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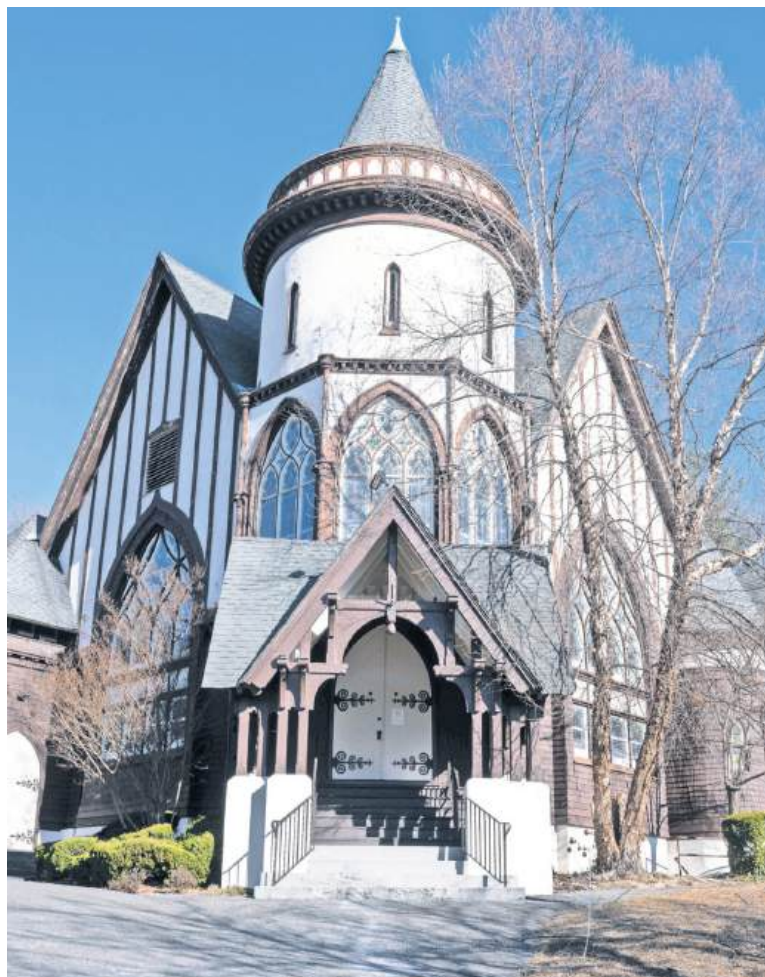
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The end of an era

The First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove held its final service last Saturday.



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Neighborhood leader focuses on safety, beauty and connection

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Lora Cusumano has become a symbol of commitment, leadership and vision in Glen Cove. As the founder of Shore Road Neighbors and the recently appointed chair of the Beautification Commission, she has spearheaded transformative projects that have enhanced her neighborhood's safety, aesthetics and sense of community. Whether rallying residents to advocate for change or organizing events, Cusumano's dedication reflects a deep love for the city she calls her "forever home."

Born at Glen Cove Hospital and raised in

Hicksville, Cusumano, 57, had an early connection to the North Shore. "I've always thought it was the most beautiful area to live in," she said. "For some reason, I just feel like it's home to me."

That sense of belonging drew her back to the area, and she bought her home in Glen Cove two decades ago. Despite the problems with flooding, traffic and noise on Shore Road, she embraced the neighborhood's charm, describing it as a place where "neighbors actually know each other."

Her passion for community engagement led her to found Shore Road Neighbors in 2018, with a mission to improve "safety, beauty and enjoy-

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Curious about family history? Begin here.

By **WILL SHEELINE**

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The North Shore Genealogy Collective, a collaborative effort among six libraries on Long Island's North Shore to provide genealogical resources and education to library patrons, marked its four-year anniversary on Jan. 14.

The group, formed with the goal of pooling resources and expertise, has become a go-to resource for residents passionate about tracing their family histories. The collective was born out of a simple idea: to provide better access to genealogical resources without each library bearing the full financial and logistical burden.

According to Lydia Wen, a librarian and archivist at the Glen Cove Public Library, the collaboration began when she realized that patrons were eager for genealogy programs, but that the budget for such programs was limited.

"I thought, I'm not the only

one interested in this; every small library around me would probably love to have access to more programs for the same amount of money," Wen said. "So let's just pool our resources together and offer our patrons more."

Storytelling will never end, and genealogy is about storytelling.

LYDIA WEN
Librarian,
Glen Cove
Public Library

This initiative quickly expanded into a thriving collective that includes the Glen Cove, Oyster Bay-East Norwich, Gold Coast, Bayville, Locust Valley, and Manhasset libraries, with each contributing to a broader offering of workshops, guest speakers, and other resources.

Each month, the group hosts an online meeting on the second Tuesday, attracting between 50 and 75 participants. The sessions feature guest speakers, discussions genealogy research techniques, and tips for navigating resources like Ancestry.com. Wen noted that the virtual format, which began during the pandemic, has allowed the group to reach a wider audience, with attendees

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School A.P. program sees record growth

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Glen Cove High School's Advanced Placement program was in the spotlight during the Board of Education meeting on January 8, as administrators presented a comprehensive five-year analysis of student performance. The data revealed significant growth in participation, higher test scores, and recognition from the College Board, reflecting the district's efforts to cultivate a strong college-going culture.

Dr. Alexa Doeschner, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology, opened the presentation by emphasizing the district's goals. "We strive to increase the number of students taking AP exams and help them succeed," Doeschner said. "The College Board correlates success in college with the number of APs students are exposed to in high school. That's why we introduce students as early as ninth grade to these opportunities."

Participation in Glen Cove's AP program has risen steadily over the last five years. In 2024, a record 318 students took 639 exams, a jump of 100 exams from the previous year. This represents a significant increase compared to 2020, when 215 students took 401 exams. The percentage of students scoring a three or higher—a benchmark for college credit—also improved to 70.13%, rebounding strongly from a dip during the pandemic in 2021, when it fell to 59.81%.

In science and math, students have shown consistent gains. Dr. Doeschner pointed to AP Environmental Science, which is predominantly taken by ninth-grade students. "Not only have we seen a rise in the average score to 2.9, but we're also surpassing the global average of 2.8," she said. Similarly, students in AP Calculus BC achieved an impressive mean score of



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3.75, indicating mastery of one of the most rigorous high school math courses.

In the humanities, AP U.S. History and AP World History students outperformed global averages, scoring mean scores of 3.6 and 3.21, respectively. "It's inspiring to see our students not only meet but exceed international benchmarks," noted Dr. Doeschner.

Language courses also stood out, with AP Spanish Language and Culture students achieving an average

score of 3.64, above the global average of 3.54. While some subjects, such as AP Statistics and AP Literature, experienced slight dips in average scores, the district is actively analyzing this data to strengthen instructional practices.

Glen Cove High School was recognized on the College Board's AP School Honor Roll, earning a Bronze designation overall. This honor reflects the school's commitment to expanding AP access and helping students achieve college readiness. The school excelled in "College Optimization," receiving the highest Platinum distinction for the percentage of students taking five or more AP exams during their high school careers. "This Platinum recognition underscores our focus on preparing students early, with ninth-grade courses like AP Environmental Science and AP Human Geography playing a key role," said Dr. Doeschner.

The school also celebrated its AP Scholars, with 126 distinctions awarded to students. Among these were 56 AP Scholars, 11 AP Scholars with Honor, and 28 AP Scholars with Distinction, reflecting steady growth since 2020. Additionally, students earned prestigious AP Capstone Diplomas and AP Seminar and Research Certificates, demonstrating their ability to conduct in-depth research and analysis.

"These honors are not easy to achieve," Doeschner noted. "Our students are scoring at least a 3.5 on five or more exams, showing their dedication and hard work. It's truly amazing to see their accomplishments."

"We're thrilled to see more students challenging themselves," said Superintendent Maria Rianna. "As a district, it's been our goal year after year to encourage more children to take AP courses and to prepare them for success. The data proves that our efforts are working."

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From holiday cheer to environmental care

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The scent of pine lingered in the crisp winter air at Morgan Park on Saturday morning as the City of Glen Cove hosted its annual Chip-A-Tree event, a cherished tradition that transforms discarded Christmas trees into nutrient-rich mulch. Despite the frigid temperatures and a light snowfall, the Glen Cove Beautification Commission, the Department of Public Works, and a group of dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly for three hours, collecting trees and preparing them for the woodchipper. This eco-friendly initiative has closed out the holiday season for decades, reflecting the city's commitment to sustainability and community beautification.

Tree-cycling, or mulching, is an environmentally conscious way to dispose of old Christmas trees while providing lasting benefits to gardens and green spaces. The mulch, a thick layer of material spread over soil, serves as a natural barrier against weeds, retains moisture, prevents erosion, and regulates soil temperature. This year, the event produced over 50 yards of mulch from more than 325 trees, weighing a total of 17 tons. The mulch will soon be distributed across Glen Cove's parks and flowerbeds, nourishing the soil and enhancing the city's natural beauty.

The event operated smoothly as a steady stream of cars arrived at the Morgan Park parking lot, where volunteers swiftly unloaded trees and fed them into the industrial woodchipper. Each drop-off was quick and efficient, ensuring residents could easily participate in this community-driven effort.

"Residents should feel rewarded because the trees they drop off are not just discarded but turned into mulch, which is returned back to the earth," said Dr. Eve Lupenko-Ferrante, a board member of the Beautification Commission. "Each year, a different location is



Roksana Amid/Herald photos

Glen Cove Beautification, city officials, the Department of Public Works and other volunteers braved the frigid temperatures to volunteer their time for the Chip-A-Tree event.

chosen to be the recipient of this natural soil benefit."

Among the participants was Katherine Obermeyer, a two-year Glen Cove resident who brought her Christmas tree for recycling for the second consecutive year. "I love being able to recycle my tree," Obermeyer shared. "It's wonderful knowing it's being put to good use in our community."

