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A fin-tastic fish fry fundraiser

Letisha Owens, left, sold the first two tickets to last Saturday's fish fry in Glen Cove to Phyllis O. Burnett and Elijah DeJesus. The fundraiser supported the Glen Cove Economic Opportunity Commission's summer youth program. More photos, Page 8.

LifeVac is now a P.D. tool for emergencies

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Steven Grella, a detective in the Glen Cove Police Department, still clearly recalls his harrowing experience when his 7-day-old son had a choking emergency. Born prematurely, the infant struggled as mucus obstructed his airway, prompting Grella to rely on his training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Despite his efforts, 12 agonizing minutes ticked by as his newborn, going in and out of consciousness, turned blue.

"It was a difficult moment for me, especially being someone who is CPR trained,"

Grella said. "I thought that my skills would be enough to help my son, and for a few minutes, they weren't."

Grella's ordeal is just one example of the challenges first responders — or parents — face in life-threatening emergencies. Choking is the fourth-leading cause of death in children

in the United States, causing 5,000 deaths per year, and children under 5 are at greatest risk for choking injury and death. But the LifeVac rescue device has saved more than 2,100 lives in choking emergencies since 2014.

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STEVEN GRELLA
 Detective,
 Glen Cove P.D.

LifeVac is intended to be used after other lifesaving protocols, like abdominal thrusts and CPR, have failed.

The Glen Cove P.D. has 18 LifeVacs. The device resembles a small toilet plunger, with bellows that attach to a clear facemask that's placed over the nose and mouth of someone who is choking. The rescuer pushes the bellows' handles down and then up, forcing air out of the sides of the device, which creates a vacuum that sucks the object out of the airway when the lever is pulled back again.

The procedure, according to LifeVac, replicates a forced cough to expel an object out of a choking person's throat. The

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Solemn tribute on Yom HaShoah at Glen Cove's Holocaust Center

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Dozens of people gathered at the Holocaust Tolerance and Memorial Center in Glen Cove last Sunday to commemorate Yom HaShoah — Holocaust Remembrance Day, which pays tribute to the 6 million Jews that were killed in World War II. Glen Cove City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, Congregation Tifereth Israel and North Country Reform Temple welcomed Jews and non-Jews to honor the millions of victims of the Holocaust.

This year's remembrance had a heightened sense of urgency, seven months after Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on Israel, the deadliest single day in the country's history. Antisemitism has surged worldwide, according to the Anti-Defamation

League, which has reported a steep jump in incidents in the months since. The ADL recorded more than 7,500 antisemitic episodes in the United States in 2023, compared with fewer than 3,700 in 2022. It also noted significant increases in incidents in large American cities, including New York City and Los Angeles.

"To be Jewish is to remember — to claim our right to memory, as well as our duty to keep it alive," Rabbi Michael Churgel, of North Country Reform Temple, said. "There is evil in the world, we cannot let ourselves forget, yet to remember the goodness of our loved ones is to find a way to trust the world again, to place the moments in our sacred calendar. These are the purposes of Yom HaShoah."

The observance also commemorates the

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Jimenez promises to elevate education

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Maureen Jimenez, a longstanding member of the Glen Cove community, brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to education while serving as a trustee on the City of Glen Cove Board of Education. With a background in speech-language pathology and a passion for supporting students of all abilities, Jimenez's journey to the board is marked by her unwavering dedication to education.

Originally from Albertson, Jimenez connection to Glen Cove dates back to her childhood. Growing up on the North Shore, she developed a fondness for the city's charm and warmth. This affection only deepened when she and her family made Glen Cove their home in 2006.

"Everywhere I go, people are so friendly," Jimenez reflected, noting that it was the welcoming atmosphere that drew her in.

Jimenez's professional journey began with a Bachelor of Science in speech-language pathology and audiology from Molloy College, followed by a Master of Art in speech-language pathology from the College of New Jersey.

Over the past two decades, she has

honed her expertise in pediatrics, earning licensure from the state of New York and certification from the American Speech Hearing Association, and has experience working with students of all ability levels in the special education setting. She is a seasoned member of the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education meetings. She says she enjoys working with people on a one-on-one basis to help them hone their skills.

"I think that that type of mindset is what makes me a valuable member of a community or a team," Jimenez said. "I just really like seeing people thrive while developing their individual strengths."

Jimenez is deeply engaged in her children's education and the broader school community. With four children enrolled in the Glen Cove School District across different grade levels, she is intimately familiar with the district's strengths and challenges. She immediately began attending Parent Teacher Association meetings when her children entered the district, and frequent-

ly volunteered in the classrooms helping with book fairs and events that promoted literacy.

Her involvement in the PTA and serving on the Bond Committee in 2019 helped to cultivate an even deeper understanding of the district's needs. She remembers touring school facilities and seeing where structural improvements were needed. Jimenez worked diligently with the committee to prioritize the district's needs with fiscal responsibility but felt a devastating blow when the initial bond failed that year. As a trustee, she knew her priorities should center on enhancing educational opportunities and facilities for all students.

She does see there are other changes in the academic landscape, and that the district must adapt to technologies like artificial intelligence.

"A.I. is an incredible resource for people, and I think that there just needs to be continuous education and conversation going on about how to use it to its advantage," Jimenez said. "But also, to use it ethically. If we're making a

genuine effort to have those conversations, we're in a good place."

Her journey to the Board of Education was driven by a desire to address unmet needs and ensure that every voice in the community is heard.

"I was seeing things when I was attending board of ed meetings that I knew weren't necessarily getting addressed, and I wanted to learn more about that process," Jimenez said. "I think those questions led me to feeling like I could be the person who hears a person's concern or could make someone's voice be heard. I wanted to help solve that problem if there was a problem, I wanted to become involved in that process."

Drawing on her extensive background in special education, she advocates for tailored support and inclusive practices that empower students of diverse abilities to thrive. Jimenez also sees the deeper needs within the district, which uniquely positions her to champion initiatives that meet the evolving needs of students across different age groups.

With her blend of professional expertise, personal investment, and tireless advocacy, she continues to make a meaningful impact on the Glen Cove School District and the lives of its students.



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Lavine, a dedicated voice for education

By ROKSANA AMID

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In the bustling community of Glen Cove, a familiar face is emerging once again on the horizon of the city's School Board of Education election. Meghan Lavine, a seasoned public servant with a rich background in law and a deep commitment to community involvement, is vying for re-election as a Board of Education trustee.

With her husband Greg, a Glen Cove High School alumni, and their two children enrolled in the local school district, Lavine's ties to the community run deep. Originally from Garden City, Lavine made the move to Glen Cove in 2017, drawn by its beauty, vibrancy, and welcoming atmosphere. Lavine said she was impressed by the city's unique blend of close-knit schools and municipal structures.

Her journey into public service began long before her candidacy for the Board of Education. After earning her bachelor's of art from The George Washington University and a Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law, she dedicated over six years as an assistant district attorney in Nassau County. Her tenure saw her tackling complex cases in the County Court Trial Bureau and the Economic Crimes Bureau, where she focused on

issues including tax evasion, identity theft, and forged documents. Following this, Lavine served as a court attorney and later as principal law clerk for a New York City Civil Court Judge in Queens County, before transitioning into private practice focusing on commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

Lavine's professional trajectory is complemented by her extensive involvement in community organizations. As a PTA member and treasurer of the Glen Cove Child Daycare Center, Inc., a Head Start Program serving the North Shore community, Lavine's dedication to supporting educational initiatives outside of her professional realm is evident.

