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Culinary Delights hosts kickoff meeting

CareFirst Home Solutions, which helps its clients maintain independence and their quality of life in the comfort of their own homes, was among the honorees at the Culinary Delights kickoff event on Feb. 26.

Urgent need for Medical Transport volunteers

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Flora Rackwitz, a Glen Head resident, never liked driving, and after surviving a head-on collision on Northern Boulevard 20 years ago, she was more than happy to give it up entirely. Now, at age 88, Rackwitz relies on the Glen Cove Senior Center Medical Transport service to get to her weekly appointments with a chiropractor. Without it, she would have to rely on her family's unpredictable schedule or pay for costly cab rides.

"I gave up driving a long time ago, and I never liked it to begin with," Rackwitz said. "When I found out about Medical Transport, I knew it was the perfect solution."

For decades, the volunteer-run service, which was created in the late 1970s as Glen

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Silverman's mayoral bid focuses on vision for the future

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Team Glen Cove officially kicked off the 2025 mayoral and City Council campaign and unveiled the Democratic slate of candidates before a packed house at the Polish National Home on March 1. Four-term Councilwoman Marsha Silverman will run for mayor alongside City Council incumbents Danielle Fugazy Scagliola and John Zozzaro, former Councilman John Perrone, and candidates Theresa Moschetta, Carla Anastasio and Cathryn Harris-Marchesi.

Silverman, who first won a

seat on the City Council in 2017, is known for her focus on fiscal responsibility, government transparency and public safety. In an interview with the Herald, she discussed why she is running for mayor, her accomplishments and her vision for Glen Cove.

Herald: What initially motivated you to join the City Council?

Marsha Silverman: "There were a few things when I first started getting involved that I noticed. We were doing budgeting practices in Glen Cove that were kind of frowned upon. And there was documentation

from the state comptroller's office slapping our wrist: You shouldn't do this, you shouldn't do that — things like using one-shot revenues for operating expenses.

"A one-time grant or reimbursement from the state or federal government would come in, and it was being used to keep the lights on and pay salaries. But when that year is over, you don't have that one-time thing again. Then where do you get revenue to pay for ongoing operations."

(A notable instance of this practice, Silverman said, was the sale of the Coles School, now the Tigerman School. The

revenue from the sale was allocated to fund operating expenses such as salaries and utilities, but once the funds were exhausted, the city was left without a sustainable means to cover recurring costs.)

Herald: Why are you running for mayor now, rather than in past elections?

Silverman: "The time has to be right. I've learned a lot being on the City Council, and I feel like I've made some positive changes in Glen Cove, but there's so much more to do. Now that I understand the ropes, I feel like I can take that next step and be ready for it."

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The Glen Cove High School is celebrating the exceptional achievements of senior Phoebe Pinder for her art and writing.

GC senior Phoebe Pinder excels at writing and art

The Glen Cove High School is celebrating the exceptional achievements of senior Phoebe Pinder, whose outstanding artistic talent has earned her multiple awards in the prestigious Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, one of the nation's most distinguished recognition programs for creative students.

Pinder's impressive accomplishments include two Gold Keys for her artworks *A Change of Heart* and *New Beginnings*, a Silver Key for *A Mother's Gaze*, and four Honorable Mentions in the Scholastic Arts category. Her Gold Key-winning pieces are now set to advance to the national competition, where they will be evaluated by a panel of renowned judges from across the country.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, established in 1923, are the longest-running and most prestigious recognition program of its kind, recognizing the work of students in grades 7 to 12 for their exceptional achievements in visual arts and writing. The program also serves as the largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers, providing students with opportunities to continue their creative education. The Gold Key awards are the highest level of recognition in the program, and Phoebe's success places her among the best emerging artists in the nation.

Pinder's teacher, Maria Verni, who has worked closely with her since her freshman year, expressed immense pride in Phoebe's artistic development. "Phoebe is a truly unique artist with a strong, distinctive vision. It has been a privilege to watch her grow throughout her years in the Visual Arts program at Glen Cove High School," said Ms. Verni.

"Her commitment to her craft is evident in every piece she creates, and she is incredibly talented for her age."

LeeAnn Palazzo, another of Pinder's art teachers, echoed this sentiment.

"Phoebe has an extraordinary ability to see the world differently through her artwork," Palazzo said. "She's an artist who continually pushes the boundaries of her creativity, and it's been incredible to see how much she has evolved."

Pinder herself expressed gratitude for the recognition and for the support of her teachers and classmates.

"I'm really honored to have received these awards," she said. "Art has always been a huge part of my life, and it's amazing to see my work recognized in such a significant way. I'm grateful to all of my teachers and peers who have encouraged me along the way."

In addition to the Gold Keys, Pinder's other award-winning pieces include *A Mother's Gaze*, which earned a Silver Key, and four Honorable Mentions: *Gossip*, *Sweet Face*, and *Bog Body*. These accolades highlight her versatility and skill as an artist, as well as her ability to tackle a wide range of themes and subjects with depth and insight.

Lawrence Nadel, the District Coordinator of Fine and Performing Arts, praised Phoebe's dedication and talent, emphasizing the impact she has made within the Glen Cove community. "Phoebe's exceptional work continues to inspire those around her, both within the school and beyond. She is a shining example of the level of artistic excellence that we foster here at Glen Cove High School, and we are incredibly proud of all she has achieved."

—Roksana Amid

First Pan-African flag raising in G.C.

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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For the first time in its history, Glen Cove raised the Pan-African flag in ceremony on Feb. 28, marking a significant milestone in the city's commitment to diversity, unity, and cultural recognition. The event, organized by I Am My Sister, a nonprofit founded by Lela Watson, took place at Village Square and was attended by local officials, residents, and supporters of Black culture. Held in celebration of Black History Month, the flag-raising ceremony was both a tribute to the progress made and a reminder of the work still ahead.

Watson, the driving force behind the event, spoke about what inspired her to advocate for the flag-raising. While acknowledging the community's support, she emphasized that it was the young people, especially her daughter, Leah Johnson, who inspired her to make this vision a reality.

"As much as I would love to say that it was the community that really pushed me to get this done, to advocate for it, I will have to say that it was my daughter," Watson shared.

Watson has made it a priority to expose her daughter to the rich cultural fabric of Glen Cove by attending various ethnic and cultural events around the city. She believes that doing so helps children understand and appreciate the diversity that exists within their own community.

"For every event, every cultural event that happens in this city, we take our daughter to it," Watson said. "We take her because we felt that it's important for her to learn about the different cultures that are around the city."

Watson stressed the importance of ensuring Black children feel a sense of pride in their heritage, while also giving children from other backgrounds the opportunity to learn about the Black experience.

"It's also important for other young kids that are Black to be able to walk through the city and have pride in who they are," she said. "But it also gives people from different cultures the opportunity to ask questions and learn about the different communities in their city. That's how we become a better community."

Glen Cove Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck expressed her appreciation for Watson's efforts in bringing the event to fruition.

"It was fitting that this event took place on the most beautiful day we have had in months," Panzenbeck said. "The flag was raised and flies proudly in town. I am so happy to have been a part of this first flag raising."

The historic moment was deeply moving for attendees, particularly longtime residents who have witnessed the city's evolution over the years. Watson recalled the emotional response from her husband when she told him that the flag-raising had been approved.

"I didn't realize just how important this moment was until I told my husband, who was born and raised here, that we had gotten the flag to be raised," Watson said. "A tear came down his eye."

For residents like Taiwan Varene, the event was a powerful statement about representation and inclusivity in Glen Cove.

"It's important because Glen Cove has a very diverse group of residents, and this just represents one of the groups," Varene said. "My wife and I are part of this group, and we wanted to come out and represent."

Varene, who has lived in Glen Cove for nearly two decades.

Beyond its symbolic significance, Watson hopes the flag-raising will encourage deeper engagement with Black cultural events in Glen Cove. She pointed out that while she enjoys attending various cultural celebrations—such as Italian, Greek, and Polish festivals—she wants to see more people attending events focused on Black culture.

"I love going to all those events," Watson said. "Come



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Mary Stanco, Pamela Panzenbeck, Marsha Silverman, Lela and Roderick Watson, Chuck Lavine and Delia DeRiggi-Whitton were part of the historic event in Glen Cove last week.



Lela Watson, founder of I Am My Sister, was one of the driving forces to fly the flag in Glen Cove.

out and learn about ours. You'll be impressed to find out that we too have amazing people that are doing great work in the community. We should never be walking around a city where we are struggling to identify who's who because of what you are, or where you come from."

She called for unity and mutual understanding, emphasizing that learning about different cultures strengthens the entire community.

