for health and body. Girls were asked to introduce themselves with affirmations of beauty, such as "Hi, my name is Josephine, and I'm beautiful." This exercise proved to be awkward and uncomfortable for students, with some hesitating or skipping their turn. Recognizing this discomfort, Santagata questioned why it was so challenging to acknowledge their own beauty.

"One of the more alarming answers that I received from the group was 'it's because I actually don't believe it myself,' which is why it was so complicated for them to sit there and say, Hi, my name is Josephine, and I'm beautiful," Santagata said. "I could relate to them on that level. When I sat down in the training with my colleagues, it was also very uncomfortable, and very awkward."

Another module focused on giving and receiving compliments. Instead of deflecting compliments or feeling obligated to give one in return, students learned to accept compliments graciously. Each participant wrote compliments for every group member, which are collected in heart-shaped boxes.

"The whole idea of this is that the girls now have something concrete," Santagata said. "When they're not too confident about themselves, they have this cardboard heart shaped box to read the compliments that these other young ladies had to say about them."

Maria Rianna, district superintendent, said she knew how vital the program was for youth and their self-esteem.

"I know that it is a very difficult age in the continuum of development," Rianna, said. "I have always believed students need to make connections with one another and see their similarities, not just their differences, and have that strong confidence in themselves in a very positive way."

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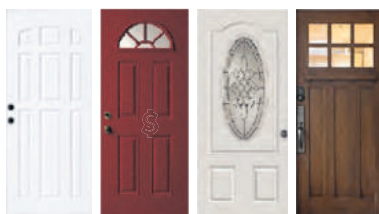
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Long Island's top lawyers honored at gala

By Joseph D'Alessandro

It was a pleasant evening of celebration for more than 40 of Long Island's best attorneys last month, with nearly 300 in attendance.

They gathered at The Heritage Club at Bethpage for the Herald Top Lawyers of Long Island awards gala, hosted by Kristen Thorne, the multi-Emmy-winning investigative reporter for WABC7, and host of Hulu's crime docuseries "Missing."

Even better, a portion of ticket proceeds were earmarked for Nassau Suffolk Law Services, which provides legal aid to those who can't afford it in civil cases.

"Tonight, we come together to acknowledge the vital role of legal professional in protecting the rights of Long Islanders," said Amy Amato, RichnerLive's executive director. "We commend their dedication to serving our community, and recognize their significant contributions — both professionally, and through charitable endeavors — enriching the lives of those on Long Island."

Winners were chosen from attorneys who prioritize those in need — whether by their choice of clientele, partnering with charities, or doing work pro bono, without charging the client. They represent many disciplines of law, including worker's compensation, immigration, family and elder law, medical malpractice and cannabis practice.

"I'm very honored to get this award," said Kristi DiPaolo, a senior associate at Cona Elder Law. "I love what I do, so it's really an honor to be recognized."

The most valuable part of the work by Marc Saracino — a senior associate at Campolo, Middleton & McCormick — is providing guidance. He donates to CMM Cares, which supports family programs on Long Island.

"You're helping a lot of people out in the legal community who don't really know what they're doing," Saracino said. "To the extent that I can provide services to them and expedite their legal issues, I think that's rewarding."

Jennifer Mone, a general counsel for Hofstra University, also serves on the board of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island.

Hofstra's mission is to "educate and contribute to the academic education and knowledge of the world," Mone said. "So, we're educating students. My role is providing excellent legal services in support of that mission."

Eduardo Villacorta, founder of Villacorta Law Group, says the most rewarding part of his work is keeping families together.

"We believe in the American dream, and our mission is to make the American dream a reality for immigrants," he said. "The most rewarding thing I can give is granting their papers, and legalizing them."

Jeffrey Kimmel, managing partner of Salenger, Sack, Kimmel & Bavaro — who also is an active member of Nassau Suffolk Law Services — says medical malpractice victims often face an uphill battle when facing large medical institutions.

"Unfortunately, most people who are victims of medical malpractice are from lower income communities that don't have the best medical care," he said. "And so they ended up being my clients, and more often than not, without my help, they wouldn't really know what to do."

Kelly Koster, a partner at Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano says a reliable attorney is essential. Her firm — which specializes in worker compensation and Social Security disability — also represents women of domestic violence pro bono.

"To young women that are striving to be attorneys, never give up your passion," Koster said. "Keep your eyes on the goal, and don't set a time limit, because there's a time and a place for everything. You can always achieve what you've put your mind towards."

Hon. Gail Prudenti a partner at Burner Prudenti



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The Schroder & Strom team were among those honored at the recent Herald Top Lawyers of Long Island gala.



Bryan Lewis of Nixon Peabody.



Honorees Michael and Ilana Davidov of Davidov Law Group.

Law returned to work as an attorney after her career as chief administrative judge. Her firm is involved with the Katz Institute for Women's Health at Northwell Hospital.

"I really think being an attorney is a vocation," Prudenti said. "It's not a job. And while it is a wonderful profession, you really have to be dedicated to being a problem solver. I think that sometimes, in this crazy world, we really need people who are thoughtful, who are kind, who are compassionate, and who are empathetic."

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A fantastic Family Night at the Races

Glen Cove Lodge #580 hosted races of six sturdy steeds at its Family Night at the Races in March at the Matinecock Historical Society in Oyster Bay, which drew residents from the hamlet, Glen Cove and nearby villages who all had a great time.

All of the proceeds from the night were given to Cove Animal Rescue of Glen Cove.



Dave Jones, of Glen Cove, cheered on his horse.



Jane Serpico, of Glen Head, enjoyed watching people play the game.



Delilah Boertzel, 8, had a great time participating in the game

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Joey Jaszczuk, 11, of Bayville, won.



Chris Cuff and Steve Haft sold many raffle tickets at Family Night at the Races.

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CRIME BRIEF



Courtesy Nassau County

Gadal Letellier, of Glen Cove, has been charged with one count of Agriculture and Markets Law for failing to provide proper sustenance to his three-year-old female pit bull who weighed 36 pounds when she was surrendered.

Letellier charged with starving pit bull

Gadal Letellier, 27, from Glen Cove, was arraigned on April 25 before Judge Charles McQuair on one count of Agriculture and Markets Law for neglecting his three-year-old female pit bull. The dog, weighing only 36 pounds, was surrendered by Letellier in March. Letellier was released on his own recognizance and is scheduled to appear in court on May 14.

“This defendant allegedly allowed his three-year-old pit bull to starve and deteriorate until she was severely emaciated at just 36 pounds,” Nassau County District Attorney Anne Donnelly said. “Thankfully, ‘Scrappy,’ as she is now known, was surrendered and placed with a local animal rescue where she is receiving proper medical attention and can begin to recover and gain weight. Pet ownership is a serious responsibility. If an individual willfully ignores and denies an animal’s basic needs and causes them to suffer, they

can and will be prosecuted.”

A wellness check on March 26 conducted by detective investigators from the Nassau County District Attorney Office and a detective with the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at Letellier’s residence on Mariners Way revealed an emaciated tan pit bull in the front yard, identified as “Yagami.”

Letellier surrendered the pit bull, claiming he lacked the financial means to support her. The dog, later named “Scrappy” by Cove Animal Rescue, was evaluated at Brookville Animal Hospital the same day and found to be severely emaciated and undernourished.

Letellier surrendered at the Glen Cove Police Department on April 11.

Assistant District Attorney Justin Lee of the District Court Trial Bureau is prosecuting the case. Letellier is being represented by the Legal Aid Society.

CRIME WATCH

ARRESTS

- A 59-year-old Great Neck woman was arrested on Forest Avenue on April 25 for petit larceny.
- A 28-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Brewster Street on April 24 for aggravated unlicensed opera-

tion, following too closely persons in a vehicle, not wearing a seat belt and driving without a license.

- A 65-year-old Glen Head man was arrested on Glen Cove Avenue on April 24 for driving while ability impaired, aggravated unlicensed operation and not having a license.

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.

State legislature allocates \$56 million more for TAP

By NICOLE WAGNER

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College tuition is something that can loom over a student's head long after she graduates. But she and others are getting a little help from Gov. Kathy Hochul and state legislators, who earmarked an additional \$56 million into the state's Tuition Assistance Program.

More students applying for financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form will have the opportunity to receive assistance through TAP. The program has been active since 1974, providing nearly \$30 billion in financial aid to 6 million students in New York.

TAP is one of the largest need-based financial grants in the country. The program provided 234,000 students \$662 million in TAP grants as recently as the 2022-23 academic year.

The minimum annual TAP award was increased from \$500 to \$1,000, capping out at just below \$5,700. Income limit threshold qualifications were also increased for both dependent and independent students.

Those who may qualify include:

- independent students with tax dependents,
- students who qualified as an orphan, foster child or ward of the court any time since they were 13, and
- dependent undergraduate students



Nicole Wagner/Herald

Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages speaks with Elmont residents about the importance of the expansion of New York's Tuition Assistance Program after the state allocated an additional \$56 million to the program for the 2024-25 academic year.

with a household earning less than \$125,000.

Independent students who are married without tax dependents who make less than \$60,000 now qualify — up from \$40,000 previously.

Independent students who are single without tax dependents who make less than \$30,000 now qualify — up from \$10,000 previously.

The TAP expansion was celebrated by Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages, Assemblywoman Taylor Darling, former Assemblywoman Judy Griffin, Nassau County Legislator Carrié Solages and members of the Elmont community out-

side of Elmont Memorial High School last week.

"It is indispensable for families who are struggling with the affordability crisis in which we exist today," Assemblywoman Solages said, emphasizing the importance for students to receive "a quality education at a good price."

The TAP expansion is meant to help students and families, especially when facing the hardships brought by inflation.

"Turning the TAP on is exactly what we needed to do," Darling said, adding that students have come to her to say they needed to drop out of school because they couldn't afford things like a MetroCard or Long Island Rail Road ticket, day care, or

even to put food on the table.

Quincy Velez, a senior at the Elmont school, said he "definitely needed" the help that TAP provides. He receives \$2,000 in aid from the program, which helps a lot coming from a single-parent household where going to college isn't always a viable option.

"Now I can look for a school that is my first choice instead of it not being my first choice because of money issues," said Velez, who has dreams of someday becoming a pilot.

Such a dream could be expensive, said Lynette Battle — Velez's mother, and president of the school's parent teacher association. Aviation school can cost as much as \$75,000 per year, if not more. Expanding TAP can really make a difference.

