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GLEN COVE MAYOR Tim Tenke, left, spoke at the ribbon-cutting for the new Caregiver Center at Northwell Glen Cove Hospital on Oct. 5.

Glen Cove Hospital focuses on patient caregivers

BY JILL NOSSA
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Hospital patients are often not the only ones who need support — many times their caregivers do also. To help provide for their emotional needs, Northwell Glen Cove Hospital last week opened a new Caregiver Center for patients' families.

Glen Cove Hospital Executive Director Kerri Scanlon advocated for the center and said she is happy to see it open. The center, she noted, is available to caregivers of those receiving inpatient or

ambulatory-care services, as well as hospital staffers, patients, visitors and community members.

"We're looking forward to seeing this center be a destination that can help provide resources," Scanlon said.

The Caregiver Center, near the hospital's first-floor main entrance, was part of a larger \$750,000, 2,600-square-foot project, which also includes a renovated lobby, reception area, gift shop and café. The center provides emotional and psychosocial support, as well as a place for caregivers to take a break, whether their

loved ones are at the hospital or in the community. Volunteer coaches throughout the hospital help identify caregivers who need support. Social workers staff the center.

"Being a caregiver is stressful on a good day," said Susan Rassekh, the hospital's director of patient and customer experience, "but when the loved one is in the hospital on top of it, and you're trying to live your life outside of here while still taking care of that person, there's a lot more to it. The level of stress increases exponentially."

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Live concert to benefit N.S. Village Theatre

BY JILL NOSSA
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Like other newer businesses and nonprofit startups around the globe, the North Shore Village Theatre was gaining momentum and on track to have a full production schedule in 2020. The pandemic slowed down the nonprofit's efforts, but this weekend, a concert at the Glenwood Life Center, in Glenwood Landing, will kick off a new season of live entertainment and fundraising by the theater.

On Saturday and Sunday, singer-songwriter Christopher Moll, of Glen Cove, backed by a full band, will perform original songs as well as songs by artists who have inspired him through the years, and a handful of Broadway tunes. The event will benefit the theater, and kick-start its efforts to return to producing live shows and to find its own performance space in Glen Cove.

Moll, the theater's president and artistic director, helped found it in 2017, several years after starting the Jazz Hands children's theater, which is also based at the Glenwood Life Center. "Parents started to ask if we ever did anything for adults," Moll, 48, said, "and people with different skills, from costume designers, in addition to actors, expressed interest in getting involved with community theater."

We need people to know that we're here if they want to be involved and help.

CHRISTOPHER MOLL
President and artistic director, North Shore Village Theatre

Since the area does not have a full-time theater, Moll got a small group of people together, brainstormed a name, registered the business, which now has nonprofit status, and formed a board of directors. In 2018 the group began performing fundraisers, and the following year it produced a play written by Long Island native Marc Palmieri called "The Groundling."

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County offers Girls Rising \$10,000 grant

BY ANNEMARIE DURKIN
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Girls Rising, a Sea Cliff-based nonprofit, recently secured a \$10,000 grant, approved by the Nassau County Legislature on Sept. 27, funded by the county's Hotel-Motel Occupancy Tax fund.

Girls Rising was created by Sea Cliff natives Nini Camps and Kristen Ellis-Henderson, and Cathy Henderson, of Glen Cove, members of the all-female rock band Antigone Rising, to empower and inspire girls and LGBTQ kids to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, the arts and math.

"I am in awe of how [Girls Rising] inspires girls and women in America and all over the world," County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, who secured the grant for the group, said. "As a mom of three daughters, I realize how important their message is and deeply admire how they encourage everyone to find their voice and use it to express themselves through their philanthropy."

The organization frequently partners with school districts and youth centers to create innovative programs that inspire children through live performances, presentations and workshops. This grant will be used to support outreach intended to connect with young women and LGBTQ+ students in particular.

"We are extremely grateful to Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton for directing this



Courtesy Antigone Rising

MEMBERS OF THE band Antigone Rising, from left, Cathy Henderson, Kristen Ellis-Henderson and Nini Camps, formed the Sea Cliff-based nonprofit Girls Rising to empower and inspire female and LGBTQ youth.

grant to Girls Rising," the band said in a statement. "The funds allow us to move forward after challenging times. It is our mission to continue inspiring, mentoring and empowering young women, LGBTQ and students to confidently work toward achieving their career goals."

The creation of Girls Rising was set in motion after Antigone Rising was invited by the U.S. State Department to travel throughout the Middle East as cultural

ambassadors in 2012. The band spoke around the world about their experiences as women and lesbians in the music industry. Seeing up close how music can bridge cultures and bring people together, Antigone Rising returned inspired to create Girls Rising.

Camps, Henderson and Ellis-Henderson saw a need for girls and LGBTQ kids to see strong role models they could emulate and identify with in positions of lead-

ership. Their outreach workshops aim to bring successful women and queer people of all ethnic backgrounds to their attention, offering role models that are traditionally left out of mainstream media.

The band also presents the annual Girls Rising Music Festival, its main source of funding, now in its seventh year. The festival, held in Morgan Park, showcases female artists the band has mentored, and gives them the chance to perform alongside Grammy-winning artists. Because of the pandemic, the 2020 and 2021 shows were held virtually, and Girls Rising lost much of the funding it usually raised at the in-person event.

"This past year has been incredibly difficult for small not-for-profits, especially those who get their funding from large events, like Girls Rising," Sea Cliff Village Administrator Bruce Kennedy said. "They put on a concert every year that brings in a majority of their funding."

When it takes place in person, the Girls Rising Music Festival offers a day of family-friendly music and entertainment featuring two music stages and a variety of outreach workshops, with the purpose of inspiring young girls and LGBTQ youth to pursue non-traditional career paths and reminding them that it's OK to play, think and be different.

"Our goal," Camps said, "is to provide a complete, fun-filled experience for all families while reinforcing our message of equality, inclusion and empowerment."



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Photos courtesy Glen Cove City School District

GLEN COVE HIGH School varsity cheerleaders led the marchers carrying their school's banner as they entered the field.

Glen Cove celebrates homecoming

The Glen Cove City School District recently welcomed hundreds of fans, community members and alumni to enjoy the 2021 homecoming parade, carnival and football game. The day-long celebration began with representatives from all grade levels, accompanied by the Glen Cove High School marching band.

The parade trail saw students holding banners and marching in order of their respective schools and extracurricular activities. The carnival began shortly after, and students of all ages enjoyed carnival rides, games, and classic carnival food and beverages with family and friends.