The Chip-A-Tree event highlights the city's dedication to environmental stewardship while fostering a sense of community pride. As the mulch finds its way into parks and gardens across Glen Cove, residents can take satisfaction in knowing their trees have been repurposed to benefit the city's green spaces for months to come.



Coleen Spinello, a member of Glen Cove Beautification, was one of a dozen volunteers who helped put trees in the wood chipper.



Morgan Memorial Park was filled with the smell of pine trees.



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Koslow to campaign for county executive

By JORDAN VALLONE

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Nassau County Legislator Seth Koslow has officially launched his campaign for Nassau County executive, pledging to bring accountability, affordability and responsible governance back to the county.

Koslow, a Democrat who represents parts of Freeport, Merrick and Bellmore in the legislature, plans to end the misuse of public funds and focus on policies that benefit Nassau County residents, rather than political agendas.

"This administration has broken their promises and failed Nassau residents," Koslow said in a Jan. 8 news release. "Nassau County families are being squeezed while their tax dollars are wasted on frivolous lawsuits, inflated salaries, and self-serving political promotions. I'm running to restore trust, eliminate waste, and make our county more affordable for everyone."

Jay Jacobs, the New York state and Nassau County Democratic Committee chairman, said, "This is an important moment for Nassau County. We need a leader that will put families first, fight for fiscal responsibility, and work tirelessly to keep our communities safe. Seth Koslow has the integrity and vision to lead Nassau County out of the current administration's incompetence."

Koslow, 42, grew up in Baldwin, and

was first elected to the legislature in 2023 to represent the newly formed 5th District. A former prosecutor in Queens, he's currently a criminal defense attorney who resides in Merrick with his wife, three children and rescue pup.

"We deserve better," Koslow told the Herald last week. "As a dad, as a coach, as a family man — living and growing up in Nassau County — I've seen Nassau County for the last 40-something years. I've seen the good and bad, and I don't like where we're going."

Koslow's priorities, include making Nassau County more affordable by lowering property taxes and implementing fiscally responsible policies to ease the burden on residents; eliminating waste by ending unnecessary legal battles and reducing oversized administrative expenses to ensure public funds are used effectively; introducing accountability measures to ensure every dollar is spent with residents' best interests in mind; and strengthening communities by investing in essential services, infrastructure, law enforcement and education to improve the quality of life across Nassau County.

Koslow criticized Blakeman's

administration for spending "countless dollars defending lawsuits" because of the county's transgender ban, which prohibits girls' and women's teams with transgender athletes from competing at public facilities; the county's mask ban, which makes it a crime for those wearing a mask or face covering to hide their identity, except for health or religious reasons; and the county's plan to form an armed, civilian militia that could operate as a de facto police force during emergencies.

"People in Nassau County are concerned about their money and their affordability — that's important to them," Koslow said. "These other issues are not important to them. They may be on a national scale, but that's not what's important in local, every day politics."

Blakeman, a Republican, was elected to the county executive position in 2021.

In response, Chris Boyle, a spokesman for Blakeman, said in a statement, "Bruce Blakeman didn't raise taxes even after inflation went through the roof, refused to make Nassau a sanctuary county, put more cops on our streets, fought against radical pro-criminal policies and made Nassau the safest county in America. There's no better choice for county executive than Bruce Blake-

man."

According to Koslow, Nassau County was dubbed "the safest county in America" because of its police force — not because of Blakeman.

"We have a fantastic police force, and I know that they want more police officers," Koslow said. "We should reinvest in that to make sure we have the safest county in America forever."

In regards to accountability, Koslow cited the county's 2025-2028 budget, which was sent back to the drawing board by the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority, a public benefit corporation that supervises the county's finances.

"NIFA kicked back the budget because administration was playing fast and loose with the way they did their accounting and how they accounted for certain funds," Koslow said. "And if it wasn't for NIFA demanding that they redo the budget, would that budget have been accurate or would it have been illegal, incorrect, and we'd be in hole next year?"

Koslow said his campaign would be "solution-oriented."

"We're all tired of elected officials and candidates pointing out the problems in our communities," he said. "We all know what the problems are, but no one's willing to offer solutions. to offer

The election for the county executive seat will take place this November.



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For Medicaid, the house is an exempt asset so long as a spouse is residing there, up to \$1.1 million of equity for 2025. Seeing as over 80% of nursing home residents do not have a spouse, it is better to plan ahead with

a Medicaid Asset Protection Trust (MAPT) to get the five year look-back for nursing facility care. In that case, the house would be protected by the trust rather than the unreliable spousal exemption. Unless your other assets have been protected by the MAPT, an individual may keep about \$31,500 and a spouse at home can keep up to about \$158,000.

The often-delayed imposition of the new two and a half year look-back for home care, is not on the horizon for 2025. Currently there is no look-back for home-care and you do not have to worry about getting home care until you actually need it. Nevertheless, this may change in the future so the MAPT remains as an important as a tool to qualify you for home care as well as protecting your assets from a nursing home. Assets should be moved into the MAPT years ahead of time if you want to be able to afford to stay in your own home and get home health aides for assistance with the activities of daily living, should the need arise.

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Christopher Judge is director NSHM

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By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Christopher A. Judge, the newly appointed Director of the North Shore Historical Museum, has always followed his heart, even when it led him down unexpected paths. From a successful career in sales to an impactful journey through non-profit work, Christopher's story is one of reinvention, passion, and dedication to preserving history and fostering community engagement.

Born with a love for music, Judge earned undergraduate degrees in Vocal Performance and Music Therapy from SUNY New Paltz. He sang professionally at Christ Church in Oyster Bay for 14 years, a role that connected him to the community and began his deep engagement with the area's rich history. "My way of introduction into Oyster Bay was through Christ Church," he recalls. "I've sung professionally with the choir there, which gave me a sense of belonging and a love for the area."

Building on the museum's existing community engagement efforts and preserving local heritage are my top priorities.

CHRISTOPHER JUDGE
director,
NSHM

Judge began his career in sales, where he quickly climbed the ladder to become a district sales manager for MarketSource, overseeing operations in New York City. Despite his achievements, something was missing.

"The excitement of my day-to-day work started to fizzle," he said. "I realized my heart was pulling me elsewhere. I didn't want to help someone build a seventh house; I wanted to do something meaningful."

Taking a leap of faith, he transitioned to the non-profit sector, a move he describes as terrifying but ultimately fulfilling.

"It's gone from one success to the next," Judge said. "I know the universe

is leading me in the right path."

Judge's journey through non-profit work began with Friends of the Bay and later Raynham Hall Museum in Oyster Bay, where he served as Director of Visitor Services and Marketing. Over his seven-year tenure, he played a pivotal role in revitalizing the museum's programs.

At Raynham Hall, Judge helped develop tour content alongside the education director, established historic spirits tours and boat tours, and reintroduced the Oyster Bay walking tours. His efforts extended beyond programming to preservation, where he led initiatives to conserve cemetery headstones and repaint historic markers. These projects underscored his commitment to preserving local heritage while fostering community involvement.

His innovative spirit also led to the introduction of technology-driven exhibits at Raynham Hall.

"We incorporated interactive ele-



Courtesy Glen Cove city

The North Shore Historical Museum is filled with local history. The museum is located at 140 Glen Street in Glen Cove.

ments like augmented reality and artificial intelligence," he said. "Visitors could ask questions to a digital George Washington, who would search his 'digital brain' to provide answers. It was a fantastic way to engage young people and make history come alive."

Judge's appointment as Director of the North Shore Historical Museum is a natural progression of his dedication to history and community. His vision for the museum is ambitious yet grounded. He aims to expand educational outreach, establish partnerships with schools and libraries, and introduce interactive exhibits that incorporate cutting-edge technology.

"I would love to institute programs similar to what I developed at Raynham Hall," he said. "Building on the museum's existing community engagement efforts and preserving local heritage are my top priorities."

In addition to his professional achievements, Judge is pursuing an

MBA at Long Island University, with a focus on non-profit management.



Courtesy Christopher Judge

Christopher A. Judge is the newly appointed Director of the North Shore Historical Museum. He frequently dresses in historic attire while giving tours at Raynham Hall.

"One of the classes I'm taking is accounting for non-profits, which will help me in my new position," he said.

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The Tribute and Honor Foundation sold out its awards ceremony last year.

The Tribute and Honor Foundation gala

The Tribute and Honor Foundation is gearing up for its 4th Annual Tribute and Honor Awards and Fundraising Gala, scheduled for Feb. 1 at The Crescent Beach Club, 333 Bayville Ave, Bayville. The event celebrates the remarkable contributions of Long Island veterans and their supporters while raising funds to further the Foundation's mission of recognizing and assisting the veteran community.

"This event allows us to spotlight individuals and organizations who truly embody the spirit of service," said Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, President of the Tribute and Honor Foundation. "Each honoree represents the best of what it means to serve others, both in and out of uniform."

This year's honorees include Tony Bliss, recipient of the Legacy Award, a decorated Vietnam veteran, journalist, and organizer of the Locust Valley Memorial Day Parade for over 20 years. Robert Bazan, a former Navy captain and past Commander of Glenwood Landing American Legion Post 336, will receive the Leadership Award. Melonie

Longacre, an Army veteran and Associate Executive Director of Hospital Operations at Northwell Health, will be honored with the Community Service Award.

Other honorees include Gulf War Army veteran Michael Danchalski, receiving the Volunteer Award, and Andrea Nordquist, President of Military Blue Star Mothers NY 14, awarded the Homefront Award. The 22 PTSD Awareness Challenge, a 22-mile kayak event raising awareness for PTSD, will receive the Awareness and Remembrance Award. Additional honors include the Impact Award for Navy veteran Walter Williams and the Front Runner Award for Shannon O'Neill, Director of Veteran Services at Suffolk County Community College.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at www.tributeandhonorfoundation.org, with early bird pricing through Jan. 18. Proceeds support initiatives like the Ben Farnan Scholarship and local veteran memorial projects.

