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## G.C. Valor takes the crown

The Glen Cove Valor 11U team won the Hot Stove LI baseball national championship last week at Abe Levit Field in Hicksville. From left were Liam Ricco, Alexander Karousos, Mason Terrana, Coach Joe Maracic, Anthony Nardone, Thanasi Averopoulos, Julian Rottino, Patrick Fox, Richie Clark, Coach Kyle Supran, Luke Martone, Canon Evans and Joey Damiano.

# Long-delayed honor for WWI heroes

BY JILL NOSSA  
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After more than 100 years, the members of the 369th Infantry Regiment who fought in World War I are finally on track to get the recognition they deserve. Congress passed a bill last week to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Harlem Hellfighters, a Black regiment of the New York National Guard that had more than 40 members from Glen Cove, Sea Cliff, Locust Valley and Oyster Bay.

The regiment spent more time in continuous combat than any other American unit of its size during the war. The Hellfighters spent 191 days in the front-line trenches and suffered 1,400 casualties, more than any other U.S. regiment.

The bill is currently awaiting President Biden's signature.

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi led the effort for the Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act, which passed in the House of Representatives in June and in the Senate last week, where it was sponsored by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand. "This recognition for the Harlem Hellfighters is long overdue," Suozzi said.

Bringing attention to the group has been a priority of

Suozzi's for several years, particularly as more has become known about its members' North Shore ties. In the fall of 2018, the North Shore Historical Museum, in Glen Cove, debuted an exhibit on the Hellfighters, after museum board member Dr. Richard Harris made the connection while doing research. Now the exhibit is part of the museum's permanent collection, with a room devoted to the regiment.

According to Harris — who last year helped create a video promoting the exhibit, which is posted on the museum's website — the men trained for combat in the U.S., yet faced considerable racial prejudice and strong resistance when they were deployed overseas in 1918, and were initially assigned manual labor jobs in France by the U.S. Army. Then, Harris said, "The French stepped in and said they would be glad to have them fight with them."

So the regiment was assigned to the French army, earning the nickname "Men of Bronze" from the French and "Hellfighters" from the Germans due to their "doggedness and strength," Harris said, and because the Ger-

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# Dance festival set to take the stage at Morgan Park

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This Sunday, a high-class dance festival will take place at Glen Cove's Morgan's Memorial Park. The inaugural Gold Coast Dance Festival, presented by the dance company Moving On, will celebrate culture through dance.

Nicole Loizides Albruzzese, co-founder of Moving On and a

professional dancer, has been the driving force behind the creation of the event. Growing up in Huntington, Albruzzese began performing with the New York City Ballet at age 17, and began touring the world at 18. She choreographed part of the opening ceremony of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, and worked on performances for Abu Dhabi's 44th National Day.

"I wanted to bring my expertise back home, specifically to Glen Cove, but overall to Long Island," Albruzzese said, "where I think dance is very misunderstood and under-represented."

With support from the Glen Cove Youth Bureau, Moving On teamed up with Cove City Arts and the Glen Cove Arts Council to stage the event. It is free of

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# New art gallery opens on School Street

BY JILL NOSSA

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Glen Cove artist Peter Holden is passionate about his work. Each of his paintings and sculptures, now on view at his gallery on School Street, conveys part of a story, which he is happy to share with visitors. The exhibition opened on Aug. 13, providing an opportunity for people to view the original artwork on display.

Holden, 62, owns the space previously occupied by T-Mobile, and said that, rather than having an empty storefront, he would prefer to see it filled with art -- at least until he can rent out the space again. After years of working as an independent contractor doing art renovations and restorations, as well as helping with his wife's business, GLY Religious Store, also on School Street, Holden returned to his creative side this year. In a short period of time, he has produced an abundance of unique paintings and sculptures that fill the space with bright colors and striking images.

Originally from Holland, Holden began painting as a child and went to the art academy in Utrecht. He gave up art for awhile and started his own company, but then "a bunch of negative stuff started to happen," including the death of his father and a break-up. These events brought him back to painting again around age 30, he said, and he went to Paris with only a few thousand dollars to his name to find his "niche." Unfortunately, he said, the art jobs available were too commercial, including painting portraits of tourists. "I didn't want to do that," he said, "because I felt I had more to offer."

A friend offered him a job in the import/export business, which required a move to Geneva, then to Germany and



Jill Nossas/Herald

**HOLDEN MAKES THE** energy of the city come to life on canvas.

finally, to New York City. He didn't expect to stay, he said, but he fell in love and got married. He moved to Glen Cove in 1990.

Now, after about 30 years of building his own business and focusing on his family, while his wife, Liz, handles the operation of GLY, he wanted to start his own creative entity. "This year I decided it was time for me to start painting again," he said. "There was something brewing inside of me that said, now is the time."

Once he had that inspiration, he said, he needed to express himself on canvas.

He makes his own frames, and incorporates them into his art to create movement on the canvas.

"The canvas is an integral part of my artwork," he said, "and the frame belongs to the art."

About his process, he said, he begins paintings based on a feeling and an image inside him. "Sometimes I just feel the urge...it speaks to me.

"I always want to paint with a meaning," he added. "There's always some symbolism behind the person or message.

For me, I'm a connective person, I love people and I'm not afraid of people. I want everybody to be happy. When I see someone unhappy, it makes me unhappy, because I'm an emotional person. And I put that emotion into my art."

Holden is generally in the back of the gallery at 32 School St. painting every day, he said. While he does not leave the front door unlocked, anyone interested in viewing the art can call the number on the door and he will let them view his creations.

# Glen Cove receives \$2.7 million in funding

On Sunday, Aug. 15, Congressman Tom Suozzi presented Mayor Tim Tenke and City Controller Michael Piccirillo with an oversized check in the amount of \$2,744,000. The symbolic check represents the City of Glen Cove's portion of stimulus funds from the American Rescue Plan. The American Rescue Plan, a stimulus funding package for local governments tied to the pandemic, was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden this spring. Municipalities began receiving half of the stimulus money in May. The next installment will come in 12 months. The funds can be used on a prospective basis for purposes of responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts and investment in certain infrastructure improvements.



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

**CITY CONTROLLER MICHAEL** Piccirillo, Rep. Tom Suozzi and Mayor Tim Tenke. Suozzi presented the check on Sunday in Morgan Memorial Park.

## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

### Glen Cove resident turns 101

BY JILL NOSSA

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Kind words, music, proclamations and, of course, cake were all a part of the celebration that took place at the Atria at Glen Cove for resident Edna Linitz, who turned 101 on Aug. 6.

Linitz, who was born in Elmhurst, Queens, moved to Smithtown after marrying George Linitz in 1951. When her husband died in 1966, at age 42, the single mother took a job at Grumman Aerospace, where she worked as a purchasing agent for the Lunar Module until she retired in 1985.