Performances by the drumline, varsity cheerleaders, band and kickline were fea-

tured at halftime, as was the crowning of homecoming king and queen. The day's celebration reached its pinnacle with the statement-making win of the Glen Cove High School varsity football team over Roslyn High School by the miraculous score of 68-29.

Glen Cove High School hosts its homecoming ceremony every year as an emphatic kickoff to the new school year and celebration of the Glen Cove community. The ceremony and football game provide an opportunity for the community to join together behind fun festivities and school spirit. Homecoming is a tremendous facet of the district's efforts to encourage the growth of each of its students, in school and personally.



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ENJOYED the parade and took a moment to visit with Board of Education President Lia Leone and Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna, far right.

STUDENTS FROM LANDING Elementary School displayed their banner during the parade.

THE GLEN COVE High School marching band made its way around the football field before the big game.



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ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

Basket of goodies to go

By CATHI TUROW

The latest takeout in town makes me think of Little Red Riding Hood's mother: When she packed a basket of goodies for Red Riding Hood to bring to her grandma, what was in it? If only she'd packed the takeout I found around town, the Big Bad Wolf would have eaten it instead of grandma. So, what would a modern-day basket of goodies look like? I'd say it would be filled with takeout from these top shops.

■ **Cardinali Italian Bakery & Market** (96 South St., Oyster Bay) This wonderland of Italian goodies just opened. One side of the shop is filled with freshly baked Italian breads, pastries, cookies and cakes. The other side is an Italian market stocked with only the finest quality products. You'll find sauces, olive oils, jams, a huge assortment of specialty meats and cheeses, truffle potato chips, and so much more. Part owner Giulia Milana told me, "The personal-sized frozen pizza is one of the most unbelievable pies I've ever had. It's so easy to make. Pop it in the oven for about 10 minutes and it tastes like you just made fresh pizza by yourself."

■ **Chocolicious Chocolatier** (74 Birch Hill Rd., Locust Valley) One bite of the new, monster-sized chocolate peanut butter cups will send you to chocolate heaven. There are eight variations on dark or light chocolate cups filled with peanut butter and glorious goos. I chose the dark-chocolate-chip-s'more-peanut butter version. I'm definitely going back for the one filled with strawberry jam. The diverse Halloween chocolates are ready to roll, too. Swallow a skull made with white, dark or light chocolate. Halloween "smash cakes" are another goodie. A huge

cupcake comes with a tiny mallet. Smash the cupcake and find Halloween candy inside.

■ **CO-CO Confections & Coffee** (365 Glen Cove Ave., Sea Cliff) Here's one for a goodie basket: a maple latte bourbon pecan pie truffle. Chocolate store owner/wizard, Terrence Kenniff, just designed this masterpiece by snuggling pecans, pralines, bourbon, ganache and graham crackers inside a truffle. Halloween mummies are also back (pretzel rods with crisscrossed drizzles of white chocolate), along with blue boobery ghosts. Coming for Thanksgiving: Oreo stuffed chocolate turkeys.

■ **Christina's Epicure** (1015 Oyster Bay Rd., East Norwich) Store made containers of "Skinny To Go" meals are "grab and go" entrees made with flavorful, lower calorie ingredients. I found two new versions: a black bean, tofu and sweet potato meal, and a "fajita." I chose the fajita since it can be warmed up in a flash or eaten cold. It's a hearty helping of cauliflower, tri-colored peppers, red onion, black beans and brown rice (but not too much). The herbs and spices really do their job because I never missed bread, cheese or sour cream.

■ **Ocean** (333 Bayville Ave., Bayville) On the fall menu, I tried the ratatouille stuffed acorn squash. It tastes like autumn. The vegetables and spices blend with such warmth, and the acorn squash shell is a complimentary host. Cauliflower chili is also new, as are the fall specialty drinks. My pumpkin pina colada had the perfect hint of pumpkin. There are caramel apple sangrias, pumpkin martinis, and more.

So, there you have it. Goodie baskets no big bad wolf could resist.



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national and local businesses. Recognized throughout her career for strong leadership, intense work ethic, and impeccable integrity. Barbara is known for her enthusiastic commitment to her community.

BARBARA PEEBLES

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A graduate of Skidmore College and the Hofstra University School of Law James currently works as an immigration adoption attorney. He is a community leader who is deeply devoted to improving life for all who call Glen Cove City home. James serves as the current Vice President of the Glen Cove Soccer League where he has

played a key role in organizing and growing youth athletic programs for children and families in his community.

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EVA CASALE WITH TEAM E.V.A. PRESENTED A \$2,500 donation to the veterans of Glen Cove VFW Post 347 on Oct. 7, with support from the Jack Stein VFW Past County Commander (second from right).

Community helps Glen Cove VFW hall rebuild

BY JILL NOSSA

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The Glen Cove Veterans of Foreign War Post 347 headquarters suffered extensive damage after a fire in August and the community continues to donate to help it rebuild. Last week, Glen Cove resident Eva Casale presented members of VFW Post 347 with a surprise \$2,500 donation.

"I truly feel humbled to be able to support the Glen Cove VFW Post 347, especially during such a trying time," Casale said. "Our veterans have done so much for our country and to see them lose their 'home' and meeting space with this fire is heartbreaking. This donation is a small way to thank our veterans for their service and will hopefully make a difference for them moving forward."

Each year, Casale sets a goal of running seven marathons in a seven-day span, raising money for active military and veterans. The founder of Team E.V.A., which appropriately stands for "Every Veteran Appreciated," Casale donated to her local veterans to let them know that they are appreciated after a season of hard loss and tragedy.

The building was built by World War I veterans more than 100 years ago, according to VFW Post 347 Commander Henryk Nowicki, and while insurance will cover some of the costs, the organization is about \$20,000 short.

"We are so grateful for Eva's tremendous support to aid us in rebuilding our headquarters," Nowicki said. "With such a shortfall in funding by insurance, this generous donation will help us to act on our much-needed repairs quickly and without worry."

"We're going to fix it up, we're going to upgrade it," Nowicki added, "and we'll come back stronger than ever."

"To experience such a hardship two months ago truly put the Glen Cove VFW Post at such a loss as this is the

space that has been there for their holiday remembrances, celebrations, picnics and so much more," added Jack Stein VFW Past County Commander. "Eva's donation has helped turned one of their darkest days into light again."

"I've been here many times for meetings and it's a great group of veterans here," Stein added. "I can't wait for them to get open again."