"The struggle is real, and this is a breath of fresh air," Battle said. "And now, the opportunities are much greater."

To receive TAP, students must be in good standing on a student loan under any state or federal education loan program, or on the repayment of any state award, among other conditions.

Applications are now open through June 2025.

"I'm grateful for this opportunity," Battle said. "I hope that every young person makes sure they fill out their FAFSA form, and makes sure they get everything done in a timely fashion, because now is the time."

"The TAP is turned on. Don't wait until the TAP is off."

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More than 20 members of the Herald Community Newspapers team attended the annual New York Press Association Spring Conference in Saratoga Springs over the weekend, where the newspaper group earned 18 state awards.

Herald group wins 18 state NYPA awards

STAFF REPORT

It was a big night of wins for your local paper and all of Herald Community Newspapers as the New York Press Association honored the best of the best this past weekend.

The Herald papers earned 18 statewide awards overall at the event in Saratoga Springs, including four first places.

Creative director Jeffrey Negrin earned two of them — one for a Salute to Israel special section honoring the country on its 75th anniversary that he did with deputy editor Jeffrey Bessen, and the other for best special section cover he did for a Your Health & Wellness special section focused on mental health.

“Good editorial design in a mix of visual metaphor, eye-catching imagery and strategic typography,” judges from the Tennessee Press Association said. “This cover expertly made all three elements with ease. The use of a stark gray background was such a great decision for keeping the colorful main image large and in-charge.”

Daniel Offner, a senior editor who leads the Rockville Centre Herald, earned a first place in religion coverage for his stories centered not just on the issues plaguing the Diocese of Rockville Centre, but also how many churches adapted to life after the Covid-19 pandemic.

First place also was awarded to The Riverdale Press in the Bronx for best editorial page, honoring former editor Gary Larkin and executive editor Michael Hinman.

“The editorial section is diverse, eye-catching and well-balanced in design,” judges said. “Topics are relevant to readers, well-written, and provide a wide variety of topics of interest.”

The Riverdale Press also earned a second place for coverage of crime, police and courts given to Larkin, reporter Eric Harvey, and former reporter Stacy Driks. Harvey won a second place of his own for best feature story on civil rights attorney Clarence Jones, who hosted Martin Luther King Jr., in his Riverdale home back in the 1960s, just in time for him to write his famous “I Have a Dream” speech.

The Riverdale Press also won second place for the Past President’s Award for Editorial Excellence — an award the paper has regularly placed in over the



Herald Community Newspapers creative director Jeffrey Negrin won first place for best special section cover design for his cover last May focusing on mental health for a Your Health and Wellness special section.

years, including first-place wins in 2020 and 2021.

This year, the judges called The Press a “strong newspaper with rich and newsy content from front to back” with an “engaging editorial page and eye-catching front pages.”

The Nassau Herald in the Five Towns won second place for advertising excellence, with special kudos to its special sections, its dance workshop ad designs, and for its annual Christmas wrapping paper project.

The Nassau Herald also won second places for special sections/niche publications-newsprint for RichnerLive’s Top Lawyers section, as well as best multi-advertiser pages for its Halloween section.

The Nassau Herald won third place in editorials

written by Bessen, Hinman and former Malverne/West Hempstead Herald editor Mark Nolan. The editorials focused on project-based learning, a call to replace special political elections with gubernatorial appointments, and calling out the Nassau County Bridge Authority.

“Variety of editorials concern topics in which most readers are interested (like) education, elections and transportation,” judges said. “All three presented clearly, and were well-written.”

Nolan also won third place for column writing for the Lynbrook/East Rockaway Herald.

Nolan’s column selection “covered a range of topics,” judges said, “and they were all smooth to read.” One that really grabbed the judges’ attention was on graduation rates, saying Nolan “explained the high number of graduates was misleading in a clear, simple way.”

Negrin won a third place of his own for best media kit and sales collateral, something the judges said should be a “model for media kits everywhere.”

“It’s truly humbling to receive acknowledgment from our peers in the newspaper community,” said Herald Community Newspapers publisher Stuart Richner. “My heartfelt congratulations to all of our winners. Nevertheless, our ultimate gratification stems from ensuring our readers receive the best and most comprehensive community news every single week.”

“Such a great honor for the sales staff to win two awards for advertising excellence,” said Rhonda Glickman, the sales vice president at Herald Community Newspapers. “It takes a great team, including finance, art, production, circulation, the press room, and the marketing staff to bring home these awards. Congrats to our editorial team and creative director for all their awards.”

Honorable mentions went to sports editor Tony Belissimo for sportswriter of the year; the Rockville Centre Herald for advertising excellence; former East Meadow Herald editor Mallory Wilson for her coverage of education; Larkin for feature story; and photo editor Tim Baker for feature photo in the Malverne/West Hempstead Herald.

Overall, more than 140 newspapers submitted 2,530 entries in 65 categories, and nearly 380 awards were handed out.

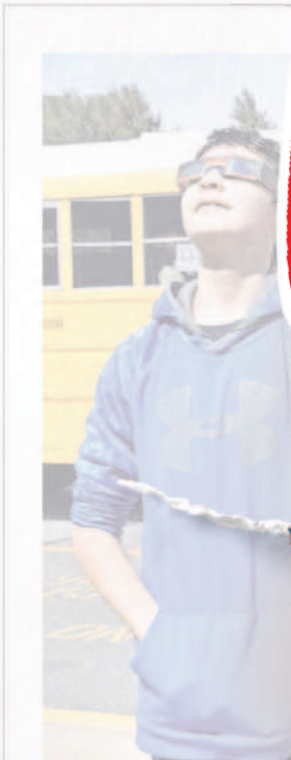
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Empowering neurodiversity in Glen Cove

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Luz Hurtado first became aware of her son's autism when he was 2 years old. She noticed James had certain behaviors that seemed unusual, such as lining up objects by size, and he often didn't respond to his name. These early signs prompted her to seek medical advice, leading to a formal diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. Despite initial disbelief, Hurtado eventually accepted the diagnosis as she learned more about autism and recognized the need for early intervention and support services for her son.

"I started crying," Hurtado said. "I didn't believe it, and I never knew what autism was. The doctor said that I needed to go through all these things so he can get services even though I didn't think he had autism, but she was right."

When James asks for something, he will say, 'pizza', instead of saying, "Can I have some pizza?" If Hurtado asks James about his school day, he won't respond. She said she prefers James stay in the city's school district instead of attending the Boards of Cooperative Educational Services.

"He's very smart, he knows how to multiply, he knows how to read and write, but when they ask him questions, or to read or write, he doesn't respond very well," Hurtado said. "If I put him in BOCES, they'll really want to focus more on the social parts and his behavior, but not really on the academics."

April is dedicated to autism awareness, which aims to put a spotlight on the daily hurdles that people with autism and their families face.

Autism spectrum disorder is a developmental disability, and people with autism often have problems with social communication and interaction, and restricted or repetitive behaviors or interests. They may also have different ways of learning, moving, or paying attention. According to autismspeaks.org, one in 36 children in the United States have autism, and 1 in 45 adults in the U.S. have autism. Boys are nearly four times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than



Courtesy Assemblyman Charles Lavine

Assemblymember Charles Lavine, Deputy Mayor Donna McNaughton, City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, Josh Mirsky and his father, and Councilman John Zozzaro stood in solidarity of the neurodivergent community when the flag was raised.

girls.

The journey towards official recognition of the Neurodivergent Strength Awareness flag is gaining momentum, thanks to the efforts of Assemblyman Charles Lavine and Josh Mirsky. Mirsky, a 31-year-old Jericho man on the autism spectrum and elected official in Glen Cove raised the flag in Village Square on April 25 as state lawmakers continue to consider the flag's potential as an official state emblem.

Mirsky, drawing inspiration from the Pride flag's impact on LGBTQ+ acceptance, created the Neurodivergent Strength Awareness flag to combat stigmas surrounding neurodivergent individuals. The flag symbol-

izes equality for neurodivergent people and features an infinity symbol to represent the diverse ways they think, learn, and behave.

"I was bullied tremendously; I already faced all this bigotry when I was a kid," Mirsky said. "There are deep seated societal stigma's, and these are the kinds of things I'm trying to change. People don't want to talk about it because quite frankly, lots of people feel embarrassed. Some people tell me, they're ashamed. But to change stuff, you need to talk about it."

Each autistic child is unique, but there are some common areas where many autistic people struggle. In Glen Cove, the Tiegerman School District, founded in 1985, has grown to become a leading institution in neurodiversity education. Recognizing the unique strengths and challenges of each student, the district tailor's instruction to meet individual needs. With a focus on empowering students intellectually and emotionally, Tiegerman has achieved success, with 70 to 80 percent of high school students graduating with diplomas. Serving over 500 children aged 3-21 and 135 adults, Tiegerman's impact extends beyond Glen Cove, drawing students from the five boroughs and Nassau County.

"What we've come to learn with autism is it's a developmental disorder disability, rather than it being just viewed as a deficiency," Jeremy Tiegerman, the school's chief operating officer, said. "It's on a spectrum of functioning, and everyone has their own strengths and weaknesses, and we're really looking to find out and determine what one's strengths, weaknesses are and then tailor that instruction to meet the individual's needs."

Mirsky offered this advice to those experiencing stigma, and who internalize their diagnosis negatively.

"Don't hate yourself because you can always figure stuff out," he said. "I taught myself social skills. You always teach yourself something new. There's lots of autistic people or ADHD, OCD people, whether it is online or social groups. Reach out to other people, but don't hate yourself. Lots of times people hate themselves because they internalize all the stigma and that never turns out well."

Traffic safety continues to be a big concern

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The incessant honking of horns and the roar of engines dominates many streets in Glen Cove. Between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m., a typically serene residential street like Elm Avenue transforms into a bustling thoroughfare, becoming a corridor of motion as cars, SUVs, and trucks weave through. As the morning progresses, the traffic gradually thins, returning the street to its peaceful state until the next wave of traffic barrels through in the early afternoon, reaching levels as high as 100 decibels.

Residents like Evelyn Kindle are voicing their concerns over traffic safety, saying they feel reckless driving and a never-ending disregard for traffic laws make them feel unsafe throughout the city.