Her decision to run for the Board of Education three years ago stemmed from a desire to bring positivity and unity to the district. Observing what she perceived as a lack of cohesive focus among board members, Lavine felt compelled to offer her experience and perspective to the school system. Since then, she has been an active participant in various committees, includ-

ing the Audit Committee and Policy Committee, where she has contributed to financial oversight and policy development.

"I just felt amongst the community there needed to be more positivity around our schools," Lavine said. "It's a great system with great buildings and teachers. There's so much goodness about it, and there wasn't enough focused on that. There's always room for improvements, but I'm always going to be a cheerleader for our schools."

Lavine's impact on the district's initiatives has been substantial. She played a pivotal role in securing funding for summer school programs for elementary and middle school students, ensuring continued educational support during the summer months. Additionally, her advocacy for hiring a fine arts coordinator underscores her commitment to providing a comprehensive education that includes a robust arts program.

Looking ahead, Lavine remains focused on addressing the evolving needs of the district. Her dedication to maintaining a reasonable budget with-

in the tax cap while prioritizing programs that benefit students and the community reflects her pragmatic approach to governance. She emphasizes the importance of community-school partnerships and envisions a future where these collaborations lead to further advancements in education and infrastructure.

In the rapidly changing classroom landscape, Lavine recognizes the importance of equipping students with the skills to navigate modern challenges. From media literacy to cybersecurity, she aims to ensure that the district remains proactive in addressing these issues and preparing students for success in the 21st century.

Lavine's candidacy represents a continuation of her unwavering commitment to serving the Glen Cove community. With a blend of professional expertise, community engagement, and a vision for the future, Lavine stands ready to continue advocating for the best interests of students, families, and educators alike.

"It's an honor to represent the district," Lavine said. "I feel in the last three years, we accomplished so much. The obvious one is passing last year's bond and helping some of the infrastructure projects get moving, which were critical to advancing our students interests."



MEGHAN LAVINE

Markoulis leads with trust and integrity

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Anne Markoulis, a steadfast advocate for education and community engagement, first came to Glen Cove in 2002. When Markoulis was researching areas to purchase a home, a friend persuaded her to tour the city. A transplant from Astoria, Queens, Glen Cove's diversity and family-oriented atmosphere drew her in, she said. Since then, Markoulis, has embedded herself deeply within the fabric of the community, leaving an indelible mark through her tireless dedication to education and service.

Markoulis was first elected to the Board of Education in 2021. Her background reflects her multifaceted approach to supporting students. Holding a dual Bachelor of Science from Queens College in psychology and dance, she initially aspired to provide therapy and counseling for youth in group homes and prisons. However, life took her on a different path as she became a mother to three children in the district. Determined to continue her educational journey, Markoulis pursued a Master's Degree in special education and general education from Long Island University Post, equipping herself with the tools to support stu-

dents' diverse needs.

"I love working with our youth," Markoulis said. "I feel that I can relate to a lot of issues that some of our children are dealing with."

For 13 years, Markoulis served as a teacher's assistant within the Glen Cove School District, where she nurtured and guided countless students. For nearly two decades, she has been an active participant in the Parent Teacher Association. Through collaboration and unwavering support, Markoulis has helped shape the educational landscape of Glen Cove, ensuring that every student receives the resources and opportunities they deserve. During her term with the Board of Education, Markoulis advocated for capital improvements in the district, and was instrumental in pushing the district to upgrade facilities to meet the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

She dedicated 18 years to serving on PTA executive boards and fostering collaboration and support within the community, but her commitment extended beyond the PTA, as she also served as a

parent representative on the Curriculum Committee and various hiring committees, ensuring the voices of students were heard in decision-making processes. Transitioning into her role as a board member, Markoulis' impact continued to resonate through her service on the Audit and Education committees. Presently, she channels her expertise into the Policy Committee. She credits her experience with the PTA with helping her know the community and work closely together for the betterment of the district, as well as her time with special education students who need additional help in the classroom.



ANNE MARKOULIS

"I decided to go to the Board of Education because I worked in Glen Cove schools," Markoulis said. "For the next three years, I'm really going to be focusing on student support and community support. I'm also working to build trust with the Board of Education so students feel comfortable coming up to a board member."

Drawing upon her extensive experience within the school district, she con-

tinues to champion student support and community engagement. Her vision for the future is clear: to cultivate a culture of trust and collaboration within the Board of Education, where every voice is heard, valued, and respected.

Markoulis' contributions have not gone unnoticed. The Glen Cove Council of PTA's Diamond Club recognized her unwavering commitment with the prestigious Diamond Award, reserved for individuals who have gone above and beyond in serving the children of the Glen Cove School District. This accolade is a testament to her sincere efforts and dedication to enriching the lives of students within her community. Her lifetime of community service is evidenced by her selfless volunteer efforts, which included organizing numerous donations and providing outreach to community members in need during the coronavirus pandemic.

Markoulis emphasizes the importance of collaboration and unity within the Board of Education. Together, they strive to create an inclusive and supportive environment where every student can thrive.

"It's a pleasure working with a group of wonderful women on the board," she said. "I'm so blessed that we have a unified Board of Education."

Notification of Funding Availability

The Trustees of the Jones Fund for the Support of the Poor

are requesting applications for its 2024 Grant Program from eligible and qualified IRC 501(c)(3) approved charitable organizations to further its mission of affording support to the poor, in the form of food, shelter, clothing and warmth, and providing support for educational programs striving to prevent the transmission of generational poverty among the underserved and underprivileged, exclusively in the Towns of North Hempstead, New York and Oyster Bay, New York as intended by the Last Will and Testament of Samuel Jones dated February 23, 1836, and as approved by the Trustees of the Jones Fund for the Support of the Poor.

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Program funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. All applications must be received by the Trustees of the Jones Fund for the Support of the Poor at PO Box 350, Jericho, New York 11753 or by email at TheJonesFund1836@gmail.com on or before June 30, 2024. Interested applicants can obtain further information and application packages by calling James McGahan or Dina Selearis at 516-681-3100 or sending an email to TheJonesFund1836@gmail.com.

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SUNY Maritime Cadet Katherine Mattikow, left, Captain Hugh Stephens and Poet Laurette Nassau County Evelyn Mandel were proud to serve our country.



Captain Hugh Stephens celebrated his 100th birthday at the Glen Cove Senior Center.

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Medicaid Asset Protection Trust (MAPT) v. Life Estate Deed

Clients often ask whether the home should be deeded to the client's adult children, while retaining a life estate in the parent or whether the Medicaid Asset Protection Trust should be used to protect the asset.

While the deed with a life estate will be less costly to the client, in most cases it offers significant disadvantages when compared to the trust. First, if the home is sold prior to the death of the Medicaid recipient, the life estate value of the home will be required to be paid towards their care. If the house is rented, the net rents are payable to the nursing facility since they belong to the life tenant. Finally, the client loses a significant portion of their capital gains tax exclusion for the sale of their primary residence as they will only be entitled to a pro rata share based on the value of the life estate to the home as a whole.

All of the foregoing may lead to a situation where the family finds they must maintain a vacant home for many years. Conversely, a properly drafted MAPT preserves the full capital gains tax exclusion on the sale of the

primary residence and the home may be sold by the trust without obligation to make payment of any of the principal towards the client's care, assuming we have passed the look-back period for facility care of five years.

It should be noted here that both the life estate and the MAPT will preserve the stepped-up basis in the property provided it is sold after the death of the parent who was the owner or grantor. Upon the death of the parent, the basis for calculating the capital gains tax is stepped up from what the parent paid, plus any improvements, to what it was worth on the parent's date of death. This effectively eliminates payment of capital gains taxes on the sale of appreciated property, such as the home, after the parent dies.