Tony Jimenez, director of veteran affairs, commended Casale for her dedication to veterans, not just for this donation, but for what she does annually. "Nothing stops her. And she makes it inclusive by asking people in each community that she runs through to join her in honoring the veterans," he said. "When I see this building, it brings me back before my days, of thinking of the veterans that have walked through here. The VFW Hall, to me, is like a beacon of stability."

The Oct. 7 donation to the Glen Cove VFW marks the first of several support checks being issued to veterans' organizations throughout Long Island by Team E.V.A. This year, Casale and her team have raised over \$30,000 to support local veterans and their families including active military and fallen heroes.

Team E.V.A. is an organization that raises funds to support services and supplies for veterans.

Next month, Team E.V.A. will host a one-day only running event in honor of North Shore's Fallen Heroes Day on Veterans Day. The 23-mile run will begin at West Harbor Beach in Bayville with the route winding through Oyster Bar, Locust Valley, Sea Cliff before ending in Glen Cove. A 5K distance event will also start from the Downtown Café at 4 School Street in Glen Cove.

For more information, visit www.GoTeamEva.org. To support the Glen Cove VFW Post 347, send any financial contributions to VFW Post 347, 15 Hill St, Glen Cove, NY, 11542.

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Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "Here Today" (2021) at the library. When a veteran comedy writer (Billy Crystal) meets a New York street singer (Tiffany Haddish), they form an unlikely yet hilarious and touching friendship that kicks the generation gap aside and redefines the meaning of love and trust.

Live Concert - Christopher Moll

Singer/songwriter Christopher Moll will perform his original songs, songs that have inspired him through the years and a handful of Broadway tunes. On both Friday and Saturday at 7:30, at the Glenwood Life Center, located at 71 Grove Street in Glenwood Landing. This fundraising event will benefit the North Shore Village Theatre and will kickstart their efforts to return to their programming and to move closer to having their own performance space in downtown Glen Cove. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at nsvillagetheater.com.

Saturday, Oct. 16

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.

Author Presentation and Book Signing

Nathaniel Philbrick will be discussing and signing copies of his newest book, *Travels with George: In Search of Washington and His Legacy*, at Oyster Bay's Raynham Hall Museum, 20 West Main



Courtesy Planting Fields

Forest Therapy Walk

Experience the changing of the fall leaves at Planting Fields by going on a guided forest therapy walk on Oct. 17, noon to 2 p.m. Linda Lombardo, certified forest therapy guide, will lead you across the Olmsted Brothers designed landscape and engage with you through mindfulness and activity to connect with nature. Admission is \$40 (\$32 for members). To register, go to plantingfields.org.

st in Oyster Bay, at 4 p.m. Proceeds from the sale of tickets and books will benefit Raynham Hall's ongoing capital project for the restoration of its museum building and the completion of its new education center. General admission tickets are \$35 or \$25 for museum members.

Sunday, Oct. 17

Creep down the Creek: Spooky Kayack tour

Beginning at 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, join Shore Thing Rentals at 128 Shore Rd, Glen Cove, for a kayak tour down into the depths of the spooky Glen Cove Creek. Admission is \$30 and proceeds will benefit the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor and Sea Cliff Arts Council.

Monday, Oct. 18

Start a Business on a Budget

Beginning at 7 p.m. Learn the basics of setting up a business: legal entity structures, paying taxes, keeping financial records, insurance, developing a business plan, marketing Basics, and financing a business. This is a virtual event. Register at bayvillefreelibrary.org.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

A Look at 70 Years of TV News

Beginning at 7 p.m. this presentation, led by Brian Rose, will look at these sweeping changes and examine the impact--both good and bad--of television journalism over the last seven decades. This is a virtual event; register online at glencovelibrary.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Gothic Ghost Tales by Candlelight

Beginning at 7 p.m. at American Legion post #336 located at 190 Glen Head Road, Glen Head. Rita Parisi from Waterfall Productions will present Gothic Ghost Tales by Candlelight, a theatrical storytelling event. Be chilled and thrilled as you listen to a trio of ghost tales adapted from short stories written by Agatha Christie, Rose MacCaulay and Virginia Layefsky.

Girls Rising Fundraiser

From 5 to 7 p.m., 20 percent of proceeds on orders placed at McDonald's at 193 Glen Street in Glen Cove will benefit the Sea Cliff-based nonprofit.

Thursday, Oct. 21

Movie Showing: "Saving Mr. Banks"

Beginning at 2 p.m. at the Oyster Bay - East Norwich Library community room, enjoy a movie at the library. When P.L. Travers travels from London to Hollywood in 1961 to finally discuss Walt Disney's desire to bring her beloved character, Mary Poppins to the motion picture screen, Disney meets a prim, uncompromising sexagenarian not only suspect of the impresario's concept for the film, but a woman struggling with her own past. During her stay in California, Travers' reflects back on her difficult childhood in 1906 Australia. Additional showtime at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit oysterbaylibrary.org.

How to Start a Business on a Small Budget

Beginning at 7 p.m. Learn the basics of setting up a business: legal entity structures, paying taxes, keeping financial records, insurance, developing a business plan, marketing Basics, and financing a business. This is a virtual event. Register at bayvillefreelibrary.org.

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

5 things to know about your town

- The Glen Cove Senior Center Rose Shoppe Boutique is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Oyster Bay Town Board will meet on Oct. 19, at 10 a.m.
- The Locust Valley Board of Education will meet on Oct. 19, in the middle school/high school auditorium.
- The North Shore Board of Education will meet next on Oct. 21.
- Sea Cliff United Methodist Church's thrift store is now open on Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Ground broken on Afghanistan, Iraq memorial

By MALLORY WILSON

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It's important to honor those who served our country because it shows their actions didn't go unnoticed, said Stephanie Rossetti, commander of East Meadow Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2736. And it shows that the country is appreciative and thankful.

"We remind future generations of our service," Rossetti said. "It teaches the younger generations that veterans are important. These people deserve to be honored."

And they will be. It was announced at Eisenhower Park last week that those who served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars will be honored with a new memorial.

On Oct. 7, the 20th anniversary of the deployment of troops to Afghanistan, Nassau County officials broke ground on the memorial. It is expected to be completed sometime next year.

"We need to recognize our veterans," said Pete Weninger, commander of East Meadow American Legion Post 1082. "A country that forgets its veterans forgets itself, and that is why we create memorials for our wars and our defenders."