"Where Landing and Hill streets meet, [the] likelihood of an accident can't be beat," Kindle wrote in an email. "Cars careen past [the] corner without stopping, screeching brakes cause ears popping. What's needed is a stop sign on Hill, to stop heedless speeding."

In an email to the Herald, Det. Lt.

John Nagle said between Jan. 1 and April 12, the Glen Cove Police Department cited 31 individuals for violations related to stop signs, 27 citations related for passing a red light and 43 citations for speeding.

"Stop signs, speed bumps and other traffic control signs are controlled by the mayor and City Council. The police department can make recommendations but ultimately any changes or new traffic control signage must go through the City Council," Nagle said. "Keeping the public safe on our roadways is a major priority of the Glen Cove Police Department. Members of the Glen Cove Police are always striving to uphold these traffic laws, so everyone gets to their destination safely. Keeping the public safe is the main concern of the Glen Cove Police Department, and traffic safety is no exception."

Thirty-one streets, including Elm Avenue, and Glen and Jefferson streets had

their speed limits adjusted in 2021 averaging to 25 miles per hour. But numerous residents have stated they hear cars whizzing past their homes.

Councilman John Zozzaro, who lives near the presidential streets, said he believes that speed bumps would slow traffic down along with more prominent and visible crosswalks. "Safety should be our number one issue no matter what," Zozzaro said. "To me, it seems like stop signs would add more traffic and longer wait times. In my research that I've been doing for the comprehensive plan a lot of yield signs show up as suggestions."

Zozzaro, who lives on the western side of the city, said he's receptive to the concerns of the city.

"A couple of neighbors near where I live have asked me for stop signs," he said. "I'm always for listening to what neighbors, people that are driving there every day, have to say. Neighbors need to

speak up where they see things and come to City Council meetings and propose ideas."

But some residents like Caroline Franco feel stop signs may not be enough.

"I think the city should look more into speed bumps than more stop signs," Franco said when responding to a Herald Facebook poll. "I've seen many just fly past the stop signs as if they weren't there. Just terrifying."

Others like Christine Manzione believe that stop signs don't make as much of a difference as people expect. She says she's baffled by the excessive traffic that she witnesses from her living room.

"It's disturbing how ineffective they are to begin with in our town," Manzione said on Facebook. "Even if one was placed where needed, hardly anyone would stop. I live at an intersection frequented by students walking to and from the Gribbin School, and most drivers fly through the stop signs without so much as attempting to brake on a daily basis. It's not if a senseless, tragic accident happens one day, it's when."

It's disturbing how ineffective they are to begin with in our town.

CHRISTINE MANZIONE
Glen Cove

STEPPING OUT

Familiar face leading



Co-founder Harrelson honored with uniform patch

By Tony Bellissimo

The Long Island Ducks took the field for the 2024 Atlantic League baseball season opener April 25 with heavy hearts.

Bud Harrelson, the former Mets great who co-founded and co-owned the Ducks, died Jan. 11 at 79 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. He co-founded the Ducks franchise with Frank Boulton in 1998, and served as the league's first president.

"Bud's impact on Long Island will be felt through Ducks baseball for as long as we play," Boulton says. "He was my partner in bringing professional baseball to Long Island following his outstanding playing career in MLB, and he made his mark on so many through his charitable giving, appearances and kindness. He was a one-of-a-kind human being, and he is missed greatly."

The Ducks, who won their first game under new manager Lew Ford, are honoring Harrelson this season with a "3" patch on the front of their uniforms. Harrelson's family was on hand for the opener, and threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Ford became the seventh manager in Ducks history, succeeding Wally Backman. A member of the 1986 Mets

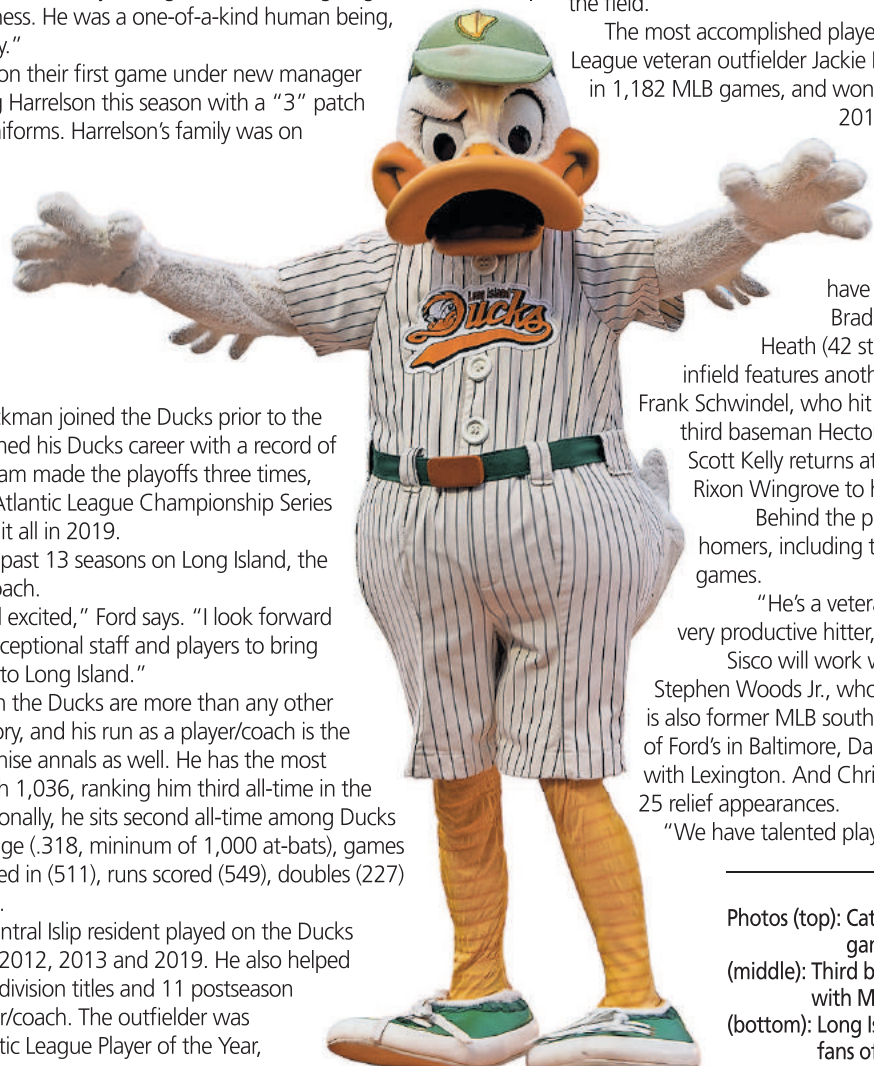
World Series team, Backman joined the Ducks prior to the 2019 season, and finished his Ducks career with a record of 284-232 (.550). The team made the playoffs three times, and advanced to two Atlantic League Championship Series (2019, 2021), winning it all in 2019.

Ford has spent the past 13 seasons on Long Island, the past nine as a player/coach.

"I am honored and excited," Ford says. "I look forward to working with our exceptional staff and players to bring home a championship to Long Island."

Ford's 13 years with the Ducks are more than any other player in franchise history, and his run as a player/coach is the longest tenure in franchise annals as well. He has the most hits in team history with 1,036, ranking him third all-time in the Atlantic League. Additionally, he sits second all-time among Ducks players in batting average (.318, minimum of 1,000 at-bats), games played (877), runs batted in (511), runs scored (549), doubles (227) and total bases (1,541).

The 47-year-old Central Islip resident played on the Ducks championship clubs in 2012, 2013 and 2019. He also helped lead the Flock to eight division titles and 11 postseason appearances as a player/coach. The outfielder was named the 2014 Atlantic League Player of the Year,



setting league single-season records for hits (189) and games played (140) that season. In addition to his time with the Ducks, Ford spent parts of seven seasons at the Major League level, and in 519 big league games batted .268 with 35 home runs and 176 RBIs.

"Lew has been an outstanding representative of the Ducks organization over the past 15 years," Boulton says. "He has earned this opportunity, and we are very excited to have him guiding our team on the field."

The most accomplished player Ford will pencil into the lineup is Major League veteran outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr., who signed April 4. He appeared in 1,182 MLB games, and won a World Series with the Boston Red Sox in 2018. He totaled 109 homers, 449 RBIs and 69 stolen bases over an 11-year career.

"Jackie is an exceptional talent with a wealth of experience in the game," Ford says. "His resume speaks for itself. He's excited to be here and we're thrilled to have him."

Bradley will patrol center field with speedy Nick Heath (42 steals) in left and Tyler Dearden in right. The infield features another former Major Leaguer, first baseman Frank Schwindel, who hit 22 in the bigs. Shortstop Ivan Castillo and third baseman Hector Gomez also have some MLB experience. Scott Kelly returns at second base, and Ford expects newcomer Rixon Wingrove to hit some dingers.

Behind the plate, Chance Sisco returns after belting 11 homers, including three in one game, with 33 RBIs in just 31 games.

"He's a veteran catcher who calls a great game, and is a very productive hitter," Ford says.

Sisco will work with a starting pitching staff anchored by Stephen Woods Jr., who went 7-2 for the Ducks last season. There is also former MLB southpaw Wei-Yin Chen. A onetime teammate of Ford's in Baltimore, Daniel Corcino, who spent the past two years with Lexington. And Chris Ellis, who got a taste of the Majors with 25 relief appearances.

"We have talented players and a great clubhouse," Ford says.



Asbury Short Film Concert

The latest edition of the short film showcase is back at the Madison Theatre. With a lineup of classics from Asbury's past combined with current international festival winners — and in many cases, featuring up-and-coming filmmakers — audiences can get a look at these 'smaller' films that don't often get a big screen showing. The fast-paced evening includes local spotlight selection 'Across' from Long Island-based filmmaker Laura Sweeney. It tells the dramatic story of three World War II widows on a road trip together to try and find healing, but instead wind up learning tough secrets. Another stand-out is the 2011 Academy Award nominee, 'The Crush,' a quirky drama about an 8-year-old boy and his infatuation with his teacher, from Irish director Michael Creagh. Author, comedy writer and former Friar's Club archivist Barry Dougherty serves as guest host.

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Photos (top): Catcher Chance Sisco had 33 RBIs in only 31 games last season.

(middle): Third baseman Hector Gomez is one of many Ducks with MLB experience.

(bottom): Long Island Ducks mascot 'Quakerjack' is a hit with fans of all ages.

