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Victory for Panzenbeck

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Pamela Panzenbeck will be the next mayor of Glen Cove, according to the unofficial results of Tuesday's election. Voters chose the Republican candidate and most of her City Council slate, rejecting Mayor Tim Tenke and the majority of the incumbent council members.

"We had a roaring success," Panzenbeck said, "and we're absolutely waiting for the absentee ballots to come in, but this is beyond our wildest imagination. We worked very, very hard and I'm very, very happy."

Just before midnight on Tuesday, City Council Republican candidates Kevin Maccarone, John Mancusi, Joseph Capobianco, Roni Jenkins and Barbara Peebles, along with Democrat Marsha Silverman, were leading, although 359 absentee ballots had yet to be counted.

The Glen Cove Knights of Columbus hall was abuzz as Republican Committee Leader John Maccarone read the results for each district in the city.

"I went up against Marsha Silverman, the most respected on the Democratic ticket," Republican council candidate James Greenberg said. "I respect



Courtesy Tab Hauser

PAM PANZENBECK GAVE a victory speech at the Knights of Columbus Hall, where Republicans gathered on election night.

her diligence and her efforts. I'm ecstatic that Pam is in. I'm a Republican, but when it comes to local politics, it's common sense. It's what's going to be good for Glen Cove."

And if the absentee ballots don't go in his favor, Greenberg said, "I'm still running soccer, still running my law firm, still uniting families through adoption, and maybe I'll come back another time."

"I think the community has spoken," Jenkins said. "They said they wanted change, they wanted new voices and were obviously not happy with the tax increase last year. That was the message we came out strong against, and it resonated with people."

As the Herald went to press on Wednesday, Bruce Blakeman, the Republican Town of Hemp-

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New law aims to protect student athletes

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Gov. Kathy Hochul signed legislation sponsored by State Sen. Jim Gaughran into law on Oct. 25, which is intended to reduce the occurrence of sudden cardiac arrest in student athletes. Under the new law, New York state will establish rules for the monitoring and treatment of students who show signs or symptoms of potentially fatal cardiac problems.

The legislation, Senate Bill S1016-B, is known informally as Dominic's Law, and is named for Dominic Murray, a 17-year-old who collapsed and died on a Farmingdale State College basketball court in 2009.

"This [law] sets up parameters to make sure that people understand what to look for in a potential sudden-death situation, so everybody is always on guard," Gaughran said. "Athletes themselves and their parents will have more knowledge as well. Hopefully, what will hap-

pen is, if somebody begins exhibiting the signs of sudden cardiac arrest, then the [proper] precautions will be taken and that person can get immediate help . . . because those around

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JIM GAUGHRAN
State senator

them will know what to look out for in identifying cardiac arrest."

When the law goes into effect next July, information on those signs and symptoms will be posted on the state Department of Health website. In addition, schools will be required to include the information on permission forms or similar paperwork that students may be required to fill out in order to take part in interscholastic athletics.

"We are hopeful, that by creating more awareness around the state of this serious medical issue, lives will be saved," Gaughran said.

Twelve years ago, the seemingly healthy Murray, playing in a pickup game at Farmingdale State, shot a routine layup, took

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ELECTION RESULTS

Office	Winner	Opponent
County executive	Blakeman (undeclared) - 52%	Curran (D) - 48%
District attorney	Anne Donnelly (R) - 60%	Todd Kaminsky (D) - 40%
Comptroller	Elaine Phillips (R) - 61%	Ryan Cronin (D) - 39%
County clerk	Maureen O'Connell (R) - 63%	Justin Brown (D) - 37%
L.D. 11	D. DeRiggi-Whitton (D) - 62%	Meagan McCarty (R) -37%
Glen Cove mayor	Pam Panzenbeck (R) - 56%	Tim Tenke (D) - 42%

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Courtesy Jessica Lopera

THE RENOVATED JR.'S Modern Market & Delicatessen reopened on Saturday.