The monument, which will be included in the park's Veterans Memorial Park, will be the first of its kind on Long Island and one of the first in New York state dedicated to the Iraq War. It will join other memorials in the park that honor branches of the armed forces and veterans who served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War.

The concept for the memorial is credited to Acting Nassau County Attorney John Chiara, who served in Afghanistan and remains active in the Army Reserves. The memorial's construction will be a joint project of Heroes Among Us, a Glen Cove-based nonprofit that supports veterans across the region, the United Veterans



Courtesy Office of Nassau County Executive Laura Curran

LAST WEEK, OFFICIALS including County Executive Lauran Curran, fourth from right, broke ground on the new Eisenhower Park memorial that will honor those who fought Iraq and Afghanistan.

Organization of Nassau County and local Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

"We're excited to have the assistance from our community to properly respect and honor our veterans in building this monument, which we feel was overdue," Virginia Cervasio, founder of Heroes Among Us, said.

The monument, designed by 23-year-old Franklin Square resident Maya Fernandez, will feature a battlefield cross flanked by two marble walls. The walls will display images of a kneeling male soldier; a kneeling female soldier; and maps of Iraq and Afghanistan. The memorial will not include the veterans' names, but may display a ribbon to highlight service members who died by suicide after leaving the service.

"Now, finally, our most recent conflicts will be memorialized as well," County Executive Laura Curran said at the groundbreaking. "With this memorial, we finally get to honor the next generation of Americans who have chosen to serve."

The monument is projected to cost \$150,000 to \$200,000, said Matthew Schmidt, president of the Nassau Police Veterans Association. "It's an honor that we get to do this for the veterans out there," he said. "This is for Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. They can come here and they can reflect about their service, about the service members and friends that they lost while they were overseas, and it's also for the families that lost service members overseas."

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The pandemic really changed everything. We used to go in and see people who were sick all the time and would go about our daily operation.

Then there came a time when we needed all of this extra equipment to hope to stay safe. In the beginning of the pandemic, we didn't know if it actually worked. They didn't know what was going on, they didn't know what was the best way, they didn't know what stops what, and the need for it became immediate. The resources that were out there were also a lot harder to get.

Now, every time we respond to a 911 call, everything is different, from the ways the calls get answered from the dispatcher to what comes out to us. ... For example, now every time a patient has a fever, we treat it as a

Covid call until it is not. Two years ago, when someone had a fever, they were just having a bad day, or had the flu or the common cold, whereas now everything's Covid. The flu does not get tested for as much. You're Covid positive or you're Covid negative. Otherwise, you're just sick.

When it first came out, it was so bad. No one really knew what we were doing, we were walking into something blind, and there was a lot of on-your feet-learning to help you get by on a day-to-day basis and know how to treat and deal with the virus. Now, the numbers of cases are nothing like what we were seeing. It's much less frequent of a situation. ... They also have better ways of treating it and dealing with it now.

HERALD HOMETOWN HERO



RON HUNTER WANTAGH Ex-Chief Wantagh Fire Department



I started in July 1970. My two older brothers, Richie and Bobby, had joined the fire department, and I followed in their footsteps. It was a good organization, and we were there to serve the people of Wantagh. There was a lot to do there — it was like a whole other social group to attend to.

I was lieutenant, captain, I was a past president of Company 1, and I was chief from 1982 to 1989.

I worked in Wantagh Elementary School and High School for almost 23 years, and I got to know a lot of people in the schools. They would also see me on the rescue truck. I was always around for them, and I worked for the schools until I retired.

All of a sudden, we came into the pandemic. I retired in 2018, but I would always come

down to the firehouse, and I drove the trucks. I became one of two go-to guys. ... I'm always around, and I do whatever the chief asks of me.

In 2020, there were a lot of rescue calls that came in. A lot of people were sick, a lot of people were going to the hospitals. So we had to make some changes. The chief's office decided to switch to duty crews. So, each firehouse had a rescue truck and the duty crew would be, for one 24-hour period, responsible for the calls.

It's been 51 years of me doing this service for the community. I love it. I'd never change a thing. But none of this would be possible without the guys that sit next to me and behind me as I drive to the scene. Those are the real heroes.

HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

JAMIE LEWIN VALLEY STREAM Ex-chief Hewlett Fire Department



being the chief of the Hewlett Fire Department at the time Covid first hit, it was about how the fire service could get through this, because it was very different, as the pandemic was changing, evolving every day.

We had to do what we needed to do to keep every man and woman in the fire department safe as they would go out on calls, and we had to make provisional changes so everyone went home healthy and did not bring something back from the outside, and we were able to do that.

On a personal level, four family members died in April 2020, at the height of it, and it was not an easy thing to go through. Other than that, thank God, we stayed safe and were able to keep our commitment to the community.

Our run numbers went down as the Nassau County Police Department had the [Federal Emergency Management Agency] buses, and that relieved the pressure and stress on us. With people being home, there were fewer false alarms, and that made it a little easier.

Operationally now, we are somewhat back to normal. Most people are vaccinated in the fire department with the delta variant, which is kind of a scary thing. Bottom line, if we do the right thing, everyone will be safe.

HERALD HOMETOWN HERO



CHRISTOPHER MOLL, NEAR left, and Gregory Kowlessar at a rehearsal of "The Groundling" in 2019.

Photos courtesy Christopher Moll

N.S. Village Theatre kicks off fundraising

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"It was a huge success," Moll said, "and everybody said, 'We had no idea you were here.' It really proved that we have talent in this area, "and that people want this kind of experience. It was really encouraging."

The theater, which has held all of its performances at the Glenwood Life Center, staged a holiday variety show in December 2019, giving community members the chance to showcase their talents, from singing to dancing to juggling. "Then 2020 was supposed to be our first full season," Moll said, "and the pandemic hit, and we just stepped back."

The long-term goal, he said, is to find a permanent home for the theater in downtown Glen Cove. "We just feel like Glen Cove has so much potential downtown — there's great restaurants, new buildings, we just feel like it would be a destination," Moll said. "Nonprofit arts organizations bring in [money] to communities, and we believe we could be part of that."

The hope is that the theater can make that reality in about two years, but at this point the focus is on getting its name out there and raising money in pursuit of that goal. "We need people to know that we're here if they want to be involved and help," Moll said.

Steven Dahlke, the theater's musical director and Moll's husband, said he also believes Glen Cove is in a prime location

for live theater, especially since it had been successful in the past, until the Northstage Dinner Theater on School Street was demolished in the 1980s. "We're kind of in a special place here," Dahlke said. "There's a lack in this whole area of any community theater, yet we're so close to Broadway. We want to fill the void of community theater in the area."