There are instances where the life estate deed makes sense however. When the asset is a country house or a beach house that is intended to stay in the family for the next generation, then the life estate deed works perfectly well and may effect a significant savings to the family seeking to protect the asset.

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Hugh Stephens marks 100 years young

Captain Hugh Stephens, 100 years young, celebrated his birthday at the Glen Cove Senior Center which he joined in February of 2023.

A professor of marine transportation, he was awarded the Medal of Ushakov on Nov. 6 by decree of Vladimir Putin. The honor was bestowed upon Stephens for his "personal courage and valor during World War II while partici-

pating in the Arctic convoys."

Stephens entered the maritime industry in 1942 as a 19-year-old seaman. By the war's end, he earned his third mate's license.

He was a beloved professor in the Marine Transportation Department. Stephens worked there for years, retiring from teaching at the SUNY Maritime College at the age of 97.

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beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising of 1943, when a band of Jewish resistance fighters in the largest Nazi ghetto in World War II managed to defy their well-armed German occupiers.

The evening's keynote speaker, Gail Kastenholz, is the daughter of two Holocaust survivors, and has dedicated herself to Holocaust remembrance, earning the Bruce Morel Education Award in 2019. She spoke about her parents' experiences in the war, and how that formed her life path as an educator. She is now a docent for the Holocaust Center.

Kastenholz's parents were interned in a ghetto in northern Germany in 1941, and members of her father's family were murdered in retaliation for the killing of a Nazi soldier by a Jew there. Remarkably, her parents managed to escape, and were hidden by a Polish farmer in a barn for 18 months. Despite the trauma, they eventually found refuge and built a new life in the United States.

I am the link between the past, present and future.

GAIL KASTENHOLZ
Daughter of Holocaust survivors



Roksana Amid/Herald

Rabbi Michael Churgel, of North Country Reform Temple, and Rabbi Irwin Huberman, of Congregation Tiferith Israel, lit candles in memory of the 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust. The candles are modeled after a traditional Jewish memorial yahrzeit candle.

"People survived not because they were smarter, richer or better than anyone else," Kastenholz said. "Somebody

did something for one moment to help them live. A righteous person took action that was dangerous simply because it was the right thing to do."

Her parents ate potato peels, she said, to survive in the barn. In their memory, she leaves potato peels out for Seder.

"I am the link between the past, present and future," Kastenholz said. "That is and has been my legacy for more than four decades. As a Jew, a mother, a wife or grandmother, a friend, an American educator, and a member of the human race, I am a second-generation survivor — being a '2G' is in my DNA and in my heart and in my soul."

After Kastenholz spoke, Silverman reflected on the dwindling number of Holocaust survivors. She noted that although the number of people who were killed may seem abstract, hearing firsthand accounts helps to deepen the understanding of one of history's dark-



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Gail Kastenholz, the daughter of two Holocaust survivors, detailed that dark chapter of history and the struggles her parents faced as Jews in Europe.

est moments.

Another attendee, Assemblyman Charles Levine, president of the New York chapter of the National Association of Jewish Legislators, addressed the concerning rise of antisemitism and the seeming ostracization of the Jewish community in segments of American society. He drew parallels between the experiences of Jews and other marginalized groups, emphasizing that all forms of hatred and discrimination must be confronted and condemned.

"We today face the challenge of being the 'other,'" Levine said. "Whether a person is black or Latino, gay, bi, trans — no matter what — they are they subjected to hatred. Too many of our colleagues in government thrive on that hatred. We must do everything we can, because Jew hatred is nothing more and nothing less than racism."



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Police have an additional tool to save lives

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company's website states that the device has saved children ranging from 3 weeks to 13 years old.

"When it comes to saving someone's life, you want to have as many tools as possible," Grella said. "LifeVac is one of those things that I would have really loved to have had."

The device comes with adult and pediatric masks, and is best suited to those weighing more than 20 pounds, although it can be used in emergencies involving infants as well. Users who fill out a form attesting that they saved a life using a LifeVac are sent another kit free of charge if the incident is verified.

The inspiration for the device grew out of a heartbreaking tale recounted to Arthur Lih, the company's founder and CEO, of a young boy's tragic death caused by a grape lodged in his windpipe. Lih and a group of friends decided to create a device that would clear airway obstructions, and set up a research and development facility in Springfield Gardens, Queens.

Sgt. Salvatore Bifone, of the GCPD, found the lifesaving equipment through an online advertisement.

"I was glad to be able to put my hands on it and try it," Bifone said after a department training session on May 6. "I realized how easy it is to use, and how quick and effective it is to use."

The Food and Drug Administration

issued a safety communication about anti-choking devices on April 22, urging consumers to remember that "The safety and effectiveness of over-the-counter anti-choking devices have not been established; they are not FDA approved or cleared."

Laura Bonelli, a spokesperson for LifeVac, said that the company works directly with the FDA to ensure the quality of its products.

"We were surprised when we saw the report, because we don't know of any safety or effectiveness issues that apply to our device," Bonelli said. "We can confirm that we're working with the agency, but in accordance to the code of federal regulations, there's a confidentiality issue, so we can't really disclose exactly what we're working with them on."

Heidi Beth Felix, LifeVac's vice president of sales, who demonstrated how the device works, said she was confident in the device's ability to save lives, and noted the video testimonials from police officers and parents on the company's website.

"I have a mother with dementia, and it's one of those things that she keeps right next to her when she's eating, because she loves her steak and shrimp," Felix said. "Young or old — we've saved anyone from a newborn to a 100-year-old person in their wheelchair."



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Sgt. Salvatore Bifone found out about LifeVac through an online advertisement.

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Fish fry ensures funds for summer fun

The Glen Cove Economic Opportunity Commission held its first fish fry fundraiser on May 4 to benefit its summer youth program. The event treated attendees to scrumptious fried fish sandwiches and a chance to meet with Irma Jeanty, director of Glen Cove's EOC program, along with EOC board members.

For over 50 years, the Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County has provided programs and services to low-income residents. The coalition was born out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, which was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on Aug. 20, 1964, a signature legislation of Johnson's "War on Poverty."

To help ease the lives of children and parents on the North Shore, the EOC has stepped in to provide families with a summer youth program filled with engaging workshops. In recent years, the children have gone to Splish Splash and had the opportunity to work on experiments with scientists from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Last year, 37 children, aged 5 to 13, experienced a fun summer their caretakers couldn't normally afford.



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Elijah, Isabella, Josefina, Daniel, and Isaiah DeJesus enjoyed time together as a family at the Glen Cove EOC's first Fish Fry fundraiser.



Maria Rodriguez purchased three plates of fish. She said she was happy to take the day off from cooking.



Anna Perez, a board member, her son Ruben Matinez, and Glen Cove High School Principal Allen Hudson took the opportunity to speak about all the fun happenings at the Glen Cove High School.



EOC Advisory Board Members Loretta Wilcox and Karen Jones worked hard to ensure attendees were fed.

STEPPING OUT



Dance Theatre of Harlem

The acclaimed dance company visits Long Island on its 2024 tour, appearing on the Tilles Center stage. With a storied history, the first Black classical ballet company — co-founded by dance icon and international superstar Arthur Mitchell — has toured the world and engaged communities. 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. The dynamic program includes 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.

Friday, May 10, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$64; available at TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100. LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville.