—Roksana Amid

County opens emergency warming spaces

Nassau County Executive Bruce A. Blakeman has announced the activation of temporary warming spaces to assist residents during extreme winter conditions. These spaces will open when the wind chill drops to 32 degrees Fahrenheit or below for two consecutive hours or more. The initiative aims to provide a safe and warm refuge for individuals in need, particularly those without access to adequate shelter during harsh weather.

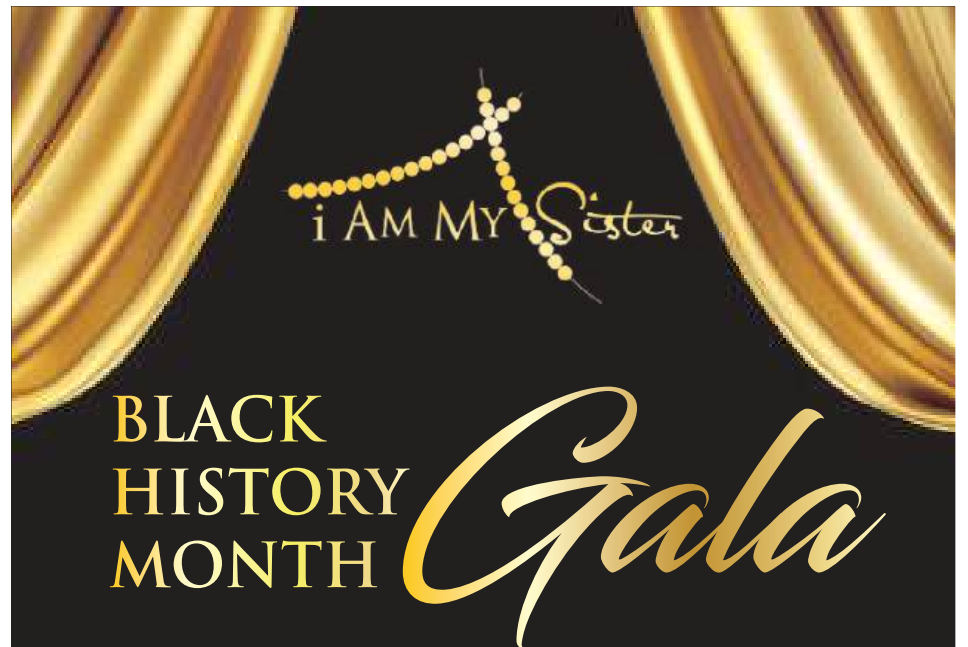
Three warming locations have been designated across the county. The Cantiague Park Administration Office, located at 480 W. John Street in Hicksville, will operate from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily. Individuals remaining after the facility closes will be transported by the Nassau County Police Department to the Mitchel Field Administration Building. The Mitchel Field Administration Building, located at 1 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard in Uniondale, will remain open 24 hours a day to accommodate overnight stays. Additionally, the Wantagh Admin-

istration Building at 1 King Road in Wantagh will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with transportation provided to Mitchel Field for those needing shelter after closing hours.

This winter relief effort reflects the county's commitment to safeguarding vulnerable populations during extreme weather. By offering safe spaces and transportation, Nassau County ensures that no one is left in the cold. Residents are encouraged to spread awareness of this program to those who may need it, helping to create a safer and more compassionate community during the winter months.

Residents who encounter someone in need of shelter are encouraged to contact the Nassau County Winter Homeless Hotline at 1-866-WARM-BED (1-866-927-6233). For emergencies requiring immediate transport to a warming space, individuals can call 9-1-1 for assistance.

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Officials address the State of the Region

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By JEFFREY BESSEN, CAROLYN JAMES & MOHAMMAD RAFIQ

Special to the Herald

U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer began with a joke. Matt Cohen, president and CEO of the Long Island Association, moderated a discussion among Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine and Richard Schaffer, president of the Long Island Supervisors Association. Gov. Kathy Hochul spoke about having an impact.

The ballroom at the Crest Hollow Country Club, in Woodbury, was filled with many appointed and elected government officials, along with many more movers and shakers, on Jan. 10 for the LIA's annual State of the Region Breakfast.

This is a portion of what the elected leaders had to say.

Sen. Chuck Schumer

The former U.S. Senate majority leader, now the minority leader, began the morning with joke. The punch line of a tale about a woman being sentenced to four nights in jail for stealing a can of four peaches is her husband interrupting the proceeds by shouting, "She also stole a can of peas!"

The room filled with laughter, and then Schumer turned serious on several topics, including his hard work to attain his position in the Senate. He noted that despite the partisanship in Washington, Long Island elected leaders from both political parties are working together to bring federal money to the region.

"I'll keep fighting for Long Island," Schumer said, noting a \$400 million Federal Emergency Management Agency grant for the Long Island Power Authority to strengthen the electrical power infrastructure.

Schumer said he was committed to reinstating the deduction for state and local taxes, as should the entire state congressional delegation.

"We should be united in doing that, so that our people will stay here, new people will want to come here," he said. "There is no reason for any member of the New York delegation should settle for anything less than the full restitution of SALT with no cap."

Gov. Kathy Hochul

The governor, who traveled to the event on the Long Island Rail Road, noted that the state would be investing \$1.5 billion in the LIRR. The state is also allocating over \$51 million for public safety on Long Island.

"We have to have the courage and vision to do more," Hochul said of the issue of affordable housing.

She acknowledged the impact of climate change, from the wildfires in California to the fires in upstate New York in November, and from flooding in the Hudson Valley in July to flooding in Suffolk County in August.

"So, we have to be ready for this," Hochul said. "We are the first genera-



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LIA President and CEO Matt Cohen, far right, moderated the panel discussion, which included Long Island Supervisors Association President Richard Schaffer, far left, Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine and Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman.



Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer noted that restoring the deduction for state and local taxes was a priority.

tion to feel the ill effects of climate change, and we're the last generation that can do something about it."

She advocated for offshore wind power generation, saying it's the way to go.

She also said she was motivated to help businesses big and small, because of the economic hard times she saw growing up. "No large business ever started as a large business — they all started small," Hochul said, noting her mother's small business to help displaced homemakers.

Since she became governor, she said, 53,000 jobs have been created on Long Island, and that in 2023 alone, 47,000 new businesses started here.

County Executive Bruce Blakeman

Blakeman touted his record as county executive.

"Nassau County was named by U.S. News & World Report as the safest county of all the United States of America," he said, crediting officers of the county Police Department. "They do an outstanding job," he said. "The men and women work very, very hard to keep us all safe."



Gov. Kathy Hochul touched on a number of topics at the State of the Region event at the Crest Hollow Country Club.

On the proposed Sands casino, Blakeman said the process is progressing, and he believes the county has the best application.

"I think it will generate a lot of jobs — we're talking about potentially \$5 billion in construction jobs," he said. "We're talking about revenue that will be spread out in various communities. I believe that, hopefully, we can get a favorable decision from the licensing board, and we'll go full speed ahead."

On affordable housing, Blakeman said, "We have 80-year-old sewers that need to be revitalized ... and we need at least \$100 million over the next five years to do that."

County Executive Ed Romaine

Romaine declared that "Amtrak is coming to Ronkonkoma," and spoke about affordable housing. Referring to the state's push to bring development to Nassau and Suffolk counties, Romaine said he agreed that Long Island would benefit from meeting the housing needs of lower-income residents, senior citizens and young people.

He quickly added a caveat, however.

"We also need the infrastructure,

including sewers, to support these projects," Romaine said, noting that there are 3,400 projects under consideration in Suffolk that can't be built because the county doesn't have the sewer capacity — and that is the major obstacle for almost every major project undertaken on Long Island.

Increasing affordable housing on Long Island, once a local and regional issue, is front and center in Albany, as the state — dangling lots of state dollars — urges counties, towns and villages to embrace its new housing initiative. He added that the measure has been greeted with mixed reviews, as local officials remain concerned that opting into the state program will undercut local controls like planning and zoning codes.

Romaine was visibly angry about the taxes that Suffolk residents pay on their home electric and heating bills. He promised to suspend those taxes, as well as the gasoline tax.

"We should make it more affordable for the average person to live here," he said. If not, people will move off Long Island "like the rest of the state. (People) don't just vote at the ballot box; they vote with their feet. New York lost (more) people than any other state. That's a wake-up call.

Supervisor Richard Schaffer

Schaffer, the Town of Babylon supervisor and the Suffolk County Democratic chairman, noted his beginnings in the County Legislature, where he worked across the aisle in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

"We're not elected to come here and put on a show to make it into Newsday or make it onto News12," Schaffer said. "We're here to get things done." He noted that that is his philosophy, and Romaine's thinking as well.

"The stars have aligned, and not only do we have people who have known each other for a very long time, but also key, trust each other in order to do the right thing," Schaffer added of his relationships with Romaine and Town of Islip Supervisor Angie Carpenter.

Lora Cusumano is a 'diamond in the rough' ⁹

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ment for all" along the scenic thoroughfare that runs through Glen Cove, Sea Cliff and Glenwood Landing. Recognizing the area's potential as a recreational waterfront hub, Cusumano took the lead in addressing concerns about traffic congestion and pedestrian safety.

"We were trying to figure out ways to make our neighborhood safer, more walkable, bicycle-friendly, and not a cut-through for people rushing from Glen Cove to the (Long Island) expressway," she said.

With her leadership, the group notched a number of successes, including reducing Shore Road's speed limit to 25 mph, which made the road safer for residents and visitors alike. Beyond advocacy, Shore Road Neighbors became a catalyst for community engagement. Cusumano has organized cleanup events and holiday gatherings to bring neighbors together.

"There's power in numbers," she said, emphasizing the importance of collective action.

"She's tenacious, but in a gentle way," Richard Berka, Cusumano's neighbor on Shore Road and a SRN member, said. "She has a point to make, and a reason for everything she's doing."

Cusumano's influence extends beyond Neighbors. Appointed chair of the Glen Cove Beautification Commis-



Irene Lucarelli, left, and Lora Cusumano, members of the Beautification Commission, disposed of the litter they found in the city on Earth Day 2023.