"When you see a fist raised, don't be afraid," Watson said. "A raised fist means unity. It means stand with us. If we can learn these nuances of each other's cultures, then we're able to embrace each other."



Roksana Amid/Herald

Karen and her husband Taiwan Varene came to the historic event to show their cultural pride.

Silverman focuses on revitalizing downtown

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Herald: What are some of your biggest accomplishments on the Council?

Silverman: “A lot of it has been finance-related. With the finance committee, we spearheaded a new procurement policy that’s been in effect for several years. We improved vendor vetting, ensuring that we’re not just doing business with the same companies without proper scrutiny. Now vendors must fill out qualification forms, confirming they have the proper licenses and that they aren’t under indictment or facing legal troubles. Before, we didn’t have that.

“I’ve also worked with labor unions to enact stronger safety regulations on work sites. One of my biggest accomplishments was pushing for OSHA compliance, because someone who comes to work in Glen Cove every day should be able to go home safely.”

Herald: What would be your top priorities if elected?

Silverman: “Downtown revitalization is a huge priority. If you look back on elections for years, everyone talks about revitalizing downtown, but after 5 or 6 p.m., it’s still very quiet. The Downtown (Business Improvement District) does great things, but we can do more. I’m thrilled about the new theater coming, and as a musician, I love that. But we need more than that — more attrac-



Photos courtesy Peter Townsend

Marsha Silverman, center, along with fellow Democrats, announced their bids for the election this year.

tions and activities for people of all ages, not just during work hours.”

(Silverman said she also wants to find revenue streams that don’t burden taxpayers with automatic enrollment programs such as Pipelogix LMS Inc. which offers sewer lateral oversight that charges \$15.50 per month and building fees, and the addition of a water surcharge. She believes these are an extra burden on homeowners and renters.)

“I also want to improve city services. We should be thinking of residents and

business owners as customers. Are there enough sanitation workers? Are there enough people in the building department? Right now we have a part-time building director who basically gets a full-time salary. If someone needs the director on an off day, we aren’t servicing the public the way we should. The government should run with a customer-service mindset.”

Herald: What are some of the biggest challenges facing the city?

Silverman: “We need to be much

more selective when giving tax breaks. I’m not saying they should never be given, but they should only be granted when there’s a clear benefit to the city. For years I’ve been concerned about financial assistance to developers. Tax incentives should be used to bring business and industry that create jobs. The state comptroller measures cost per job created for every (Industrial Development Agency), and Glen Cove has consistently ranked at the bottom. That means we’re giving away a lot of money without getting much in return in terms of jobs.”

(Silverman said she often sees tax breaks given to apartment buildings, with the philosophy that bringing in more residents will boost local businesses, with little success. She believes that more apartments alone don’t create a vibrant downtown, and instead advocates for more vibrant businesses.)

Herald: What’s your vision for Glen Cove if elected?

Silverman: “We need to plan long-term, not just year to year, and make smart investments that benefit the city for decades to come. Glen Cove has so much potential, and I’m ready to lead us toward a stronger future.”

(Silverman said she hopes to see a vibrant downtown, where businesses thrive, where families want to stay, and where there’s financial responsibility.)

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County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, near left, showed her support for mayoral candidate Marsha Silverman at their kickoff event last Saturday.

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Long Island and the federal budget bill

More than 700 people attended a live budget briefing with Reps. Laura Gillen and Tom Suozzi at Hofstra University that focused on the potentially harmful effects of the partisan budget reconciliation bill passed by the House of Representatives on Feb. 25.

Suozzi opened the March 1 briefing with a detailed PowerPoint, explaining that Congress has yet to pass a full budget for fiscal year 2025 and is currently relying on temporary "Continuing Resolutions," the latest of which expires on March 14.

He emphasized that the reconciliation bill, which sets the federal government's spending and revenue for the next decade, would create massive deficits by cutting taxes for the wealthiest Americans while slashing critical programs.

"I support cutting waste, fraud, and abuse, but this bill will slash essential funding for hospitals, nursing homes, environmental projects, clean air and water initiatives, school lunches, and more," Suozzi said in a news release after the event. "Let's use a scalpel, not a chainsaw — pass a bipartisan budget and do it the right way."

All Democratic members of Congress, including Suozzi and Gillen, voted against the bill, along with one Republican, Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky.

"This briefing was a crucial opportunity for Long Islanders to learn more



Herald file photos

The impacts of the federal bill passed last month was discussed by Reps. Laura Gillen and Tom Suozzi, business and organization leaders at Hofstra University on March 1.

about the budget process and hear from local experts on how the proposed budget would impact our communities," Gillen said in the release. "This budget would rip thousands of people from their healthcare, gut programs that my constituents rely on, and raise costs for working families. I'll always work across the aisle when it means delivering results for Long Island, but I won't support a bill that's bad for Nassau County."

The event also featured speakers such as Michael Dowling, CEO of Northwell Health, the largest employer in the state, Julie Tighe, president of the New York League of Conservation Voters, Randi Shubin Dresner, CEO of

Island Harvest, and Stanford Perry, CEO of AHRC Nassau. Each highlighted the potential damage the proposed budget cuts could do to their sectors.

"I've been through budget battles before, and they're tough. But budgets are not just about numbers; they're about people's lives," Dowling said in the release. "Decency must be part of the process. You can make tough decisions, but when you combine bad numbers with indecency and a lack of humanity, it makes everything worse."

Tighe noted the environmental risks posed by the budget.

"The proposed cuts threaten the progress we've made in cleaning up our

air and water and advancing affordable clean energy," she said in the release. Clean air and water should not be partisan issues. All Americans deserve access to stable, homegrown energy that isn't subject to the volatile cost of fossil fuels."

Shubin Dresner expressed concern about the impact on food security programs.

"Island Harvest has \$2 million in funding currently frozen, putting 17 critical programs at risk," she said in the release. "You can't solve a budget crisis by cutting support for the most vulnerable."

Perry emphasized the dangers of proposed cuts to Medicaid services for people with disabilities.

"We cannot endure these cuts," he said in the release. "When agencies like AHRC Nassau can't provide the care people with disabilities need, they end up in hospitals or nursing homes. This isn't fiscal responsibility—it's harming those who need help the most."

"These issues matter to our community, and people are paying attention," Suozzi stated in the release. "Over 700 Long Islanders came today to learn how Washington's decisions affect their lives. I'm proud of my community, and I will continue to fight for the programs and services Long Island depends on."

—Jeffrey Bessen

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Azeez Mohammed, CEO of Reworld delivers welcoming remarks.



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Reworld Lead Community Relations Specialist, Maureen Early (left), with honoree president and CEO Randi Shubin Dresner of Island Harvest (center) and Reworld Long Island Market Director, Dawn Harmon.

Reworld Honors Long Island's Champions At Herald Sustainability Awards Gala

STAFF REPORT

Last week Reworld™ celebrated several of Long Island's sustainability leaders, educators, and community advocates as part of its ongoing efforts to empower community and environmental advocacy initiatives and to raise awareness of sustainability locally. The honors were presented during the recent Herald Sustainability Awards of Long Island powered by Reworld, held at the Heritage Club at Bethpage. The event provided a platform to recognize individuals and organizations making significant contributions to advancing sustainable policies, protecting natural resources, educating future generations, and implementing community-driven initiatives to improve the region's environmental landscape. In addition to honoring established community programs, Reworld also awarded two local students with \$2,500 in prizes for their inspirational efforts to enhance quality of life in the region and encourage sustainability for generations to come.

"Our work helps Long Island communities reduce environmental impact while creating new opportunities for sustainability," said Dawn Harmon, Director, Long Island Market, Reworld. "Through our Long Island facilities, we eliminate the need for additional landfill space and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We are so proud to support those leading the way in sustainability on Long Island and beyond."

Among those honored were Don X. Clavin, Jr., Hempstead Town Supervisor, and Rich Schaffer, Babylon Town Supervisor, for their leadership in environmental policy. John D. Cameron, Jr., P.E., of IMEG, was recognized for his contributions as an environmental engineering leader. Randi Shubin Dresner of Island Harvest was acknowledged for her efforts in sustainable community leadership. Organizations such as the Citizens Campaign for the Environment, Seatuck Environmental Association, and Cornell



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Hempstead Town Supervisor Donald X. Clavin, Jr. addresses the audience after receiving his award.

Cooperative Extension Nassau County were highlighted for their community impact in sustainability. Leaders like Eric Swenson of the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee, Robert Weltner of Operation SPLASH, and the Rotary Environmental Action Coalition of Huntington (REACH) were also celebrated for their dedication to environmental preservation.