"She has been a very active person until the pandemic," her daughter, Jackie Bregman, said. "She was a vibrant person at 99; she drove until she was 98."

Linitz has lived a full and active life, and lived independently in her own home in Calverton until she was 99. Bregman, of Port Washington, said her mother always had a fondness for casinos, and spent her 99th birthday at Jake's 58 Hotel and Casino in Islandia after touring a winery. Shortly after, she moved to Glen Cove, just three months before the pandemic started. Up until that time, her daughter said, she was not only socially active, but she would ride on roller coasters and go snow tubing.

"She's amazing," Bregman said.

Edna has lived a "full life," according to Bregman, and has traveled all over the world, to places including Russia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and all over Europe. "I think her favorite trip was to Alaska," Bregman said.

For her birthday, the Atria made a cake with Edna's picture on it, from a trip to Alaska. Mayor Tim Tenke and City Councilmembers Eve Lupenko Ferrante, Marsha Silverman and Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews were in attendance to wish her well, along with other Atria residents, her daughter and her grandson, Mathew Bregman.

Last year, the family hosted a party outdoors for her 100th birthday, with about 20 family members present, and planned to do the same this year. While Linitz has slowed down, her daughter noted, she is still remarkable and does not take any medication – even taking an aspirin causes hesitation. She does have one vice, however: junk food.

"She'd give up a steak dinner to eat a piece of crumb cake or potato chips," Bregman said. "And she has a glass of wine every night. She loves pinot grigio. She always says, 'I've lived so long because I love junk food.'"



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**EDNA LINITZ, CENTER,** with her grandson Matthew Bregman and daughter Jackie Bregman, and City Council members Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Marsha Silverman, Mayor Tim Tenke and Councilwoman Eve Lupenko Ferrante



**New infections since Aug. 8**

**18**

**Total infections as of Aug. 12**

**4, 223**

## Webb Institute searches for next president

After nine years of service as the president of Webb Institute, R. Keith Michel announced his plans to retire effective June 30, 2022. He made the announcement at the Oct. 15, 2020, Webb Board of Trustees Meeting, at which time the search for the 17th president of the Glen Cove-based naval architecture and marine engineering school was formally launched.

This month, a committee of trustees, with the input of selected faculty

members, administrators, and students, initiated a national search to identify qualified candidates. Jon LaBerge, vice chairman of Webb's Board of Trustees, is chairing the search committee. The search committee, working together with the national search firm WittKieffer, will conduct the search process, select and interview candidates, update the Webb community on the process and progress, and recommend a candidate to the board for final approval.

"We look forward to an open and transparent process to identify a broad and diverse pool of candidates from which we will select Webb's next president," LaBerge said.

The transition is expected to be complete by July 1, 2022. The finalists will be invited to campus to meet with the board, faculty, administration, and student representatives during the upcoming academic year.

The other members of the search

committee include: Bruce S. Rosenblatt, president of Bruce S. Rosenblatt & Associates, LLC; Dr. George Campbell Jr., President Emeritus of Cooper Union; Joseph J. Cuneo, retired chairman of MARINEX International; Roderick MacKinnon, professor at The Rockefeller University; Dr. Jennifer K. Waters, provost at SUNY Maritime; and Christopher Wiernicki, chairman and CEO of American Bureau of Shipping.

## Good Shabbos, Long Island!

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**Torah reading: Ki'Seitze**  
**Shabbos ends at 8:35**

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# Jones Beach concert to mark 9/11 anniversary

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Nearly 20 years have passed since the United States was shaken by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. This month, New York City-based nonprofit Tunnels to Towers Foundation will host its “Never Forget Concert” at Northwell Health at Jones Beach Theater on Aug. 21 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the attacks.

“We have a beautiful, patriotic opening planned for the concert,” nonprofit’s founder and CEO, Frank Siller, said. “We’re going to honor our fallen soldiers in a truly reverent way. ... remembering what happened on 9/11 and our many great heroes including my own brother, Stephen, who paid the ultimate sacrifice that day.”

The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation was created in 2001 to honor New York City Fire Department hero, Stephen Siller. Siller strapped approximately 60 pounds of gear to his back and ran two miles through the Hugh Carey Tunnel (formerly the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel) to the Twin Towers, where he risked his life to save others.

The organization also honors our nation’s military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sac-

rifice of life and limb for our country, according to the nonprofit’s website.

The “Never Forget Concert” will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature performances from a variety of renowned artists and groups, including: Journey, The Chainsmokers, Steve Miller Band, John Fogerty of Creedence Clearwater Revival, Ann Wilson of Heart, Lee Brice, Wyclef Jean, Gavin DeGraw, “The Voice” contestant Wé McDonald, Lee Greenwood, Flo Rida, rapper Danny Rodriguez, “American Idol” contestant Jax, and guitarist G.E. Smith, who will serve as the musical director. There will also be a few surprise guests, Frank said.

The tribute concert, sponsored by GMC, Home Depot Foundation and Verizon, will also be recorded and later broadcast on WAXQ/104.3 FM, select iHeart stations and on the iHeartRadio app on Sept. 11.

The nonprofit anticipates roughly 15,000 guests at the concert, Tunnels to Towers Executive Vice President, Matthew Mahoney said in a phone interview. The group has also donated “thousands” of concert tickets to fami-

lies tied to 9/11, first responders, police officers, firefighters, military members and Gold Star families, Frank said.

All proceeds will benefit the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which provides mortgage-free homes to injured veterans, first responders, and Gold Star families with young children, as part of their “Smart Home Program”. The foundation also hosts programs such as their Fallen First Responder Home Program, and their Gold Star Family Home Program.

Tunnels to Towers Foundation also hosts their annual “Tunnel to Towers 5K Run” in order to to retrace FDNY Firefighter Stephen Siller’s final footsteps and their “Never Forget” National Walk, in which CEO Frank Siller walks through West Virginia and on to Maryland, as his more than 500-mile Journey through 16th in six weeks to honor the fallen of 9/11.

In addition, Tunnels to Towers hosts an annual memorial ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial on Veteran’s Day, in which the foundation reads the 7,059 names of military personnel who have

died in America’s response to September 11, 2001, the War on Terror.

The foundation also created a 9/11 “Never Forget” Mobile Exhibit, which serves as a tribute to all those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, including the 343 members of FDNY, according to the foundation’s website.

Stephen Siller’s daughter, Genevieve Siller, said she’s appreciative that the community will honor those who lost their lives at the upcoming memorial concert.

“It is so special to have others come together to remember my father and the many others who selflessly gave up their lives for our country,” said Genevieve Siller, 23, of Staten Island. “It is comforting that even after 20 years, New Yorkers will still come together to celebrate these heroes.”