The theater's secretary, Maggie Odell, of Glen Head, also said that Glen Cove would be a good place for a theater, especially with the revitalization of the downtown and the waterfront. "We just don't have local theater on the North Shore,"

Odell said, "so Glen Cove feels like the perfect place to make that happen, sort of the hub for all of the surrounding towns.

"Immediately, the goal is to get back on our feet after the pandemic and just get art made again," she added. "However, we need to do that and get the community as involved as we can — and as excited as we can get them to take part in something."

Moll's first performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Tickets are \$40 for the general public, \$20 for students and \$10 for past or present Jazz Hands/Finley Drama Club students, and can be purchased at nsvillagetheatre.com.

"People can expect the razzle-dazzle from Chris," Odell said. "It will sort of be like the party that brings everything back together again, which we're all looking forward to."



MOLL, OF GLEN Cove, will perform original songs as well as covers and Broadway tunes this weekend.

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New center provides caregiver support

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The center is modeled after the Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, which was founded in 2007 by Hamilton's widow, Marian Hamilton, who felt she could have used more support during her husband's illness. According to Rassekh, Northwell executives noticed the positive impact that the center was having on patients and staff members, and recognized its importance. Patients' family members could have their questions answered in a safe environment, freeing up doctors and nurses to focus on patient care.

"It started to take some of the weight off the shoulders of the staff as well," Rassekh said, "and they started to recognize it was helping them help their patients in the long run."

Caregivers, Rassekh said, often do not receive the support they need for a number of reasons. For one thing, she said, they many times put their loved ones' health before their own. "What we find in some cases is the caregiver passes away first," she said, "because they completely forget to take care of themselves."

Often, she said, caregivers do not recognize themselves as such — caring for a parent, a child with special needs or another relative is just what they do,

without question. "What we're really doing is shining a light on the fact that you are a caregiver, and you need to also have some self-care," Rassekh said. "This is an opportunity for us to take care of you."

She said the volunteer coaches and social workers meet with caregivers one on one to assess their concerns and guide them toward the community resources that they need. "For instance, if a loved one is ready for discharge to a rehabilitation facility," she said, "a social worker can help the caregiver navigate their choices and find one that accepts their insurance, check ratings from appropriate organizations and is close enough to home to make visits easy."

Features of the Caregiver Center include:

- Two reclining sleeper chairs in private areas where caregivers can relax.

- A resource center with computers, desks, phones and Wi-Fi.

- Two conference rooms for private con-

sultations with care teams.

- Caregiver support groups.

- Lounge areas with aromatherapy, music and spiritual support with onsite chaplains.

- A kitchenette stocked with healthy snacks and beverages.

The center is open around the clock seven days a week, and is also available to staff members who are caregivers outside of work.

Glen Cove Hospital's volunteer Community Partnership Board funded the new Caregiver Center. The initiative was led by the late Barbara Hoover and the co-chairs of the group, Bea Banker and Adrienne Jones.

"Barbara's entire passion project was to make sure that, specifically, the

underserved in the community would have access to health care, to information and to education about health care," Rassekh said. "And she really wanted that to be one of our missions of the hospital."

Additionally, Northwell Health and the hospital's auxiliary supported the project to redesign the gift shop and café, while the hospital also modernized and revamped its public spaces on the first floor used by visitors, patients and staff.

Because of the hospital's close relationship with the Glen Cove Senior Center, Rassekh said, connecting patients to that resource will be an important part of the center's mission. "A lot of aging in place is going on in this community," Rassekh said. "Anyone who's discharged home can be referred to the senior center, where they can get a hot lunch daily and a social worker who can guide them into other community organizations that will help them. So there's a lot of synergy along those lines."

Christine Rice, the Glen Cove Senior Center's executive director, said she thinks the Caregiver Center will be a game-changer for many older adults and their families. "There are so many levels of emotional support that may be helpful for a caregiver, whether they're dealing with difficult family dynamics or physical, mental, psychological and spiritual needs," Rice said. "It's so important to have positive support and someone to speak with. Having the caregiver center as a resource is a very welcome addition."

What we're really doing is shining a light on the fact that you are a caregiver, and you need to also have some self-care.

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Robert H. Smith

Robert "Bob" H. Smith of Sea Cliff died on Oct. 7, 2021, at age 89. Beloved husband of Blanca. Loving father of Albert (Patricia), Charles, Robert (Jeanine), and Mark (Michael). Cherished grandfather of Christina, Vanessa, Collin and Jaclynn. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Interment is private.

Christina A. Lyon

Christina A. Lyon (née Madaio) of Old Brookville, died on Oct. 6, 2021, at age 78. Retired commercial artist in the advertising industry for many years. Beloved wife of the late Floyd. Dear sister of Chris. Also survived by loving cousins and niece. Former member of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, past president of the Parish Council at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church and member of the Canterbury Choral Society. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Funeral service at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery.

Sergio Franz

Sergio Franz, of Bayville, died peacefully on Oct. 6 at the age of 89. Franz was born in Friuli, Italy on Aug. 31, 1932. He immigrated to this country as a young child. He graduated from St. Patrick's School and Locust Valley High School.

Franz served in the Army during the Korean War as a Private E1. Franz and his late brother Phil worked closely together for many years in the family business as masons. The fruits of his labor can be seen throughout the towns on the North Shore and also in his home he built himself.

He loved carpentry, carving stone, gardening and making homemade tomato sauce. He was not only a hard worker, he was a kind, gentle man with a great sense of humor and a fighter until the end.

Franz is survived by his wife Ada, his daughter Marina Ramsay (Michael) and son Leo (Michelle). He also has four grandsons John, Paul, Sean and Connor. Fond sister-in-laws of Mia Franz and Pina Pinzana

He was predeceased by his beloved sister, Anna Franz and dear brother Philip. Sergio will also be missed by his nieces, nephews, friends and caregivers.

Arrangements made by Dodge Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove. The funeral mass was at St. Gertrude's Church in Bayville. He was buried in Locust Valley Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Long Island Alzheimer's and Dementia Center in Westbury or Long Island Hospice Care Network.

Gregory McMahon

Gregory McMahon of Old Brookville, died on Oct. 8, 2021. Beloved husband of his late wife Susan. Loving father of Evin Maione (Michael) and Gregory McMahon (Meghan). Cherished grandfather of Hudson, Chloe, Claire, Gregory, Silas and one on the way. Dear brother of Maureen Hussing (David) and his late brother Lawrence McMahon. Visiting held at Whitting Funeral Home in Glen Head, www.whitting.com. Funeral Mass held at St. Boniface Martyr Church, Sea Cliff. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury.