Delightful moments among the

Blooms

Cherish mom on her day

By Karen Bloom

"Behind all your stories is always your mother's story, because hers is where yours begins."

— Mitch Albom

Mom — and all those special ladies in our lives — surely deserve a special day. The cards, her favorite treats, a colorful bouquet, are certainly welcome. Best yet, surround her with flowers and spring's glorious blossoms. Old Westbury Gardens is an enchanting locale to do so on Mother's Day.

Stroll the 200 glorious acres of wooded walks and those amazing gardens with their display of vibrant spring color. Explore Westbury House, the estate's grand Charles II-style mansion, filled with art and furnishings. Pack some lunch for a delightful picnic among spring's many blooms, or enjoy a bite at the Café in the Woods.

The iconic site's 65th anniversary season rolls along with all sorts of activities ahead. But, for now, mom will surely enjoy savoring some moments among spring's colors and scents. Perhaps more so than at any time of the year, Mother's Day — for most people — is all about the flowers when visiting this grand estate.

"We're nearing peak season now," says Old Westbury Gardens president Maura Brush. "As the season goes along, the highlight is the formal gardens. Starting in May is when you really see people spending more time in the Walled Garden and up around Westbury House where the wisteria blooms."

The array of blooms bursting forth extends throughout the landscape. "The display in the Walled Garden is really high-impact now," Brush enthuses. "There's plenty to take in there."

Brush is especially fond of the tree peonies. These blooms can be eight inches across 40 blossoms in size.

"The tree peonies are just not to be missed," she says. "They are stunning, looking like crushed tissue. The texture and color are outstanding."

Yet, of course, the tulips remain a favorite. Seeing the tulips here by the many hundreds — in the Walled Garden and Thatched Cottage Garden



- Sunday, May 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury
- For more information and program/events schedule, visit OldWestburyGardens.org or call (516) 333-0048

and elsewhere in myriad varieties in a rainbow of colors — is described by Brush as breathtaking. Much care is put into creatively designing the colorful tulip arrangements, for dramatic appeal.

"We spend so much time curating our bulb display," Brush says. "You can go anywhere and see a row of tulips. We're always excited about our display as it's unlike what you'll see elsewhere."

Also, visitors might want to consider checking out the refurbished Westbury House, the former home of financier John S. Phipps, his wife, Margarita Grace Phipps, and their four children. Guided

tours are available throughout the day (no registration required), at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. A garden highlights tour is also offered at 2 p.m., meeting at West Porch Beech next to Westbury House.

"I don't think Westbury House has looked better since I've been here," Brush says. "We've had volunteers working all winter long on cleaning and polishing. It feels like there's a lot of new life. We've got some wonderful new people working up in our archives, so it's been really fun seeing photos of what the house looked like when the family was here, and putting together some of those pieces of the puzzle that we haven't had before."

Gleaming and restored back to its days when it was a family home, Westbury House is surely a sight to behold among the blooming gardens.

As always — as an added treat, while supplies last — every adult woman receives a complimentary lavender plant. Be sure to stop by the plant shop to get yours.

Photos courtesy Old Westbury Gardens

Old Westbury Gardens is filled with many delights as spring continues to unfold, including the magnificent tree peony and tulips galore.



Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

Contemporary swing revival band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy visits the Paramount ready to cut loose. This April marked the 31st anniversary of their remarkable arrival onto the music scene. Since their formation in the early '90s in Ventura, California, the band has toured virtually nonstop and has produced a sizable catalog of recorded music, with sales of more than 2 million albums to date. Early on, during their legendary residency at the Derby nightclub in Los Angeles, they reminded the world — in the midst of the grunge era, no less — that it was still cool to swing. The band, co-founded by singer Scotty Morris and drummer Kurt Sodergren, was at the forefront of the swing revival of that time, blending a vibrant fusion of the classic American sounds of jazz, swing and dixieland, with the energy and spirit of contemporary culture.

Thursday, May 16, 8 p.m. \$59.50, \$49.50, \$39.50, \$29.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.

THE SCENE

May 16

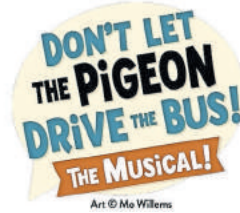
Internationally Ellington

Tilles Center continues its collaboration with Jazz at Lincoln Center, when the Future of Jazz orchestra visits the Tilles Center stage, Friday, **May 16**, 8 p.m. This all- Ellington showcases features a hand-picked ensemble of some of the greatest young musicians in jazz meeting the challenges



posed by one of jazz's great composers, Duke Ellington. Led by music director Joe Block, a recent Juilliard graduate and Essentially Ellington composition winner, this 15-piece band will keep everyone swinging all night long. The band includes some of the best young jazz musicians on the scene today, who love this music as much as audiences.

Ellington's music is so elegant, so dynamic, so intimately detailed that it takes a group of musicians with a genuine collaborative spark to fully bring out its inner magic, and that is what you will experience at this concert. The program explores decades of Duke's music, including his earliest hits, Hollywood charts, swinging blues numbers, pieces inspired by his international travels, and portions of his later suites. It's an eclectic repertoire and yet unmistakably Ellington through and through — always enjoyable upon first listen, but teeming with brilliant details that continue to reveal themselves over time. This vital music is at the core of Jazz at Lincoln Center, and you're guaranteed to enjoy its timeless genius when the next generation of jazz leaders bring their fresh energy to it. Tickets are \$42; 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 10**, 10:15 a.m. and noon; Saturday, May 11, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, May 14-17, 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 Loisaida/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 16**, 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.



Betty Buckley's songs and stories

Tony Award-winner Betty Buckley brings her magical voice to the Adelphi University Performing Arts Center stage, Saturday, **May 11**, 8 p.m. Buckley will share an inspiring and emotionally compelling mix of stories and songs from the world of pop/rock, standards, musical theater, and Americana. Tickets start at \$50, with discounts available to seniors, students, Adelphi alumni and employees. 1 South Ave., Garden City. Visit Adelphi.edu/pac for tickets or call (516) 877-4000.

Locust Valley Seniors Club

The Locust Valley Seniors Club meets, Tuesday, **May 14**, in the MNA Community Room, 10 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley.

Westminster's top dogs

Long Island Kennel Club welcomes families and their four-legged companions to its spring show, Sunday, **May 19**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Planting Fields Arboretum. This year's Long Island Kennel Club show follows the annual acclaimed Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show earlier in the week. Many canine contenders are expected to leave the Big Apple and then head east to compete at the annual spring dog shows (Friday through Sunday, May 17-19, all held at the same venue).



The three days celebrate everything canine, from impeccable show dogs and trick-dog demonstrations to doggie dock diving and an agility obstacle course. Events and attractions make this festival a treat for anyone who loves dogs. Sunday also features a special demonstration by the NYPD Transit Bureau Canine Unit, at 11 a.m. Dogs must be leashed at all times. No prong collars, retractable leashes or head halters. \$20 admission per car load includes all-day access. 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay. Visit LongIslandDogsShows.com or call (516) 776-0923 for more information.



In concert

Sands Point Preserve's reserve's historic mansions and waterfront grounds are the backdrop for the latest edition of its unique chamber music series, "A Tour de France," Sunday, **May 19**, 5 p.m. Feast your ears with French composers, old and new, when the duoJalal ensemble-in-residence is joined by violinists Deborah Buck and Min-Young Kim, cellist Caroline Stinson and soprano Abigail Brodnick. With wine reception following. \$56, \$45 members. Sands Point Preserve, 127 Middle Neck Road. For tickets and information, visit SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901.