Roksana Amid/Herald

sion last week, she will oversee projects that enhance the city's appearance, from litter prevention campaigns to streetscape improvements. Her role builds on years of grassroots efforts to beautify as well as improve Shore Road.

Michael Ktistakis, a city councilman and a liaison to the Beautification Commission, describes Cusumano as "our diamond in the rough" and credits her with fostering an open and welcoming environment that inspires volunteers to get involved. "She brings so much to the table with her marketing and social skills," Ktistakis added.

One of Nassau County's most ambitious projects is the planned comprehensive renovation of Shore Road, set to begin in 2026. The cost of the work has been estimated at between \$14 million and \$18 million, and it will address flooding, upgrade traffic signals, add bike lanes and improve sidewalks. Cusumano was instrumental in advocating for the changes, collaborating with local officials as well as County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, who praised her organizational efforts.

"Her passion definitely showed the need, which always helps in pushing

projects with the county," DeRiggi-Whitton said.

Cusumano's journey to becoming one of Glen Cove's most respected advocates was shaped by her diverse background. A former competitive figure skater, she spent her youth balancing skating with modeling gigs in Manhattan. Her early experiences instilled a strong work ethic and a knack for multitasking. Later she earned a bachelor's degree in business management and marketing from SUNY Empire and a master's in real estate, becoming the first beneficiary of the National Association of Realtors' program in New York state.

In her professional life, Cusumano is the founder and director of Lux House Hunters, a firm specializing in exclusive buyer representation. Her approach to real estate is rooted in integrity.

"I wanted to practice in a way where I knew I was doing the right thing for the buyer," she said. That ethos mimics her community work, in which she advocates for the collective good.

"She deserves a lot more credit than she gets," Berka said. "She's a real workhorse in getting things done."

Whether it's organizing an American flag project, hosting a fundraiser or mobilizing neighbors for a cleanup, Cusumano's impact is felt throughout Glen Cove. Her work ethic and ability to inspire others have made her a beacon of progress in the community.

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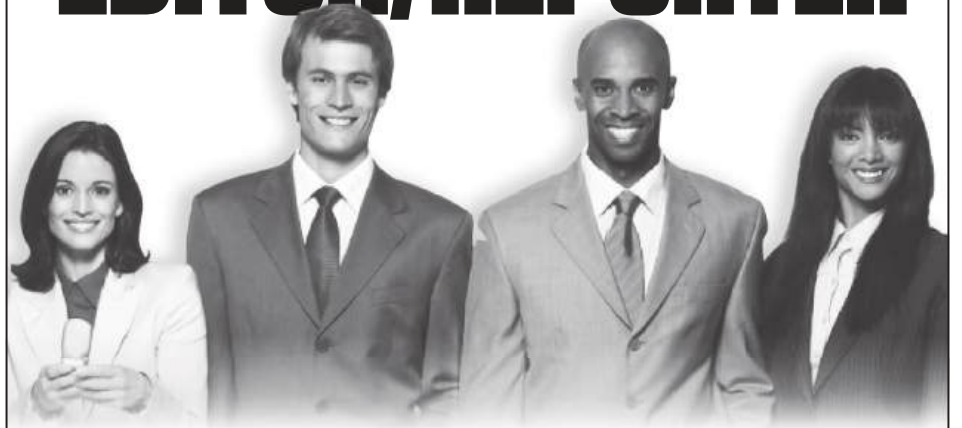
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Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove gather for one last service.

First Presbyterian Church holds final service

The First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove, founded in 1869, held its final service on Saturday after more than 150 years of service. Once a vibrant hub of faith and community, it had been a second home for many. However, attendance had dwindled, and the small congregation could no longer afford the costly repairs the historic building required. The church had evolved over the years, championing inclusivity and social justice, with milestones like adopting an open policy on LGBTQ+ rights and founding the North Shore Sheltering Program after a local homeless man was found dead in 2000. Despite these achievements, cultural shifts, disillusionment with institutional religion, and the impacts of political polarization led to declining membership, particularly among younger generations. Reverend Lana Hurst, who had joined in 2020, acknowledged that the church's decline had been ongoing long before the pandemic. Though the building was sold and its future uncertain, the congregation planned to continue the Seekers' Hour book discussion group, ensuring the spirit of the church lived on.

—Roksana Amid



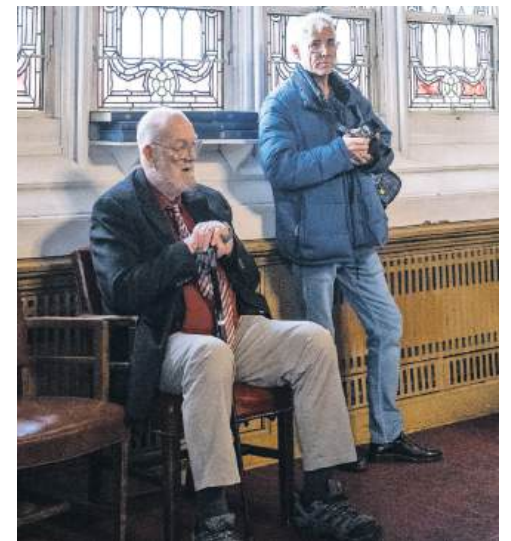
Members of the congregation reflected on legacy of faith, community, and social justice.



Karin Campbell addressed the congregation reflecting on her years with the church.



Don Adams, moderator to the long Island Presbyterian Church, Rev Ann Van Cleef and Pastor Lana Hurst led the final service together.



Longtime friends and family members sat together to look at the stunning architecture of the historic church.

On a path to success

Middle school students find their way through young adulthood

The move from elementary school to middle school marks the beginning of a new set of expectations and a new world of opportunities. Challenging academic curriculum, inspired Catholic teachings, and an array of new after-school activities give each student the intellectual, spiritual and social preparation needed for greater achievement in high school, college and beyond.

A renewed focus on study skills and research skills begin to prepare students for the rigors of high school, and the programs and activities the students once participated in, they now lead. They mentor younger students, assume larger roles in liturgies, and lead activities ranging from science fairs to drama productions. From captaining sports teams to supervising community service work, middle school students learn to motivate and manage others.

Maintaining academic superiority

The middle school program continues the student's challenging academic curriculum. Rigorous literature, math, computer, art, music and foreign language classes continue to engage all students, and qualifying students can enhance their studies with accelerated programs. Middle school students consistently score in the top percentages on national and state testing and most schools boast a 100 percent acceptance rate into prestigious Long Island Catholic high schools.

Putting their faith into practice

The moral and spiritual lessons students have learned along the way guide them in charitable activities and community service. From stocking food banks to sharing with those less fortunate, Catholic school students put their faith into action by responding to others in a caring, respectful and helpful manner every day. Middle school students also play an important role in the school by mentoring others through participation in buddy programs and by modeling their faith for younger students.

Putting Giving back to the Parish community

As students reach middle school they begin to assume more important roles in their faith community. Middle school students assist with the Parish ministries including Parish Outreach, they function as altar servers, and they participate in prayer groups. Seventh and eighth grade students mentor younger students, they lead the Student Government, staff the Safety Patrol, participate in the National Junior Honor Society and lead prayer services. It is in the middle school level that lifetime bridges between our students and the parish are created.

Putting A broader range of sports and activities

In addition to continuing some of the interests students have been cultivating since Early



Education in language, band and choir, middle school students get to help their fellow students by supporting the school's labs as a member of the Technology Club, they assist other students as Library/Media Club members, and the can participate in STEM Science Fairs and Math Bees. Aspiring journalists create and produce school newspapers or produce radio or TV broadcasts. The athletic types participate in CMSAA (Catholic Middle School Athletic Association) organized interscholastic sports programs. And there are new and more advanced extracurricular activities exclusively for middle school like the drama club that supports each year's theatrical production and trips and retreats become more

advanced and more frequent.

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Six libraries share genealogical resources

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tuning in from various parts of the country.

The collective is also affiliated with the Genealogy Federation of Long Island, which provides access to specialized resources such as Italian and Jewish genealogy groups, further expanding the scope of the collective's offerings.

"More and more organizations are digitizing and putting things online," Wen said. "So, there's more things to discover, more things to know about your family tree that you didn't know before."

For Clare Trollo, adult program director for the Gold Coast Library, joining the collective was an ideal opportunity to expand their genealogical programming. Previously, the library offered occasional programs, but the response was inconsistent. The collective, she said, allowed them to access a wider range of programs, speakers, and resources without significantly increasing costs.

"It's been a fantastic opportunity, and it's been wonderful for the libraries," Trollo said. "It's been so terrific in fact that we used it as a model to start another group for lectures, the North Shore Library Consortium."

The collaborative model has paid dividends not just for library patrons but for library staff as well. Marion Dodson, programming librarian for the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, highlighted how the sharing of



Courtesy Lydia Wen

The idea for the Genealogy Collective grew out of the interest expressed by members of the Glen Cove Public Library's Genealogy Club in hosting more events.

ideas and resources has created a thriving community of genealogists across the North Shore.

"We share ideas, resources, and even local history knowledge. It's been very cooperative," Dodson said. "The topics are very, very varied, covering everything from immigration patterns of various ethnic groups to how to figure out when someone's relatives first arrived in this country."

Through their work, the North Shore Genealogy Collective has also become a bridge between past and present, helping people connect with their family

histories and uncovering local stories. Wen shared an example from Glen Cove, where a researcher discovered a relative who had been killed in action in World War I. Through the collective, they connected with a group in France that was planning a commemoration for this soldier.

Such connections, Wen explained, highlight the broader appeal of amateur genealogical research in the area.

"Storytelling will never end, and genealogy is about storytelling," Wen said. "It's about uncovering our ancestors' stories, and how those stories give

shape to our own."

The collaborative approach has also allowed the collective to bring in a diverse array of speakers and topics. In the past year, the collective hosted a special session with genealogists from Ulster County in Ireland and a talk on Eastern European genealogy. These events, which may not have been feasible for individual libraries to host alone, were made possible through the collective's pooled resources.