Juan Espiritu

Juan (Contreras) Espiritu of Glen Cove died on Oct. 10, 2021, at age 68. Beloved husband of Vilma. Loving father of Andrea, Jose, Luciana and Gary. Proud grandfather of Alessandra, Sebastian and Bruno. Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass at St. Patrick RC Church. Interment Roslyn Cemetery.

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Elegy for Sears — and, perhaps, mall culture

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as a mainstay of America's burgeoning middle class.

By the time I was born in 1967, Sears was the world's largest retailer, serving as an anchor tenant at malls across the land. Construction on Sears Tower in Chicago — which became the world's tallest skyscraper, at 1,450 feet — began in 1969 and was



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completed four years later. Called Willis Tower these days, it's now the world's 12th tallest building.

Sears once boasted locations throughout Long Island, including in Valley Stream, New Hyde Park, Garden City and Hicksville. The final holdout was at the Sunrise Mall in Massapequa, where about a third of the storefronts are vacant, Newsday recently reported.

My childhood is inextricably linked to Sears. Every year in August, my parents, both teachers, brought my brother and me to

Sears at the Smith Haven Mall in Lake Grove, in Suffolk County, to buy school clothes. I knew then that summer's carefree days were fading, and classes would soon begin.

It was always a big deal to make the trip from our home in then rural Yaphank to the mall, which, growing up in farm country, seemed to me like the epitome of modernity. At Sears, clothes were always purchased first. Then my mom and dad would spend time in the tools section. They were also artists with a two-story stone studio behind our house, where they kept all their carving instruments, always bought from Sears.

After Sears, it was on to next-door Friendly's for lunch or dinner. I ordered the same meal every time — the fried clams platter, followed by mint chocolate chip ice cream. Then we'd stop at the camping goods store to buy scouting equipment, the bookstore for art and children's books, and the pet store for dog's toys and treats.

We followed nearly the same routine every trip to the mall. It was a family outing. More than that, it was a cultural experience shared by so many millions of middle-class Americans. To a kid growing up surrounded by forest and field, the mall — Sears in particular — represented the height of civilization.

It seems strange to write this all these

years later, as we watch the slow death of the once mighty Sears. At its peak in the early 1970s, the company employed 350,000 people. When Kmart purchased Sears in 2004, Wall Street hedge fund manager Edward Lampert was appointed CEO of the new Sears Holdings Corporation. Over the

next decade, the company's revenue dropped precipitously, and 175,000 workers lost their jobs. Fewer than 50 Sears stores remain today.

Sears gave us a number of iconic American brands, including Kenmore Appliances, Craftsman Tools, Allstate Insurance and the Discover Card. From 1908 to 1940, Sears even sold kits enabling people to construct their own homes. Today some 70,000 to 75,000 of these houses, most in the Northeast and Midwest, dot the land, according to a 2016 Popular Mechanics article. Kits started at \$450. Today many of these homes sell for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In so many ways, through so many decades, Sears was an innovator; a paragon of American capitalism that helped define the American landscape, even the American psyche. Sears was the go-to store for our ever-aspirational middle class.

What the heck happened?

Apparently, Walmart happened, then Amazon. Sam Walton founded Wal-Mart Stores in 1962 as a discount chain. By 1990 it had become the world's largest retailer:

What the heck happened to the legendary retailer? Walmart and Amazon.

Into the abyss, and discovering a new world

Some octopuses probably could score better than I did on an SAT. It's hard to figure, though, since they can't hold a pen or read the questions, but that's just me being human-centric. Scientists have discovered that cephalopods, octopuses in particular, are super smart and seemingly capable of what we

humans call feelings.

If you saw the Netflix documentary "My Octopus Friend," you get it. A diver forms a relationship with an octopus that swims to him whenever he scuba dives and actually cuddles her body against him. It is a powerful account of cross-



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species attachment.

In one memorable study, hidden cameras in a marine lab caught an octopus climbing out of his tank at night to crawl into a neighboring tank where he could dine on starfish. The big brains couldn't figure out why the starfish were disappearing until they checked out the lab's videotape.

Today is World Octopus Day, which coincided with me turning the last page on a love-

ly read, "The Brilliant Abyss," by Helen Scales. (And yes, her last name is also a happy coincidence.) She studies life in the vast deep oceans around the world, focusing on creatures that live 3,000 to 7,000 feet below, in the freezing, murky darkness that has been a mystery up until recent years.

Her book and World Octopus Day remind us of yet another natural resource we are about to squander.

Scales mentions the deep-sea fish known as orange roughy, which has become quite popular in recent years. The real name of the fish is slimehead, which was a no-go. So the name was changed, and the fish, which live at extreme depths, are now being caught by the mega-tons with new technology. Scales agrees that orange roughy is delicious, but she points out that the fish live to some 200 years. They have thrived in the black world 5,000 feet below unharmed until now. The entree on your dinner plate could have hatched 50 years before the Civil War.

According to Scales, the trawlers have nets and weights that crash into the underwater mountain ranges that are loaded with coral and destroy the outcroppings in the process. Some of those corals have been alive for millennia. She says that submersibles

have collected samples from the deepest parts of the oceans that reveal new life forms, even new bacteria, which may hold revolutionary cancer-fighting properties. We need to find out before it's gone.

Swimming through the abyss are giant octopi, some growing to 20 feet across. They have been found as deep as 5,000 feet. At the same depths, whale carcasses have been found, covered in blankets of red, furry worms. The oddities and miraculous discoveries abound.

Naturally, human beings are about to sink the ship.

Scales talks about the emergence of underwater mining. Technology has permitted mining for metals at ever-greater depths. Giant ocean-going machines have begun to dig up the bottom of our seabeds, disturbing animals and coral and minerals that have lain there for hundreds and perhaps thousands of years. Only now are environmental groups beginning to take action against these mining operations.

The first day that the first human dropped a line into the ocean was a bad day for marine wildlife. Nearly every species is under pressure from overfishing, even as fishing technology is improving, making it possible to kill tons of fish at a time. Giant

Walmart has never been about the shopping experience, about shared cultural identity, the way Sears and other such retailers once were. It has always been about selling goods at the lowest prices. With middle-class wages starting to stagnate in the early 1970s, shopping was no longer a pleasure-seeking experience for many, but an existential crisis.