THE SCENE

May 10

Dance Theatre of Harlem

The acclaimed dance company visits Long Island on its 2024 tour, appearing on the Tilles Center stage, Friday, **May 10**, 8 p.m. With a storied history, the first Black classical ballet company, co-founded by dance icon and international superstar Arthur Mitchell, has toured the world, engaged communities and introduced young minds and bodies to the power of dance. With all its renown, this boundary-breaking, dynamic organization has maintained Mitchell's core belief that ballet belongs to everyone. Now a singular presence in the ballet world, DTH presents a powerful vision for ballet in the 21st century.



The 18-member, multi-ethnic company performs a forward-thinking repertoire that includes treasured classics, neoclassical works by George Balanchine and resident choreographer Robert Garland, as well as innovative contemporary works that use the language of ballet to celebrate Black culture. Through performances, community engagement and arts education, the Company carries forward Dance Theatre of Harlem's message of empowerment through the arts for all. The dynamic program and music by Michael Nyman; Balanchine's "Pas de Dix, with music by Alexander Glazuno; "Take Me With You," with choreography by Robert Bondara, featuring Radiohead music; "Return," choreographed by Robert Garland, with James Brown and Aretha Franklin tunes. Tickets start at \$64; available at TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100. LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville.



Family theater

Families will enjoy another musical adventure, "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!" ripped from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved children's books, on the Long Island Children's Museum stage, Friday, **May 3**, 10:15 a.m. and noon; Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, May 7-10, 10:15 a.m. and noon. Back by popular demand after a sold-out 2023 run, see Pigeon, Bus Driver, and some zany passengers sing and dance their way to helping The Pigeon find his "thing" in this upbeat, energetic comedy based on four of Mo Willems' popular Pigeon books.

Featuring a live band to bring Deborah Wicks La Puma's jazzy score to life, audiences will thoroughly enjoy singing and flapping along with The Pigeon and friends. The audience is part of the action, in this innovative mix of songs, silliness and feathers. It's an ideal way to introduce kids to theater and the humorous stories from Willems' books. \$10 with museum admission (\$8 members), \$14 theater only. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.



On exhibit

Nassau County Museum of Art's latest exhibition, "Urban Art Evolution," is a comprehensive exhibit featuring a diverse range of compositions from the 1980s through the present by creators who were based in the rough and tumble downtown area of New York City known as Loisaidea/LES (Lower East Side/East Village) and close surrounding neighborhoods.

Artists pushed the boundaries of what was considered "art" with a primary focus on street/graffiti art. The exhibit's scope, guest curated by art collector/gallerist Christopher Pusey, offers an even broader view from other creative residents, who worked inside their studios but still contributed to the rich fabric of the downtown art scene from different vantage points and aesthetics.

Works include sculpture, paintings, photography, music, and ephemera from many noted and influential artists. On view through **July 7**. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.

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Clean Water Symposium

Citizens Campaign for the Environment, North Shore Land Alliance, and The Nature Conservancy cohost the Long Island Clean Water Symposium: Global Challenges and Local Solutions conference, Thursday, **May 16**, 2:30-5:30 p.m., at LIU Post Student Center Auditorium.

This free event brings together water science leaders to discuss water quality and quantity challenges on Long Island. With keynote speaker David Sedlak, author of "Water 4.0" and "Water for All," Adrienne Esposito of Citizens Campaign for the Environment, Stony Brook University's Dr. Chris Gobler. 720 Northern Blvd, Greenvale. Registration required. Visit NorthShoreLandAlliance.org to register and for information.

Life of Jackie O Presentation

Join former Sea Cliff mayor Ed Lieberman at Sea Cliff Library, Thursday, **May 11**, at 4 p.m., to discuss the legacy of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Using photos, historical events and anecdotes, the iconic First Lady comes to life. Registration required. 300 Sea Cliff Ave, Sea Cliff. Visit SeaCliffLibrary.org to register and for more information.

Art explorations

Converse, collaborate and create at Family Saturdays at Nassau County Museum of Art, Saturday, **May 11**, noon-3 p.m. Get inspired by the art and objects in the galleries and then join educators at the Manes Center to explore and discover different materials to create your own original artwork.

Kids and adults connect while talking about and making art together. A new project is featured every week. \$20 adult, \$10 child. For ages 2-14. Registration required. 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. Visit NassauMuseum.org for to register or call (516) 484-9337.

Glen Cove Women's Golf Club

Glen Cove Women's Golf Club is looking for members. The group plays 18 holes every Tuesday, starting in April through October, at the Glen Cove Golf Club. Play is weather permitting. Membership is open to all women regardless of residency. 109 Lattingtown Road. For more information, visit GCWomensGolf.com.



Crawling caterpillar

Bring the kids to Long Island Children's Museum and say goodbye to the traveling exhibit, "Very Eric Carle," before it leaves the building, Sunday, **May 12**. Celebrate one of Eric Carle's most beloved characters by making a crawling caterpillar to take home at the drop-in program. Suitable for ages 3+ Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. Visit LICM.org or call (516) 224-5800 for information.

City Council meeting

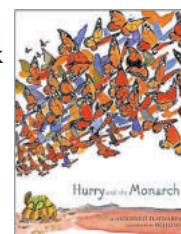
The Glen Cove City Council meets, Tuesday, **May 14**, 7:30 p.m., inside the main chambers. 9 Glen St., Glen Cove.

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.

Storybook Stroll

Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for a storybook adventure, Saturday, **May 4**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stroll the gardens and listen to Antoine O Flatharta's modern tale, "Hurry and the Monarch." Later create a unique take home craft. For ages 3-5. Storybook Strolls start at the Beech Tree (next to Westbury House), and end at the Thatched Cottage. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information, visit OldWestburyGardens.org or contact (516) 333-0048.



Museum Gallery Tour

Join curator, art collector and gallerist Christopher Pusey for a tour of "Urban Art Evolution," Nassau County Museum of Art's current exhibition, Sunday, **May 5**, 3 p.m. Pusey, the exhibit's guest curator, began art-making as a child and went on to pursue a career working in art galleries, and as an art dealer, in New York City. His particular interest in the art from this time and genre began with his first job at a SoHo gallery in SoHo during the 80s, which had a division specializing in some of the East Village artists featured in this show. Free with museum admission. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. Visit NassauMuseum.org or call (516) 484-9337 for information.

Befriending Bugs

Families are invited Join Entomologist Jeffrey Petracca on an adventure with insects at Old Westbury Gardens, Saturday, **May 11**, 1-3 p.m. Meet some of the biggest and most beautiful insects and spiders from around the world, including giant stick bugs, beetles, tarantulas and scorpions. Learn about each of their amazing adaptations and how they help them to carry out their unique ecosystem roles, even hold many of these animals. Suitable for ages 6-9. Registration required. \$17 per child. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information and to register, visit OldWestburyGardens.org or contact (516) 333-0048.



Maypole Dance and Garden Party

Locust Valley Library invites all children ages 4-9 to the annual Maypole Dance and Garden Party, Wednesday, **May 8**, 4:15 p.m. Hear stories, make flower crowns, then dance around the maypole. 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley. Visit LocustValleyLibrary.org for more information.

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NYU Langone makes transplant history

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By **HERNESTO GALDAMEZ**

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Lisa Pisano suffered from heart failure and end-stage kidney diseases — conditions that required routine dialysis. Because of that, the 54-year-old New Jersey resident wasn't a candidate for either a heart or kidney transplant, because doctors feared it just wouldn't help her long-term.

But those same doctors refused to give up. And last week, NYU Langone Health completed its first transplant surgery to combine a mechanical heart pump and a gene-edited pig kidney.

NYU Langone Health — which operates a hospital in Mineola — completed the first transplant surgery to combine a mechanical heart pump and a gene-edited pig kidney.

More than 100,000 people are currently awaiting a transplant across the country, with most specifically looking for a kidney. More than 800,000 people suffer from end-stage kidney disease in the United States alone, yet just 1-in-30 were fortunate enough to undergo a transplant last year, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing.

With little to no options, Pisano considered xenotransplant — which depends on animal organs to replace human ones in people.

"When the opportunity first came to me, I was like, 'I got to try it,'" Pisano



Courtesy Joe Carrotta, NYU Langone Health

Robert Montgomery prepares the surgical site for a medical history-making pig-to-human transplant surgery by using sterile forceps and scissors for Lisa Pisano at NYU Langone Health's Kimmel Pavilion in Manhattan.

told reporters through a video conference from her intensive care unit room. "So, when this opportunity came, I was going to take advantage of it."

The effort involved approval from NYU Langone's review board and Food and Drug Administration clearance through its expanded access program. Also known as "compassionate use," the expanded access program is designed for patients with serious or life-threatening conditions.

"There are opportunities for us to

learn a lot," Robert Montgomery, NYU Langone's surgery department chair told reporters last week. "But obviously, the intent here is to try to preserve and save that person's life."

It otherwise would have taken years for Pisano to find the right match for a human kidney transplant. Montgomery, with the help of the United Therapeutics Corp., matched an investigational gene-edited pig kidney with a thymus, which was available.

Two surgical teams conducted the

series of procedures over nine days. On April 4, Pisano received a mechanical heart pump — a device known as a left ventricular assist device. On April 12, she received a gene-edited pig kidney, and the pig's thymus gland.

Montgomery performed the transplant itself, while Nader Moazami — a cardiothoracic surgery chief at NYU Grossman School of Medicine — along with Deane Smith, director of mechanical circulatory support, performed the mechanical heart pump surgery at the Kimmel Pavilion in Manhattan.

NYU Langone officials described the overall procedure as the first reported organ transplant in a person with a mechanical heart pump, and second known transplant of a gene-edited pig kidney into a human.

Pisano expressed feeling "fantastic" after the procedures.

"I've felt the best I've felt in a long time," she said. "I can't thank anyone enough for that. My family, the doctors, nurses, staff — everyone here."

Although uncertain about how she will react over time, Pisano acknowledged the treatment may prove beneficial for someone else — if not for her.

"Worst-case scenario, if it doesn't work, it might work for the next person," Pisano said.

"At least somebody is going to benefit from it. If not me, then who? Somebody."

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Colluras honored for fight against diabetes

By BEN FIEBERT

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One year ago, Rachel and Ronald Collura participated in a diabetes research fundraiser not knowing that the disease would soon have a personal impact on their lives.