Townsend Talks lecture

Raynham Hall Museum hosts a lecture program with Dr. Megan Rhodes Victor on the history and archaeology of molly houses, Thursday, **May 16**, 5:30-7 p.m. These clandestine locations in the English colonies where spaces where gay men and cross-dressing individuals met and participated in elaborate gendered performances. 30 W Main St., Oyster Bay. Visit RaynhamHallMuseum.org or call (516) 922-6808 for reservations/information.

Having an event?

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

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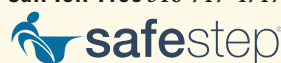
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Mail carriers ready to Stamp Out Hunger

Donating food this weekend is simple, says Randi Shubin Dresner.

"Just leave non-perishable food items in a bag next to your mailbox before the regularly scheduled mail deliver on Saturday, May 11," she said. And your mail carrier "will do the rest to make sure it gets onto the tables of our Long Islander neighbors in need."

Shubin Dresner should know. She's the chief executive of Island Harvest, which provides much-needed food support to more than 300,000 people on Long Island who faces hunger — including 90,000 children.

This weekend's event is part of the U.S. Postal Service's annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive, done in collaboration with not only local charities like Island Harvest, but also the National Association of Letter Carriers.

After the food is delivered to Island Harvest, volunteers there sort and repackage the food for distribution to those in-need.

Non-perishable food items needed include canned goods, cereal, pasta, rice, boxed juices, and shelf-stable milk. It does not include anything in glass containers, as these are easy to break.

"Even if it's a can of soup or a box of cereal, every donation — no matter the size — will help countless Long Islanders who may be struggling to put food on their tables," Shubin Dresner said.

Island Harvest distributed 15 million

pounds of food in 2022, a jump of 42 percent over donations before the coronavirus pandemic.

"We are counting on the generosity of our neighbors who can spare a little extra to help make this year's Stamp Out Hunger food drive one of the most successful," Shubin Dresner added.

Mail carriers are also on the lookout for personal care items like toothpaste,

soap, shampoo, deodorant and disposable diapers. All of these donations go toward replenishing Island Harvest's network of food pantries, soup kitchens, and other emergency feeding programs throughout Long Island.

Stamp Out Hunger generated 544,000 meals locally. Since its inception in 1993, the national program has collected nearly 1.8 billion pounds of food in all 50

states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

All donations are tax-deductible since food collected benefits Island Harvest, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

To learn more, visit IslandHarvest.org.

—Melissa Berman



Courtesy National Association of Letter Carriers

What to donate

Here's a sample of what you can leave by your mailbox on May 11:

- canned beans/dried beans
- peanut butter or other nut butter
- canned fruit and vegetables
- low-sodium soups
- canned tuna/chicken
- brown rice/instant brown rice
- nuts/seeds/dried fruits
- shelf-stable milk/milk substitutes
- whole grain pasta
- low-sodium canned pasta sauce
- low-sodium canned tomatoes
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INDEX NO. 616303/2023
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LONGBRIDGE FINANCIAL, LLC
Plaintiff,
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**GIANNARCO SACCHETTA, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GIOVANNI SACCHETTA A/K/A GIOVANNI SACHETTO; PASQUALINA SACCHETTA A/K/A LINA SACCHETTA A/K/A LENA SACCHETTA, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GIOVANNI SACCHETTA A/K/A GIOVANNI SACCHETTO; LUCIANO M. SACCHETTA, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GIOVANNI SACCHETTA A/K/A GIOVANNI SACHETTO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF GIOVANNI SACCHETTA A/K/A GIOVANNI SACHETTO, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; "JOHN DOE" (REFUSED NAME) AS JOHN DOE #1, "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.
Plaintiff designates NASSAU as the place of trial situs of the real property
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Mortgage Premises:
2 TAFT PLACE, GLEN**

COVE, NY 11542
Section: 30, Block: 57, Lot: 9

To the above named Defendants
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.
NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT
THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$585,000.00 and interest, recorded on March 14, 2012, in Liber M 36997 at Page 475, of the Public Records of NASSAU County, New York., covering premises known as 2 TAFT PLACE, GLEN COVE, NY 11542.
The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.
NASSAU County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.
NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
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Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: April 1st, 2024
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held by the Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.
The hearing will be on the application of Gennaro Cozzolino on behalf of Select Capital Group, Inc. residing at 2125 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park, NY 11729 requesting Variances from Sections 280-56 B (6) (10) and 280-45 R (1) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to construct a new 831 sq ft addition at the rear of 35 Duck Pond Rd., Glen Cove, NY.
The proposed addition will result in lot coverage of 15.5% (3,332 sq ft) where a maximum of 15% (3,215.4 sq ft) is permitted. The proposed addition aligns with the existing 32.5 ft exterior west wall extending it 15 ft north and has a non-conforming 4.9 ft side yard setback, whereas 10 ft are required. The structure also encroaches on the sky plane exposure on the West elevation.
The subject property is in the City's R-2 Half Acre Residence District and designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 23, Block 25, Lot 02.
The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.
Dated: April 22, 2024
BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE
THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON
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The hearing will be on the application of Jorge P. Diaz, residing at 10 North Lane, Glen Cove, NY, requesting Variances from Sections 280-57 B (6) and 280-57 B (10) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to construct a 90 sq ft first-floor addition and a 297 sq ft second-floor addition to an existing one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot. The Applicant is also requesting the conversion of an existing living room into a bedroom.
The proposed addition will result in lot coverage of 21.4% (1,480 sf) where a maximum of 20% (1,385.4 sf) is permitted. The East side yard setback is an existing non-conforming 11.5 ft when 15 ft are required, and the West side yard setback is 10 ft when 15ft are required.
The subject property is in the City's R-3 One Family Residence District and designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 23, Block 53, Lot 38.
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THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON
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The hearing will be on the application of Scagliola Family Trust, requesting a Variance from Section 280-58 B (10) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to enclose an existing front porch and construct a new portico at 1 Center St. Glen Cove, NY.

The proposed addition will result in lot coverage of 32.7% (2,127 sq ft) where a maximum of 20% (1,300 sq ft) is permitted. The subject property is in the City's R-3A Single Family Residence District and designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 21, Block 258, Lot 22.
The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.
Dated: April 22, 2024
BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE
THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON
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The hearing will be on the application of Apostolos Malatos requesting variances from Sections 280-56 C 280-56 D (4) (2) and 280-45 R (1) for the construction of a two-story multi-car garage with a caretaker (accessory) apartment above. The property is located at 47 Town Path, Glen Cove in the R-2 Zoning District and is designated as Section 23, Block 09, Lot 05 on the Land and Tax Map of Nassau County.
Applicant seeks the following variances for said property.
1. Glen Cove City Code §280-56 C - Applicant has an existing lot area of 37, 280 sq ft where the minimum required lot area for an accessory apartment is 40,000.
2. Glen Cove City Code §280-56 D (4) - The proposed structure has lot coverage of 1,318 sq ft when the maximum lot coverage for garages is 500 sq ft.
3. Glen Cove City Code §280-56 D (2) - Applicant is proposing a garage height of 27 ft from the surrounding grade when the maximum height shall not exceed 14 ft to the ridge line above surrounding grade.
4. Glen Cove City Code §280-45 R (1) - The proposed structure, intrudes 14.33 ft into the required sky exposure plane.