From 1973 to 2013, the typical American worker's productivity rose 74.4 percent, but that same worker's hourly compensation increased a paltry 9.2 percent, or a quarter percent per year — hardly enough to keep pace with inflation, which was out of control in the 1970s and early '80s, peaking at 12 to 13 percent per year before starting to decline in the mid-1980s and averaging 2 to 3 percent per year since 1993.

If you're wondering why Americans abandoned Sears and other mall mainstays in favor of Walmart and, later, Amazon, it can all be summed up in a single word — price. No doubt, Sears executives made their blunders. At some point, the retailer stopped innovating. The Sears that I first strolled through as a child was pretty much the same Sears that my wife and I shopped in for appliances when we bought our Merrick home in 2002.

Economic forces beyond the company's control, though, were largely to blame.

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net fishing creates collateral damage for tons of innocent victims, the turtles and dolphins and other species that are caught up in the nets.

In the 1900s, humans killed more than twice the number of sperm whales that remain alive today. We used up what was within reach and now we are digging at increasing depths.

Swimming below, a mile under the surface, are creatures like zombie worms and vampire squid, nine-foot tube worms, phosphorescent jellyfish, and awesome red feather worms without guts of any kind that carry their own harem of dwarf males waiting to fertilize their eggs. Some of the deep-sea gossamer jellies disintegrate as soon as they hit the air; they have only been seen through the tiny viewing windows of submersibles. These precious life forms swim among singular geological formations like hydrothermal vents in the bottom of the oceans.

We've gone a long way toward fouling up outer space with junk, and we are equally irresponsible in the trashing of our oceans. One of the groups that are trying to preserve the seas around us is oceanconservancy.org.

The deep deep is still somewhat pristine, but the giant mining rigs are on their way.

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Recalling Long Island's Indigenous peoples

Columbus Day has been celebrated in the United States since 1971, when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed legislation proclaiming it a federal holiday. For years, the holiday has been controversial.

It is a source of pride for many Italian-Americans who commemorate the global reach of Italy's most celebrated explorer. At the same time, for many others, particularly Native Americans, Columbus's arrival in the New World in 1492 represents the beginning of centuries of enslavement and war.

On Oct. 8, President Biden became the first U.S. president to also proclaim Columbus Day, on Oct. 11 this year, Indigenous Peoples' Day, which began in 1992 as a celebration of native cultures — and a counter-narrative to Columbus's legendary exploits.

For years, American schoolchildren have been taught the Christopher Columbus poem, which begins:

*In fourteen hundred ninety-two
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.*

*He had three ships and left from Spain;
He sailed through sunshine, wind and rain.*

*He sailed by night; he sailed by day;
He used the stars to find his way.*

*A compass also helped him know
How to find the way to go.*

Columbus, as is widely taught, had originally sailed west from Spain, thinking he could arrive in India to trade in spices. He could have, except North America was in the way. He first landed on an unknown island in the Caribbean. The Columbus poem states:

*Indians, Indians!" Columbus cried;
His heart was filled with joyful pride."*

If only that were true. On his very first day in the New World, Columbus and his

crew of about 90 enslaved six natives of the island, according to history.com. They went on to enslave many others, and to force untold numbers of natives to convert to Christianity through extreme cruelty. The Columbus poem mentions none of this, leaving schoolchildren with only a partial image of the explorer.

Long Island was no different than the rest of what became the United States. Native Americans had inhabited the Island for millennia, whaling and fishing for subsistence and sharing a common Algonquian language. Once there were 13 Algonquin tribes spread across the 118-mile-long island, according to the Matinecock Tribal Nation of Long Island. From west to east, they were the:

- Canarsies
- Rockaways
- Matinecocks
- Merricks
- Nissequogues
- Massapeques
- Secatogues
- Setaukets
- Unkechaugs
- Corchaugs
- Shinnecocks
- Manhassetts (which were actually on the very east end of the North Fork, not on Nassau County's North Shore)
- Montauketts

Dutch and British colonialists settled on Long Island in the 17th and 18th centuries, chasing most of the Native American tribes from the lands they believed they would peacefully share with the Europeans. Many of the natives were brutalized

and placed in indentured servitude, spending the rest of their lives enslaved.

By 1670, most area Native Americans were gone, according to Newsday's history project, Long Island Our Story.

Today Native Americans remain here in small numbers, primarily concentrated on the Shinnecock Indian Nation reservation, in the Town of Southampton, and the Posspatuck reservation, in the Town of Brookhaven. The Posspatuck reservation has yet to receive federal recognition. The Shinnecock Nation didn't receive that recognition until 2010, after a 32-year battle to obtain it. Federal recognition allows the nation to operate independently from state and local governments and to build a casino on its reservation. In February this year, it proposed doing just that.

About 600 Native Americans live on the 1,200-acre Shinnecock reservation, while another roughly 600 tribal members live off it, and 200 call the 55-acre Posspatuck reservation home. When the Dutch arrived here, there were several thousand Native Americans in the Island's 13 tribes.

Before Europeans' arrival on Long Island, Native Americans had inhabited it for 11,000 years — more than 550 generations — primarily living in peace. It was a largely unspoiled wilderness; the native peoples had long lived lightly on the land.

This is the history that has so rarely been taught in Long Island schools. The decimation of Indigenous peoples has so often been thought of in terms of westward expansion of the United States — the battles for lands across the Midwest and West. How easily we forget that Native Americans were exploited here as early as two centuries before territorial expansion under manifest destiny in the 19th century.

This, however, is the history that *should* be taught, so we might, as Long Islanders, understand why we must fully support the Native Americans who remain here today.