Whether dealing in the deli business, public safety, education, or philanthropy, the Collura family is well known for their willingness to step up in the spirit of service. Last week, East Rockaway's Rachel and Ronald Collura, owners of Arata's Deli and Caterers in Sea Cliff since 2003, were honored alongside their family at the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation's 18th annual "Cooking for a Cure" fundraiser.

"It was unbelievable and I can't express how much this event moved us," Ronald said.

Back in 2022, Ronald was unfamiliar with diabetes and he did not know of anyone who had the disease. This changed after his grandson Giovanni was diagnosed with type 1, juvenile diabetes at the end of 2022.

"I went into the hospital for an operation. When I got out, Jonathan, my third oldest son, who is a cop in Nassau County Bureau of Special Operations, took me for my second checkup after the surgery," Ronald said.

During the doctor visit, Ronald said Jonathan told him, "I don't know what's



Courtesy The Collura Family

Rachel and Ronald Collura were honored alongside their family at this year's annual Cooking for a Cure fundraiser.

the matter with Giovanni. He wakes up in the morning and the bed is soaked with sweat."

After Ronald's grandson Giovanni went to the doctor later that week with the flu, he was rushed to the hospital, where the diagnosis of juvenile diabetes was made. Ronald mentioned that when children with diabetes get sick, they are often rushed to the hospital. This happened for Giovanni, as his vital signs

were irregular.

"The doctors couldn't give him insulin or anything because he was throwing up," Ronald said

Soon after this diagnosis, Ronald had a conversation with Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, who explained to him that this is a normal symptom of diabetes.

"This is a really big learning experience," Ronald said.

To help ease Ronald and his family into this new chapter of their life, DeRiggi-Whitton called Ronald's daughter-in-law Victoria and assured her that Giovanni was going to be fine. This optimism comes from her own personal relationship with the disease.

During Christmas of 2022, DeRiggi-Whitton's daughter, now 27, was home for the holidays and she spent an hour and a half talking on the phone with Victoria to explain some of the things about the disease. Now, over a year later, DeRiggi-Whitton noted that Giovannia stole all of the attention away from the Collura's and displayed how strong, healthy, and smart he is.

"He's doing good. He's 4 and full of energy. I babysit and watch the numbers. It's all something new to me," Ronald said about his grandson, adding that the experience brought an important new perspective for his family. "It opened up something new to me and my wife. We never looked at diabetes and, all of a sudden, I hear about it constantly."

DeRiggi-Whitton said that her daughter was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when she was three. Soon after, she became familiar with the Diabetes Research Institute, which leads the world in cure-focused research. She noted that since being a co-host for the Cooking for a Cure event, she tries to find people to come to the fundraiser and share their personal story. This year, she chose to honor the Collura family.

DeRiggi-Whitton explained that Rachel and Ronald gave back to different charities over the years – the most recent one was for detective Jonathan Diller, who died last month in the line of duty. She wanted to show her appreciation for

all the work that they do in the community by honoring them at the event.

"We just started getting involved with this recently and it's new to us," Ronald said. "Hopefully they will find a cure."

DeRiggi-Whitton explained that the DRI is part of the University of Miami and there is a building there that is dedicated to finding a cure to diabetes. A lot of its funding comes from grassroots efforts like the Cooking for a Cure fundraiser.

"I really believe that they're going to cure it," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "They've come up with some new medication that actually helps regrow islet cells, which is the problem with type 1 diabetes."

DeRiggi-Whitton, known as the face of the Diabetes Association in Nassau County to Ronald, has contributed a lot of her time to raise money and awareness of the disease.

"During the last two decades, it has been an absolute privilege to help the Collura family and so many others like them as they come to terms with a diabetes diagnosis in their family," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "By getting involved, sharing their stories, and giving back, the Collura family is serving as a beacon of hope and showing the world that there is tremendous hope to be found in the days ahead."

The Collura family's new role with DRI is a natural extension of their commitment to service. Ronald is an ex-captain of the East Rockaway FD and ex-President of the Kiwanis Club of East Rockaway.

In total, about 175 tickets were sold at this year's event. A benefactor underwrote all the expenses of the dinner so every penny made went to the DRI. Fundraising was aided by about 60 raffle prize baskets.

Over the past 18 years, Cooking for a Cure has raised more than \$1 million for the DRI. Research behind their Bio-Hub, a bioengineered "mini organ" that mimics the function of the native pancreas, has seen great success in clinical trials. To read more about their efforts in curing the disease, visit DiabetesResearch.org.

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escolares
Lugar de votación
A, B, C
Escuela Secundaria Glen
Cove, 150 Dosoris Lane,
gimnasio de atrás, puerta
n.º 13.
D
Escuela Connolly, 1 Ridge
Drive, gimnasio de atrás
en el mencionado distrito,
el martes 21 de mayo de
2024 a las 6:00 a. m.,
hora en vigor, horario en
el cual se habilitarán las
urnas para votar
mediante una máquina
de votación sobre los
siguientes asuntos entre
las 6:00 a. m. y las 9:00
p. m., hora en vigor.
PROPUESTA I:
PRESUPUESTO DEL
DISTRITO ESCOLAR
Adoptar el presupuesto
anual de dicho distrito
escolar para el año fiscal
2024-2025 y autorizar
que la parte requerida de
este se recaude con
impuestos sobre la
propiedad sujeta a
tributación del Distrito.
PROPUESTA II:
ESTABLECIMIENTO DEL
FONDO DE RESERVA DE
CAPITALES - PROGRAMA
DE MEJORA DE LAS
INSTALACIONES 2024"
SE AUTORIZARÁ que la
Junta de Educación,
conforme al artículo 3651
de la Ley de Educación,
establezca un fondo de
reserva de capitales
denominado "Facilities
Improvement Program
2024" (Programa de
mejora de las
instalaciones 2024), con
el objetivo de realizar las
mejoras de capital aquí
descritas: mejoras,
renovaciones o
modernizaciones de los
espacios de
aprendizaje y no
aprendizaje (lo que
incluye, entre otros,
mejoras, renovaciones o
modernizaciones de los
salones de clases o de los
complementos de las
instalaciones existentes); renovaciones del
auditorio, el gimnasio, la
cafetería, la biblioteca y
el centro

multimedia; renovaciones
y reconstrucciones
exteriores;
modernizaciones
informáticas y
tecnológicas;
modernizaciones del
sistema de seguridad;
renovaciones o
modernizaciones del
sistema de cañerías,
electricidad y
climatización;
renovaciones o
modernizaciones del
rendimiento energético;
renovaciones exigidas
para cumplir con los
requisitos de la Ley sobre
Estadounidenses con
Discapacidades (ADA);
renovaciones de los
preparativos vocacionales
y para carreras;
sustituciones de los
techos, las canaletas y los
tubos de desagüe, de las
ventanas, del hormigón o
la mampostería y de los
accesos de las entradas o
las puertas interiores y
exteriores; renovaciones
de los baños; la
modernización del
sistema luminario;
sustituciones de los
suelos, las paredes, las
calderas y los ascensores;
renovaciones de la
carpintería; la compra de
edificios o terrenos;
renovaciones y
reconstrucciones del
recinto y del campo
deportivo, lo que incluye
la renovación de los
letreros, las cabinas de
prensa o las
gradas; renovaciones del
área de juegos y de los
vestuarios o casilleros;
sustituciones del sistema
de horario o de altavoces;
modernizaciones del
sistema sonoro y
telefónico; el
saneamiento de
materiales peligrosos;
renovaciones de los
espacios de
almacenamiento,
mobiliario y
equipamiento, incluida la
compra de vehículos.
Todo lo anterior incluirá
toda la mano de obra, los
materiales, los equipos,
los aparatos y los gastos
imprevistos relacionados
con estos El monto
máximo del fondo de
reserva de capitales antes
indicado será de
\$8,500,000, más rentas
de inversión. El plazo
estimado es de quince
(15) años; estos fondos se
transferirán del dinero
excedente, si
corresponde, que haya
quedado en los fondos
generales, lo que incluye
una suma que no supere
los \$5,000,000
pertenciente a los
fondos generales de
2023-2024 y, a partir de
allí, un monto anual de
menos de \$8,500,000 por
cada año restante del
plazo estimado. Tras el
establecimiento y la
financiación de dicha
reserva, se indicará al
superintendente de
escuelas o a la persona
designada que deposite
dinero de este fondo de
reserva en una cuenta
bancaria por separado
que se denominará
"Facilities Improvement
Program 2024"

(Programa de mejora de
las instalaciones 2024).
PROPUESTA III: GASTOS
DE DINERO DEL FONDO
DE RESERVA DE
CAPITALES
SE AUTORIZARÁ a la
Junta de Educación del
distrito escolar de la
ciudad de Glen Cove a
gastar \$9,000,000 del
fondo de reserva de
capitales establecido el
miércoles 1 de mayo de
2024 a las 5:00 p. m.,
hora en vigor. Dichas
solicitudes deben estar
dirigidas a Ida Johnson,
secretaria del Distrito, y
deben estar firmadas por,
al menos, cien (100)
votantes calificados del
distrito, y deben incluir el
nombre y la residencia del
candidato.
POR EL PRESENTE,
TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA
que los votantes
calificados del Distrito se
pueden registrar entre las
9:00 a. m. y las 2:00 p. m.
en la oficina principal de
cada uno de los edificios
escolares del distrito y en
el despacho de la
secretaria del Distrito en
el edificio administrativo
durante el año escolar, y
en el despacho de la
secretaria del Distrito
únicamente durante los
meses de verano de julio
y agosto. La fecha límite
para registrarse en la
reunión anual que se
celebrará el martes 21de
mayo de 2024 es el
martes 7 de mayo de
2024, de 9:00 a. m. a
7:00 p. m. (día del
registro personal). Si un
votante se registró, hasta
ahora, según la
resolución de la Junta de
Educación y votó en
alguna Elección anual del
distrito escolar y votación
del presupuesto o en una
reunión especial de
distrito en los últimos
cuatro (4) años, o si la
persona es elegible para
votar en virtud del
artículo 5 de la Ley de
Elecciones, también es
elegible para votar en
esta elección. Todas las
demás personas que
deseen votar deben
registrarse. Cualquier
persona tendrá derecho a
que su nombre se incluya
en dicho registro, siempre
que se sepa o se
demuestre, a satisfacción
de la secretaria del
Distrito, Ida Johnson, y de
la Junta de Registros, que
tiene o tendrá derecho a
votar en dicha Elección
anual del distrito escolar
y votación del
presupuesto para la que
se prepara el registro. El
registro debe prepararse
de conformidad con la
Ley de Educación y la lista
de registro preparada por
la Junta Electoral del
condado de Nassau se
presentará en el
despacho de la secretaria
del Distrito escolar de
Glen Cove, en la oficina
del edificio administrativo
del Distrito ubicado en
154 Dosoris Lane, Glen
Cove, New York, antes de
la reunión habitual de la
Junta de Educación.
POR EL PRESENTE,
TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA
que las solicitudes para
nominar candidatos para
el cargo de miembro de la
Junta de Educación se
deben presentar entre las
9:00 a. m. y las 5:00 p.
m., hora en vigor, ante la
secretaria de dicho
Distrito escolar en la