The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.
Dated: April 22, 2024
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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 Dosis Lane, Back Gym - Door #13 D
Connolly School, 1 Ridge Drive - Back Gym
I in said district Tuesday, 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 - ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - "FACILITIES, SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY 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/renovation s/upgrades, (including but not limited to classroom improvements/renovation 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 FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT RESERVE
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. A N D **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 Dosis 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 Dosis 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

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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.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration forms and military ballot application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2024. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the Office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be no later than the day before the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money

which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident in the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, and at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote at the Administration Building - 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove High School - Dosoris Lane, Robert M. Finley Middle School - Forest Ave., Deasy School - Dosoris Lane, Gribbin School - Walnut Road, Landing School - McLoughlin Street, and Connolly School - Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, New York during regular school hours; and on the Glen Cove City Schools website (www.glencoveschools.org).

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to 2035 of the Education Law, any qualified voter may have a proposition or an amendment placed upon the ballot, provided that such amendment (a) be typed or printed in the English language; (b) that it be directed to Ida Johnson, District Clerk of the said School District; (c) that it be submitted to Ida Johnson, District Clerk no less than sixty (60) days preceding the date of the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, i.e. no later than Friday, March 22, 2024, 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the District Office, Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York; and (d) that it be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district. However, the school board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website. Dated:Glen Cove, New York April 2024 Ida Johnson District Clerk Board of Education Glen Cove City School District Glen Cove, New York 146719

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LEGAL NOTICE
AVISO SOBRE LA ELECCIÓN ANUAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR Y LA VOTACIÓN DEL PRESUPUESTO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE LA CIUDAD DE GLEN COVE, NUEVA YORK
POR EL PRESENTE, SE NOTIFICA que la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto de votantes calificados del Distrito escolar de la ciudad de Glen Cove, Nueva York, se realizará en los siguientes lugares:
Districtos electorales
Lugar de votación
A, B, C
 Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, 150 Dosoris Lane, gimnasio de atrás, puerta n.º 13.
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 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 - INSTALACIONES, SEGURIDAD Y TECHNOLOGIA PROGRAMA DE MEJORA 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 perteneciente 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 MEJORA DE INSTALACIONES
 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 21 de mayo de 2019 con el propósito de realizar los siguientes proyectos: ampliación en Landing School, incluidos la construcción de nuevos salones de clase, trabajos en el área (incluidos los estacionamientos), desagües, bordillos y escaleras; ampliación en Deasy School, incluidos la construcción de nuevos salones de clase, trabajos en el área (incluidos los estacionamientos), desagües, bordillos y escaleras; reconstrucción exterior de Thayer House, incluidos el techo, las canaletas, los bajantes, los revestimientos, las persianas, las puertas exteriores y la pintura levantada en la escalera de incendios existente; eliminación el vestíbulo exterior existente en Thayer House; y construcción de una entrada nueva en Thayer House e instalación de una galería y una rampa que cumpla con la Ley para Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA); todo lo anterior incluirá toda la mano de obra, los materiales, el equipo, los aparatos y los costos incidentales relacionados.

ELECCIÓN DEL/DE LOS MIEMBRO(S) DE LA JUNTA
 Elegir tres (3) miembros de la Junta de Educación de dicho Distrito escolar de la siguiente forma:

A. Tres (3) miembros que serán elegidos cada uno para cumplir un cargo de tres (3) años desde el 1 de julio de 2024 hasta el 30 de junio de 2027.

POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que, con el fin de votar en dicha reunión, el martes 21 de mayo de 2024, las urnas estarán abiertas desde las 6:00 a.m. hasta las 9:00 p.m., hora en vigor, para votar sobre las mencionadas propuestas mediante una máquina de votación.

POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una audiencia del presupuesto el miércoles 8 de mayo de 2024 a las 7:30 p.m., en el auditorio de la Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, 150 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 21 de 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

al menos, cien (100) 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 no 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 la elección, si la boleta electoral se entregará personalmente al votante o a su representante designado. Al recibir 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 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

Interfaith choir spreads harmony and hope

By ROKSANA AMID

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A chorus of harmonious voices filled the community room of Glen Cove Library on May 4. Presented by the Willow Interfaith Choir, the hour-long performance had the small audience moving to the beats of Lady Gaga, traditional songs from Africa and faith-based songs in Hebrew and Christianity.

The group's inception was humble and drew singers from diverse backgrounds and religions. In 1998, a musical workshop organized by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset sparked the birth of the choir directed by Farah Chandu. Over the past 25 years, Willow has grown into a vibrant community of mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers hailing from Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties. United by their love for music, Willow's repertoire spans classical choral pieces, sacred hymns, and traditional folk songs from diverse cultures. Their performances, often "a cappella," resonate with raw emotion and deep connection.



Elisa Dragotto/Herald photos

The Willow Interfaith Choir preformed at Glen Cove Library to promote diversity and inclusivity through their music.

Inspired by the experience, Chandu, who had a background in music education, seized the opportunity to bring people together through song. Recognizing the potential for something special, Chandu and the workshop participants decided to continue singing together. The group of 20 women started with simple repertoire and gathered in various member homes, sharing music and desserts, and the group's bond deepened. Members began bringing in songs from their own faith traditions, enriching Willow's repertoire with a diverse array of melodies. This fusion of musical influences became the cornerstone of Willow's identity.

"We grew organically," Chandu said. "It just became like a joy. We have been together for 25 years with almost no turnover. We're like a family now. We've just been through everything together. It's been one of the biggest blessings in my life."

What sets Willow apart is their dedication to using their music as a force for good. They take their performances beyond traditional venues, bringing their uplifting melodies to hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, schools, and even the United Nations Headquarters. Their music become a tool for advocacy, promoting peace and human rights wherever they go. Diane Stillerman, a member since 2005, said she discovered the group while attending a protest for affordable housing her daughter asked her to attend at the Nassau County Legislature.

"I thought they were wonderful," Stillerman said about the choir. "They did this South African piece, 'Freedom is Coming,' and I suddenly had goose bumps from head to toe. I find it ironic that I went there thinking I was doing a favor for my daughter, but I've been with Willow ever since."

Professionals and amateurs alike, the members of Willow find joy in singing together. It's a labor of love that transcends individual differences and brings them closer as to their communities. From large-scale events like the High Line's "Mile Long Opera," to more intimate gatherings at the Glen Cove Library, Willow has shared their harmonies with audiences of all sizes.

"I think they're a great group," Kenneth Bongort, a Sea Cliff resident, said. "They had some great arrangements and were very well prepared. I was happy to be here."



Terry Bain, left, Diane Stillerman-Haut, Donna Kalinowska-Werter and Karen Hartman, the choir's alto section, take their musical cues from Farah Chandu.

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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

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OPINIONS

We should have learned more than we have from history

Looking back at history, we often see what appear to have been clearly defined periods, eras or growths of movements. Some good or entertaining, like the Roaring Twenties and the Jazz Age. Some revolutionary, like the turbulent '60s. Others absolutely evil, like the Winds of War, the growth of Nazism in the 1930s that led inevitably to the horrors of World War II and the Holocaust.



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Our general impression is that people living during those times realized, or were in some way aware of, the uniqueness of the challenges and transformations going on around them. My reading of history, however, is that for the most part — whether it be everyday people, intellectuals or world leaders — there was little realization during those years that the world as they knew it was that much different from what had come before. Until it

was. Or that tragedy lay ahead. Until it was too late.