Over the past four years, the collective has seen steady growth, both in terms of the number of participants and the breadth of its offerings. For Trollo, the collaborative model has been a resounding success, helping libraries provide more to their communities without the need for increased funding.

"It's just been a win-win for everyone involved," she said. "We can offer our patrons more, and we're able to work with other libraries, share ideas, and create something truly special."

As the North Shore Genealogy Collective heads into its fifth year, the group plans to continue its mission of bringing genealogical resources and knowledge to local communities. To learn more about their upcoming virtual meetings, which are available to anyone, including non-library members, visit any one of the participating libraries' websites or visit the Genealogy Federation of Long Island's calendar at GFLI.net/events.

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Nassau Chamber group begins workshops

By ANGELINA ZINGARIELLO

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The Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce has launched a series of workshops to strengthen small businesses and address common challenges entrepreneurs face in an increasingly digital economy across the region. The first one was Tuesday, and there are six more, scheduled for Thursday and on Jan. 21, 22, 23, 28 and 29.

"This is really all about supporting small businesses and their positive impact across the board in Nassau County," the council's president, Frank Camarano Jr., said. "The chambers are our workers on the ground, in every community, hand in hand with the folks that live there. Now, while it's great having so many — it really is — they're obviously smaller, so the available resources are harder for them to tap into, and it all gets spread out. Also, each voice, individually, is sometimes hard to hear, yet combined — what a difference. That's where we come in, to support them, of course, and make up for as many missing pieces as we can along the way.

"There's this saying, 'When something is done correctly, it looks like nothing has been done at all,'" Camarano continued. "No fanfare, just a lot of work. It's the chamber way. It's our way."

"The workshops are paid for through

a grant made possible by County Executive Bruce Blakeman and the Legislature," the council's second vice president, Joseph Garcia, said. "It shows they understand the hardships small businesses have faced as we endured and recover from the Covid-19 pandemic."

The initiative stems from a survey of local chambers and small business owners, identifying areas where support is needed the most. Three specialized workshops have been developed, covering financial management, marketing and communications and computer systems. Each session will focus on practical, hands-on training to equip participants with the skills necessary to adapt and thrive.

The financial management workshop will explore topics such as tax planning, cash flow management and strategies for acquiring capital. Attendees will also learn bookkeeping fundamentals and techniques for preparing and analyzing financial statements.

The marketing and communications workshop will help businesses develop effective social media strategies, implement online marketing techniques and optimize their e-commerce operations. The computer systems workshop will

address website optimization, cybersecurity best practices and implementing business software, along with guidance on system backup and recovery procedures.

"The goal of this first round of workshops is to provide the type of support usually reserved for big, multi-million-dollar companies and franchises," Garcia said. "Bringing this to small businesses of all types in Nassau County will pay dividends for our business owners, our county, in additional sales taxes, and strengthen our communities."

The workshops are divided into three zones based on location: In Zone One, north of Route 25, they will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Roslyn. In Zone Two, south of

Route 25 and west of the Meadowbrook Parkway, they will take place at American Legion Post 44, in Malverne; and in Zone Three, south of Route 25 and east of the Meadowbrook, will be held at American Legion Post 1066, in Massapequa. The Herald is presenting on marketing in Zone One on Jan. 21.

Each zone will host three separate workgroups on different nights, for a total of nine workgroups. Businesses are encouraged, but not required, to

attend the workgroups in their zone, and cannot participate in the same workgroup across multiple zones.

This workshop series is part of the council's broader efforts to support Nassau County's small businesses as they navigate the challenges of the post-pandemic economic landscape.

In February, the council will expand its resources by relocating its offices to Nassau Community College. The move will enhance its capacity to serve the business community through additional workshops, collaborative programs with college faculty and enhanced hands-on business education experiences, and provide internship opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience with local enterprises.

"We are grateful to Nassau Community College President Maria P. Conzatti and Jerry Kornbluth, along with their dedicated staff, for their partnership in this initiative," Gary Slavin, treasurer of the council, added. "This collaboration will create valuable opportunities for both our small business community and the college's students."

"With the massive support of County Executive Bruce Blakeman and the Legislature, and not just financially, we are all getting it done together," Camarano said. "We are very proud, and extremely thankful."

For more information or to register, visit nchambers.org.



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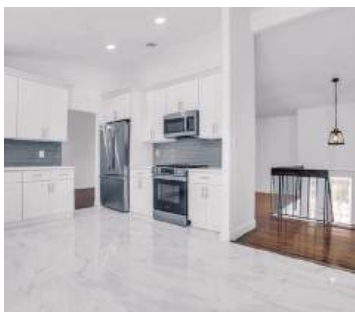
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NEWS BRIEF

PowerSchool breach impacts Glen Cove

The Glen Cove City School District was part of a global cybersecurity incident involving PowerSchool, the district's Student Information System. The breach occurred when an unauthorized party accessed PowerSchool's customer data through a compromised employee credential. Although this incident impacted PowerSchool systems worldwide, it did not originate within the Glen Cove City School District.

According to PowerSchool, the breach exposed limited data fields, including student and staff names, contact information, parent/guardian names, and students' dates of birth. Importantly, no financial information, social security numbers, or other highly

sensitive personal identifiers were accessed.

PowerSchool became aware of the breach on Dec. 28, 2024, and immediately took action to contain the incident. The compromised credentials were deactivated, access to the system was restricted, and law enforcement was notified. The company reports that the data has been destroyed and no additional copies exist.

In response, Glen Cove schools are working closely with Nassau BOCES and PowerSchool to mitigate risks. As a precaution, a district-wide mandatory password reset for all staff and students has been implemented. Maria L. Rianna

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CRIME WATCH

ARRESTS

- A 28-year-old Brooklyn male was arrested on Jan. 7, for criminal possession of a controlled substance, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, illegal tint and unregistered motor vehicle on Cedar Swamp Road.
- A 31-year-old Flushing male was arrested on Jan. 7 for robbery, burglary, menacing and criminal possession of a weapon on Glen Street.
- A 30-year-old Ozone Park male was arrested on Jan. 8 for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and various equipment violations on Forest Avenue.
- A 32-year-old Glen Cove female was arrested on Jan. 8 for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to stop at a stop sign on Landing Road.
- A 44-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Jan. 8 for resisting arrest and on two arrest warrants for criminal possession of stolen property and criminal possession of a controlled substance on Glen Cove Avenue.
- A 39-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Jan. 9 for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failing to stop for a red light on Landing Road.
- A 23-year-old Lindenhurst male was arrested on Jan. 10 on arrest warrants for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and various motor vehicle equipment violations on Bridge Street.
- A 60-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Jan. 11 for frivving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident on Chestnut Street.
- A 20-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Jan. 11 for criminal possession of a weapon in and menacing on Valentine Avenue.
- A 44-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Jan. 12 for an arrest warrant for aggravated unlicensed operation and criminal possession of a controlled substance in and vehicle and traffic violations on Pratt Boulevard.

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Lentil, Kale and Sausage Soup

Savor the moment in your cozy kitchen

Let those chef skills take center stage on wintry day

By Karen Bloom

Settle in for some comfy winter nesting during these frigid days. And, of course, it's certainly time to refocus on a healthier eating now that we're finished with those weeks of festive over-indulgence.

January is the ideal time to reset and get into the kitchen and work on some "Top Chef" skills. It's not that difficult with some great comforting — healthy — foods to warm the heart and soul.

Experiment with new culinary creations that incorporate bold flavors for delicious results. Nothing pleases the senses quite like a hearty dish on a cold evening. Try adding these recipes to your repertoire.

Country Stew

A classic stick-to-your-ribs stew is the ideal project for a chilly weekend. A terrific winter warmer-upper, serve with a hearty bread or corn bread.

- 5 pounds bone-in short ribs, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups water
- 1 1/3 cups Zinfandel wine
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 6 large potatoes, washed, peeled and quartered
- 1/2 pound small fresh mushrooms, cleaned and trimmed
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen whole green beans
- 1 can (16 ounces) peeled whole tomatoes, undrained

Dredge ribs in flour to coat; reserve leftover flour. Heat oil in 8-quart Dutch oven on moderate heat. Add half of ribs and brown on all sides. Once browned, remove ribs. Repeat instructions for remaining ribs. Stir in the reserved flour. While stirring, add 1 cup water and wine and stir until thickened. Return ribs to the pan. Add onion, garlic, salt, pepper and bouillon and bring to a boil. Cover and lower heat to simmer for about 1 hour, or until ribs are tender. Remove ribs with slotted spoon and cover with foil to keep warm. Add potatoes, mushrooms and beans. Simmer 20 to 30 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Add ribs and tomatoes with liquid, and heat through. Use slotted spoon to remove meat and vegetables to large serving platter. Remove gravy to serving container and serve with ribs. Makes 6 servings.

Campanelle with Prosciutto and Peas

Settle in with a warming, welcoming bowl of pasta, especially tasty on a winter's night.

- 12 ounces uncooked campanelle pasta
- 1 tablespoon Bertolli Extra-Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 large shallot, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup frozen peas
- 3 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto
- Alfredo sauce
- 4 ounces Fontina cheese, shredded
- 6 eggs

- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- In pot of salted water, cook pasta 2 minutes less than directed on package. Drain pasta.
- In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil and shallots. Cook 3-4 minutes, or until softened. Add wine; cook 3-4 minutes, or until most liquid has evaporated. Stir in peas, prosciutto, Alfredo sauce and cheese. Add pasta; toss gently. Cook and stir 1-2 minutes to coat pasta with sauce.
- In saucepan, bring water to boil and add eggs. Cook 6 minutes. Transfer eggs to ice water and cool before peeling.
- Top each serving with soft-set egg and black pepper.
- Note: Gouda or Gruyere can be substituted for Fontina. Unpeeled, cooked eggs can be stored in refrigerator up to one week.

Alfredo Sauce:

- 1 stick butter
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 2 cups freshly grated Parmesan
 - Pasta cooking water, as needed
- In a saucepan or skillet, warm the butter and cream. Season with salt and pepper. Add the Parmesan and stir until melted.
- Toss to combine, thinning with pasta water if necessary.