oficina del Distrito del
edificio administrativo
ubicado en 154 Dosoris
Lane, Glen Cove, New
York, a más tardar el
miércoles 1 de mayo de
2024 a las 5:00 p. m.,
hora en vigor. Dichas
solicitudes deben estar
dirigidas a Ida Johnson,
secretaria del Distrito, y
deben estar firmadas por,
al menos, cien (100)
votantes calificados del
distrito, y deben incluir el
nombre y la residencia del
candidato.
POR EL PRESENTE,
TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA
que los votantes
calificados del Distrito se
pueden registrar entre las
9:00 a. m. y las 2:00 p. m.
en la oficina principal de
cada uno de los edificios
escolares del distrito y en
el despacho de la
secretaria del Distrito en
el edificio administrativo
durante el año escolar, y
en el despacho de la
secretaria del Distrito
únicamente durante los
meses de verano de julio
y agosto. La fecha límite
para registrarse en la
reunión anual que se
celebrará el martes 21de
mayo de 2024 es el
martes 7 de mayo de
2024, de 9:00 a. m. a
7:00 p. m. (día del
registro personal). Si un
votante se registró, hasta
ahora, según la
resolución de la Junta de
Educación y votó en
alguna Elección anual del
distrito escolar y votación
del presupuesto o en una
reunión especial de
distrito en los últimos
cuatro (4) años, o si la
persona es elegible para
votar en virtud del
artículo 5 de la Ley de
Elecciones, también es
elegible para votar en
esta elección. Todas las
demás personas que
deseen votar deben
registrarse. Cualquier
persona tendrá derecho a
que su nombre se incluya
en dicho registro, siempre
que se sepa o se
demuestre, a satisfacción
de la secretaria del
Distrito, Ida Johnson, y de
la Junta de Registros, que
tiene o tendrá derecho a
votar en dicha Elección
anual del distrito escolar
y votación del
presupuesto para la que
se prepara el registro. El
registro debe prepararse
de conformidad con la
Ley de Educación y la lista
de registro preparada por
la Junta Electoral del
condado de Nassau se
presentará en el
despacho de la secretaria
del Distrito escolar de
Glen Cove, en la oficina
del edificio administrativo
del Distrito ubicado en
154 Dosoris Lane, Glen
Cove, New York. Estará
disponible para la
inspección de cualquier
votante calificado del
distrito entre las 9:00 a.
m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora
en vigor, desde el martes
7 de mayo de 2024 y
cada uno de los días
anteriores a la fecha
establecida para la
Elección anual del distrito
escolar y la votación del
presupuesto, excepto el

sábado y el domingo,
incluido el día establecido
para la reunión.
Cualquier persona que de
otra manera califique
para votar y que no esté
actualmente inscrita en
un registro personal
permanente en el Distrito
hasta la última fecha que
se encuentra en los
registros originales o
duplicados, o en los
archivos, o en la lista
proporcionada por las
Juntas Electorales del
condado de Nassau, y
que no haya votado en
una elección intermedia,
debe, para tener derecho
a votar, presentarse
personalmente para
registrarse o inscribirse de
otra manera en la Junta
Electoral del condado de
Nassau.
POR EL PRESENTE,
TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA
que la Junta de Registros
del Distrito se reunirá,
además, el 21 de mayo
de 2024 de 6:00 a. m. a
9:00 p. m., en cada uno
de los lugares de votación
para preparar el registro
para las reuniones y
elecciones que se
celebren después de
dicha reunión o elección
anual.
POR EL PRESENTE,
TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA
que las solicitudes de
boletas electorales por
ausencia y boletas
electorales anticipadas
por correo para la
elección de los miembros
de la junta escolar y las
propuestas se pueden
solicitar en la oficina de
la secretaria del distrito
en el edificio administrativo
ubicado en 154 Dosoris
Lane, Glen Cove, New
York, entre las 9:00 a. m.
y las 3:00 p. m., hora
vigente, en cualquier día
escolar. La secretaria del
distrito, Ida Johnson,
deberá recibir las
solicitudes de boletas
electorales por ausencia
y boletas electorales
anticipadas por correo
antes de los treinta (30)
días
previos a la elección.
Además, la secretaria del
distrito, Ida Johnson,
debe recibir esta solicitud
al menos siete días antes
de la elección si la boleta
electoral se enviará por
correo al votante, o el día
antes de laelección, si la
boleta electoral se
entregará personalmente
al votante o a su
representante designado.
Alrecibir una solicitud
oportuna para enviar por
correo una boleta
electoral por ausencia o
una boleta electoral
anticipada por correo, Ida
Johnson, la secretaria del
distrito, enviará por
correo dicha boleta a la
dirección indicada en la
solicitud a más tardar seis
(6) días antes de la
votación. Los votos por
ausencia o las boletas
electorales anticipadas
por correo se escrutarán a
menos que se hayan
recibido en la oficina de
la secretaria de dicho
distrito escolar antes de
las 5:00 p. m., hora
vigente, del día de la
elección. Durante los



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cinco (5) días anteriores al día de la elección, en horario de oficina hasta la fecha de la elección, en dicha oficina de la secretaria del distrito se encontrará a disposición una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido boletas electorales por ausencia o boletas electorales anticipadas por correo.

POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que los votantes militares que no estén registrados actualmente pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito escolar. Los votantes militares que sean votantes calificados del Distrito escolar podrán enviar una solicitud de boleta electoral militar. Estos votantes pueden indicar su preferencia de recibir un registro de votante militar, una solicitud de boleta electoral militar o una boleta electoral militar por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico en su pedido de dicho registro, solicitud de boleta electoral o boleta electoral. Los formularios de registro de votantes militares y los formularios de solicitud de boleta electoral militar deben recibirse en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito antes de las 5:00 p. m. del 6 de mayo de 2024. Las boletas electorales militares no serán escrutadas a menos que (1) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes del cierre de la votación el día de la elección y tengan una marca de cancelación del servicio postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o un endoso fechado de recepción por parte de otro organismo del gobierno de los Estados Unidos, o bien, (2) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes de las 5:00 p. m. el día de la elección, y estén firmadas y fechadas por el votante militar y un testigo de ello, con una fecha asociada que no sea posterior al día previo a la elección.

POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que cualquier residente del distrito podrá obtener una copia de la declaración de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá el próximo año para fines escolares durante los catorce (14) días inmediatamente previos a la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, excepto sábados, domingos y feriados, y en dicha Elección anual del distrito escolar y votación del presupuesto en el edificio administrativo ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane; en la Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, Dosoris Lane; en la Escuela Intermedia Robert M. Finley, Forest Ave.; en la Escuela Deasy, Dosoris Lane; en la Escuela

Gribbin, Walnut Road; en la Escuela Landing, McLoughlin Street, y en la Escuela Connolly, Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, Nueva York durante el horario escolar habitual, y en el sitio web de las escuelas de la ciudad de Glen Cove (www.glencoveschools.org).

POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que, de acuerdo con las normas adoptadas de conformidad con la Sección 2035 de la Ley de Educación, cualquier votante calificado puede hacer que se incluya una propuesta o una enmienda en la boleta electoral, siempre y cuando dicha enmienda (a) se escriba o se imprima en el idioma inglés; (b) se dirija a Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito de dicho Distrito escolar; (c) se presente a Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito, al menos, sesenta (60) días antes de la fecha de la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, es decir, a más tardar el viernes 22 de marzo de 2024 a las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, en la oficina del Distrito del edificio administrativo, ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, y (d) tenga la firma de, al menos, cien (100) votantes calificados del distrito. Sin embargo, la Junta de Educación no considerará ninguna solicitud para presentar ante los votantes, ninguna propuesta cuyo propósito no esté dentro de las facultades de decisión de los votantes, ni ninguna propuesta o enmienda que esté fuera de la ley.

POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que se adjuntará un Informe de exención fiscal sobre los bienes inmuebles de acuerdo con la Sección 495 de la Ley de Impuestos sobre los Bienes Inmuebles a cualquier presupuesto preliminar o tentativo, como también al presupuesto definitivo adoptado del cual forme parte. Este se publicará en los tabloneros de anuncios del Distrito que se usen para avisos públicos y en el sitio web del Distrito.

Fecha: Glen Cove, Nueva York
Abril de 2024
Ida Johnson
Secretaria del Distrito
Junta de Educación
Distrito escolar de la ciudad de Glen Cove
Glen Cove, Nueva York
146556

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE

GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

GLEN COVE, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for the qualified voters of the Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, New York, will be held in the following locations:

School	Election Districts	Location of Polling Place
A, B, C		Glen Cove High School, 150 Dosoris Lane, Back Gym - Door # 13
D		Connolly School, 1 Ridge Drive - Back Gym in said district

May 21, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. prevailing time, at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time.