I remember when I was in college in the 1960s, doing research papers on events that occurred in the '20s and '30s and noting how different the contemporary accounts of those years and events were from the histories written decades later. In the '20s there was the Manassa Mauler (Jack Dempsey), the Sultan of Swat (Babe Ruth) and the Four Horsemen of Notre Dame for boxing, baseball and college football aficionados. And for those who enjoyed the nightlife, there were the speakeasies, the Cotton Club, in Harlem, and the Charleston. But when you read the newspapers and periodicals from those years, there is little if any recognition of the uniqueness of the time as an era, like the “era of wonderful nonsense,” as the '20s were later dubbed.

Similarly, in the 1930s, there was the media coverage of Hitler's election in Germany, perhaps describing him as heavy-handed, but certainly nothing like the monster he would become (and

actually already was). While there would be increasing concern over the growing repression of Jews in Germany, that awareness was nothing like what it should have been. And Hitler's annexation of the Sudetenland was met by British Prime Minister Neville

Chamberlain appeasing Hitler with hope of “peace in our time.”

All this was ignored by too many America Firsters who chose to be isolationists. And then there was Pearl Harbor, the Axis of Evil and World War II.

The 1960s began with President John F. Kennedy and his New Frontier, hailing America's greatness and pledging to “support any friend, oppose any foe,” before America slowly but inexorably edged throughout the second half of the decade into a maelstrom of out-of-control campus demonstrations, flag-burning, Woodstock, the Age of Aquarius and what grew into a permanent drug culture subset.

What will future historians say about today's myriad crises and cultural challenges? Russia invading

Ukraine, and threatening the European order that has prevailed for almost eight decades. China dramatically expanding its military, threatening Taiwan and spreading its economic power and influence throughout the world. Israel being horrifically attacked by Iran's proxy, Hamas, followed by thousands of pro-Hamas, antisemitic demonstrators marching in the streets of New York, occupying college campuses across the country and threatening Jewish students at those colleges.

America's response to these challenges? More Democrats turning against Israel's government. More Republicans becoming isolationist and turning against Ukraine. More American businesses increasing their dealings with China. College presidents negotiating with pro-Hamas, antisemitic students illegally taking over campuses.

Are we blind? Has history taught us nothing, and are we forcing ourselves to relive the worst days of history? God help us all.

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Democrats are turning against Israel, and Republicans are turning against Ukraine.

The humble pen takes on the might sword

Here's an anniversary no one wants to celebrate: The Columbine school shooting — April 20, 1999 — just passed its 25th anniversary. More than a dozen dead, 21 injured. A new era begins.

Why, why, why bring up such a horrific event? Perhaps because it hasn't stopped.

Even though I sit here in the comfort of my study, feeling perfectly safe, I can't emotionally disentangle myself from the news, which is always, in one way or another, about the human need to kill itself — or rather, the human assumption that it's divided from itself, and “the other,” whomever



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that other is, either needs to be killed or is, at best, expendable. For instance:

“The Senate has passed \$95 billion in war aid to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, sending the legislation to President Joe Biden after months of delays and contentious debate over how involved the United States should be in foreign wars.”

So AP informs us, and immediately scenarios of screaming children,

bombed aid workers, home and hospitals reduced to rubble, flash before me. No, these are not abstract scenarios. Part of me and part of you lie trapped in that rubble, or stunned and grieving over the sudden loss of your whole family. And all we seem to do is continue funding the process that makes this happen, as though a larger understanding of our existence is not available — certainly not at the level of global politics.

What is power? Is it simply and sheerly vs. them? Good vs. evil? Every war on Planet Earth is sold with this advertising slogan. Perhaps this is why I find myself thinking about the Columbine shootings — and all the mass shootings since then. Define an enemy, then kill it. This is what we learn in history class — but would-be mass shooters, caged in their own isolation, cross a line. They take this lesson personally.

And there's a world of possibility that welcomes them, oh so ironically. In this world, the sword is mightier than the pen (or anything else). Power means power over . . . something.

So, if you're a lost or wounded soul, imagining an enemy that needs to be destroyed is probably enormously tempting. If the world is going on with-

out you, maybe you should do something to stop it.

And the “world of possibility” — by which I mean far more than merely the “gun culture,” but the entirety of our culture of scripted violence, from global politics to the media to the entertainment industry — makes the loner's imagined and insane solution, defining and killing an enemy, an actual possibility.

At the time of the Columbine shootings, I had begun writing poetry. This was in the wake of my wife's death, in 1998, from pancreatic cancer. Poetry allowed me to deal with the shattered narrative of my life, and pretty soon I had expanded the terrain of my poetry beyond my personal grief to, well, life itself, including the horrific strangeness of the news.

And I happened to read, after Columbine, a news account of President Bill Clinton visiting the school and meeting with students in the gymnasium. And outside the school, gun-rights advocates held what they called a vigil, holding signs that declared “gun control kills kids” and “we will never give up our guns.”

What struck me about it the most was the idea that this was a “vigil,”

In poems we can ask, where are we headed? What world comes next?

which implied something more than simply a protest — an expression of anger and disagreement. A vigil dug deeper, seemingly entering the soul. Guns were a source of power and power was the source of one's humanity, so stripping away the right to own one had a deep, spiritual impact.

I wrote a poem in response to the vigil — I called it “Vigil” — attempting to address my feelings about the total scenario: the shooting itself, Americans' deeply desired availability of guns, the impact of that availability on society's lost souls.

I acknowledge that the sword is probably mightier than the poem, but a poem can ask questions that the sword can't: Why? Where are we headed? What world comes next? Does armed defense — whether of home or country — ever go wrong, ever turn into poison?

All humans have a dark side. Is killing it in the other guy our only option? And what are the consequences of doing so?

Can power be with others, even those with whom we are in serious conflict, rather than simply over them? And if so, how can we begin reorganizing the world's relationship with itself?

What's stopping us?

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Cherishing moms who embody love, strength

At first glance, Elinor Sullivan was simply a proud suburban mother, raising her four children on the other side of the Great Depression.

Her husband was a state legislator. Her father was a vaudeville performer who originated the role of the Scarecrow in a stage production of “The Wizard of Oz.” But beyond that, you probably wouldn’t have looked twice at Elinor.

Except you should have. Because before she was a wife and a mom, she was Elinor Smith, the “Flying Flapper of Freeport,” who never met a plane she didn’t like or a dare she wouldn’t take. In fact, one taunt persuaded her to fly a Waco-10 under not one, but all four bridges that crossed the East River into Manhattan — a stunt that had never been done before, and was never repeated.

Elinor once held the women’s solo flight endurance record of more than 26 hours, set a speed record of nearly 191 mph, and even topped an altitude record of more than 32,500 feet, taking off from Roosevelt Field. And she became the first woman ever pictured on a box of Wheaties cereal.

And Elinor gave all of that up for two decades — the prime years of her life — so she could focus all of her attention on being a mother. Yet today, mothers can have careers while raising their children, showing even more how

extraordinary every one of them is.

As we approach Mother’s Day, it’s important to reflect on the remarkable influence and unwavering love mothers bring into our lives. From the moment we enter this world, mothers are our first nurturers, guides and champions. They are the silent heroes whose impact transcends time and circumstances, shaping us into the individuals we become.

Mothers possess a unique blend of strength and tenderness. They are the multitaskers extraordinaire, effortlessly juggling countless roles with grace. From pursuing careers to nurturing children — mothers do it all with unparalleled dedication. Their resilience in facing life’s challenges serves as an inspiration, demonstrating that with love and determination, any obstacle can be overcome.

What truly makes mothers extraordinary is their boundless capacity for love. A mother’s love is a force unlike any other — a source of comfort in times of distress. A beacon of hope in moments of despair.