Lentil, Kale and Sausage Soup

A rustic soup loaded with lentils and kale can be flavorful centerpiece to healthy, satisfying meal. This filling soup is packed with vegetables and has a hint of heat from the sausage, giving it a zesty warm, spicy flavor.

- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 8 ounces Italian sausage, casings removed, or sausage of your choice
 - 2 celery stalks (with leafy tops), thinly sliced
 - 1 medium yellow onion, diced medium
 - 3/4 cup-1 cup dried lentils
 - 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
 - 1 1/2 bunches (about 3/4 pound) kale, preferably Tuscan, stems removed, torn into bite-size pieces
 - Coarse salt and ground pepper
 - 2 teaspoons red-wine vinegar
- In a large Dutch oven or heavy pot, heat oil over medium-high. Add sausage and cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Add celery and onion and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add lentils, broth, and 1/2 cup water and bring to a boil. Reduce to a rapid simmer, partially cover, and cook until lentils and vegetables are tender, 25 minutes.
- Add kale and season with salt. Return soup to a rapid simmer, cover, and cook until kale wilts, about 5 minutes. Remove soup from heat, stir in vinegar, and season with salt and pepper.

Serve this soup in individual bowls with a sprinkling of Parmesan cheese on top and a crusty slice of bread to sop up the broth at the bottom of the bowl.

Note: Spinach or chard can be substitute for the kale in this recipe. The soup can be enhanced by adding a couple of thyme or rosemary sprigs as it simmers. If it's too thick to your liking, more broth can be added.



Dave Atell

Start the New Year off with some laughs from one of stand-up comedy's best. An all-time-great joke writer, named one of the "25 Funniest People in America" by Entertainment Weekly, Dave Atell is most at home in comedy clubs. He built a loyal following by barnstorming the country with his brand of off-color "very adult" humor, and his audiences got even bigger after his cult-favorite travel show, "Insomniac." Atell continues to be a presence on TV — including his hit Netflix specials "Hot Cross Buns" and "Bumping Mics" — while constantly writing new material and taking it on the road. Beginning his comedy career in the early '90s, Atell ascended through New York's stand-up ranks alongside the likes of Louis C.K. and Jon Stewart. After a brief stint writing for SNL, Atell branched out on his own. When not on the road, Atell makes regular appearances at the Comedy Cellar in New York City.

Sunday, Jan. 19, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com.



'Majestic Melodies'

Old Westbury Gardens maybe closed for the season yet everyone is invited to escape winter's chill with a special musical interlude in Westbury House's delightful music room. "Majestic Melodies: An Evening of Piano and Song" pairs the dazzling vocals of Broadway's Nathaniel Hackmann with the virtuosic talent of pianist Phillip Edward Fisher. Hackmann, fresh off his celebrated role as Biff Tannen in "Back to the Future: The Musical," which just finished its Broadway run, is a powerhouse performer. His commanding stage presence thrills audiences both on Broadway and in concert halls worldwide. He's joined by Fisher, an accomplished pianist praised for his refined style and exceptional versatility.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 4 p.m. \$50; OWG members receive 20 percent discount. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury. For more information and tickets, visit oldwestburygardens.org.

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Jan. 25

Acrobats of Cirque-tacular

See a new take on circus-style thrills when the Acrobats of Cirque-tacular visits the Landmark stage, Saturday, **Jan. 25**, at 2 p.m. Cirque-tacular features one dazzling circus feat after another in a high-energy, family-friendly flurry of fun. Indulge your curiosity and celebrate your senses as this troupe of acrobats, aerialists and circus specialty artists bend, twist, flip, and fly into everyone's hearts. Repeatedly praised by critics, for their "mind-boggling artistry and athleticism" and their "great feats of daring at the extreme edges of human capability," their acts have reached millions live and millions more through appearances on most major television networks. Cirque-tacular's performers — an ever-changing cast of elite aerialists, acrobats, contortionists, jugglers, specialty acts and world-record holders from Broadway and Las Vegas stages — are hailed as "mesmerizing", "incredible", and "truly impressive." The Acrobats of Cirque-tacular bound from one breathtaking, death-defying feat of acrobatic daredevilry to another. Muscled-popping, mind-boggling artistry and athleticism charm and awe the audience.

The performers are revered as cutting-edge leaders of the new American vaudeville movement. Cirque-tacular's entertainers have shared the stage with a who's who of A-list celebrities. They leave no stone unturned to test the limits of human mind and body. The fun of their show is doubled with explosive music that complements the performance and act. \$38. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. Tickets available at landmarkonmainstreet.org or (516) 767-6444.



Jan. 22

HMTC Book Club

Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County hosts a virtual book club session, Wednesday, **Jan. 22**, 1 p.m., to discuss Kristen Harmel's "The Paris Daughter." Two Americans in Paris become fast friends when they meet in 1939, but as the shadow of war creeps across Europe and reaches France, they are forced to make dangerous decisions that will test their bond. Elise must flee the Nazis, leaving her daughter in Juliette's care. But when she returns at the war's end, Juliette's home is in rubble and the family is nowhere to be found. Register at hmtcli.org/events. 100 Crescent Beach Road.

Knitting/Crochet Club

Meet up with other knitters or crocheters, at Glen Cove Public Library, Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon. Whether you're new to knitting or you've been doing it for years, it's always more fun with friends! Start a new project or bring a current one. Participants should bring their own needles and yarn. 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. For more information call (516) 676-2130.



Let Freedom Ring with MLK

Visit Long Island Children's Museum for a workshop honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., Monday, **Jan. 20**, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Families will learn about MLK beyond his "I Have a Dream" speech and gain a better understanding of his impact on the civil rights movement. Also participate in a gallery walk of images from that era and then create a bell to "let freedom ring."

The program is part of the AdvoKids monthly series that focuses on teaching kids how to advocate for themselves and others and teaching adults how to support their kids' advocacy efforts. For ages 5 and up. \$4 with admission, \$3 members. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. Visit licm.org or call (516) 224-5800 for more.

North Shore BOE meets

North Shore Board of Education holds its next meeting Thursday **Jan. 23**, 7:45 p.m., at North Shore Middle School. 505 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head. For more information, call (516) 277-7801.

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Oyster Bay Sewer District Meeting

Oyster Bay Sewer District holds their weekly meetings, Wednesdays, **Jan. 22 and 29**, 7 p.m., at the District Office. 15 Bay Ave., Oyster Bay. For more information call (516) 922-4171.

Library Walking Club

Participate in Glen Cove Public Library's at-your-own-pace hour walk, every Thursday, at 9:15 a.m. All fitness levels are welcome. 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. Register at glencovelibrary.org or call (516) 676-2130 for more information.



In concert

British-born country rocker Albert Lee performs, Saturday, **Jan. 18**, 8 p.m., at My Father's Place supper club. He started his career during the emerging rock 'n' roll scene of '60s London, when he swapped bands with the likes of Jimmy Page and Chris Farlowe. After moving to the U.S. and assimilating himself into the country music scene, Albert quickly garnered a reputation as one of the fastest guitar players in the business. He recorded a number of solo albums, and won a Grammy in 2002 for his contribution on "Foggy Mountain Breakdown."

He continues to tour, playing his signature Ernie Ball Music Man Guitar. My Father's Place at The Roslyn, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. For tickets/inform, visit MyFathersPlace.com or call (516) 580-0887.

Jan. 18

Art explorations

Converse, collaborate and create at Family Saturday, **Jan. 18**, at Nassau County Museum of Art's Manes Education Center. The drop-in program continues, Saturdays, noon-3 p.m. Get inspired by the art and objects in the galleries and then join educators to explore and discover different materials to create original artwork.

Kids and their adult partners connect while talking about and making art together. A new project is featured every week. While there, enjoy reading and play in the Reading Room, and contribute to The Lobby Project, a collaborative art installation. \$20 adult, \$10 child. Registration required. 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. Visit NassauMuseum.org for more information and to register or call (516) 484-9337.

On Exhibit

Nassau County Museum of Art's latest exhibition, the original "Deco at 100" coincides with the 100th anniversary of the 1925 Paris International Exhibition of Modern Decorative and Industrial Arts (Exposition internationale des arts décoratifs et industriels modernes) which publicly launched the movement. The direct follow-up to the well-received 2023 exhibit, "Our Gilded Age," it comparably links the period's signature innovation in the decorative arts, Art Deco, to the fine arts. The exhibit encompasses significant cultural advancements during Long Island's Roaring Twenties/Jazz Age movement, including votes, jobs, and the automobile for women, the beginnings of suburbia with commutation for work, and planned residential communities, which all defined the era, while the following decade brought economic reversals and the WPA program. Works by Louis Comfort Tiffany, Fernand Léger, Guy Pène du Bois, Gaston Lachaise, Elie Nadelman, and Reginald Marsh, among others, along with art deco stylists of poster art and graphics, and photography will convey the Art Deco spirit along with its furniture, decorative arts, and fashion.

Like "Our Gilded Age," the social scene of Long Island's Gold Coast, and its personalities — both upstairs and downstairs — will be portrayed, along with the ongoing relationship with the immediate urban context of New York with its skyscrapers and deco-styled architecture. Opens **Jan. 18**, on view through June 15. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.



Musical Explorers

Long Island Children's Museum continues its Musical Explorers! Series, with a performance by a Jazz at Lincoln Center ensemble on the museum's stage, Sunday and Monday, **Jan. 19-20**, noon and 2 p.m. Charles Turner (vocals), Summer Camargo (trumpet), David Drake (piano), Brandi Disterheft (bass) and David Hawkins (drums) present "Louis Armstrong's Great Migration." The program, especially created for young audiences, underscores the deep connection between this American musical genre, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights movement. \$5 with museum admission; \$10 theater only. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. Visit licm.org or call (516) 224-5800 for tickets and 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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Documenting Holocaust survivor stories

Cedarhurst resident leads effort to keep accounts alive

By MELISSA BERMAN

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This year's International Holocaust Remembrance Day, on Jan. 27, will mark 80 years since the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, the largest of the German Nazi concentration camps and extermination centers.