100-year-old deli reopens with a new look

BY JILL NOSSA

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A longtime staple of the community is back in business, under new ownership. On Saturday, Jr.'s Modern Market and Delicatessen on East Avenue in Glen Cove opened its doors to the community with a ribbon-cutting celebration.

Formerly the South Ridge Deli, one of Glen Cove's oldest businesses, the deli now has a modern look, but will stay true to its purpose: convenience.

When the deli was put up for sale in 2020, two Glen Cove men saw an opportunity. Sebastian Lopera, 34, and Antonino McInnis, 26, both grew up in Glen Cove and have fond memories of the deli. Lopera grew up just blocks away, and now lives down the street.

After his son was born, heading to the deli became a daily activity, and was even more pronounced during the early days of the pandemic, when his son was about 3. "It was part of our routine to have a snack here, then go to Connolly School," Lopera said. "It was super essential to us."

The business was on the market for a high price, and the building was connected to a residential property next door. McInnis is a real estate developer who buys and rehabs houses in Glen Cove. He bought the house next door about 10 months ago, and originally had plans of turning the deli into a house.

"I couldn't let that happen. It's second oldest business in Glen Cove," Lopera said. "He didn't realize this is like a diamond in the rough."

Lopera, who also works in real estate, partnered with McInnis to save the deli, and modernize it.

The pair faced many obstacles, including removing heavy deli cases and a sink that leaked, forcing them to replace the flooring, and level the floors, and replace some of the beams. The result is a sleek, modern look.

"I just basically wanted to bring it to the glory it should have been the entire time,"

Lopera said, noting he drew inspiration from the model of Eataly, the Italian market. "I wanted to have a modern market here on Long Island, where you could come in, get a delicious sandwich, and also get regular household items and not have to drive all the way across town.

"That's really the thing," he added. "This place is so convenient to the people living here."

As an adult, Lopera said, he has gravitated more towards New York City: he works there and most of his social life is centered around the city. "I never in my life would have thought I would invest my time and energy and money back into Glen Cove, but here I am."

McInnis said his family has roots in Glen Cove that date to the 1940s. He was born in Glen Cove, lived here until age 8 before moving to Queens. He moved back about five years ago.

"Something is always calling us back to Glen Cove, one way or another," Lopera said. "I really believe in fate."

Both plan to be involved in the day-to-day operations, especially in the beginning, and would like to eventually expand and open more locations. Lopera's wife, Jessica Lopera, will also be involved the daily management, and their son, Sebastian London, is happy to have his deli back.

Lopera said a lot of the people in the neighborhood rely on the deli for basics that they don't want to drive too far to get. Since the announcement of the reopening, he said, he gets asked daily when it will be up and running.

"I feel like, once you lose something, that's when you really love it," Lopera said. "The deli was always here, it was never really updated, but the convenience was the point. Once people lost that convenience, they were clamoring to come back."

One addition to the deli is a full coffee bar, offering espresso and iced coffees. Jrs Modern Market & Delicatessen is open daily from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Courtesy Atria Glen Cove

HAVE clearly enjoyed Lieberman's tours, packing the bus and requesting additional trips.

Seniors explore Nassau on bus tours of history

BY ANNEMARIE DURKIN
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Local seniors have been learning about local history on private bus tours of the area led by former Sea Cliff Mayor Ed Lieberman, who tells the stories of a number of historical landmarks.

The Oyster Bay, Sagamore Hill Teddy Roosevelt Bus Tour is the most frequent of a number of tours focusing on different areas of the community and their past. On this tour, Lieberman highlights President Theodore Roosevelt's life and related landmarks.

"I have a detailed conversation about Teddy Roosevelt's life — his family, his life and presidency," Lieberman said. "The tour leads us to Sagamore Hill, and then, in the interim, we go through the North Shore areas and I lay out the historic significance of the villages we pass through."

Sagamore Hill was the primary residence of Roosevelt and his wife, Edith, from 1886 until they died, the former president in 1919 and Edith in 1948.