It is a love that knows no bounds, selfless and unconditional. This love shapes our earliest memories, and echoes through the milestones of our lives — a constant reminder of unwavering support.

Mothers aren’t just caregivers, they are our first teachers, imparting lessons

that extend far beyond textbooks. They teach us compassion through their actions, resilience through their examples, and empathy through their understanding.

The wisdom passed down from our mothers is a treasure trove of lessons, guiding us through sunny days and stormy nights.

In celebrating mothers, we honor the unsung heroines whose sacrifices often go unnoticed. They prioritize our needs above their own, making countless sacrifices without seeking recognition. Whether it’s waking up early to pack lunches or staying up late to offer reassurance, they give of themselves tirelessly, embodying the essence of unconditional love.

On Sunday, let us celebrate the phenomenal women — like Elinor Smith, and our own mothers — who have shaped our lives in profound ways. Beyond the flowers and gifts lies a deeper appreciation for the incredible impact mothers have on our existence.

And they don’t need to fly under bridges or break endurance records. In the tapestry of life, mothers are the golden threads that bind us together. Their presence is a gift that enriches our world in ways words cannot fully capture. As we celebrate Mother’s Day, let us cherish and honor these extraordinary women who personify love, strength and resilience.

LETTERS

D’Esposito gets veterans and migrants wrong

To the Editor:

U.S. Rep. Anthony D’Esposito is pitting New Yorkers against one another, and we see right through it.

In his recent op-ed, “Migrants get more government support than veterans” (April 18-24), D’Esposito baselessly argued that asylum seekers receive more social benefits than U.S. veterans.

His claim is completely inaccurate. There is no question that our country should expand services and safety nets for our veterans. But D’Esposito cherry-picks one measure of VA benefits, failing to mention government investment in pensions, health care, education and other critical services for veterans.

D’Esposito also falsely suggests that “many” migrant families are receiving preloaded debit cards for “a wide range of expenses,” failing to acknowledge that this New York City program is a limited pilot for just 500 families, to cover the cost of essentials like food and diapers. In fact, this is a fiscally sound effort that costs approximately \$12.52 per person per day, saving taxpayers \$600,000 per month and \$7 million per year, while offering families more control over their budgets. If the program is successful in its implementation, we hope it will be expanded to more low-income New Yorkers who are struggling to make ends meet.

D’Esposito claims to care about the well-being of veter-



ans, but he has consistently voted to cut funding for critical lifeline programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, which veterans across the country rely on to cover essential needs. His failure to protect safety-net programs directly puts 18,000 veterans in his district at risk.

Pitting groups against one another does nothing to improve the lives of New Yorkers. It only perpetuates an against-them narrative at a time when our country desperately needs collaboration and unity. If D’Esposito is serious about boosting the safety net for vulnerable New Yorkers, I’d be happy

OPINIONS

The blemish of college demonstrations

The numerous college demonstrations lately have given me a lot of mixed feelings. Having lived through the years when there were other demonstrations, I contrast how those incidents were handled with the present ones. In addition, I can't help but feel some sadness about how



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our elected officials are reacting to these events. In 1970, there were nationwide student protests that spurred mass walkouts from college and high school classrooms. The students were upset about the expansion of the Vietnam War in Cambodia. According

to Wikipedia, the movement began on May 1, and increased dramatically after the killing of four students at Kent State University. At its height, over 4 million students participated. There was some violence, but overall the demonstrations were peaceful.

In their wake, public officials around the country held hearings and initiated investigations into student conduct, and issued numerous reports suggesting how universities should handle such demonstrations and emphasizing the need for better communication

between administration officials and students. This was the responsible way for elected officials to act, compared with how they act today.

Rather than trying to find a consensus on how university officials should react when students stage protests, Republicans have created a partisan divide with their conduct and their rhetoric. Shortly after students at Columbia University began their protest, House Speaker Mike Johnson rushed to the campus and held a news conference, surrounded by eight other Republican members of Congress. No attempt was made to convene a bipartisan group, even though the battle against antisemitism is not a partisan issue.

The protest at Harvard University created the perfect opportunity for the dozens of Harvard alumni now serving in Congress to step forward in a united effort to offer guidance and support to the university. Jeremi Suri, a respected conservative writer, told CNN, "What we need are politicians who, despite their disagreements with liberal professors, are willing to stand up for the benefits they received from their own university education."

Suri went on to say, "Many figures in the Republican Party have the same

education, such as President George Bush, Yale alumni, but few show respect for the campus life that launched their own careers." Members of Congress such as New York's own Elise Stefanik want to burnish their political images by beating up on college officials instead of pushing to reform how campus demonstrations should be handled.

Aside from the partisan attempts to prove which party can better battle antisemitism, today's college leadership is badly handicapped when it comes to handling campus outbursts. Typically, college presidents are chosen based on their academic achievements and their ability to raise money. There is often little or no discussion of whether they are capable of establishing lines of communications with their students.

Many university leaders, such as former Harvard President Claudine Gay, are paralyzed when campus conduct becomes a headache. There are many college presidents who need a crash course in today's challenges, especially because colleges have become scapegoats for numerous Republican members of Congress and governors.

Another issue is the students at those colleges and universities. I've been amazed by how uninformed many

protest participants are from campus to campus. Many have made demands that made no sense, and some have used antisemitic slurs even though they were Jewish. Too many of today's college students seem to be totally unaware of the history of the tensions between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Last but by far not least are the governors and other officials responsible for controlling the upheaval. Some governors have worked with college officials to try to find nonviolent ways to handle the protests. Others, such as Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, sent state police to campuses to arrest protesting students, without any communication with campus officials.

In the months and years ahead, many people will write books about these demonstrations, but little will change. Publicity-minded government officials, anxious to show their law-and-order credentials, will continue to beat up on university officials along with the students. College administrators will continue to botch their responses, absent any seasoned outside help, and the current drama will no doubt be repeated again and again.

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Does the MTA's congestion pricing plan have a fatal flaw?

To the Editor:

Even with congestion pricing scheduled to start on June 30, there is no way the Metropolitan Transportation Authority will be able to advertise, award and issue Notices to Proceed for contractors for \$15 billion worth of projects remaining in the agency's 2020-2024 Five Year Capital Plan before the end of the year. There are also billions of dollars in other ongoing capital projects whose work will be carried over into the MTA's \$51 billion-plus 2025-2029 five-year plan.

There may not be enough resources to integrate the implementation of all of the congestion price-funded projects in the current five-year plan with those in the first and second years of the next five-year plan. The MTA lacks sufficient procurement, project managers, engineers, legal and force account employees, along with track outage availability, to proceed with all these projects in the same time frame.

Billions of dollars' worth of capital-improvement projects will be delayed. Costs will increase due to inflation and other factors as time goes by. The \$51 billion-plus 2025-2029 Five Year Capital Plan is due to be released and adopted within seven months. It should include an integrated schedule for how the billions in carryover projects from the current five-year plan will proceed with billions more planned for the new program.

MTA board members, elected officials, New York City, state and federal funding agencies such as the Federal Transit Administration, along with commuters, taxpayers, transit advocacy groups and transit reporters need to see this critical

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information. It is the only way we can determine if the MTA is up to meeting the challenge.

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CORRECTION

Nosh is not affiliated with the North Shore Soup Kitchen. A story in the April 18-24 issue, 'VFW hall is reborn after fiery blaze,' stated otherwise. Peter M. Budraitis Photography submitted a photo for a story in our May 2-8 issue titled 'Proposed Hempstead Harbor regulations angers boaters,' but the photo was incorrectly credited.

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