PROPOSITION I - SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

To adopt the annual budget of said school district for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

PROPOSITION II - ESTABLISH CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - "FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2024"

SHALL the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law section 3651, be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund known as the "Facilities Improvement Program 2024" for the purpose of performing the following capital improvements: instructional and non-instructional space improvements/renovations/s/upgrades, (including but not limited to classroom improvements/renovations/s/upgrades and/or additions to existing facilities), auditorium renovations, gymnasium renovations, cafeteria renovations, library/multi media center renovations, exterior renovations/reconstruction, computer/technology upgrades, security system upgrades, plumbing renovations/upgrades, electrical renovations/upgrades, HVAC renovations/upgrades, energy efficiency renovation/upgrades, renovations required for compliance with ADA requirements, vocational and career preparation renovations, roof/gutter/leader replacement, window replacement, masonry/concrete replacement, interior and exterior door/entry ways replacement, toilet room renovations, lighting

upgrades, floor replacement, wall replacement, boiler replacements, elevators, carpentry renovations, purchase of buildings/land, site renovations/reconstruction, athletic field renovations/reconstruction including renovations to signs, press boxes, and/or bleachers, playground renovations, lockers/locker room renovations, public address/clock system replacement, sound system upgrades, telephone system upgrades, hazardous material remediation, storage space renovations, furnishings and equipment, including the purchase of vehicles, all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental cost related thereto. The maximum amount of the aforesaid Capital Reserve Fund shall be \$30,000,000 plus investment income. The probable term is to be fifteen (15) years; the funds are to be transferred from surplus monies, if any, remaining in the general fund including a sum not to exceed \$8,500,000 from the 2023-2024 general fund and thereafter in an annual amount of not more than \$8,500,000 for each remaining year of the probable term. Upon the establishment and funding of said reserve, the Superintendent of Schools or designee shall be directed to deposit monies of this reserve fund in a separate bank account to be known as the "Facilities Improvement Program 2024."

PROPOSITION III - EXPEND MONIES FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

SHALL the Board of Education of the Glen Cove City School District be authorized to expend \$9,000,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established on May 21, 2019 for the purpose of performing the following projects: Extension at Landing School, including construction of new classrooms, site work (including parking lots), drainage, curbs and stairs; Extension at Deasy School, including construction of new classrooms, site work (including parking lots), draining, curbs and stairs; Exterior reconstruction of Thayer House, including roof, gutters, leaders, siding, shutters, exterior doors, and scraping painting existing fire escape; Remove existing exterior vestibule at Thayer House; Construct new entrance at Thayer House and install ADA compliant ramp and canopy, all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs related thereto.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER(S)

To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education of said School District as follows:

A. Three (3) members to be each elected for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

B. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purpose of voting at such meeting, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, the polls will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time to vote upon such propositions by voting machine.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Glen Cove High School Auditorium, 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York prior to the regular Board of Education meeting.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing time with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Office Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, on or before Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time. Such petitions must be directed to Ida Johnson, District Clerk and must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district; must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the main office of each of the school buildings of the district and the office of the District Clerk in the Administration Building during the school year, and in the Office of the District Clerk during the summer months of July and August. The final date to register for the annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 is Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (personal registration day). If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Education, and has voted at any Annual School District Election and Budget Vote or special district meetings within the last four (4) years or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register,

provided that he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, Ida Johnson, and the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for which the register is prepared and that the register is prepared pursuant to Education Law and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Glen Cove School District, in the District's Administration Building Office, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, on and after Tuesday, May 7, 2024, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday and Sunday, including the day set for the meeting. Any person otherwise qualified to vote who is not currently registered under permanent personal registration in the District by the last date found on the original or duplicate registers, or records, or list furnished by the Nassau County Boards of Elections, and has not voted at an intervening election, must, in order to be entitled to vote, present himself or herself personally for registration or otherwise register with the Nassau County Board of Elections.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registration of the District will also meet from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024, at each of the polling places to prepare the register for meetings and elections held subsequent to such annual meeting or election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee and early mail ballots for the election of a school board member and proposition(s) may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at the Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time on any school day. Applications for absentee and early mail ballots must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. Furthermore, such application must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely request

for a mailed absentee or early mail ballot, Ida Johnson, District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address set forth in the application by no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee or early mail ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk of the said School District no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, during regular office hours until the date of election.

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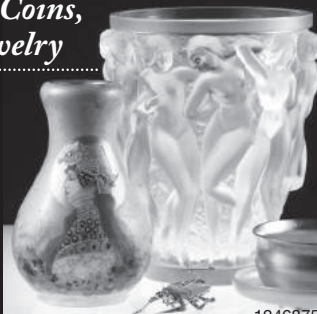
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OPINIONS

Finding our side of paradise

I am an avid reader. For as long as I can remember, I've chased the feeling of escape I find in a book I enjoy. Good books make you smile. But great books? They make you think. And I like to think.

As a junior in high school, I read "The Great Gatsby" for the first time, and was instantly enthralled. I decided at 16 it was the best thing I'd ever read, and I've yet to be persuaded otherwise.



JORDAN VALLONE

Why it took me as long as it did to pick up another one of F. Scott Fitzgerald's works is beyond me. And it's honestly a shame. I find, in the midst of my young adult years, that I finally understand why

his words left an impression on me — but thanks to an entirely different book.

Let's talk about "This Side of Paradise."

It was Fitzgerald's first novel, released in 1920, examining the life and morality of Amory Blaine, an attractive middle-class student. The story mostly details

Amory's experiences in college at Princeton University and thereafter, exploring his relationships with friends, a Catholic priest, and several young women, who could only be thought of today as flappers — you know, fashionable ladies who flouted convention.

Amory is arrogant, and certainly hard to like. Yet for some reason, I found myself enjoying his whimsical naivete when it comes to life.

The novel was an instant hit, becoming particularly popular among college students. Fitzgerald was just 23 at the time of its publication, the new face of "youth in revolt."

It attracted criticism from so-called "social conservatives" because of the attention he brought to young people. Seen as immoral, undisciplined and self-indulgent, Fitzgerald's generation sparked a wave of change — not only for young men, but certainly for young women.

While reveling in the wonders of his youth, Amory Blaine faced setbacks that changed the trajectory of his life. His parents died. His closest confidant, a monsignor, also died. And he had a handful of

romantic relationships that ended as quickly and poetically as they had begun.

It makes sense why some may not like "This Side of Paradise." But I feel as though I completely understand Amory's experiences. He loved to write. He loved to think. He wanted the best for himself, and he imagined a life that he felt was obtainable.

As a member of Gen Z, I know as well as anyone how the world views people my age.

"Everything was hallowed by the haze of his own youth," Fitzgerald writes of Amory, a simple yet powerful statement that affectively summarizes young adulthood.

Amory's plight — and his enduring yearn to become someone that matters — is really what being young is all about, isn't it?

As a 22-year-old — and a member of the infamous Gen Z — I know as well as anyone how the rest of the world views people my age.

We're seen questionably — frowned upon, even. We think differently. Act differently. And want the best not only for ourselves, but also for the world around us. And when we watch things that we care about get stripped away, it's hard not to feel angry.

We may swim against tides, but we

don't act wiser than we are, because we can't possibly know of things we've yet to experience.

In many ways, we're just like Amory Blaine. You may not like what we have to say. You may question our morals and our actions, but I believe we live our lives with great intention.

"This Side of Paradise" isn't Fitzgerald's best work. It's a great read, but as he got older and wiser, he produced better. He is regarded today as a great American novelist, but his debut was just a taste of what was to come.

"I know myself," Amory cries at the end of the novel. "But that is all."

Could there be any truer words?

People like me, people in my generation, are at the same point in our lives as Amory, or even perhaps Fitzgerald. We, too, are hallowed by the haze of our youth.

We aren't asking you to agree with us, but rather to view us as you once viewed yourself.

We will become who we are meant to be, in time. And one day, we will find our side of paradise.

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Yes, we can – and must – work together

Bipartisanship works! Republicans and Democrats in Congress answered the call of history. We fought back against Putin, Iran, the terrorists, the scourge of fentanyl and, most important, Russia's campaign of deceit and disinformation (and Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene).

The House of Representatives passed a legislative package providing security assistance to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, with broad bipartisan support, by a vote of 311-112.



TOM SUOZZI

The legislation was passed by the Senate and then signed by President Biden. Ukraine is

already receiving much-needed military equipment.

The bills will provide weapons and humanitarian aid to Ukraine; replenish U.S. weapons, stocks and facilities; provide the systems necessary to protect Israel from further missile attacks while addressing humanitarian aid in Gaza and elsewhere in the world (especially the Sudan); and help protect the Indo-Pacific, including Taiwan.

Greene threatened to oust Speaker Mike Johnson if he dared to bring the

bill to the floor, and she was joined by other extremists. In a recent Wall Street Journal op-ed, I promised my support for Johnson if he did his job and called the aid bill for a vote. I guaranteed it would pass.

I had recently returned from a weeklong trip as part of a congressional delegation to Ukraine, Poland and Moldova. My meetings with Ukrainian President Zelensky, his military advisers, local officials and civilians convinced me more than ever that the United States and its allies must stop Vladimir Putin now, before American men and women in uniform are forced to defend NATO soil in Europe.

I once again spoke out strongly against the decades-long Russian disinformation campaign on social media, encouraging Americans to fight among themselves. I pointed out that the ultra-extremist Greene and others have been parroting Putin's propaganda and lies for months.

Greene did everything she could to torpedo the aid bills. Republican Congressman Ken Buck told CNN that "Moscow Marjorie has reached a new low ... She is just mouthing Russian propaganda." Other Republican leaders confirmed the same.

Putin didn't invent American parti-

sanship, but his lies and propaganda have fed it, giving rise to these isolationist extremists who would rather America do nothing with democracy on the line.

Our support for Taiwan sends a message to China that we recognize its desire to take over the island, which would give the Chinese superior market power and greater control of the world's busiest sea lanes.

And I'm gratified that we were able to pass the Israel aid package, because a lot of the funding is targeted to replenishing weapons stockpiles — as well as helping Israel prepare for a potential multi-front war with more air-defense systems. I'm proud, too, that we included millions of dollars for much-needed humanitarian aid in Gaza.

I also sent Secretary of State Antony Blinken a letter urging him to take swift action to #BringOmerHome. Omer Neutra, an IDF tank commander whose family lives in Plainview, was serving near the Gaza border when he was taken hostage during the attack on Oct. 7. We must exhaust all possible options to secure the release of the hostages held by Hamas.

I clashed with ultra-extremist Texas Congressman Chip Roy as I spoke on the House floor, urging members to find

Itold extremist Texas Rep. Chip Roy, 'People . . . don't want us fighting with each other.'

common ground and work together to solve the crisis at the border. Roy kept interrupting me, shouting his divisive comments until he was finally gaveled down from the speaker's chair.

"I see the people up here in the gallery today," I said. "People watch television, they read the newspaper, and they're sick of this. They don't want us fighting with each other. They don't want histrionics and hyperbole. They want us to sit down and negotiate a settlement."