Another bus tour goes along Route 25A in Northport, and Lieberman details George Washington's Culper Spy Ring, a network of Revolutionary War spies who were active in Setauket and Oyster Bay.

"I came up with the idea for the tours as a way to fill my time up between my practice and not being the mayor anymore," said Lieberman, who is an attorney. "It started out because I wanted to do a walking tour of the Village of Sea Cliff, the main street, and explain the [significance] of the different buildings and parks in the area."

The seniors who take the tours are residents of the Atria in Glen Cove. "The residents have been enjoying learning from Ed. He really brightens their day," said



Courtesy Atria Glen Cove

FORMER SEA CLIFF Mayor Ed Lieberman is offering seniors the chance to learn about the historical communities they live in — and the opportunity to leave their residence and venture out for a few hours.

Diane Ziems, the facility's executive director. "They're learning something about their community. My residents ask a lot of questions, and find he adds a lot of humor to the information and the tour. Ed truly is a wealth of knowledge."

Now, Lieberman says, the seniors are filling the bus each time there's a new tour, and he is taking second and third trips to some locations so the people who

didn't get on the first tour can see what they missed. On Oct. 20, Lieberman took the bus on the Teddy Roosevelt tour again, with a second group of Atria residents.

"It was really just something that I wanted to fill my time with and benefit the seniors," Lieberman said. "I also try to get them interested in some of the surrounding history that we have in our

immediate areas here."

His next tour is scheduled for Friday, on which he will partner with an organization called the Mutual Concerns Committee, and explore historic sites in Roslyn and Great Neck with a different group of seniors, from Sea Cliff and Glen Head. Mutual Concerns is a grass-roots group that formed 42 years ago to meet some pressing needs of residents of the North Shore School District. The organization hosts a senior lunch every Tuesday, providing hot meals and fun activities for the community's seniors. The group agreed to collaborate with Lieberman on the bus tours in order to get more seniors involved who weren't Atria residents.

"I was glad Ed came to me — I thought it was a good idea," said Peggie Como, president of Mutual Concerns. "He's a big history buff. He just knows so much about the origins of our community."

Another benefit of the tours, according to Como, is the opportunity they offer less-than-mobile seniors, who can't get out much, to enjoy the historic tours alongside their neighbors. "We have about 20 to 30 seniors in our lunch program, and they love to have different things to do," Como said. "[The tours] get them out of the house and get them to socialize, especially after being cooped up inside for so many months."

"I also give talks about the law and the history of law in group discussions at the Atria, to get the seniors intellectually motivated," Lieberman said. "The bus tour idea came from those talks; it was something that I always wanted to do."

Lieberman is looking to expand the tours to surrounding communities. The current tours aren't just limited to Atria residents. Anyone who is interested can call Como at (516) 675-7239.

Republicans win Glen Cove, Nassau County

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stead councilman, had surged past incumbent Democrat Laura Curran in the race for county executive. At press time, an official winner had not been declared, but Blakeman had 52 percent of the vote to Curran's 48 percent. Close to 20,000 absentee ballots remained to be counted, however.

What was certain: Republican Anne Donnelly, a 32-year career prosecutor in the Nassau district attorney's office, was declared the winner in the contest for D.A. Donnelly defeated State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Democrat from Long Beach, garnering 60 percent of the vote.

Republican Elaine Phillips, a former state senator, was declared the winner in the race for county comptroller, besting Democrat Ryan Cronin. And Republican Maureen O'Connell appeared headed to victory over Democrat Justin Brown in the voting for county clerk.