Although September 11 is a bitter-sweet day for her and her family, Genevieve said she is grateful that her father’s life and legacy has helped so many.

“I truly believe my father was put on this Earth to help others – and he has done that through both his life and death,” Genevieve said.

Tickets, starting at \$121 per seat, are currently available for purchase online at tickets.JonesBeach.com.

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## GENEVIEVE SILLER

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Friday, August 20

### Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "Bull Durham" (1988) at the library. Baseball devotee Annie Savoy takes loose-cannon pitching prospect Nuke LaLoosh under her wing. But she's unable to shake Crash Davis, the veteran catcher brought in to give Nuke some on-the-field seasoning. A breakthrough film for all three of its stars and an Oscar nominee for former minor leaguer Ron Shelton's quotable screenplay, Bull Durham is a freewheeling hymn to wisdom, experience, and America's pastime.

### Live Music: Rusty String Band

Every Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. through the end of August, residents can head to Sea Cliff Beach to enjoy live music by the water.

### Dancing in the Street

Free evenings of dancing under the stars with music and live demonstrations by professional DJ's, on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. in front of 74 Audrey Ave, Oyster Bay.

### Downtown Sounds: Head Over Heels

Every Friday for the rest of the summer, the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District will host a free concert series in Village Square at the intersections of Glen, School and Bridge streets. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. spectators can head to the square with their lawn chairs and enjoy live music every Friday until Aug. 27.

## Saturday, August 21

### Deep Roots Farmers Market

100 Garvies Point Road, Glen Cove, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The weekly farmers market offers a selection of locally grown vegetables and eggs, fresh baked bread, honey, seafood and more.

### The Butterfly Bruises: Poetry by Palmer Smith

Beginning at 3 p.m. join poet Palmer Smith at the Locust Valley Library as she reads from her collected works, "The Butterfly Bruises," a collection of



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## Paint Night in the Garden

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21, you can head to the Roosevelt Community Garden at 59 E. Fulton Avenue in Roosevelt to learn about the community garden while relaxing and painting a masterpiece. Materials will be provided. Tickets are \$35 per adult and \$15 per child and can be purchased online at [www.northshorelandalliance.org/rcg](http://www.northshorelandalliance.org/rcg). For more details, contact Andrea Millwood at [andrea@northshorelandalliance.org](mailto:andrea@northshorelandalliance.org) or 516-922-1028.

80 poems and several short stories, focusing on mediation with miscommunication, childhood, Northern vs. Southern American culture, and other themes. "The Butterfly Bruises" will make you question what it means to be living and communicating in the world today. This event will take place outdoors near the Scout Hut area.

## Sunday, August 22

### Tea In the Garden at Planting Fields

Beginning at 11 a.m. enjoy summertime in bloom at Planting Fields by having a small variety of flavorful teas paired with individually bagged cookies outside in the Cloister Garden and beside the West Portico. Guests will also have the opportunity to encounter one of the site's unique architectural

spaces that is part of the exhibition, Everett Shinn: Operatics, the 1915 Tea House in the Italian Garden. The space features murals and furnishings commissioned from Shinn by the Coes, who built a legacy of artistic patronage by supporting the modern artists of their time.

## Monday, August 23

### Monday Jazz Night at La Bussola Ristorante

At 40 School St., Glen Cove, at 7 p.m. featuring pianist Danny Mixon, accompanied by bassist Bryce Sebastien, La Bussola Ristorante is putting on a Monday Jazz Night, to continue every Monday for the foreseeable future. There will be two shows each week, at 7 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m., each an hour long.

### Victoria Crosby's Final Elvis Tribute Show

The Bayville Free Library is hosting a celebration for the end of Summer Reading with a fun and exciting virtual animal show. Join Jason Reilly at 5 p.m. via zoom, as he introduces and teaches you about some crazy and fun animals!

## Tuesday, August 24

### Oyster Bay Cruise Night

Every Tuesday evening during the summer, the streets of Oyster Bay are filled with classic cars and spectators for Oyster Bay Cruise Night. Restaurants, shops, snacks and beverages, ice cream and shopping surround the collection of fun and interesting cars. Additionally, live music fills the streets with a band

at every cruise night. Also, weekly raffles and giveaways for children. Each show starts at 5:45 p.m. and runs until dark.

## Wednesday, Aug. 25

### Curator's Corner: The Liberation of Paris

Beginning at 11 a.m. join Dr. Thorin Tritter to talk about a large photograph in the museum's fifth gallery that shows the liberation of Paris by American forces on August 25, 1944. Dr. Tritter will speak about the photograph and the dramatic shift in the war on this date 77 years ago. This event will take place virtually over zoom. Register online at [hmtcli.org](http://hmtcli.org).

## Thursday, August 26

### Sunset Serenade: Livestock

Every Thursday for the rest of the summer, the Sea Cliff Civic Association will host a free concert series in Clifton Park. Beginning at 6 p.m. spectators can head to the park and enjoy live music every Thursday until Sept. 2.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

Items on the Community Update pages 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 [jnossa@liherald.com](mailto:jnossa@liherald.com)

## 5 things to know about your town

- The Glen Cove Senior Center Rose Shoppe Boutique is open Mon - Fri, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Oyster Bay Town Board will meet on Sept. 14 at 10 a.m.
- Glen Cove Downtown Sounds free concert series continues every Friday at 7:30 p.m.
- The North Shore Board of Education will meet on Sept. 2.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Board of Trustees will meet on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.

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**FRED NIELSEN, FAR** left; Debra Willett, granddaughter of Glen Cove Harlem Hellfighter Sgt. Leander Willet; U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi; Dr. Richard Harris; and Amy Driscoll, executive director of the North Shore Historical Museum, attended a ceremony in Harlem in April, when Suozzi announced his introduction of the Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act.

## Overdue honor for WWI heroes

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mans “did not want to face them in battle.”

When the regiment returned to the U.S., more than 3,000 members took part in a parade up Manhattan’s Fifth Avenue to Harlem on Feb. 17, 1919, Harris said, initially receiving much attention and praise. “But then things returned to normal,” Harris said, “and they faced the same racial discrimination that they had received before the war.”

The museum exhibit, he said, was created to “call attention to these men and what they did during the war so that more people will know about their story.”

In Glen Cove, residents are becoming more aware of this chapter of history. At the June 23 Glen Cove City Council meeting, a resolution passed unanimously to declare Feb. 17 Harlem Hellfighters Remembrance Day.

In 2019, the family of Hellfighter Sgt. Leander Willet, of Glen Cove, asked Suozzi to help them obtain a Purple Heart for the fallen regiment member. Suozzi’s office secured the necessary documentation through the National Personnel Records Center, and that November, at a ceremony at the North Shore museum, Suozzi presented a posthumous Purple Heart to Willet “for wounds received as a result of hostile actions” in France on Oct. 4, 1918.