Additionally, educators Jennifer Lasher and Lissette Pellegrino from Barnum Woods Elementary School were honored as environmental stewards in education. Stony Brook

University's Esther Poon was honored along with two younger student honorees who were recognized for their outstanding commitment to sustainability. Louisiana State University freshman and 11-year-old Joseph Petraro received the award for his dedication to a range of community empowerment programs through Joe's Be Kind Campaign, such as Clean Wells for Humanity which addresses global water scarcity. Desiree Mohammadi, a student at South Woods Middle School who is 12 years old, was honored for developing Seeds of Hope, an initiative that donates thousands of seeds to be planted at community gardens across Long Island to combat food insecurity sustainably.

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Beyond this event, Reworld remains committed to fostering sustainability throughout Long Island with year-round programs that engage local schools, nonprofit organizations, and municipal partners. Through educational initiatives, community cleanups, and environmental awareness campaigns, Reworld continues to support the next generation of sustainability advocates while strengthening the region's commitment to a cleaner, greener future.

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Blakeman makes his case for re-election

By **CHRISTIE LEIGH BABIRAD**

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Republican Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman announced his plans to run for a second four-year term at a campaign kickoff event on Feb. 24. His opponent will be County Legislator Seth Koslow, a Democrat.

Over the past three and a half years, Blakeman and his team have taken pride in protecting residents' money by reversing tax hikes he said were implemented by the prior administration.

"We have an amazing team of very competent, caring people, and they're smart and they have common sense," Blakeman said.

Initiatives he has implemented include signing an executive order to ensure that Nassau does not become a sanctuary county, and doesn't spend residents' tax dollars on services for those coming to the U.S. illegally.

"We're spending our resources, our money on Nassau County residents, on our parks, our highways, our schools, in the hiring of cops," Blakeman said. "We're not going to be the ones who take people in who haven't been vetted. We see the criminal activity they've been engaged in, so it was the right decision to make."

Blakeman has also banned the wearing of masks in public, except for those



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There was a celebratory mood at Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman's re-election kickoff rally at American Legion Post 1066 in Massapequa on Feb. 24.

who wear them for health or religious reasons. He said that this initiative was to cut down on crimes, including antisemitic crime.

Additionally, Blakeman signed an executive order to protect women and girls in sports by preventing biological males from competing on their teams and from being permitted in their lock-

er rooms.

Recalling his last campaign, he said that the one thing he wanted everyone to know was that he believed that when it comes to government, a new administration needed to return the county back to normalcy and common sense.

"And we did that," he said. "We've gotten back to our American values

now. We've gotten back to the things our parents and our grandparents taught us, the values that have made this a great county and a great nation."

North Hempstead Town Supervisor Jennifer DeSena spoke about Blakeman's unwavering support for her communities. "I have called him many times, and he has helped me without fail," DeSena said. "When we had overwhelming floods hurting our neighbors in Manhasset, I called Bruce, and he and the Department of Public Works cleared the sump that gave our residents relief. When our Jewish brothers and sisters were scared after that Oct. 7 terrorist attack, I called Bruce, and he sent the police to protect them. Bruce loves Nassau County, and we are safer and better with him as Nassau County executive."

Koslow, who has served as a county legislator for a little over a year, is a lifelong Nassau resident. He said that he was looking to bringing the transparency, honesty and responsiveness he is known for to the county executive's office.

"I may be relatively new to politics compared to lifelong politician Bruce Blakeman," Koslow said, "but I know one thing for sure, which is that putting politics over public safety is a disgrace, and it should disqualify anyone from leading a county of over 1.3 million people."

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Parrish-Brown removes stigma around trauma

By RENEE DeLORENZO

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Continuing a month-long series of interviews with influential area women in honor of Women's History Month. Shanell Parrish-Brown is an attorney, author, professor, consultant, speaker and thought leader.

■ **Herald:** Tell me about yourself.

Shanell Parrish-Brown: I'm a child of domestic violence. My father was incarcerated for the early years of my life and came home with many issues that affected our family structure. But he gave me a gift. He would force me to read high-level texts, and it created my love of vocabulary.

I've always been a writer. So in 2017, I wrote a novel called "Gifts in Brown Paper Packages." I didn't set out initially to write a novel I would publish. In fact, what I set out to do, at the encouragement of my therapist, was process some childhood experiences that this therapist thought I should be talking about in our sessions. Those are things that certainly shaped me, but I didn't want to be defined in that way. So my writing changed that.

■ **Herald:** What do you do? Why?

Parrish-Brown: I run a business where I publish literary work, and I provide programming and education consulting for all audiences. I'm a resilience builder. I teach a course at Fordham University about trauma and family violence, which features my novel as one of the reference materials.

My premise is that if we're not interacting with our youth from a trauma-informed place, we can recognize that kids who are acting out are likely responding to trauma. If we're not interacting with children from that perspective, they get lost. Mental health challenges in children, like suicidal ideation, have only been exacerbated. We really should be addressing these issues on every single level.

■ **Herald:** What has challenged you in your career so far, and what keeps you going/inspires you?

Parrish-Brown: The biggest challenge in my work is access. We have to normalize awareness of trauma, because it's an area that doesn't really

get the press that it needs. I'm also running a business as an independent consultant, and working with government systems is difficult.

But I keep going, and I stay in the work. I continue to put myself in spaces where I can meet people and share my work. I do calls with anyone who's interested in hearing about the work I'm doing, even if they can't hire me. It puts me in a place where I have opportunities to spread awareness.

■ **Herald:** What have been the proudest moments in your life?

Parrish-Brown: Some of my proudest moments come out of my classroom. It's every single time I leave a class, and a student comes up to me asking if they can hug me.

One of my proudest moments came from a two-hour resilience workshop I did in South Bronx. It was a Spanish-speaking audience, and I don't speak Spanish, so I had an interpreter. These parents had tears in their eyes after leaving the session. They were fully engaged and telling me what I said reso-

nated with them. We have more similarities as a human race, and trauma doesn't have a Zip code.

■ **Herald:** What advice would you offer? What work is left to be done?

Parrish-Brown: We need more trauma awareness. It's a prerequisite to action. What we don't know, or don't seek to know, gives people the ability to keep their heads in the sand.

One of my goals is to open a resilience institute. It's really about validating the need for us as a society to be promenading and dialoging around resilience, and that's what I want to capture.

Why are we not teaching about trauma? Many of my students say I'm the first person to inform them about it. Talking about it helps people realize their own experience with trauma. I'll have students pouring out themselves in their papers, and I can sit down and ask them if they're seeing someone about it. That's why I want a platform and the ability to raise awareness around this work.

To learn more about Shanell Parrish-Brown's work, visit her website, SPBrownWrites.com.



SHANELL PARRISH-BROWN

Lauren Wagner leads Long Island Arts Alliance

By AINSLEY MARTINEZ

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■ **Herald:** Tell me about yourself.

Wagner: I'm Lauren Wagner, an arts advocate, nonprofit leader and champion for the creative sector. I lead Long Island Arts Alliance, where I work to ensure the arts are recognized, supported and celebrated as essential to our communities. With a background in arts administration and museum studies, I'm passionate about connecting the arts with education, economic growth and community development.



LAUREN WAGNER

■ **Herald:** What do you do? Why?

Wagner: I lead Long Island Arts Alliance, a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening the arts through advocacy, education and resources. I do this work because I believe the arts are not just about creativity — they're about economic prosperity, community identity and shaping the future. The arts are often overlooked when funding decisions are made, and I'm committed to changing that narrative.

■ **Herald:** What has challenged you in your career so far, and what

keeps you going/inspires you?

Wagner: One of the biggest challenges has been fighting the perception that the arts are expendable. Time and again, I've seen arts funding slashed, despite the undeniable impact of the creative sector. What keeps me going is knowing that when we equip organizations with the right tools — data, advocacy and visibility — they can thrive. Seeing the arts make a real difference in communities, in schools and in people's lives fuels my passion.

■ **Herald:** What have been the proudest moments in your life?

Wagner: Professionally, one of my proudest moments was leading Long Island's first-ever economic impact study on the arts. Providing hard data that proves the arts are a powerful economic engine — and watching organizations use that data to secure funding — has been incredibly rewarding. Personally, my proudest moments are raising my two young sons and instilling in them a love for creativity and learning.

■ **Herald:** What advice would you offer? What work is left to be done?



Courtesy Long Island Arts Alliance

Lauren Wagner, executive director of the Long Island Arts Alliance, said she believes the arts are worth fighting for. She spoke to the Huntington Arts Coalition in 2023.