Incumbent Town of Hempstead Supervisor Don Clavin was also headed toward



ELECTION RESULTS



Office	Winner	Opponent
G.C. City Council	Maccarone (undeclared) 9.5%	Fugazy Scagliola 8.2%
G.C. City Council	Capobianco (undeclared) 9.2%	Stevenson-Mathews 8%
G.C. City Council	Mancusi (undeclared) 9.1%	Greenberg 7.9%
G.C. City Council	Silverman (undeclared) 8.6%	Lupenko Ferrante 7.35%
G.C. City Council	Jenkins (undeclared) 8.5%	Perrone 7.3%
G.C. City Council	Peebles (undeclared) 8.5%	Watson 6.69%

an easy victory, over Jason Ablove, his Democratic challenger, nearly doubling Ablove's vote total.



Christina Daly/Herald

BRUCE BLAKEMAN DECLARED victory in the Nassau County Executive race, though incumbent Laura Curran had not yet conceded.



Courtesy Tab Hauser

PAM PANZENBECK READ the results for her district.

CORONA VIRUS

COMMUNITY UPDATE

New infections, Oct. 25-Nov. 1

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Total infections as of Nov. 1

4,554

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RODRIGUEZ, A BREAST cancer survivor, started a foundation to encourage early detection of the disease

Launch of breast cancer foundation

A celebration and tribute to cancer survivor Betty Rodriguez took place on Sunday at Iglesia Ciudad De Refugio in Glen Cove. In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the event included health screenings and discussions with doctors about breast health awareness, self-exams and other preventive care.

Rodriguez started Betty's Breast Cancer Foundation to help others whose lives are affected by breast cancer and to encourage and enable early detection through screening.

Event sponsors included MDS Well-

ness, Mark Medical, Chef Moris Café, Holiday Farms, Edible Arrangements, Atria Glen Cove, Empire Health and Herald Community Newspapers. Councilwoman Marsha Silverman helped organize the event.

Silverman presented a City of Glen Cove citation to Rodriguez, whose foundation was also given a check for \$3,000 from Empire Health.

For more information on the new foundation, find Betty's Breast Cancer Foundation on Facebook.



BETTY RODRIGUEZ SPOKE the ribbon-cutting event for Betty's Breast Cancer Foundation.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Friday, Nov. 5

Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "Six Minutes to Midnight" (2020) at the library. It's the summer of 1939, just before WWII, and influential families in Nazi Germany have sent their daughters to a finishing school in England to learn the language. A teacher there sees what is coming and tries to raise the alarm, but the authorities believe that he is the problem. With Judi Dench and Eddie Izzard.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Gallery Opening: Danny Weiss

Danny is thrilled to announce his first-ever fine art gallery show. The show will be presented by the K. DiResta Collective, at 212 Sea Cliff Avenue. Meet the artist at a wine & cheese reception from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Danny's work embodies his lifelong reverence for the ocean. These images, captured from within the water using a pair of fins & a waterproof housing, feature Danny's unique take on the water. Weiss's work will be on view through Nov. 30, Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sundays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., or by appointment.

Creative Fall Festival Market

From 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. you'll find arts & crafts, photographs, hand-crafted furniture, baked goods, crocheted items, local honey and more. This market features local artists, crafters, and vendors. All proceeds benefit the Life Enrichment Center at Oyster Bay. Located at 45 E. Main Street in Oyster Bay.

Sunday, Nov. 7

Oyster Bay Market

Located at the municipal lot on Audrey Ave. by the Bandstand next to Hive Market and Maker's Space, OB Market is a food driven market that also supports local small businesses, artisans and not for profits. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Courtesy Raynham Hall Museum

From Italy with Love (Con Amore): A Virtual Concert Experience

On Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join tenor Salvatore Chiarelli for a concert of popular, traditional, and classical Italian and Neapolitan songs, performed in English, Italian, and Neapolitan. Chiarelli, a native of New York City, was vocally trained in both Italy and New York City for the opera stage. He has performed as a soloist on satellite television reaching 75 countries around the world. At the very outset of his vocal training he was one of only three Tenors chosen in the United States to participate in a five week concert tour of Europe. This event is virtual; register online at locust-valleylibrary.org for the Zoom link.