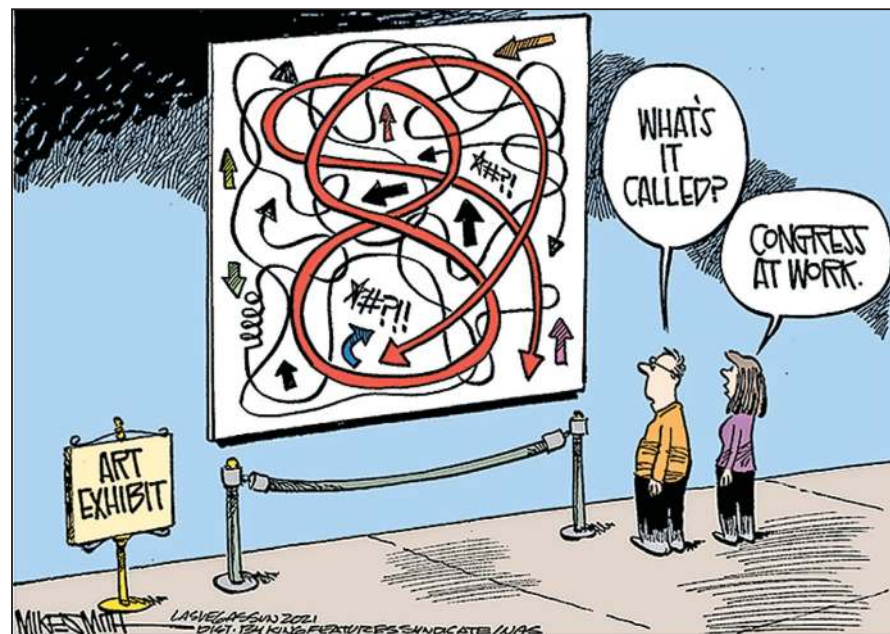
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It's time to vote for Glen Cove

To the Editor:

Another election is upon us, and on Nov. 2, Glen Cove voters will go to the polls to elect the next mayor and city council.

As a former mayor and councilperson, I encourage you to have your voice heard by voting, but I urge you to avoid voting for a party, and instead cast your vote for Glen Cove and unity! One-party rule is never a good thing, as we are currently seeing, and bad ideas flourish without an opposition point of view. More important, one-party rule creates division in our city and allows mistruths to become facts, since there is no



OPINIONS

The progressive left's New York power play

The race to the progressive left is under way in New York state, with word that New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams is forming an “exploratory committee” and may launch a Democratic primary challenge to Gov. Kathy Hochul.

No serious politician launches an exploratory committee to ponder whether to run. Williams is running.



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In case you've lost track of his political pedigree, he is a founding member of the Progressive Coalition. One revealing snapshot of his ideology dates from last year, when he told NY1

that he would seek to block the city's budget because it didn't go far enough to defund the New York City Police Department. As a progressive, Williams practices what he preaches.

His decision to run a primary against Hochul has enormous implications. It not only means he is making a move on

the governor's mansion, but it also triggers a series of decisions and events that could crater New York's future. Hochul will feel the need to move even further left, Attorney General Letitia James will now consider whether she will enter the primary contest, and moderate New Yorkers are going to look far more closely at what the Republican Party has to offer.

While James is keeping her own counsel regarding a primary move on Hochul, she has dropped hints at public speaking opportunities in Manhattan that she is seriously considering the race. More insightful, however, is her sudden uptick in appearances on Long Island, a voter-rich target, where she has recently been a keynoter at the Museum of American Armor in Old Bethpage and County Executive Laura Curran's gun-buyback news conference.

If James were to become governor, even more New York City progressives would emerge in Albany's version of musical chairs, as former gubernatorial primary candidate Zephyr Teachout has now signaled her intent to run for attor-

ney general if a vacancy were to open. To put things in context, the Progressive Change Committee proclaims Teachout as “one of us” on its website, and back in 2018, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez endorsed Teachout's failed run for attorney general.

In a state where the population north of the Harlem River is relatively small and New York City teeters on de facto de Blasio socialism, no candidate can take Long Island's massive voting bloc for granted, which could very well make the difference in whether Hochul, Williams or James is able to defeat the Republican gubernatorial candidate. For the moment, that

GOP standard bearer is Long Island's own Lee Zeldin. Yet much could happen to the current frontrunner between now and his party's nominating convention. His recent announcement that he is currently in remission from leukemia is a dramatic reminder that life can intrude on candidacies.

This much is clear: The state's business community, which depends on a stable, safe and rational environment in

which to employ tens of millions of people, would develop the dry heaves if a progressive candidate were to become New York's next governor. Progressives' unequivocal anti-business manifesto, which ran Amazon's proposed headquarters out of Queens, was a clear message to every CEO, entrepreneur and employer. It is no longer a question of Republican or Democrat. Williams's potential decision to run for governor defines a very clear ideological abyss that will have moderates, and the business community as a whole, contemplating their future as New Yorkers.

One can hope that there is truth to the axiom that American politics has always been about pendulum swings, but with a statewide political party that made the closing of Rikers Island and defunding the police stated policy, it might be time for Long Island to consider that aspirational dream of becoming the 51st state.

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Voters may end up looking far more closely at what Republicans have to offer.

LETTERS

one to challenge false statements.

For example, the party currently in power claims that the punishing tax increase they passed was needed because I didn't raise taxes when I was mayor, but instead used revenue generators to bring in millions of dollars while developing the Garvies Point waterfront and the downtown. They call them “one-shot deals,” a phrase that means nothing since you can only sell something once, and every mayor before me tried to sell Garvies Point but couldn't get it done.

It's funny, because today the party that controls Glen Cove likes to take credit for those projects. Now, there's a tall tale, since some of them fought them all the way.

Unity is what we want, which is why we need people with differing opinions to have a seat at the table to put Glen Cove first. I speak from experience. During my two terms as mayor, I served with a council that included people from both parties. In fact, during my first term, a member of the opposition party died, and rather than replace that person with a member of my party, I nominated someone from the opposition party to fill the seat until a special election was held.

I served as mayor during a desperate time for Glen Cove, with the city facing enormous financial distress that I inherited, and worked with both sides to right the ship. We were successful despite our differences, closing the best deal possible to develop Garvies Point, move the

Downtown Village Square project forward, and do even more. That's what strong leadership does. That's what teamwork does.

A council shouldn't be a rubber stamp for a mayor's bad ideas. Trustees should push one another to demand better by offering differing opinions and making everyone accountable. The best results often come from a government that works toward a common goal while encouraging different opinions that push council members to negotiate, compromise and eventually produce results that don't just benefit a single party, but the entire city.

Glen Cove is a special place, and it's the diversity of our residents, along with the natural beauty all around us, that makes us great. It's that diversity that we need to bring to our government, and it needs to start with a strategy to unify us by bringing together people with different views whose allegiance is to Glen Cove, not to a party.

You can make it happen on Nov. 2 by voting for Glen Cove. I hope you will.

REGGIE SPINELLO
Former mayor (2014-17)
Glen Cove

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CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, Jerry Kremer's column in the Sept. 23-29 issue, “What's next for two sharp, young county executives?” mistakenly stated that the combined population of Nassau and Suffolk

counties is larger than that of 37 states. The two counties' combined population of just over 2.83 million is larger than that of only 15 states, according to census.gov.



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