Wagner: My advice? Advocate relentlessly. The arts need champions who won't accept being sidelined. And never separate numbers from stories — data alone doesn't inspire, and stories without facts don't drive action.

There's still so much work ahead. We need stronger arts education policies,

more equitable funding, and continued efforts to make the arts a priority in economic development. But I believe that with the right strategy, the right voices and the right advocacy, we can get there.

For more information, visit LongIslandArtsAlliance.org.



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Transport program is down to one driver

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Cove Rotary Rides, has helped seniors and disabled residents in Glen Cove, and parts of the Town of Oyster Bay including Glen Head, Glenwood Landing, Locust Valley and Sea Cliff, who lack access to public transportation. But a shortage of volunteers now threatens its ability to operate. One of the few remaining drivers, Luigi Saviano, will be unavailable for three months beginning March 11, leaving the program with just one active driver, Phyllis Burnett. As of 2024, there were 6,102 seniors in Glen Cove.

Burnett, the program's coordinator and primary dispatcher, has managed the service since 2012. "We had four volunteers last year, but now I'm the only one left driving," she said. "Luigi will be out until May, and that leaves us in a tough spot."

The service uses a decommissioned Chevrolet Crown Victoria police car. Rides are available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, and they take residents to medical appointments in Glen Cove and the area, ranging as far as Northern Boulevard.

The service provides rides for about 12 residents per week, and many rely on it regularly. Burnett, who also schedules the rides, asks residents to call at least a week in advance to ensure availability, but she has struggled to meet demand.

Rackwitz, a native of Astoria, Queens, relied on public transportation for most of her life before she moved to the North Shore. Now, like many seniors, she has mobility issues — arthritis, mostly in her right knee — that make public transportation a challenge. "I use a walking stick for that, just for going in and out of the car, or walking up the steps or going down the steps," she said.

Options are limited for seniors who can no longer



Courtesy Glen Cove Sage Foundation

The Glen Cove Senior Center is urgently looking for volunteers to help operate its Medical Transport program.

drive. Rackwitz has noticed that many of her friends have given up driving as well. "We don't want to drive anymore, and that's the problem," she said. "Not that they don't want to pick me up. During the day, there's no problem, ... I'll say, well, can you drop me off? And then somebody else will pick me up, you know, because they like saving time."

Medical Transport was created to fill that gap, but without more volunteers, it may not be able to continue serving residents who depend on it. "All people care about is that they get their ride and get there on time," Burnett said. "You don't have to carry anything, just open the car door and let them in. It's not a hard job, but it makes a world of difference."

A.J. Kuhr, director of the Nassau County Age-

Friendly Center of Excellence at Glen Cove, emphasized the importance of the program. "Volunteering with Medical Transport is a great way to meet new people, stay active and make a tangible difference in people's lives," he said.

The program is open to anyone with a valid driver's license who can pass a background check. Volunteers are especially needed now to ensure that the service continues without disruption. Burnett stressed that even one more driver would help lighten the load.

"We're looking for people who can just give a few hours a week," she said. "Even one more driver would make a difference."

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Louisiana Calling

From the deep roots tag team of Cajun slide guitar phenom Sonny Landreth and legendary New Orleans Latin-Americana rockers the Iguanas comes a mind-blowing musical trip through the scenic soundscape of the bayou. Still wet from crawling out of the swamps, this cross-pollinated confection will be both savory and sweet. Louisiana's calling — here's your chance to answer. Landreth's unique spin on guitar playing has made him legendary. This Louisiana based Blues guitar wizard's slide playing is distinctive and unlike anything else you've ever heard. He simultaneously plays slide and fingers the fret board producing a sound that is often said to resemble many instruments playing at once. His music encompasses Mississippi Delta blues, zydeco and Southern rock. He's joined by The Iguanas, a fixture of the New Orleans music scene for over two decades.

Saturday, March 8, 8 p.m. \$79, \$69, \$59. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. Tickets available at landmarkonmainstreet.org or (516) 767-6444.

Feasts, floats, festivities

Get ready for Carnival at Long Island Children's Museum

By Danielle Schwab

Bring the family to join in the good times when the Children's Museum opens its doors to Carnival this weekend.

As a globally cherished cultural celebration, Carnival honors the unique traditions and diverse identities of each community it touches. Especially significant to Caribbean and Latin American cultures, it's a vibrant cultural showcase of creativity and self-expression.

These themes are woven into every aspect of the museum's festivities, with the support of New York Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages, to make this occasion truly special.

"The holiday is a great entry point of learning for our community and for families. It's so vibrant and colorful and just a happy event. So it's fun to give opportunities for people to really celebrate," Aimee Terzulli, the museum's vice president for programs and visitor experience, says.

Everyone can get moving to the sounds of drums with Samba and Salsa music guided by the dancers of the Brazilian Sama Novo troupe. Towering "Jumbie" stilt walkers, rooted as a symbol of spirit guardians, bring the magic to life as an iconic part of the Carnival celebration.

Plus, a special performance from the fourth and fifth graders at Elmont's Dutch Broadway School will get feet jumping to the beat.

"The students have created lessons in different dances that are involved like reggae and calypso, typical for Caribbean culture," Terzulli explains. "Generation to generation learning is powerful. We want kids teaching other kids."

Need some fuel after all that dancing? Delicious treats — both sweet and savory — will tempt visitors, including Haitian beignets, marinades, tropical juices, and cocoa bread.

And naturally, no Carnival would be complete without a massive parade to ring in the holiday. Families can create wearable crafts such as beaded whistles and feathery

headpieces or even get their faces painted in elaborate designs to stand out in the crowd as they make their rounds through the museum.

"Costumes are often deep-rooted in cultural themes but are also a symbol of freedom and liberation, they often can mimic animals," Terzulli says.

Guests can also create flags to show their cultural pride and represent the many countries that celebrate Carnival.

Before the parade kicks off, everyone will have a chance to decorate themed floats and even meet some very special party guests.

"We'll have our animal specialists showing certain animals that are part of our collection and show them how some of these animals are connected to certain float themes, typically in the Caribbean or in Latin America," Terzulli adds.

True to Carnival's festive spirit, a King and Queen will be crowned to lead the crowd with energy and flair. But don't worry, there's a role for everyone — both kids and adults — to involve everyone, according to Terzulli.

"It's about communities really coming together and celebrating different talents and roles that they have," she says. "Families that can learn together have tremendous value when you come together to learn something new."

Although the holiday is celebrated at various times during the year, hosting it in March provides the perfect opportunity to embrace the changing seasons.

"In March, we're still not quite in spring so it's a great way to spend time with your family indoors in a very celebratory way," Terzulli reminds everyone.

The event is part of a series of cultural festivals the museum is hosting to invite Long Island communities to learn and celebrate together.

"We want people to know about each other and celebrate all the great similarities and differences that make our cultures vibrant and alive here," Terzulli says.

Photos courtesy LICM

Photo on top left: Towering stilt walkers, known as Jumbies, are an iconic Carnival element.

Photo on top right: Ron DeFrancesco, Sama Novo director, creates the beats.

Photo on bottom: Be sure to create a parade-worthy headdress and design a whistle to toot some Carnival spirit.



Colin Jost

Live ... from Long Island ... it's Colin Jost! From Saturday Night Live to standup to his appearances in film, other TV ventures and even authoring a memoir, Jost is seemingly everywhere. He is currently in the middle of his 11th season as SNL's "Weekend Update" co-anchor, and his 20th as an SNL writer. His accolades are many: five Writers Guild Awards, two Peabody Awards and 15 Emmy nominations for his writing on "SNL." Among other endeavors, Jost debuted "A Very Punchable Face" in 2020. His memoir is a series of essays that documents pivotal moments in Jost's life, including growing up in Staten Island in a family of firefighters, commuting three hours a day to high school, attending Harvard while Facebook was created and more.

Thursday, March 13, 8 and 10 p.m. \$129.50, \$119.50, \$89.50, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$59.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.



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THE SCENE

March 15

Anthony Rodia

Anthony Rodia is back with his "Laugh Til It Hurts" tour, on the Paramount stage, Friday, **March 15**, 7:30 and 10 p.m.; also Saturday, **March 16**, 7 and 9:30 p.m. His all-new routine is refreshingly genuine and quick witted! A first-generation Italian-American from Westchester, Rodia's comedy pulls from his razor-sharp observations on marriage, parenthood, road rage, and everything else worthy of a rant. He came out of the womb making people laugh. In his 20s he tried a few open mics, but ultimately took a different career path as a finance manager of a luxury car dealership. In 2019, Rodia returned to comedy and left his day job to become a full-time stand-up comic. He hit the ground running and performed 100 shows in just nine months, and within three years gained a massive fan base online and around the country. In a short time, Anthony gained over 900,000 social media followers and his YouTube videos have amassed over 22 million views.