The Congressional Gold Medal is Congress’s highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions, given to those who have “performed an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture that is likely to be recognized as a major achievement in the recipient’s field long after the achievement.” The medal will be designed and struck by the U.S. Mint and displayed at the Smithsonian Institution and at events associated with the Harlem Hellfighters. There have been only two other Congressional Gold Medals awarded to distinguished African-American military groups: the Tuskegee Airmen, in 2007, and the Montfort Point Marines, in 2011, both of which fought in World War II.

“The Harlem Hellfighters served our nation with distinction, spending 191 days in the front-line trenches, all while displaying the American values of courage, dedication and sacrifice,” Gillibrand said in a statement. “The Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act honors these brave men, who, even as they faced segregation and prejudice, risked their lives to defend our freedoms. I look forward to President Biden signing this bill into law.”

Biden is expected to do so as early as Aug. 23.



# Curran gears up early for fall campaign

By JAMES BERNSTEIN

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Laura Curran has apparently decided not to wait until after Labor Day, the traditional beginning of fall political campaigns, to kick-start her drive for a second term as Nassau County executive.

Curran, 53, a Democrat, held a rally on a sweltering Saturday afternoon outside the

Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building in Mineola, where bottled water was handed out with blue campaign signs.

The county executive announced her intention to run for re-election in May. After her 20-minute speech to about 100 supporters Saturday, Curran acknowledged that it is early to campaign.

"The election is three months off," she said. "But it's important for people to know where we are going. We will be persistent to build back" after the pandemic.

Curran said her fall campaign would focus on "fully funding" law enforcement, expanding access to mental health, developing multi-year plans for a balanced budget, supporting small businesses and promoting job growth.

Her opponent in the fall campaign will be Hempstead Town Councilman Bruce Blakeman, 65, a Republican who lives in Atlantic Beach. Blakeman has run for several offices before, including for a seat in Congress.

Blakeman has said his campaign will be all about taxes.

Curran, who lives in Baldwin, worked as a reporter for The New York Daily News and New York Post and as an editor at Herald Community Newspapers and was a Baldwin Board of Education member before winning a seat in the County Legislature.

In 2017, she defeated Republican Jack Martins to become the first woman to be elected Nassau County executive.



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**LAURA CURRAN SPOKE** to about 100 supporters outside county office building on a sweltering Saturday afternoon.

utive.

On Saturday, Curran was endorsed by John Durso, president of the 250,000-member Long Island Federation of Labor:

"I'm proud to lend my support to someone who is one of us," Durso told the crowd. He said the federation's support for candidates has not always been unanimous. "But this time," Durso said, "it's Laura."

Her friend and neighbor, Naala Royale, owner of a Rockville Centre restaurant, told the crowd that Curran "lives in a normal house, walks her dog and sometimes holds press conferences on her front lawn. For us, that's

Laura."

In her speech, Curran outlined a series of programs on which her campaign would be based. One program includes fighting crime. She noted that she, Nassau Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder and other officials recently broke ground on a new \$54 million, 89,000-square-foot police academy on the Nassau Community College campus in Garden City.

She emphasized that Nassau was recently named the safest community in the United States by U.S. News and World Report. "That doesn't happen by accident," Curran said. It came about as the result of work by her administration, the police department and residents.

But her veto of a bill earlier this month to give first responders the right to sue under the county Human Rights Law when they face harassment disappointed police union leaders, including Nassau Police Benevolent Association President James McDermott. Curran cited a new opinion by the office of state Attorney General Letitia James questioning the constitutionality of the bill.

Under her administration, Curran said, the county had received its first positive bond rating from Wall Street in 15 years. Moody's revised its outlook on the county to positive from stable while affirming its A2 rating, citing three straight years of improved financial results.

Curran also said the county had recently reached a critical milestone in the Bay Park Conveyance Project with the County Legislature's unanimous approval of a design-build contract with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Western Bays Constructors Joint Venture. The \$439 million Bay Park Conveyance Project is designed to restore the ecosystem and water quality in the Western Bays by conveying treated effluent from the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant to the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant's ocean outfall pipe through underground tunnels.



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# High school football camps kick off Aug. 23

By **TONY BELLISSIMO**

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Three months and three weeks after Massapequa, Garden City, Manhasset and Wantagh captured Nassau football championships, all 53 programs in the county will start preparing for a new season Aug. 23.

All scrimmages, two regular-season games, one round of playoffs and the Long Island championships were eliminated this past spring as the 2020 season was delayed six months. It'll be back to the eight-game grind and eight playoff teams per conference this fall.

Conference IV, which has 13 teams, will begin the season one week before the rest of the county and all but three of its schools won't have the benefit of a scrimmage. A handful of games, including West Hempstead at Malverne, are set for under the lights on Friday, Sept. 3. A full schedule will kick off the following weekend, with the majority of games taking place Saturday, Sept. 11.

Garden City, which has captured five straight Conference II titles, is the only defending county champion seeded No. 1 in its respective conference. Massapequa is No. 2 in Conference I behind Oceanside, Manhasset, the reigning Rutgers Cup champ, is ranked sixth in Conference III, while Wantagh is seeded second behind Plainedge. With Wantagh's jump to III, North Shore earned the No. 1 seed in IV.

## 10 Games To Watch

- Sept. 18** MacArthur at V.S. Central
- Sept. 24** Plainedge at South Side
- Oct. 2** Carey at Elmont
- Oct. 2** Massapequa at Oceanside
- Oct. 9** South Side at Wantagh
- Oct. 9** Clarke at Seaford
- Oct. 23** Carey at Baldwin
- Oct. 23** MacArthur at Garden City
- Oct. 23** Wantagh at Plainedge
- Oct. 30** Calhoun at Mepham

Garden City opens against an unfamiliar opponent. Baldwin, in Conference II for the first time, visits the Trojans on Sept. 11. Massapequa travels to East Meadow, Manhasset visits Bethpage, and Wantagh hosts Valley Stream North.

### Five teams switch conferences

Of the five programs taking on new conference rivals this September, more than half joined Conference II: Baldwin, Herricks and Glen Cove are seeded No. 9, 10 and 13, respectively. It's the first time Baldwin will not play in the top conference. Wantagh is back in its longtime stomping grounds of Conference III, which includes South Side again after the

Cyclones were in Conference II last season.

### Notable coaching changes

For the first time since the late 1980s, someone other than Stephen Carroll is leading Baldwin as its head coach. Frank Chimienti, former head coach at Valley Stream Central and an assistant at Freeport for the past five seasons, has taken over the helm and is thrilled about the energy displayed by the Bruins during summer workouts. "It's not like I'm taking over a program in need of a rebuild," Chimienti said. "Baldwin has such a great tradition and there's a lot of talent around."