Monday, Nov. 8

North Shore Saving Lives Event

From 4 to 6 p.m. at the Sea Cliff Fire Department located at 67 Roslyn Ave. in Sea Cliff, learn valuable skills that could help you potentially save a life. Workshops offering CPR and AED training, as well as information on mental health and wound care will be offered. Training on how to use Narcan, a life-saving nose spray used in opioid overdoses will be offered as well.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

J.P. Morgan: The Original Rich Uncle Pennybags

Beginning at 2 p.m. via Zoom. When the federal government ran out of gold in

1895, J.P. Morgan bailed it out with gold from his bank. He bailed out the government again in 1907. He bought out Andrew Carnegie and formed the largest corporation in the world - U.S. Steel. Rich Uncle Pennybags, better known as the banker in the Monopoly board game, is based on J. P. Morgan. His company, JP Morgan Chase is the largest bank in the United States. This informative and interesting program covers the life of America's most famous financier (and Glen Cove resident), whose influence is still felt today. Program presented by Rick Feingold, who teaches American Business History at Bergen Community College. Register at glencovelibrary.org.

Curator's Corner: A Photograph of Liberator Herman "Hy" Horowitz

HMTC is hosting a program at 11 a.m. via Zoom, in preparation to mark Veterans Day, Thorin Tritter, our Museum and

Programming Director, will explore a photograph of Liberator Herman "Hy" Horowitz, an American GI who was later awarded the title Chevalier, knight, by the nation of France. Register at: hmtcli.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Virtual Hike to Quogue Wildlife Refuge

Beginning at 6 p.m. "hike" through habitats including the Pine Barrens, a field, a pond and a bog. Topics include local flora & fauna, fire ecology, forest layers, decomposition, succession, & habitat protection. Register at: seaclifflibrary@hotmail.com to receive the zoom link.

I Love Lucy: Lucille Ball from Hollywood to Television

Beginning at 2 p.m. via Zoom. Lucille Ball was one of the most beloved and trend setting female comics in the history of motion pictures and television. This program offers a delightful examination of her career, from her humble beginnings in Jamestown, NY to her rise to stardom in Hollywood and her later television career. While her whole output as an actress is explored, film historian Keith Crocker gives special attention to her television career, I Love Lucy in particular. In fact, the highlight of this program is a showing of a rare I Love Lucy episode titled "Paris At Last." Register online at glencovelibrary.org.

Thursday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day

Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. Observed as a national holiday, all libraries, city, state and federal government offices, including courts and post offices, are closed. All schools will be closed as well. Mail will not be delivered. Many banks will be closed.

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 Board of Education will meet next on Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Oyster Bay Town Board will meet on Nov. 16, at 10 a.m.
- The Glen Cove City Council will meet on Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.
- The North Shore Board of Education will meet next on Nov. 18 at 7:45 p.m.
- The Locust Valley Board of Education will meet on Nov. 16.

G. C. students honored for achievement

Six Glen Cove UFSD students, all of whom are attending Nassau BOCES Barry Tech, earned a number of awards for their respective achievements. These exceptional scholars excelled in their respective fields of study and are well prepared to enter the workforce, or to continue their education at career colleges and technical universities.

Four students earned the: CTE Achievement Award: Alexa Alma and Tea Guzman, both of whom are studying horse science and management skills; Nicole Espinoza, who is studying police science and criminal justice; and cosmetology student Allison Sanchez. Cosmetology student Jessica Mirakaj received the Outstanding Student Award. Juan Pinilla Hernandez, who is studying audio production, earned two awards; the CTE Achievement Award and the Joseph M. and Lois Barry Scholarship



Photos courtesy Nassau BOCES

ALEXA ALMA (THIRD from right) of Glen Cove is congratulated on her award by (from left) Nassau BOCES Board Trustee Eric Schultz, Vice Principal Dr. William Poll, Board Vice President Deborah Coates, President Susan Bergtraum and Christopher Barry.