Rodia's comedy pulls from his real life and razor-sharp observations on marriage, parenthood, road rage, and everything else worthy of a rant. With the onset of quarantine, He made the most of a captive audience, delivering a staggering 86 weekly videos. "Road Rage Wednesday" became a fan favorite, but his Uncle Vinny and Zia Lucia characters transformed into a phenomenon. They are the crazy uncle and aunt you love but can't be out in public with, who speak their minds (whether you asked for it or not). \$89.50, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com.



In concert

Long Island Blues Society presents the Duke Robillard Trio and Long Island's BFS Trio at My Father's Place, Saturday, **March 8**, 8-10 p.m. Duke Robillard, the founder of Roomful of Blues, brings his band back to Long Island for an exceptional night of blues. My Father's Place at The Roslyn, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. For tickets/information, visit MyFathersPlace.com or call (516) 580-0887.

History of Antisemitism

Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, in partnership with the Institute for Curriculum Services, hosts a workshop on teaching the history of European Antisemitism, Tuesday, **March 18**, 4-5:15 p.m. Led by educator Liz Burns Taormina, the session will examine the origins of antisemitism, its historical development over 2,000 years, and its modern manifestations. Workshop is designed for middle and high school ELA and social studies teachers, but all interested are welcome to attend. 100 Crescent Beach Road, Glen Cove.

Nassau BOCES GC Tech Open House

Nassau BOCES GC Tech, Long Island's state-of-the arts career and technical education high school, is opening its doors to all students with a passion for a hands-on career. Come and get a "Taste of Tech" at an open house at the campus in Levittown, Wednesday, **March 12**, 6-7:30 p.m. Nassau BOCES GC Tech prepares students for a future in the workforce by providing them with the skills, knowledge and professional qualities they will need to be successful in their chosen career fields. The school boasts a new spa where aspiring estheticians learn skin care and massage techniques. There is also a newly revamped auto shop. Prospective students and families from Nassau County are invited to tour the GC Tech campus at 150 Abbey Lane, and to meet with expert teachers, counselors and administrators. Register for an open house at nassauboces.org/gctech or call the school for more information at (516) 604-4200.

Library Walking Club

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

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Best of Broadway: 'Looking Forward, Looking Back'

Adelphi University Performing Arts students celebrate the music that shaped Broadway during their semi-annual Best of Broadway concert, Sunday, **March 9**, 4 p.m. The talented students bring to life the magic of Broadway with music from classic and contemporary musicals. Performing Arts Center, 1 South Ave., Garden City. (516) 877-4000 or Adelphi.edu/pac.

AARP Tax Assistance

Free tax help is provided by AARP trained volunteers, at Glen Cove Public Library, Wednesdays, **through April 9**. Be sure to bring your tax package, W-2 forms, your real estate property tax bill, a copy of your 2023 tax return and any other information that might be helpful in correctly filing your tax return. Both spouses must be present for married couples filing joint tax returns. Call the Library's Information Desk at (516) 676-2130, or stop by the Information Desk, to schedule your appointment. 4 Glen Cove Ave.

City Council meeting

Glen Cove City Council meets, Tuesday, **March 11**, at 7:30 p.m., at Glen Cove City Hall. 9 Glen St.

Art explorations

Converse, collaborate and create at Family Saturday, **March 8**, noon-3 p.m., 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.

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.

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.

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. On view through June 15. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.



Hempstead House tour

Sands Point Preserve is the backdrop to explore the elegant Gold Coast home that's the centerpiece of the estate, Sunday, **March 9**, noon-1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. Visit the grand rooms inside the massive 50,000-square-foot Tudor-style mansion, the former summer residence of Gilded Age financier Howard Gould and later Daniel and Florence Guggenheim. Tours are limited in size and tend to sell out. Arrive early to purchase tickets. \$10. Sands Point Preserve, 127 Middle Neck Road. For information, visit SandsPointPreserve-Conservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901.

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LEGAL NOTICE
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NASSAU WELLS FARGO USA HOLDINGS, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL CREDIT SERVICES NEW YORK, INC., -against- CARLOS SERNA, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Nassau on January 3, 2025, wherein WELLS FARGO USA HOLDINGS, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL CREDIT SERVICES NEW YORK, INC. is the Plaintiff and CARLOS SERNA, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction RAIN OR SHINE at the NASSAU COUNTY SUPREME COURT, NORTH SIDE STEPS, 100 SUPREME COURT DRIVE, MINEOLA, NY 11501, on March 18, 2025 at 2:00PM, premises known as 161 SAINT ANDREWS LN, GLEN CLOVE, NY 11542; and the following tax map identification: 23-3-1. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment/Index No.: 601974/2018. Pamela Sharpe, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES. 151601

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF PLEDGED COLLATERAL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: BY VIRTUE OF A DEFAULT UNDER CERTAIN PLEDGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENTS (THE

"PLEDGE AGREEMENTS") BY AND BETWEEN LA MARE WIN, LLC., (THE "PLEDGOR") AND MERCURY CAPITAL FUNDING, LLC (THE "PLEDGE LENDER") WHICH DEFAULT RESULTED IN THE OBLIGATIONS DESCRIBED IN THE PLEDGE AGREEMENTS IMMEDIATELY DUE AND PAYABLE, RICHIE SCHULTZ, AND/OR JOHN ROMAN AND/OR RICHARD J. CANTWELL, AUCTIONEERS WILL SELL THE INTEREST IN THE PLEDGED STOCK OF THE PLEDGOR (THE "COLLATERAL") APPURTENANT TO THE PLEDGE AGREEMENT AND ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO THE PLEDGE AGREEMENT AT PUBLIC AUCTION BEGINNING AT 12:30 P.M. ON MARCH 14, 2025, ON THE NORTH SIDE STEPS OF THE NASSAU COUNTY SUPREME COURT AT 100 SUPREME COURT DRIVE, MINEOLA, NY 11501.

THIS SALE IS HELD TO ENFORCE THE RIGHTS OF THE PLEDGE LENDER AS A HOLDER OF A PLEDGE AGREEMENT. THE PLEDGE LENDER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO BID/PURCHASE AND REJECT ALL BIDS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE AMOUNT BID FOR THE PLEDGE COLLATERAL IS NOT GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE PAST DUE SUM OWING ON THE PLEDGE AGREEMENT. A BANK OR CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, PAYABLE TO MARGOLIN, WEINREB & NIERER, LLP, ESCROW ACCOUNT (NO ENDORSED CHECKS OR ENDORSED MONEY ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED) IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SUCCESSFUL BID IS REQUIRED AT KNOCKDOWN TO PURCHASE THE PLEDGE COLLATERAL. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. ALL FUNDS MUST BE EXHIBITED TO THE AUCTIONEER PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF BIDDING, UNLESS PROPER FUNDS HAVE BEEN VERIFIED YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BID. THE BALANCE OF THE SUCCESSFUL BID IS PAYABLE AT CLOSING WHICH SHALL BE HELD WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS OF THE

AUCTION DATE, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE. FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS CALL MARGOLIN, WEINREB & NIERER, LLP AS ATTORNEYS AT 516-921-3838 BETWEEN 9:00AM - 5:00PM. #24-1034 151747

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LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Universal Pre-Kindergarten PROPOSALS DUE: March 21, 2025 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

The North Shore Central School District is requesting proposals from qualified Universal Pre-Kindergarten Providers, as described in the complete RFP. The District will receive sealed proposals at North Shore Central School District on or prior to 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025. Proposals received after stated date will be returned to the sender, unopened. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside: RFP: Universal Pre-Kindergarten Addressed to: James Pappas Assistant Superintendent for Business North Shore Central School District 112 Franklin Avenue Sea Cliff, NY 11579 For additional information or copies of the complete RFP please contact James Pappas at 516-277-7815 or e-mail him at pappasjr@northshoreschools.org or visit our website at: <https://sites.google.com/northshoreschools.org/northshorelearning-resource/upk>. Proposals will be opened on the stated date. The names of the proposing firms shall be available following the proposal opening. The Board of Education of The North Shore Central School District, reserves the right to reject any or all proposals that they consider not to be in the best interest of the school district. James Pappas Assistant Superintendent for Business North Shore Central School District 152048

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, to discuss Local Law ___-2025, amending, §C4-4. Liability of the city of certain actions, D, of the Glen Cove City Charter. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Tina Pemberton City Clerk 152049

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York to discuss amending §265-44. Schedule XII: No Stopping as it relates to Forest Avenue. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Tina Pemberton City Clerk 152050

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT MEETING ON APRIL 22, 2025 OF GLEN COVE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO VOTE ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET AND ELECT ONE TRUSTEE OF THE GLEN COVE PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special meeting of the qualified voters of the Glen Cove Public Library will be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law of the State of New York at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, in said District on April 22, 2025 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Said meeting will be held for the following purposes:

To vote on the following proposition: RESOLVED that the proposed budget of the Glen Cove Public Library, Glen Cove City School District, as prepared by the Trustees of the said Public Library, for the year 2025/2026, and as the same may have been amended, be and hereby is approved; and that the amount

thereof, less receipts, be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property in the said School District.