Making their head coaching debuts in September will be Frank Baglivo at Clarke and Kevin O'Hagan at East Meadow. A former assistant under Rob Perpall at Seaford, Michael Corcoran returns to lead the Vikings.



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**OCEANSIDE QUARTERBACK CHARLIE** McKee won the Thorp Award last season, given to the top player in Nassau County.

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# Gold Coast Dance Festival comes to Glen Cove

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charge, and is focused on bringing top-notch dancing to a wide array of people. According to Albruzzese, attending an event like the festival would typically cost \$150 and up. She said she hoped it would offer every demographic access to the arts.

“Nicole wanted to make sure that people weren’t forgetting about the arts on Long Island,” said Ask la Cour, principal dancer with the New York City Ballet and artistic director of the Ohman School of Ballet.

According to Albruzzese, Glen Cove Councilwoman Marsha Silverman — a former music student at La Guardia High School in Manhattan — has been an ardent supporter of the festival. “To me,” Silverman said, “giving people an opportunity to see things that maybe they’ve never seen before — especially youth — and exposing people to different things can create a positive environment where people may be able to become aware of things that they just never knew about before, and find passion that they didn’t even know existed, and fall in love with something like dance or other forms of art.”

Both Albruzzese and la Cour described dance as a vessel of communication, the sharing of a story by way of a performance. “Language is an art, it’s a science, it’s something that we all aspire to achieve, the basis behind any artist,”



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**FRITZLYN HECTOR, A** dancer with STOMP and Forces of Nature, and Long Island University’s director of dance.

Albruzzese said. “It all comes from a place within, and to be able to share with the public what that place is . . . each artist has their own discipline or genre of art that they’re drawn to. For me, it’s dance and movement.”

La Cour will perform a piece he choreographed called “Change of Heart,” which tells the story of two people who

have repeated changes of heart but eventually get together.

“Sometimes you don’t necessarily need to yell to get your point across or say something — you can do it through movement,” he said. “I think we all can relate to that. As soon as we hear music or a rhythm, everyone starts dancing. It’s in our body, it’s in our DNA.”

Albruzzese said she hoped the event would help people unplug for a moment, answer their questions about dancers and show the beauty of dance without the magic and flair of things like television. “The Gold Coast Dance Festival I am happily naming after our North Shore shoreline, which I always seem to return to after years of traveling,” she said. “I just always seem to find my way back.”

The festival will showcase a variety of dance disciplines and include performances by professional dancers, including Albruzzese, la Cour, former members of the Dance Theatre of Harlem, a finalist from the Fox series “So You Think You Can Dance” and performers from NBC’s “World of Dance.” It is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, with a rain date set for the same time on Aug. 28.

The show will also serve as the launch of Moving On’s mentorship and scholarship fund. Albruzzese hopes the fund will help aspiring dancers make contact with, and help fund their time at, performing arts institutions.

“I aspire to be a household name on Long Island and in the region — not necessarily [with] a large touring company, but something to give back to my community and where I’ve grown up,” Albruzzese said. “So many dancers and artists alike are dependent on touring schedules and leaving their homes or leaving their families. It’s time that we bring that home.”

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### Monica Alexandris-Miller

Monica Alexandris-Miller, of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 13, 2021. Beloved wife of Brett. Devoted mother of Anna, Kasey and Maya. Dear sister of James and Anthony. Survived by her parents Panagiotis and Panagiota Alexandris. In lieu of flowers, Monica has requested that donations be made to Metavivor.org. Her family has requested that they be donated in honor of her. Visitation McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home, 220 Glen St., Glen Cove.

### Joan G. Lavin

Joan G. Lavin of Glen Cove died on Aug. 11, 2021, at age 89. Beloved wife of the late Jesse. Loving mother of Steven (Elyse) and Adrienne (David). Proud grandmother of Jordyn (Jessica), Nerissa (Ferhat), Kourtney, Maxwell (Laura) and Kymi. Special great-grandmother of Genevieve and two more on the way. Joan loved to read and was always the smartest person in the room. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Interment private.

### Edmund Calvert Lynch III

Edmund Calvert Lynch III, son of Caroline Hudson Lynch Firestone and the late Edmund Calvert Lynch, Jr. Born in New York City on Oct. 22, 1953; died Aug. 6, 2021, at his home in Mill Neck. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Deborah Brown Lynch; two children, Crystal Ann Lynch (Gregory Ewoldt), Edmund Calvert Lynch IV; and his dog, Bailey. In addition, he survived by his two siblings, Virginia Lynch Dean (Jimmy) and Case Lynch (Gail). Mr. Lynch's grandfather, Edmund Calvert Lynch, was a founder of Merrill Lynch & Company. Mr. Lynch was the owner of Walton P. Davis Moving & Storage Co. Inc., in Locust Valley and West Palm Beach, FL. He served on the board of LIMSA (Long Island Moving & Storage Association) from 1980 to 2020. He attended The Stony Brook School and Gordon College. His passions were ice hockey, skeet shooting, photography and bird watching. A burial service was held on Saturday, Aug. 14, in the memorial garden at Saint John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church.

### Gay-Marie Zavaro

Gay-Marie Zavaro died on June 30 at age 62. Gay will forever be lovingly remembered by her family. Daughter of Marguerite and late father Matthew.

Sister to Cindy Larice, Joy Zavaro (twin), Matthew Zavaro, Jr. and Kim Kern. Deeply loving aunt to Christopher Larice (Kristin), Alexa. Patrick and Maxx Kern. Great aunt to Emerson. Gay loved making the people she cared about happy. Lover of all animals, especially her twin cats, Mulli and Finni. Gay loved her family and friends more than anything. Gay enjoyed spending her time on cruises and walking the boardwalk at Sea Cliff Beach. Gay touched the hearts of everyone she has ever encountered. Although she is no longer here with us physically, all of the beautiful memories that we have with her will live on forever. See you soon, Doo. God and her dad called her name and the angels started singing. We hear the angels sing. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery.

### James P. Mammone

James P. Mammone of Glen Cove died on Aug. 13, 2021. James was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend. James is survived by his wife of 28 years Christine, and his children Michael, aged 13, and Sophia, aged 11. Also survived by his mother Rose, his sister Lisa Rossi, his brother-in-law Michael, niece Jennifer and nephew John; his sister Carol DeSimone and brother-in-law Edward, and their children James and Marisa; his mother-in-law Carol Castagna, father-in-law Sal Castagna, Christine's sister Susie Castagna and nephew Steven Lepore. In lieu of flowers, donations in

his name may be made to the American Cancer Society. Funeral Mass at the Church of St. Rocco. Interment St. Charles Cemetery.