Over a period of 14 years beginning in 1982, the Second Generation of Long Island a group of descendants of immigrants from Germany and other European countries in the late 19th and 20th centuries made a series of documents focusing on Holocaust survivors and their liberators. Cedarhurst resident Syd Mandelbaum, the son of two survivors, led the project after creating the organization in 1981.

"I founded Second Generation of Long Island, Children of Holocaust Survivors," Mandelbaum said. "I had just come back from Israel, where I attended, with my father, the First World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors."

Mandelbaum and others interviewed survivors and camp liberators on Long Island, in New York City and in Israel, from 1982 to 1995.

"It's a validation, this idea that I had 40 years ago, and we already have had the most success in having the collection widespread, and now (its) being housed on Long Island is very important to me," Mandelbaum said. "This is very important, as many of the subjects were Nassau County residents."

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, in Glen Cove, now own the rights to the digital collection of documentaries.

"We've been using them and incorporating some of them into our own brief stories," the center's executive director, Bernard Furshpan, explained. "Right now the museum is one of the members of the coalition that (County Executive) Bruce Blakeman put together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II."

As the son of two Holocaust survivors himself, Furshpan wants to keep these stories alive. "As these liberators and survivors are dying, there's very few left," he said. "It's an honor to keep the legacies alive."



Photos courtesy Syd Mandelbaum

Syd Mandelbaum, the son of two Holocaust survivors, left, interviewed another survivor, Frances Purcell, former Nassau County executive and Malverne mayor, in January 1985 for the Second Generation of Long Island documentaries.

There are 47 documentaries in total, of 41 survivors and six liberators. The average age of the survivors when they were interviewed was 57, and they recalled their experiences in vivid detail.

"In 1983, we starting donating our collection to the Video Archive of Holocaust Testimony at Yale's Sterling Library," Mandelbaum said. "In 1993, when the United State Holocaust Memorial Museum opened, our collection was shared and housed there. In the past decade, the collection was made available to the World War II Museum in New Orleans and the Jewish Museum in Warsaw, Poland."

In 1993, Mandelbaum flew to Los Angeles and gave director Steven Spielberg's organization, the Shoah Visual History Foundation, the documentaries to get them started. Mandelbaum granted the Shoah Foundation permission to use the collection in April 1995, when he served as commissioner of the Nassau County Commission on Human Rights.

Mandelbaum recalled a special interview with Frances Purcell, a Holocaust survivor and former Nassau County executive and Malverne mayor, on Jan. 15, 1985. Purcell's interview, along with many others, took place at Lawrence High School, in a small studio.



Holocaust survivor Joseph Mandelbaum, center, talked to German high school students at Auschwitz.

Mandelbaum said. "We became very good at this, and over the next 10 years we had produced 40 documentaries."

Dagmar Fodimab, 77, the daughter of two survivors, shared the story of her mother, Serena Stern, being on the first transport to Auschwitz from Czechoslovakia, in the spring of 1942. Fodimab, a Woodmere resident, said she thought the Second Generation of Long Island had a very important mission.

"We felt that it would be important to get documentation and testimony as the survivors got older ...," Fodimab said. "In light of all the claims made, that (the Holocaust) never happened, people wanted testimonies of people that were there and to tell the true story. This did happen, and people have numbers on their arms, and to tell the story of what the Jewish people went through."

Fodimab urged people to seek the truth, especially given what is going on in Israel now. "Our story has to be told, and it's most important the truth be told," she said. "There's only one truth when you talk about history. The truth that what happened is not somebody's interpretation. These were facts from people that survived."

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a of the General Municipal Law, as amended, will be held by the Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 28th day of January, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., local time, at City Hall, 2nd floor conference room, 9-13 Glen Street, City of Glen Cove, Nassau County, New York, with respect to the following project:

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In the new year, choose kindness

Let's make kindness a priority in our lives, not simply a one-time deed, as we start a new year full of opportunities and commitments. As a lifelong Glen Cove and a teacher for 34 years, I have seen firsthand how compassion can foster positive change and improve communities.



PAMELA PANZENBECK

Despite its seeming simplicity, compassion has a big impact. In an increasingly divided world, choosing kindness is a powerful act of resistance against negativity. According to a recent Mayo Clinic study, doing good deeds can lower stress, improve mental health and even improve physical

health. In other words, kindness benefits both the giver and the recipient.

Countless acts of kindness have shaped our Glen Cove community. The work of NOSH Delivers, which provides weekly assistance to more than 600 local families in need, is a poignant example. No family goes hungry because of this fantastic charity. Similarly, 50 families received complete Thanksgiving feasts, and more than 100 children received warm winter jackets, thanks to the city

Building Department's food and clothing drive.

As an honored member of the Glen Cove Rotary and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, I have seen how these amazing organizations exemplify the giving spirit. The Rotary has raised money for Cove Animal Rescue, as well as a local family with a child battling cancer, and hosts Project Warmth, in which local children are taken shopping for new coats, hats and other necessary winter items. The LAOH frequently makes donations to the food pantries at local churches, and recently to the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club and the Senior Center. These programs show how empathy and a sense of community can have a big impact on meeting urgent needs.

Looking ahead, the spirit of kindness will shine at the fourth annual Tribute and Honor Foundation Awards and Glen Cove CARES' February fundraiser, marking 28 years of support for those affected by cancer. These events highlight the courage and generosity of those who uplift others and strengthen our community. Eva Casale, of Glen Cove, who, along with Team EVA — Every Veteran Appreciated — supports veterans groups by running seven marathons in

seven days every year, is equally inspirational. Her steadfast dedication serves as a reminder that small deeds of kindness can spread compassion and hope.

Whether it's supporting people affected by cancer, commemorating our veterans or lending a helping hand to needy families, kindness is what binds our community together. "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone," former President Ronald Reagan said. Those words are a potent reminder that even tiny deeds of kindness can have a significant impact.

Throughout my years as a business and computer education instructor in Levittown, I frequently urged my pupils to approach their studies and relationships with empathy and compassion. "Success is about how you treat people along the way, not just about reaching your goals," I told them. Those lessons are still applicable today as we strive to build a culture that values kindness as much as accomplishment.

It's important to remember that being kind doesn't equate to being weak. Conversely, it calls for fortitude and purpose. According to author and journalist Peggy Noonan, "simple consistency is part of courage." Being kind entails being truthful, establishing limits, and

acting to encourage others, even when doing so is difficult or inconvenient.

As we begin 2025, I encourage everyone in Glen Cove to adopt a "kindness first" mindset. Whether it's checking in on an elderly neighbor, supporting local businesses or volunteering for a community organization, there are countless ways to make a difference. Remember, kindness is contagious; a single act can inspire a ripple effect that transforms lives.

We must teach kindness to our children. Online harassment and hate speech underscore the importance of leading by example with compassion and respect. When we unite to nurture empathetic and understanding individuals, kindness will endure as a cornerstone of our community.

Glen Cove's warmth and compassion have always defined us as a community. This year, let's continue setting a strong example, demonstrating the transformative power of kindness. As we face challenges and opportunities ahead, recall Margaret Thatcher's wise words: "Watch your habits, for they become your character. And watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and kind new year. Remember to live by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

Pamela Panzenbeck is the mayor of Glen Cove.

We need the Department of Education

The U.S. Department of Education was established as a cabinet-level agency in October 1979 by President Jimmy Carter, and officially began operations in May 1980. For nearly 45 years, the department has soldiered past many attempts to break it apart, or disband it altogether, most notably by



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conservative politicians who believe that the federal agency oversteps states' rights.

While calls to do away with the agency have persisted through the early 21st century, the effort has never been successful, and here's why: Many educators, parents, advocacy groups and

politicians on both sides of the aisle support a federal role in education to ensure equity and civil rights enforcement.

I'm not an educator or a politician, but I can tell you this: Education, and at the very least a high school diploma, is imperative to one's success in life. What's even more important is that the Department of Education has played a vital role in making access to education possible for count-

less people, ensuring that opportunities for learning and growth are within reach for all.

The DOE oversees and coordinates national education policies, but it also works closely with state and local governments to assess needs on a state-by-state basis.

There are many avenues on which I could diverge to highlight some of the department's key components, but I'll focus on just a few things, the first being Title I — the largest federal education program, which is aimed at improving the academic achievement of disadvantaged students. It provides financial assistance to schools and districts with high percentages of children from low-income families.

Over the years, Title I has garnered bipartisan support, because both Democrats and Republicans recognize the need to address education inequities. Debates have arisen over funding distribution and outcome measurement, but Title I remains a central component of federal education policy because of its critical role in supporting vulnerable students.

The DOE also oversaw the implementation of the landmark Individuals with

Disabilities Education Act, signed into law by President George H.W. Bush in 1990. In simplest terms, the act guarantees free, appropriate public education for students with disabilities, and also provides them with specific protections and resources, like individualized education plans.

The act stretches beyond primary and secondary education, also requiring schools to help students transition from high school to postsecondary education, employment or independent living.

I'm detailing all of this because I, like many others, find it extremely alarming that President-elect Donald Trump has once again vowed to shut down the Department of Education.

He first proposed to do so during his 2016 presidential campaign, but even his own secretary of education during his first term, Betsy DeVos, didn't see that idea through.

The DOE has faced its share of woes over the course of seven presidencies, and yet it steadfastly continues its work. Shutting it down isn't just a matter of politics — it's a decision that would have profound consequences for students across

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the nation.

If Trump succeeds in dismantling the department in his second term, the transition would likely cause massive disruptions in services, negatively impacting students. Ninety percent of all K-12 students in the U.S. are publicly educated, due to education's accessibility and widespread availability, and who would we be, as a nation, if we took that accessibility away?

I've said this many times, and I'll say it again: If you voted for Trump because you believe in his vision for America, that's fine, and it's your right as an American.

Putting that aside, however, I now ask you to think about students — perhaps even your children — and what the shutdown of a massively important department could mean.