For the purpose of electing; one (1) Trustee for the Glen Cove Public Library. For a (5) five-year term. The vote on the aforesaid matters will be cast by ballot in a ballot box.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Library Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law hereby calls said Special District Meeting. FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating the candidate for the office of Trustee of the Glen Cove Public Library must be filed with the Clerk of the District between hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., no later than March 24, 2025 the thirtieth day preceding the election, at which time the candidate so nominated is to be elected. Each nominating petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Sample forms of the petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the District at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the proposed estimated expenditures to be voted upon shall be made available at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day other than Saturday, Sunday or holiday, during the fourteen days preceding such meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Glen Cove Public Library will hold a special budget hearing on Tuesday April 15, 2025 at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York at 7:00 p.m. FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Glen Cove Public

Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York. The final date to register for the meeting to be held on April 15, 2025 is March 31, 2025. If a voter has voted in any election within the last 4 years (2021) or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of Election Law, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. The registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. prevailing time, on any day after Tuesday, March 31, 2025, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Library Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, including the date set for the meeting. ABSENTEE BALLOTS PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that an application for an absentee ballot for the Library election and budget vote may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk, of Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York. Such application must be received at least (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received at the office of the District Clerk, Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., New York, not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election. Gina Rant Clerk 152044

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AVISO LEGAL
AVISO DE UNA REUNION ESPECIAL DE LA BIBLIOTECA DEL DISTRITO EL 25 DE MARZO 2025, DE LA BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA DE GLEN COVE PARA VOTAR EN EL PRESUPUESTO DE LA

BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA Y PARA ELEGIR A UN JUNTA DE FIDEICOMISARIO DE LA BIBLIOTECA POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevara a cabo una reunion especial de los votantes calificados de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove en conformidad con lo dispuesto en la Seccion 260 y 270 de la Ley de Educacion de Estado de Nueva York, en dicho Distrito el 22 de Abril 2025 entra las 9am y las 9pm Dicha reunion sera de ayunda para los siguientes fines: Para votar sobre las siguientes prosiciones: SE HA RESUELTO que el presupuesto propuesto de la Bilioteca Publica de Glen Cove, Deistro Escolar de la Ciudad de Glen Cove segun lo preparado por los Fideicomisarios de dicha Biblioteca publica para el ano 2025/2026, y segun se haya modificado, se apruebe por la presente; y que la cantidad de los mismos, menos los recibos, se aumenta mediante la recaudacion de un impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles gravables en dicho Distrito Escolar. Con el fin de elegir; un (1) Fideicomisario de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove por un (5) mandato de cinco anos.

La votation sobre los asuntos mencionados se emitira mediante urnas. POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA que la junta de la Biblioteca, en conformidad con lo dispuesto en la Seccion 260 y 270 de la Ley de Educacion, convoca dicha reunion Especial de Distrito. SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que las peticiones que nominan al candidato para el cargo de administrador de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove deben presentarse al secretario entre las horas de 9am y las 9pm., a mas tardar el 24 de marzo de 2025, el trigésimo dia anterior a la eleccion, momento en el cual sera elegido el candidato asi nominado. Cada peticion de nominacion debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito, debe estar firmada por al menos veinticinco (25) votantes calificados del Distrito, debe ondicar la residencia de cada firmante y debe indicar

el nombre y la residencia del candidato. Los formularios de muestra las peticiones se pueden obtener del Secretario de Distrito en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que una copia de los gastos estimados propuestos para ser votados estara disponible en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York, entra las 9am y 5pm todos los dias, excepto los sabados, domingos o festivos durante los catorce dias anteriores a dicha reunion. SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que la Junta de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove realizara una audiencia especial sobre el presupuesto el 18 de Marzo 2025 en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York. a las 7pm SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que los votantes calificados del Distrito pueden inscribirse entre las 9am y 4 pm. La fecha final para inscribirse en la reunion que se celebrara el 18 de marzo es el 5 de marzo. Si un votante ha votado en alguna eleccion en los ultimos 4 anos (2020) o si es elegible para votar conforme al Artículo 5 de la Ley Electoral, el o ella es elegible para votar en este eleccion. Todos las demas personas que deseen votar registrarse. La lista de registro preparade por la Junta de Elecciones de Condado de Nassau se Archivan en la oficina del secretario de Distrito de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, Nueva York, y estara abierta a inpeccion por cualquier votante calificado Del Distrito entre las horas de 9am y 4pm hora vigente cualquier, dia despues del martes 18 de Marzo de 2025 y cada uno de los dias anteriores a la fecha establecidos para la Eleccion de la Biblioteca y la Votacion de Presupuesto, excepto los sabados, domingos o dias festivos, incluida la fecha establecida para la reunion. BOLETAS AUSENTES POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA, que las solicitudes de boletas de votacion en

Showcasing local flavors and rising stars

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce's 2025 Culinary Delights kick-off meeting at First Central Savings Bank on Feb. 26 featured delicious bites from local favorites, including Jeanine's American Bistro, Rising Tide Natural Foods, The Brass Rail, and Vito's Ristorante & Pizzeria. It provided an excellent opportunity for local business owners to network while enjoying tasty dishes in a welcoming atmosphere. Attendees celebrated the launch of the upcoming Culinary Delights event on March 31 at The Mansion at Glen Cove.

During the kickoff, the Chamber also announced the five 2025 Culinary Delights Rising Star Honorees: Tocolo Cantina, While in Kathmandu - Glen Cove, Oak & Vine NY, The Marker Restaurant, and La Bottega Italian Gourmet. These rising stars will be featured during the Culinary Delights event. The evening's success was further enhanced by the generous catering from five participating restaurants: Rising Tide Natural Market, Jeanine's American Bistro, The Brass Rail, Vito's Ristorante & Pizzeria, and St. Rocco's Bakery, making for a memorable and enjoyable evening.



Photos courtesy Glen Cove Chamber

The Glen Cove Herald was among the evening's honorees.

—Roksana Amid



Joanne Yee/Herald photos

Friends Adele Rubino, Dana Goetz and Syl Canctero shared some drinks and laughs during the delightful evening together.



Oak & Vine was recognized for their scrumptious food at their restaurant located at 75 Cedar Swamp Rd, Glen Cove.



Jame Krauter and Manny Benitez had an excellent time networking during the kickoff event.

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ausencia. Para la Eleccion de la Bibliotecas y la Votacion de Presupuesto se puede solicitar en las oficinas del Secretario del Distrito, de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, Nueva York. Tales solicitudes deben recibirse al

menos (7) siete dias antes de las elecciones si se va a enviar la boleta al votante. Ninguna boleta de votante ausente sera votada a menos que haya sido recibida en la oficina de Secretario de Distrito, en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove

Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York a mas tardar a las 5:00 pm hora del dia, en el Fecha de la eleccion. Gina Rant Oficinista 152046 To place a notice here call us at 516-569-4000 x232 or send an email to: legalnotices@iherald.com

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OPINIONS

Yankees? Mets? Might they meet up in October?

Spring training has begun. Another baseball season is on the way. The French-born cultural historian Jacques Barzun said that “Whoever wants to know the heart and mind of America had better learn baseball.”



PETER KING

That was certainly true for my generation. The golden age of baseball in New York, from 1947 to 1956, saw New York's teams — the Yankees, Dodgers and Giants — win nine World Series and seven pennants among them during that 10-year span. The other 13 major league teams combined for one World Series and three pennants during those years. A subway series, with both World Series teams being from New York, became the expected norm. It was almost taken for granted. During the offseason months of mid-

October through late February in those years, there would be hot stove league discussions of how our teams would do in the upcoming season, and arguments over whose players were better: Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays or Duke Snider; Roy Campanella or Yogi Berra; Pee Wee Reese or Phil Rizzuto.