### Antonio Longobucco

Antonio Longobucco of Glen Cove died on Aug. 13, 2021. Beloved husband of Elena (nee Aureliano). Devoted father of Francesco (Megan), Giovanni (Adreana) and Lisa (Stuart) Levine. Loving grandfather of Jack, Gianna, Natalie, Isabella, Sara, Antonio and Samantha. Funeral Mass at the Church of St. Rocco. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St Rocco's Church.

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## OPINIONS

# Restoring a lost habitat in our backyard

In the early morning of April 28, I tiptoed into my dew-coated backyard in Merrick to watch as an orange sun slowly migrated upward, sending its rays streaming through the hundreds of flower-covered branches on the three cherry and two apple trees that my wife and I planted nearly 20 years ago when we first moved in.



**SCOTT  
BRINTON**

It is a glorious moment that I await each year, when I can stand and breathe in the sheer beauty of those life-sustaining flowers, all white and pink. Each is such a tiny, seemingly insignificant thing. Collectively, however, these flowers constitute a powerful

force.

This is the natural world reborn in what was once a virtually lifeless suburban backyard. When my wife and I moved in, our yard was all lawn except for a handful of hydrangea, holly and Japanese yew bushes, two scrawny dogwood trees and one ornamental cherry around the edges.

In the early years in our home, we ripped out about half of the lawn to make way for many more trees, bushes and flowers, a number of them native species. We wanted to recreate, in a sense, the back-

yards that we knew as children. I grew up in rural Yaphank, in Suffolk County, surrounded by a dense forest of white pine and oak trees. My wife was raised in Sofia, Bulgaria's capital, but spent many days in her family's village of Rajdavitsa, amid cherry orchards full of wildflowers.

We wanted trees through which squirrels and birds could scurry and construct their nests. We wanted a natural habitat.

Two decades later, I'm proud to say that we have one. The cherries that we planted are more than 20 feet tall, and the apples, over 30 feet. All were purchased as one-foot bare-root saplings for a couple dollars each from the Arbor Day Foundation. We also planted four arborvitae, three maples, two white pines, two dwarf Alberta spruces, a Japanese maple, many more hydrangeas and hollies, boxwoods, barberries, red osier dogwoods, butterfly, raspberry and blackberry bushes, forsythias, fountain and maiden grasses, euonymuses, lilies, lilacs, hostas, black-eyed Susans, peonies and purple cone flowers, among others.

Where once there was no wildlife, now we have bees and butterflies and birds — red cardinals, blue jays, European starlings, grackles, house sparrows, Baltimore orioles and my wife's favorite, mockingbirds. We've even had birds build nests in

our trees, including a robin and a mourning dove. I love that. There are also squirrels, which eat our apples and, occasionally, our tomatoes, as well as raccoons and opossums here and there.

This year we certified our yard as a

Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation. We started the simple process by answering a few quick questions: Does your yard provide shelter and food for wildlife? Is there a water source from which wildlife can drink? Are you committed to natural yard maintenance, without the use of synthetic pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers? Then you pay a fee — certification is a fundraiser for this

nonprofit environmental organization. Finally, NWF sends you a beautiful green metal sign, which we staked in our front yard's center bed for all our neighbors to see as they're out walking their dogs or jogging by.

The sign sends a message that our yard is a safe place for wildlife.

Between 1982 and 2001, 34 million acres of open space, an area the size of Illinois, were lost to development — roughly four acres per minute, or 6,000 acres a day. More than 10 million of those acres were covered over to make way for houses, buildings, lawns and pavement between 1982 and 1997, according to the U.S. Forest Ser-

**W**here once there was no wildlife, we now have all that we hoped for.

# All you can eat? Amid a tenacious virus, not so much.

If there's one thing that is quintessentially American, it's the all-you-can-eat, stuff-yourself-till-you-die buffet. Now, as the Delta variant spreads, shutting down buffet venues across the country, many folks are missing the opportunity for unrestrained gorging, which is a kind of sport coast to coast.



**RANDI  
KREISS**

This is a small grievance, to be sure, considering the misery that Covid has wrought, but it's one of the pandemic lifestyle changes that bite. Like not being able to see your doctor in person or having to move your book group online or canceling your plans to see friends

or family. With Covid unbound, we have to carefully consider whether to dine out, unless it is a well-spaced outdoor setting.

Dozens of buffet restaurants have gone belly up, and the rest are struggling to create safer dining opportunities. Not that buffets have ever been the healthy go-to choice for a meal. The basic idea is that you can abandon any reasonable eating habits you may have acquired and just shovel in as much food as you want to with-

out anyone saying "enough." In fact, some folks have taken to competing at a few of the big buffet emporia to see if they can get kicked out for eating too much. No such thing. You. Cannot. Eat. Too. Much.

No one wants to be reminded that there has always been a direct path from the buffet line to the IV line in the E.R. We Americans want our super-sized meals, damn the glucose and cholesterol readings. If you dine out at a traditional restaurant, it gets awkward to order three desserts, but a buffet makes it not only possible but easy.

Now, with Covid, buffet restaurants are struggling to survive, except in the South, where Texas, Georgia, Louisiana and Tennessee vie for the best attendance award. There is guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: "Avoid offering any self-serve food or drink options, such as buffets, salad bars and drink stations. This limits the use of shared serving utensils, handles, buttons or touch screens and helps customers to stay seated and at least 6 feet apart from people who do not live in their household." Right.

In Florida, where masks are a sign of weak-minded liberalism, many buffets are

still in business. Oh sure, there may be a server behind the dessert bar, helping you to the pie, but you're jammed in with a million other unmasked people.

Historically, Las Vegas has always offered the biggest, cheapest buffets. If you were willing to leave your life savings at the roulette table, the hotel was willing to feed you into a coma. The Bacchanal Buffet at Caesars Palace was the ultimate food experience for thousands of tourists. According to a review, it served more than 3,000 people a day across nine stations, featuring hundreds of items including nigiri sushi, dim sum, rotisserie chicken, 12-hour roasted American wagyu, paella,

lobster bisque, snow crab legs, chicken and waffles, gnocchi, pizza, deviled eggs, pho, miso soup, Penang curry, cheeseburger sliders, soba noodles, poke, foie gras PB&J, oysters on the half-shell, shrimp and grits, pozole, tofu, General Tso's chicken, avocado toast, peppercorn-crusted prime rib and more.

According to its website, Caesar's has reopened its buffet after making renovations and (one would hope) installing safety measures to avoid serving up a super-spreader for dessert.

vice, which projects that America will lose another 26 million acres to development by 2030.

Each of us has a choice: We can leave our yards as lawn and pavement, or start planting to restore at least some of what has been lost. Collectively, we could reshape suburbia from a traditionally wildlife-averse landscape to a habitat that welcomes wild creatures of all shapes and sizes.