Now, let's fix the border! I was recently appointed co-chair of Democrats for Border Security, and I'm working to get Democrats all on the same page to bring "order to the border."

I was proud to have kept my promise to a group of Long Island parents who had lost a child to the scourge of fentanyl overdoses. I told them at a meeting three weeks ago that I would do everything I could to pass the Fentanyl Eradication and Narcotics Deterrence (FEND) Off Fentanyl Act, which targets the entire illicit fentanyl supply chain. We included the bill in the overall aid package, and the Senate agreed.

These last few weeks have bolstered my belief that Congress needs to get back to the basics of legislating, negotiating and working together to solve the problems that the people of America demand we solve.

Tom Suozzi represents the 3rd Congressional District.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Celebrating N.Y.'s investment in local journalism

Last month marked a pivotal moment for New York state — a moment that extended far beyond the numbers and legislative details of a state budget.

Gov. Kathy Hochul and the state legislature delivered a beacon of hope for our communities by including in the state budget a groundbreaking initiative to support local news organizations in the form of a tax credit, modeled on the Local Journalism Sustainability Act.

At the heart of this legislation lies a profound acknowledgment: Local journalism is not just about reporting news; it's about safeguarding the health of both our democracy and our communities.

State Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal, the bill's sponsor in the upper chamber, aptly captured the essence of this endeavor, emphasizing that "a thriving local news industry is vital to the health of our democracy." With bipartisan cooperation and a shared commitment to our communities, the initiative underscores the fundamental role that local journalists play in keeping our

democracy vibrant and informed.

What does this legislation mean for our neighborhoods and towns? It means that we, as a society, are recognizing the value of — and investing in — the storytellers who bring our communities together: the journalists who uncover local stories, amplify diverse voices, and hold leaders accountable.

The Empire State Local News Coalition, founded earlier this year, spearheaded this legislative achievement by organizing more than 200 local newspapers across the state. The coalition's tireless efforts moved the Local Journalism Sustainability Act to the forefront of legislative priorities.

"It is really an astounding legislative accomplishment," Hoylman-Sigal told members of the New York Press Association last weekend in a Zoom appearance. "After stalling for years, our Local Journalism Sustainability Act really didn't catapult into a top legislative priority" until "the founding of the Empire State Local News Coalition. That coalition ... mobilized hundreds of newspapers and a broad range of stakeholders from around the country."

Zach Richner, founder of the Empire State Local News Coalition — and a director of Richner Communications, the parent company of Herald Community Newspapers — expressed profound gratitude to the legislators who championed this cause. In addition to Hoylman-Sigal's unwavering leadership, Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Assembly sponsor Carrie Woerner all played pivotal roles in turning this vision into reality.

New York's leadership on this issue sets a powerful example for the nation. Other states — blue, red or purple — now have a template to follow, as does the federal government, where the Community News and Small Business Support Act has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

While there is still work to be done in crafting the final regulations governing this tax credit, let's celebrate this milestone. And let's continue to champion the indispensable role of local journalism in shaping the future of our communities — and our nation.

LETTERS

There are angels at the Regency

To the Editor:

My mother, Vivian Schachter, moved into the Regency Assisted Living facility, in Glen Cove, in December 2019. From the first day, I was in love with the place! Lots of activities, good meals, but the best part was the staff. So loving, so supportive, so caring.

Over the years, I was amazed when Mom and I would walk down the hall, and every staff member we passed would say, "Hi, Vivian!" (Even those who had little to no contact with Mom greeted her by name.) So take a bow and thank you, Director Stella Shank, Erica Ferrara, Violetta Gromul, Amanda Mercer, Pat Marone, Gloria Mosquera, Larry Bernardo, Patricia Schumutzer, Natacha Germain, Richie Brown, Jada Rose Rugel, Edis Canales and the rest of the dedicated Regency staff.

Mom passed on April 7, but I will be forever grateful for the angels who took care of her for the past four-plus years!

SAUL SCHACHTER
Sea Cliff

Trump selectively honors police

To the Editor:

Re Peter King's column "The heartbreaking death of an NYPD hero" (April 11-17): How mature of Donald Trump to demonstrate great "dignity and respect" to Detective Jonathan Diller's family, who my heart goes out to. But the question begs to be asked why Trump never showed an ounce of compas-



sion to the families of the Capitol and Washington, D.C., police officers who died after Jan. 6? Not to mention the surviving Capitol police, who still suffer due to the trauma they experienced that day.

Please wake up, people, and see Trump for who he is: a self-serving narcissist.

JOSIE MARINO
Lynbrook

How about a street naming?

To the Editor:

The financial outpouring for Detective Diller was outstanding. But I hope Peter King, with his relationship with Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, will support renaming Detective Diller's street in Massapequa in his

OPINIONS

Hempstead Harbor, a future energy hub

Hempstead Harbor is on the verge of becoming a major energy hub, not only for Long Island, but also for the state.

What's missing is an information center that will filter through all the energy plans and proposals that will intersect in one small community, and communicate the potential impact of these projects so that local residents aren't left in the dark.



**CAROL
DiPAOLO**

To meet the state's goal of adding 9,000 megawatts of off-shore wind power to Long Island's grid system, several things need to happen, including upgrading the antiquated grid and building large-scale battery energy storage systems. All of this requires comprehensive planning and coordination — which is not happening.

Glenwood Landing, a community on the eastern shore of Hempstead Harbor, has become a critical focal point in this effort. But local officials and community reps around the harbor have largely been left wondering about timelines and construction impacts. The various players don't appear to be coordinating with one another, and the environmen-

tal review process being used is fragmented in such a way that, despite multiple efforts at the local level, the potential cumulative impact of all these projects is unknown.

In June 2023, the New York Independent System Operator announced that a \$3.3 billion contract had been awarded to NY Transco/Propel NY Energy to, among other things, run a series of high-voltage underwater cables through Hempstead Harbor to a substation in Glenwood Landing. This was done without any notice or input from the municipalities that surround the harbor.

Then, at a meeting last September, officials representing Beacon Wind — one of the major wind developers that will feed the grid — assured municipal and environmental representatives from around Hempstead Harbor that there were no plans for underwater cables in the harbor.

In December 2022, Jupiter Power submitted a building application to the Town of Oyster Bay for a 275-megawatt battery energy storage system in Glenwood Landing. Around the same time, another company had discussed building another battery energy storage system a few thousand feet away, in the

Town of North Hempstead portion of Glenwood Landing, but has not yet submitted a building permit application. When questioned, representatives of Jupiter Power said they were unaware of the possibility of a competitor's

facility down the road, and were even unaware of the contract for underwater cables that had been awarded by NY ISO.

Meanwhile, the Nassau County Department of Public Works is in the midst of a \$12 million reconstruction of Shore Road along the eastern shore of Hempstead Harbor, through which the proposed high-voltage cables must run. But when

questioned, NY Transco was unaware of this project.

Just as the various components of the electrical grid are necessarily interconnected, the environmental reviews of all these projects should be, too. While the offshore wind farms fall under a federal environmental review process, the cables for the upgrade of the electrical grid fall under the state's purview, and the battery storage facilities fall under town environmental-review processes. Reviewing the impact of each interconnected piece of the puzzle on its own, without looking at the collective impact as a whole, defeats the

very purpose of environmental reviews.

Since 1986, the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor has worked to restore the harbor to its full ecological and economic potential. Currently, CSHH, in partnership with local governments, is focused on implementing large-scale restoration projects, such as working with the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee to implement a federal grant proposal that will add approximately two million oysters to the harbor over the next three years. Other programs and proposed projects continue to address ways to improve water quality and protect the marine habitat. It is critical that the installation of underwater cables and other energy initiatives fully consider these efforts.

CSHH is fully supportive of the state's renewable energy goals, as outlined in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. While a lot of energy is going into achieving climate goals, however, all the players must direct sufficient energy to understanding local community efforts, generating a meaningful cumulative impact analysis, and creating an effective communication network that avoids the siloing of individual energy projects.

Carol DiPaolo is the water-monitoring coordinator of the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor.

We look for ways to improve water quality and protect the marine habitat.

LETTERS

honor. This would be a lasting tribute to him and his family.

RICH MORICCO
East Meadow

Antisemitism, not Netanyahu, is the problem

To the Editor:

Re Jerry Kremer's column "Netanyahu is a supporter of one party: himself": Kremer supports Sen. Chuck Schumer's view that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is more concerned about himself than about Israel. What Schumer has said has nothing to do with "Bibi's" alleged corruption. What Schumer was really doing was attempting to placate the virulent antisemitism that has taken root in the Democratic Party among radical Islamists.

What is Netanyahu to do about Gaza? Before the Oct. 7 massacre of 1,200 Israelis, Israel took a hands-off approach to Gaza. What did the people of Gaza do? They elected the terrorist group Hamas, which then used the aid that should have been used for the people of Gaza to build a huge underground system of tunnels — which some say is larger than the New

York City transit system, in some places under hospitals (with human shields) — to acquire and store munitions and to use that system to launch attacks on Israel.

The massacre on Oct. 7 was the equivalent of 35,000 Americans being killed on Sept. 11, 2001. Do you think we would tolerate a foreign entity telling us what our response should be? Netanyahu is not the villain here. Hamas is. It has killed a number of hostages, and is holding others, including Americans. Israel's rightful negotiating stance should be: the unconditional release of all hostages and the return of all bodies of the dead, or face total destruction. Israel has already demonstrated surgical restraint in dealing with the civilian population. Hamas was gutless because it targeted civilians and not the Israeli military.

Growing up in the late 1950s and early '60s, we knew from our fathers of Hitler's Holocaust. We knew what "Never again" meant. Yet here we are, 80 years later, and antisemitism has raised its ugly head, this time on American soil. For the radical Islamists there is no two-state solution. It has been offered time and again and refused. The first time was when Israel was created in 1947.

Former President Donald Trump is a strong supporter of Israel. He brokered the Abraham Accords. But for the radical Islamists, there is only one solution,

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the same as Hitler's. They hate the Abraham Accords, because they don't want peace. They can't even tolerate a small Jewish state the size of New Jersey. As former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir said many years ago, there will be peace only when the radicals love their children more than they hate the chil-

dren of Jews.

Netanyahu does not threaten the existence of Israel; it is the mealy-mouthed apologists for Hamas in this country who are the threat to Israel.

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