Much of that interest lessened when the Dodgers and Giants were hijacked to California after the 1957 season. While there was a rebirth of excitement when the Mets arrived for the 1962 season, it has never been quite the same as during the glory years. Sure, the Mets had their World Series wins in 1969 and 1986, as did the Yankees in 1977 and 1978, and again during the Joe Torre years, at the turn of the century, and under Joe Girardi, in 2009, but except for the 2000 World Series — which the Yankees won — the Yankees and Mets have not faced one another in the World Series. That intra-New York rivalry has not been there. It

is a rivalry missed not just in the five boroughs, but on Long Island, with its plethora of Mets and Yankees fans.

All that could change with both teams now filled with superstars, led by Aaron Judge of the Yankees, who is accumulating home run titles and Most Valuable Player awards, and the Mets making their own run for superstar glory. This winter they hired Juan Soto, perhaps baseball's most explosive hitter, away from the Yankees with a \$750 million contract over the next 15 years.

The Mets already had Francisco Lindor, who finished second in the voting for National League MVP last season, and slugger Pete Alonso, who is second only to Judge in total home runs over the past six seasons, and is poised to become the Mets' all-time home run leader.

Last year the Yankees won the American League pennant before falling short against the Dodgers in the World

Series. Before the season, there were low expectations for the Mets. Then, after playing mediocre baseball for most of the regular season, they had an unexpected late-season surge, and actually made it to the National League Championship Series, which they lost to the Dodgers.

This preseason, things are looking very different. Both teams are considered strong contenders to win their league championships. The debates over the teams' players have already begun, but instead of Mantle vs. Snider or Mays, it's Judge vs. Soto.

We Mets fans, so used to having our hearts broken over the years, now genuinely believe this is our year to supplant the Yankees as New York's No. 1 team and win it all in the World Series — and that New York's baseball rivalry is back. Barring the unexpected, 2025 should be a season for metropolitan-area baseball fans to enjoy and remember.

Play ball!

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Here's a job I'd turn down

Everybody has a wish list. I'd like to win the lottery, or take some exotic trip that's on my bucket list. There are jobs that I would love to have, and there are jobs I wouldn't touch with a 10-foot pole. The worst job I can imagine, the one I would dread having, is being in the



JERRY KREMER

majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. At the beginning of any Congress member's career, there is the battle to get your party's nomination, and then feeling the honor of being the party's choice. You battle through the drudgery of a campaign and, if you're lucky, you have the joy of being elected or re-elected. You celebrate with your friends and family, and then, on Jan. 1, you arrive in Washington, preparing for the challenge of being a member of the House.

In today's Congress, being a majority member is anything but fun. You may have all kinds of ideas about how to help the people back home, but if

your wish list doesn't coincide with the priorities of your party leader, you can forget about your plan. It's hard enough being away from your family for weeks at a time, but being told to fall in line and follow party dictates, or else, is a bitter pill to swallow.

Let's talk about the Washington scene as it currently exists. An unelected multi-billionaire named Elon Musk is ignoring the duly elected officials whose job it is to create the budgets that fund our federal agencies. The Constitution says that the Congress is a separate body from the Executive, but in this case an appointee of the Executive is calling all the shots.

As a representative of scores or even hundreds of thousands of constituents, you're the one they turn to when they have a federal problem. For example, a decorated military veteran comes seeking your help after being fired from a federal job he held for 10 years. You can hold his hand, but you can't get him back his paycheck to feed his family and pay his mortgage.

As a well-informed public official, you follow the media to find out what

they know that you don't know. The latest reports say that your party leadership has proposed making \$800 billion in Medicaid cuts to help pay for a tax cut for the rich. Those cuts will decimate the safety net that your constituents rely on to survive, and will affect more than 90 million people nationwide. You can threaten to vote against the package, but there are more nightmares coming.

You may be able to join a handful of other members to get some changes made to the Medicaid cuts, but there are more crazy slashes being proposed.

The far-right members have suggested that every person with a student loan pay an additional \$200 per month. That mean-spirited idea would affect 45 million Americans. How do you stop that?

Do you remember the state-and-local-tax proposal that hit suburban homeowners hard when it was included in President Trump's 2017 budget? Despite his support for eliminating the SALT cap, there has been very little discussion about that benefit in recent weeks. You want a complete repeal of the cap, but it's out of your hands.

Being a member of the House majority sounds great. Believe me, it's not.

As we enter the final stages of the budget debate, I can't help recalling the story of the late Assemblyman Lou Wolfe, of upstate Plattsburgh. Wolfe was part of a narrow majority. He enjoyed both Democratic and Conservative Party support. He was asked to vote on a multi-billion-dollar social program. His party leaders promised him financial support in the general election, and assured him he would be “protected.” Came November, Lou lost because of his “bad” vote.

It's possible that by the time you read this, all of the budget misgivings of the few conscience-driven members will be satisfied. All they have to do at that point is to go home and explain the mass layoffs, the tax cuts for the rich and the hidden program cuts that were buried in the spending plan they voted for. But remember, they had the promise from the leaders that they had nothing to worry about. Oh, the joy of being in the majority.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Long Island loses a civil rights pioneer

The death of Hazel Dukes, at age 92, last weekend marks the end of an extraordinary chapter in civil rights leadership, with special significance for Long Island. While Dukes will be remembered nationally for her tenure as president of the NAACP from 1990 to 1992, and for her remarkable 48-year leadership of the NAACP New York State Conference from 1977 until her death, her deep connections to Long Island communities deserve particular attention.

Born in Montgomery, Alabama, where she was a neighbor of Rosa Parks, Dukes moved to New York in 1955. She lived in Roslyn Heights for decades, building a life and career that influenced civil rights efforts across the state and the nation.

Named president of the NAACP's Great Neck, Port Washington, Manhasset and Roslyn branch in 1969, Dukes quickly emerged as a powerful voice opposing housing discrimination on Long Island. She was instrumental in bringing landmark housing discrimination lawsuits that challenged the entrenched patterns of segregation in Nassau County's suburbs. These legal actions targeted discriminatory practices

that kept minority families out of certain neighborhoods, even after the Fair Housing Act of 1968 had made such discrimination illegal.

On Long Island, she worked for the federal Head Start program and became one of the first Black employees in the Nassau County attorney's office. She also served with the county's Economic Opportunity Commission, addressing poverty and inequality from within the system. She was the first Black vice chairwoman of the Nassau County Democratic Committee, which gave her a platform to advocate for integrated housing throughout Nassau County. She also served on the Democratic National Committee from 1976 to 1982.

Dukes' own educational journey illustrates her belief in education as a path to opportunity. She studied at Nassau Community College before earning a degree in business administration from Adelphi University in Garden City in 1978. Her local educational experience strengthened her advocacy for quality education for all communities.

What makes Dukes' Long Island connection so significant is that she addressed civil rights not as an abstract

concept, but rather as lived reality in suburban America. While much of the civil rights movement focused on urban centers or the South, she recognized that segregation and opportunity gaps were just as widespread — if sometimes less visible — in prosperous suburban communities like those across Long Island.

Her nearly five decades leading the NAACP's New York State Conference allowed her to maintain consistent focus on issues affecting communities like ours. That persistence brought meaningful change to institutional practices and policies that had limited opportunities for minority residents.

As we look at Long Island today, we see both the progress Dukes helped achieve and the challenges we continue to face in creating truly equal opportunity. The diversity of our communities has increased, but disparities in housing, education and economic opportunity persist.

In the years ahead, let's be sure to honor Dukes' legacy by making Long Island — and the entire country — a place where discrimination is not tolerated, and where everyone has an equal shot at prosperity.