The family from which we purchased our home were the original owners of the house, which was constructed shortly after World War II. It was among the first homes built in the area. The couple, in their early 80s when we bought it from them, spoke of a time when farmland stretched from the block just north of us to Merrick Road. That plot is now a shopping center. South of our home was covered by wetlands — what people in the mid-20th century thought of as swamp. It's now all homes, the wetlands filled in to construct row upon row of split-level ranches, many double or triple their original size.

We cannot undo the past. We can, however, commit to a more sustainable future. To learn more about how you can certify your yard with the National Wildlife Federation, go to [nwf.org](http://nwf.org).

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I don't want to come off as a buffet snob. I've put in my time at the bacon station at many breakfast buffets. On the road, a cheap hotel buffet was an acceptable choice. You could always find something to eat.

Here on Long Island, private tennis, golf and social clubs drew new members to their opulent buffets. I loved being a guest at these places, which offered delicious food and the all-you-can-eat ethos, although with more savoir faire than a Golden Corral.

Buffets have been so abundant and ubiquitous that people learned to brainstorm the most effective methods of getting the best choices of expensive cuts of meat and seafood without wasting stomach space on the dinner rolls. My own son-in-law nailed down the tactical approach to buffets years ago: Eat protein first. Don't bulk up on salad. Go to the lobster and the shrimp and hold off on the carbs. No one ever made any profit on his buffet dinners.

Now most buffets are the stuff of nostalgia. My most memorable one was a lunch for President Ronald Reagan when he and Nancy visited Temple Ohr Torah in North Woodmere. The centerpiece was a bust of the president, done in chopped liver.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## U.N.: Climate change is real, and it's getting uglier

**T**o the climate deniers, we say this:  
Wake up.

July was the hottest in the past 142 years, since humans started recording climate data, according to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. July had previously been the hottest month ever recorded in 2016, 2019 and 2020.

What we are seeing now is climate change play out in real time, as predicted by scientists dating back to the 1960s and the administration of President Lyndon Johnson. As a nation, we have largely ignored the crisis, pretending it wasn't happening, hoping the scientists had got this one wrong. They didn't. We can see that now.

We can see it in the massive wildfires that have consumed swaths of the American West and southern Europe. California and Colorado may be on fire, but so are Italy and Greece.

No fewer than nine wildfires are now ravaging California. Exacerbated by extreme drought, the Dixie Fire has burned since July 13 and scorched more than half a million acres in Plumas and Butte counties. Need we say more?

The climate crisis is particularly worrisome for Long Islanders. We, after all, live on an island surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Long Island Sound, which are predicted to rise because ice shelves in Greenland and Antarctica are melting into the seas, causing water levels to rise, inch by inch, foot by foot, over decades.

The 195-member United Nations International Panel on Climate Change recently released its sixth Assessment Report, offering the consensus findings and opinions of thousands of the world's leading climatologists. The warnings are dire.

When the IPCC began its work 33 years ago, it built some small level of doubt into its reports that maybe, just maybe, humans weren't the cause of the Earth's rapidly rising temperatures. Not anymore. In its most recent report, issued only weeks ago, the IPCC stated, "It is unequivocal that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land." As a result, the report continues, "Widespread and rapid changes in the atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere and biosphere have occurred."

Climate change works like this: We humans burn fossil fuels — coal, oil and natural gas — to generate electricity and heat our homes and businesses. We also burn gasoline — which is made from oil — to power our cars, buses and trucks. That produces lots of carbon dioxide, the main driver of climate change, which traps infrared heat that is radiated into

### How to reduce your carbon footprint

■ Vote for elected officials who support alternative energy and policies intended to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

■ Travel less. The staycation became a thing in 2020. Let's hope it stays that way in the future. No one's saying don't travel beyond your own borders. Just think about limiting such travel, and

when you do go far, purchase carbon offsets.

■ Buy green energy credits from your power company or install solar panels.

■ Drive smaller vehicles, particularly fully electric or hybrid models.

■ Eat less meat. Consider going meatless at least once a week.

space from the Earth's surface, warming the entirety of the planet.

On average, human activities send 40 billion tons — tons — of carbon into the atmosphere each year. And here's the thing: Despite our growing knowledge and awareness of the climate crisis, that volume of carbon continues to increase.

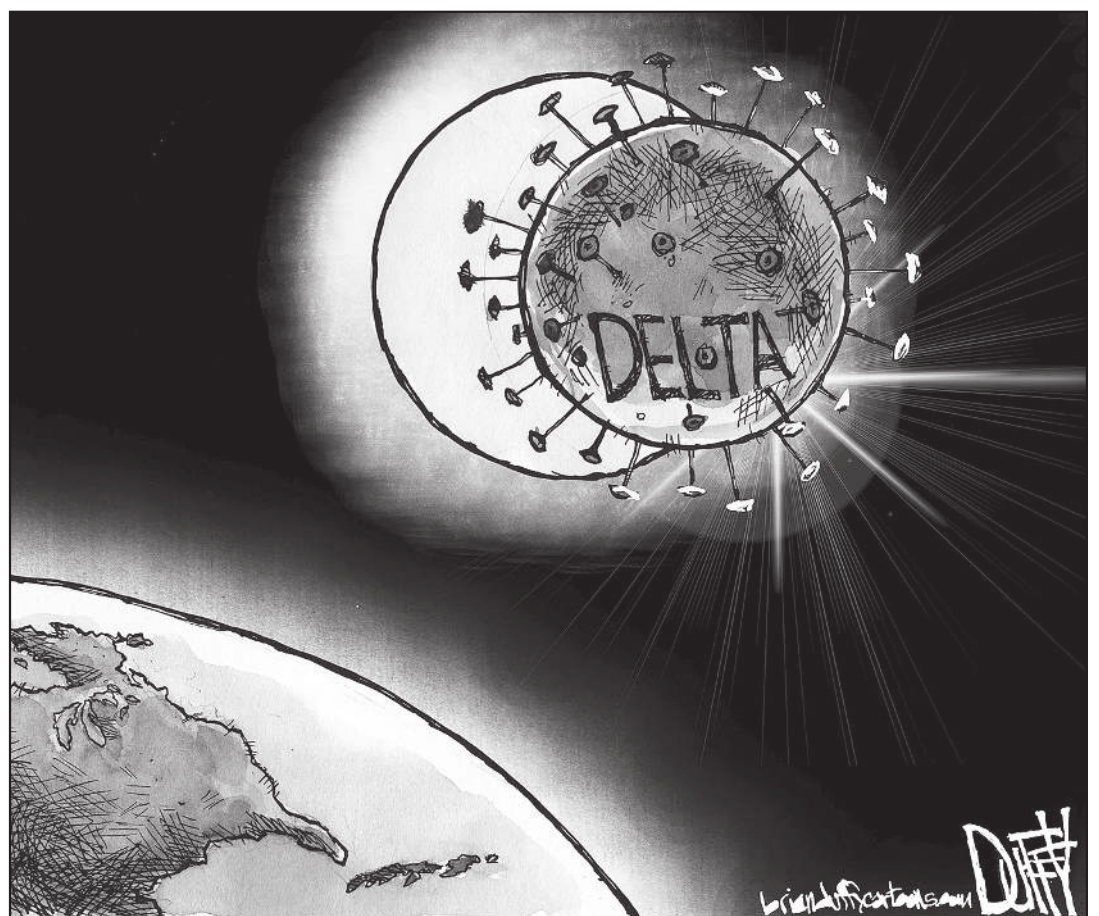
Between 2014 and 2016, amid negotiations over the Paris Climate Agreement, carbon emissions leveled off, giving us some hope that perhaps we might be headed in the right direction. But those emissions started to rise again in 2017, the year President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of the Paris Agreement, and they continued to increase in 2018 and 2019, before falling last year during the height of the coronavirus pandemic, when everyone stayed home, according to The World Counts, a website that