The Department of Education exists to ensure that education is not a privilege for few, but rather a right for everyone, and to close it down would risk reversing decades of progress. Rather than dismantle it, we should be focused on strengthening it for generations to come, prioritizing children, their futures, and the promise of opportunity for all.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Abandoning fact-checking is dangerous

Meta, the tech giant behind Facebook, Instagram and Threads, announced a significant policy shift last week: It will no longer employ independent fact-checkers to monitor and flag false content on its platforms.

While the company says it will continue to remove illegal activity, hate speech and explicit material, the abandonment of fact-checking signals an alarming retreat from the fight against misinformation and disinformation. The decision isn't just a step backward — it is a surrender that carries grave consequences for the future of public discourse, democracy and social cohesion.

We have seen the potential for misinformation to destabilize our society. From conspiracy theories about election fraud to false narratives about coronavirus vaccines, unchecked falsehoods have exacerbated a public health crisis, deepened our political polarization and even been the cause of violence.

Meta's platforms have often been central to the spread of such misinformation, because its algorithms often promote and prioritize it. The company's decision to abandon fact-checking signals that it is no longer willing to bear the responsibility of combating this dangerous trend, leaving a vacuum that bad actors at home and abroad are likely to exploit.

The announcement comes at a time when public trust in crucial institutions like the courts and the media is already at a historic low. By stepping away from fact-checking, Meta is essentially declaring that truth is a relative concept in the digital age. This dangerous idea has dire implications.

If platforms as influential as Facebook and Instagram refuse to differentiate between fact and fiction, the lines between credible information and out-

and-out lies and conspiracy theories will blur even further. This will inevitably empower those who benefit from sowing chaos and confusion, whether they are political extremists, foreign actors, or profit-driven disinformation peddlers.

The broader context of Meta's decision is equally troubling. Over the past few years, tech companies have faced increasing scrutiny and pressure from both ends of the political spectrum. Some conservatives have accused platforms of censorship, particularly in high-profile cases like Facebook's suspension of then President Donald Trump following the Jan. 6 Capitol attack. Republicans in Congress and conservative courts have cast social media moderation as government overreach and an attack on free speech.

But Meta's retreat from fact-checking is not a victory for free speech; it is a capitulation to chaos. Free speech thrives in an environment where truth and accountability prevail. Local newspapers, which are committed to objective journalism, continue to fact-check and be a source of fairness and truth, but platforms without that commitment become echo chambers for lies, propaganda and hate. The removal of guardrails does not level the playing field; it tilts it in favor of those who manipulate information for power or profit.

This creates a toxic environment in which hate speech and antisemitism flourish, as recent trends have shown. Marginalized groups, often the primary targets of such rhetoric, will bear the brunt of the harm.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Jewish global human rights organization, stated that it is "deeply concerned" about the decision.

"This reckless move disregards the immense responsibility social media companies bear in protecting vulnerable

communities and mitigating the spread of harmful and dangerous ideologies," the center said in a statement. "History has repeatedly shown that online hate does not remain confined to the digital realm — it manifests in tragic offline consequences."

By abandoning its responsibility to curb misinformation, Meta risks alienating users and advertisers who value trustworthy, safe online spaces. In a world where lies often spread faster than truth, elections can be swayed by disinformation campaigns, public health initiatives can be derailed by conspiracy theories and trust in scientific and journalistic institutions can erode beyond repair.

The question of who bears responsibility for curbing misinformation in the digital age is complex, but Meta's decision sets a dangerous precedent. If one of the most influential companies in the world believes it can abdicate this responsibility without consequences, other platforms are likely to follow. This may well create a domino effect in which the internet devolves into a free-for-all of unchecked falsehoods and extremism.

We must demand better. Governments and regulators must step in where companies such as Meta have stepped back, enforcing stricter rules about misinformation and holding platforms accountable for the content they amplify. Non-governmental organizations and independent watchdogs must also play a role in promoting digital literacy and fact-checking.

Meta's retreat from that crucial responsibility is more than a corporate decision; it is a warning sign. If we fail to act, the world Meta is helping to create could be one in which truth, accountability and even democracy itself are the casualties.

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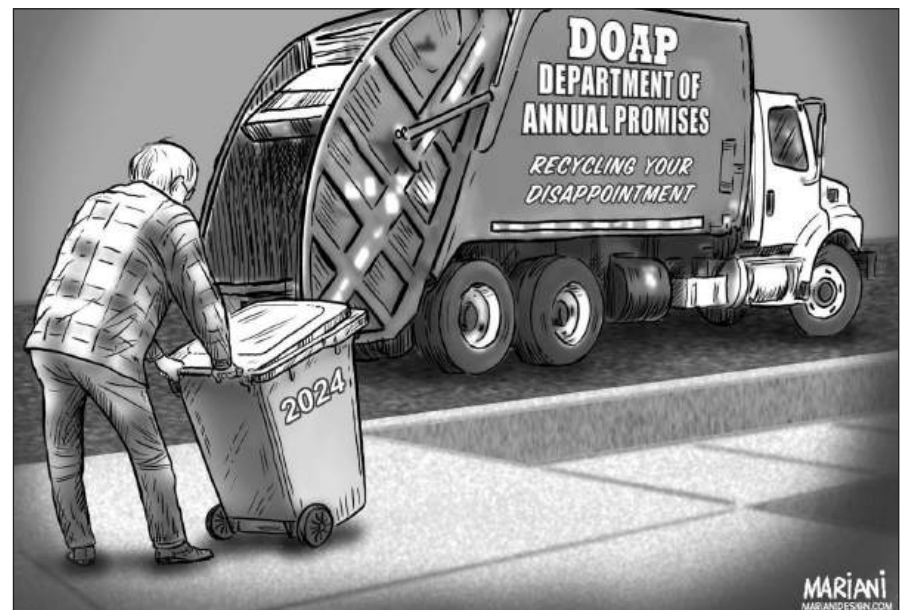
'The Postal Service continues to adapt and innovate'

To the Editor:

Last week, the U.S. Postal Service held a meeting with the Long Island Postal Customer Council, a gathering that brought together local commercial mailers, business partners and industry professionals.

The spotlight of the meeting was the Postal Service's 10-year transformation plan, Delivering for America. This ambitious initiative aims to modernize the postal network, enhance service across all mail and shipping categories, and restore long-term financial sustainability. Attendees had the opportunity to understand how this plan has been positively impacting businesses across Long Island.

As part of the Delivering for America plan, the Postal



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Safety and affordability must be Nassau's priorities

As county executive, I have refused to make Nassau a sanctuary county, held the line on taxes even as inflation went through the roof, and brought a common-sense approach to important issues that affect Nassau families. The recent



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awards our county has received, including being named the safest county in America by U.S. News & World Report and the best county to live in New York by Niche magazine, are a testament to those unwavering principles.

Earning the distinction of

being the best New York county to live in can be directly attributed to our safe neighborhoods, world-class programs and facilities, and strong economic opportunities. We are committed to

building on this success in the years to come while protecting our residents' quality of life from extremist politicians in Albany.

Being named the safest county in America reflects the hard work of law enforcement, the strength of our emergency-response teams, and our investments in public safety. An increased police presence in Nassau County communities is crucial to maintaining that safety. Since taking office, I have sworn in 291 new police officers and 147 new correction officers and deputy sheriffs.

While some local governments across the nation are defunding their police, the County Legislature and my office are *investing* in law enforcement while providing the best training, tools and resources to effectively protect residents and their families. We plan to go further by building a state-of-the-art Police

Training Village to ensure that our police officers continue to receive top-tier training to protect and serve Nassau families.

Protecting public safety also means protecting our residents from the emerging threat of drones. The county utilizes an advanced system that is well ahead of the curve in detecting and tracking drones. I have granted authorization to the Nassau County Police Department to neutralize drones that threaten the public, ensuring the safety of residents. I am also demanding

that the federal government share advanced drone-mitigation technology with local police so that we can redirect drones and effectively control our airspace.

As we celebrate all of our achievements, we must also remain vigilant against policies that could undermine our progress. Gov. Kathy Hochul's Clean

Slate law is a pro-criminal, misguided policy that allows criminals to have their records sealed after committing serious crimes. This law undermines the safety of residents by allowing criminals to avoid accountability, and making it harder for law enforcement to track repeat offenders. I encourage you to contact the governor and your state legislators to tell them that it is wrong!

From Clean Slate to cashless bail and sanctuary laws, New York state is headed in the wrong direction, while Nassau County is headed in the right direction. It continues to thrive as the safest and best place to live because of our unwavering commitment to public safety and quality of life. As we face challenges, we must remain vigilant and proactive. Together we can safeguard our communities from misguided policies and enhance the quality of life for all Nassau families. Let us champion what is right for our communities, a safe and prosperous Nassau County for generations to come.

Bruce Blakeman is the county executive.

Being named the safest county in America reflects the hard work of law enforcement.

LETTERS

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USPS offers transparent pricing with no hidden surcharges, and Informed Delivery, a free service that gives customers a preview of mail and packages scheduled to arrive soon, and the ability to set package tracking notifications and schedule email reminders for important mail pieces.

At the meeting, satisfied industry partners and business professionals shared their experiences, highlighting how the Postal Service has enabled them to connect affordably with their customers — especially during a period in which business costs are continually escalating.

As the Postal Service continues to adapt and innovate, it remains a trusted partner for businesses on Long Island and across the nation.

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Nassau County's official paper is the Post?

To the Editor:

The Press Club of Long Island, the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, believes that Nassau County's decision to replace Newsday with the New York Post as its official paper is a disservice to residents.

The decision is also an attack on a free press, viewed by political observers and journalists as punishing Newsday for its watchdog coverage, the essence of journalism's mission.

Public notices are meant to inform, but fewer readers of the Post in this region mean fewer people will see them. Newsday's strong local readership and deep connection to Long Island ensure that critical information reaches the community. The Post, with limited ties to Nassau County, lacks the local insight and audience necessary to fulfill this responsibility.

This shift jeopardizes transparency and public engagement. Residents deserve a publication that reflects their needs and understands their community.

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