LETTERS

Advice from PSEG L.I.: Beware of scammers

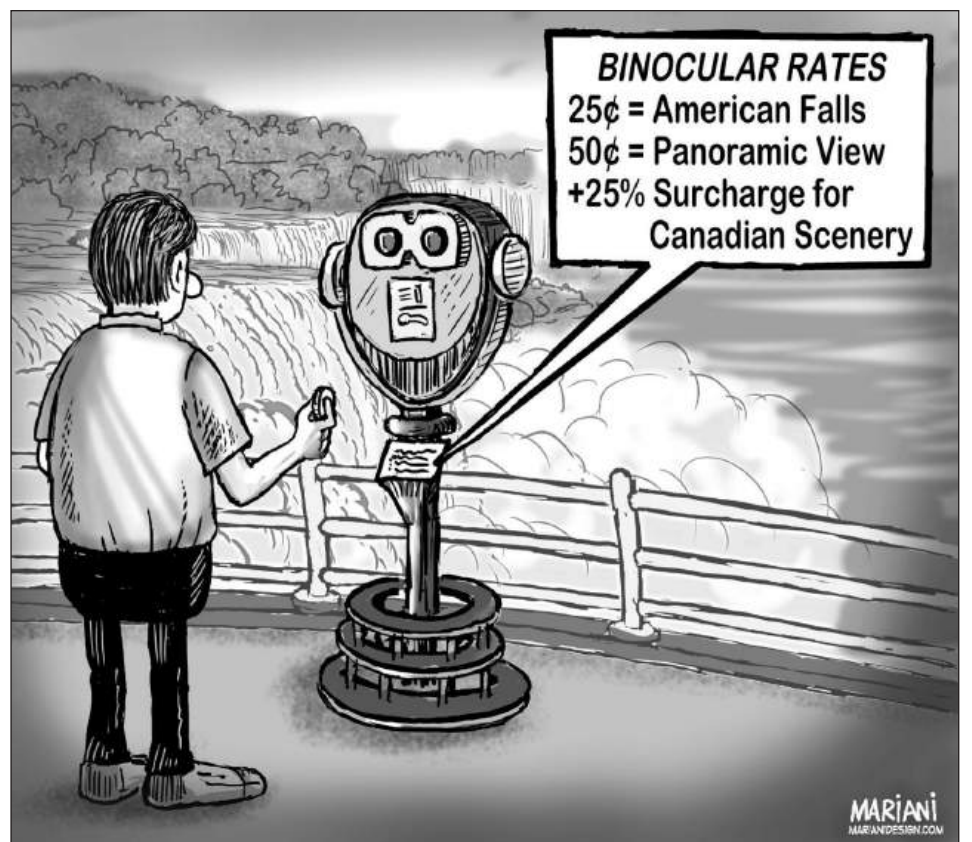
To the Editor:

National Consumer Protection Week, observed through March 8, offers an important reminder for consumers to stay alert against fraudulent schemes that prey on our vulnerability. Recent guidance from PSEG Long Island has shed light on the alarming tactics employed by scammers, and we believe it is essential that our community take note of these warnings.

Scammers are using increasingly sophisticated methods to trick unsuspecting customers. They frequently impersonate reputable companies, such as PSEG L.I., using advanced phone spoofing technology that displays familiar numbers on caller ID. In many cases, these fraudsters call with an urgent demand for immediate payment, falsely claiming that failure to comply will result in an immediate power shutoff. This tactic is designed to induce panic and force quick decisions without proper verification.

It is crucial for consumers to know that PSEG Long Island never requests payments through external web-based electronic services, prepaid debit cards or even Bitcoin. The only approved payment methods are those offered through our secure channels, such as My Account, the mobile app, or text messaging. Additionally, any request for a deposit in relation to priority meter installations is fraudulent, because we do not require a deposit for such services.

If anyone receives an unexpected call or email threatening an imminent power shutoff while



demanding payment, it is imperative to pause, take a step back, and verify the authenticity of the communication. Instead of responding immediately, customers should contact PSEG Long Island using the phone number found on their billing statement, (800) 490-0025. This simple step can prevent a great

deal of financial loss and stress.

As we have honored National Consumer Protection Week, we have urged all community members to share this important information with friends, family and neighbors. Together, by remaining vigilant and verifying every unexpected request for payment, we can

OPINIONS

ICE partnership targets criminals to keep Nassau safe

When violence and criminality threaten public safety, local governments must step up and do their part to keep their communities secure. As Nassau County executive, I believe that our recent partnership with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is essential to combating dangerous threats to county residents.



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Under our new program, 10 Nassau county detectives have been appointed for cross-designation and embedding with ICE. These officers will work hand in hand with our federal partners to target and pursue illegal migrants who are engaged in criminal activities in our neighborhoods. The county is also making jail cells available to ICE to detain these criminals for up to 72 hours, after which they will be relocated out of the county or deported.

My decision to implement this program is a necessary response to the serious public safety concerns we all face. Nassau County isn't a sanctuary county,

but our residents have repeatedly been targeted by violent acts by illegal migrants.

There have been many examples in just the past couple of years. On Oct. 16, 2024, an illegal migrant from Honduras allegedly raped a 5-year-old girl, a Nassau County resident. Not even a month later, six illegal migrants from Chile and Venezuela burglarized a local jewelry store using saws and advanced technology. A county judge was forced to release five of the criminals because of bail reform, and they escaped accountability by fleeing the county.

Last February, an illegal migrant stole a pro-Israel flag from a porch in Hewlett and brutally assaulted the homeowner who confronted him.

In January 2023, eight illegal migrants who were part of a South American drug ring were arrested in connection with a string of burglaries and larcenies that targeted high-end homes and businesses across the county. Later that year, another illegal migrant was arrested on the North Shore for carrying three kilograms of pure fentanyl, which authorities say would be enough

to wipe out the entire population of Long Island.

The crimes being committed by illegal migrants are completely unacceptable to me and my administration. We need to bring law and order to our streets, and our partnership with ICE is just one crucial step toward achieving that goal.

Public safety has been, and always will be, one of my top priorities. I am proud to say that I have hired nearly 300 new police officers during my time in office. That effort has helped us maintain our standing as the safest county in the United States, an honor bestowed on us by U.S. News & World Report.

The county's partnership with ICE will further bolster public safety by mirroring similar partnerships that are implemented nationwide to tackle issues like terrorism, gang violence and illegal drugs. In Nassau County's case, I believe that working with federal officials to stop dangerous criminals is the best thing we can do to protect our streets.

I want to reassure our residents that this program will *only* target criminals

who are illegal migrants. It is not designed to target law-abiding waiters, busboys, landscapers, service station workers and others who are not criminals, even if they may not be in the U.S. legally. Individuals will only be scrutinized if they are suspected of committing crimes that are separate and apart from their immigration status.

Cruel rumors have been spread about this program targeting and detaining immigrant children. I want to state emphatically that these are false and deceitful lies. Our partnership with ICE will not target children or include raids on schools, churches or communities. Victims and witnesses who report crimes or call 911 for emergency services will not be asked about their immigration status.

As we move forward, it is vital to acknowledge that Nassau County takes pride in its rich cultural diversity. Law-abiding residents should not be concerned about this program. Its primary goal is to safeguard our communities and ensure that those who break the law are held accountable and eliminated as threats. We are committed to a safe and secure county for all its residents, and this program is a critical step in that ongoing mission.

Bruce Blakeman is Nassau County executive.

It will mirror similar ones nationwide that target terrorism, gang violence and illegal drugs.

LETTERS

safeguard our community from falling victim to these scams.

Staying informed and cautious not only protects our finances, but also strengthens community trust. Every action contributes to defeating these scams and preserving our service reliability.

PSEG LONG ISLAND

Trump disrespects Teddy Roosevelt

To the Editor:

Will Sheeline was absolutely correct in his column last week, "Destroying Roosevelt's legacy." President Trump's promised "golden age" is intended to recreate Mark Twain's: golden for those having the gold, the gilt-edge securities, gold mines and gold \$Trump cryptocurrency.

Today's golden children feel their glory has been stolen, and want it back, with interest, and with punishment for the thieves. But the demands go far beyond T.R.'s trust-busting and conservation crimes to include FDR's New Deal "larceny." Taft-Hartley, Social Security, and the rest of those alphabet agencies are being undone because they're seen as obstacles to the promised land of corporate "free markets and personal responsibility," as The Washington Post's Jeff Bezos puts it.

Trump's last-term hero was the genocidal, court-defying Andrew Jackson. This time it's the empire-building colonialist William McKinley. This last is unfair to McKinley, but is how the ignorant Trump sees him.

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Chainsaws aren't toys, Elon

To the Editor:

How will we calculate the number of lives Elon Musk will take with his comical "chainsaw massacre"?

What will the death count be in the United States, and around the world, from the withholding of food, drinking water, medical supplies and treatment, vaccinations, and emergency services for natural and manmade disasters? From the removal of the guardians of public safety from food, drugs, diseases, fire, air pollution and workplace dangers?

From the debasement of services to our military veterans and the politicization of the military? From the disabling of the alliances and treaties that have kept a troubled world from World War III since 1945?

From the abatement of research in health, climate, defense, agriculture and countless other areas of vast public

FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



An avian get-together in Brady Park — Massapequa Park

interest? From the defunding of early child care and education at every level, up through university and graduate studies — the very keys to hope and advancement that mitigate against social class ossifying into a caste system in which crime is the only outlet for deprivation?

Perhaps the cost will be incalculable,

but it is the responsibility of our remaining non-MAGA media to report these casualties and not to relate what's going on simply as a streamlining of government costs against the whining of a few disgruntled former sucklers at the public teat.

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