tracks carbon emissions.

That we could, in fact, reduce our emissions dramatically during the pandemic should be cause for hope — not celebration, but hope. We are capable of limiting, even reducing our carbon output. We can seek and find alternatives to the old ways if we resolve to do so.

The continued warming of the Earth through the middle of the century is all but inevitable, according to the IPCC report. Ensuring that climate change does not continue past that point is, however, possible.

"Strong and sustained reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases would limit climate change," the report states. Now, not later, is the time to commit to those reductions.



## OPINIONS

# L.I. school board tries to ban Black Lives Matter

**T**he Smithtown School District will restrict the use of 34 BrainPop instructional videos in classrooms because they introduce topics like Black Lives Matter and human sexuality.

The restriction is in response to a couple who complained at the district's July Board of Education meeting that the videos were biased against conservatives and "no more than a call for revolution, for our young people to protest," according to Newsday.

A BrainPop spokesperson responded via email that "we created the video on the Black Lives Matter protests to provide parents and educators a resource for explaining the protests and movement in kid-friendly terms. The video, which features a cartoon robot named Moby, "doesn't call for or encourage a revolution."



**ALAN SINGER**

BrainPop videos discuss over a thousand topics in math, science, social studies and English. They are used in almost three-quarters of U.S. school districts. Not coincidentally, there were also complaints about BrainPop at a July school board

meeting in the Three Village School District. A speaker charged that the videos had "BLM all over it, along with Pride and videos that say if you're white, you're basically an oppressor."

You can watch the nine-minute offending BrainPop Black Lives Matter video on YouTube.

In the 2020 presidential election, Donald Trump carried every election district in Smithtown, some by over 30 percentage points, earning Smithtown the nickname Trumptown, New York. Smithtown also returned Lee Zeldin to Congress. Zeldin, one of the most conservative Republicans in the House of Representatives, voted against establishing a commission to investigate what happened in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6, supported Trump's claims that the election was somehow stolen from him and asked the Supreme Court to overturn the result.

In May, Smithtown voters elected three conservative candidates affiliated with the pro-Trump group Long Island Loud Majority to the Board of Education. While it's unclear whether the group represents a majority of Long Islanders, it is definitely loud when disrupting school board meetings, at which members often

attack staff and student speakers. They have also been accused of propagating anti-Semitic tropes. During the school board campaign, the group circulated a newsletter attempting to connect opposition school board candidates with George

Soros, a progressive and a Jew who has been targeted by anti-Semitic forces in Europe.

The Smithtown campaign against Black Lives Matter and diversity efforts first drew public attention in January, when parents complained about the speaker at the district's Family Literacy Night. Broadway actress Diamond Essence White read a children's book called "Not Quite

Snow White." White, who is Black, is an outspoken supporter of Black Lives Matter. Smithtown Superintendent Mark Secaur apologized to protesting parents for the invitation to a "polarizing" personality.

After the Long Island Loud Majority-backed candidates were elected to the school board, the district's assistant superintendent for instruction and administration, who had guided its diversity and equity efforts as a member of the district's Equity Team, resigned. She had been criticized by parents and LILM,

which argued that diversity and equity were really subterfuge to promote critical race theory.

The push to take over local school boards is part of a long-term strategy of the conservative group American Legislative Exchange Council to reshape American education and society by taking control of local governing bodies. Opposition to critical race theory has replaced opposition to the 1619 Project as the main mobilizing point for conservatives across the country.

In response to the assault on CRT and the 1619 Project, the Zinn Education Project is organizing teachers to pledge to "teach the truth" and participate in Days of Action. It also provides sample lessons. In Smithtown and other Trump-supporting communities across the U.S., however, school boards and frightened administrators apparently don't want teachers to "teach the truth."

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**T**he campaign in Smithtown against diversity efforts first drew attention in January.

## LETTERS

### Complete Streets not properly implemented

To the Editor:

Glen Cove has begun efforts to be a Complete Streets community, which is a wonderful goal. Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to prioritize safety, comfort, and access to destinations for all who use the street. It's easy to cross the street, walk to shops, jobs and schools, and bike to work.

Creating Complete Streets means Glen Cove must change its approach to community roads. By adopting a Complete Streets policy, the city committed to design and operate the entire right of way to prioritize safer slower speeds for all who use the road over high speeds for vehicles.

Unfortunately, at the first major opportunity to implement a Complete Streets design, the administration blew it. Albin Street was recently repaved, and despite my many discussions with Mayor Tenke and the City Council to implement a Complete Streets design as it related to the restriping of the road (and promises that it would be done), it was restriped incorrectly, with no shoulder for pedestrians or cyclists but rather with huge lane widths that encourage speeding.

According to the New York State

Department of Transportation Design Criteria for Rural Town, Suburban, Urban and Urban Core Arterial Roadways, the recommended lane width is 10 feet. The recommended left shoulder width is one to two feet, and the right shoulder width should be five feet, to accommodate cyclists. These numbers come straight out of the Highway Design Manual. Albin was restriped with 11 1/2-foot travel lanes and shoulders that range from only a few inches to 18 inches. This is a 26-foot-wide roadway that could have been striped in accordance with state and Complete Streets recommendations that would have provided for a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists. In addition, pinching the lanes would have slowed vehicular traffic.

Instead, the restriping was done with no forethought or supervision, creating lane widths that won't accommodate alternative forms of transportation, put our walkers and joggers at peril and accommodate vehicles traveling at 50 to 55 mph — in contradiction to Mayor Tenke's recently announced Complete Streets policy. I petition the council to correct this grave error before it becomes just that.

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