NICOLE ESPINOZA (CENTER) of Glen Cove is congratulated on her award by (from left) Vice Principal Dr. William Poll, Assistant Director Judith Hynes, Board Trustee Robert “B.A.” Schoen, President Susan Bergtraum and Trustee Fran Langsner.

JUAN PINILLA HERNANDEZ (left) of Glen Cove is congratulated on his awards by Christopher Barry.

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Burger Boys Bar & Grill opens on Landing Road in Glen Cove

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During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton presented a Nassau County Legislature Citation commemorating the arrival of the city's newest dining establishment.

"Glen Cove's diversified dining district is one of things that makes our city so vibrant and special," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "I'm delighted that Burger Boys Bar & Grill has joined that rich tradition, and I wish many years of delicious success in our community."

THE RIBBON-CUTTING FOR Burger Boys was well attended.



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The Glen Cove Downtown BID supports veterans

Businesses in downtown Glen Cove are showing support for veterans by offering discounts on purchases. The Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District teamed up with the Office of Veteran Affairs two years ago to launch the “We Honor Our Veterans” program, which continues to be a success.

Participating businesses have custom stickers displayed in their windows, providing a clear indication to passing veterans and active military members that those businesses offer discounts to them. The decals display the words, “We Honor Our Veterans Here.”

“I am honored to present this program to our military members and veterans with the hop that they know that they are always in our thoughts, that we are supportive of all their efforts, and are thankful,” said BID Executive Director Patricia Holman. “It’s great to see how many businesses are happy to display the decal.”

As part of the Capital Improvements Committee plan, the committee purchased hanging flower baskets for the lamp posts throughout the downtown. The baskets are filled with bright flowering begonias to ringing in the season. Several thousand dollars of the Glen Cove BID’s annual budget are invested in the flower baskets and other seasonal plantings every year. The breathtaking flowers

are a visual delight to the residents and visitors of the downtown Glen Cove area.

Holman worked on the project with Tony Jimenez, the city’s director of veteran affairs, who first approached her with the idea. Holman then designed the decals and let businesses know how to participate.

“Our veteran community has sacrificed so much effort and time to protect our country and community,” Jimenez said, “and this is a great way to say thank you.”

“It is important to us at Glen Floors that we express our appreciation to the men and women who give their lives in service for our country, selflessly and tirelessly and tirelessly, in order to ensure and protect our freedom,” said Lou-Ann Thompson of Glen Floors and vice president of the BID. “By our giving a little in return, we are hopeful that it’s an example of our sincere gratitude and respect.”

The BID recently created a video highlighting the veterans utilizing the discount at participating businesses. The list of the businesses offering the discount can be found at GlenCoveDowntown.org and on the BID’s Facebook page.

For further information, please contact the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District at 516.759.6970 or info@glencovedowntown.org.



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Deasy second-grade students get in the Halloween spirit for school parade

Deasy Elementary School held its annual Halloween parade for students on Friday, and the students showed their spirit, dressing in up in various creative costumes.

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Celebrating art and autos
Artist Dean Adams spent last Saturday afternoon painting some of the cars on display at the Art and Automobiles event in downtown Glen Cove. Story, more photos, Page 3.

'She has an eye for it'

Teen creates music video for local songwriter

BY JILL NOSSA
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With the prevalence of iPhones, editing software and platforms such as YouTube and TikTok, anyone with a digital camera can create and share videos. Having the tools doesn't necessarily mean a person has talent, but for 15-year-old Ava Solange of Glen Cove, an amateur interest in videography led to a paid opportunity.

The high school junior already has a portfolio of completed video projects, including a professional music video. Initially, she said, her interest was in photography. But, she added, "As I started working with my camera more, I realized I could film videos."

Like many teens, Ava taught herself how to use the camera by making TikTok videos, and expanded the scope of her projects. This summer, after hearing a song by singer-songwriter Chris Armata of Oyster Bay, she decided to

bigger: shoot and edit a music video. She created a video for Armata's song "Gratitude" while vacationing in Southern California, enlisting her mother and her aunt as subjects.

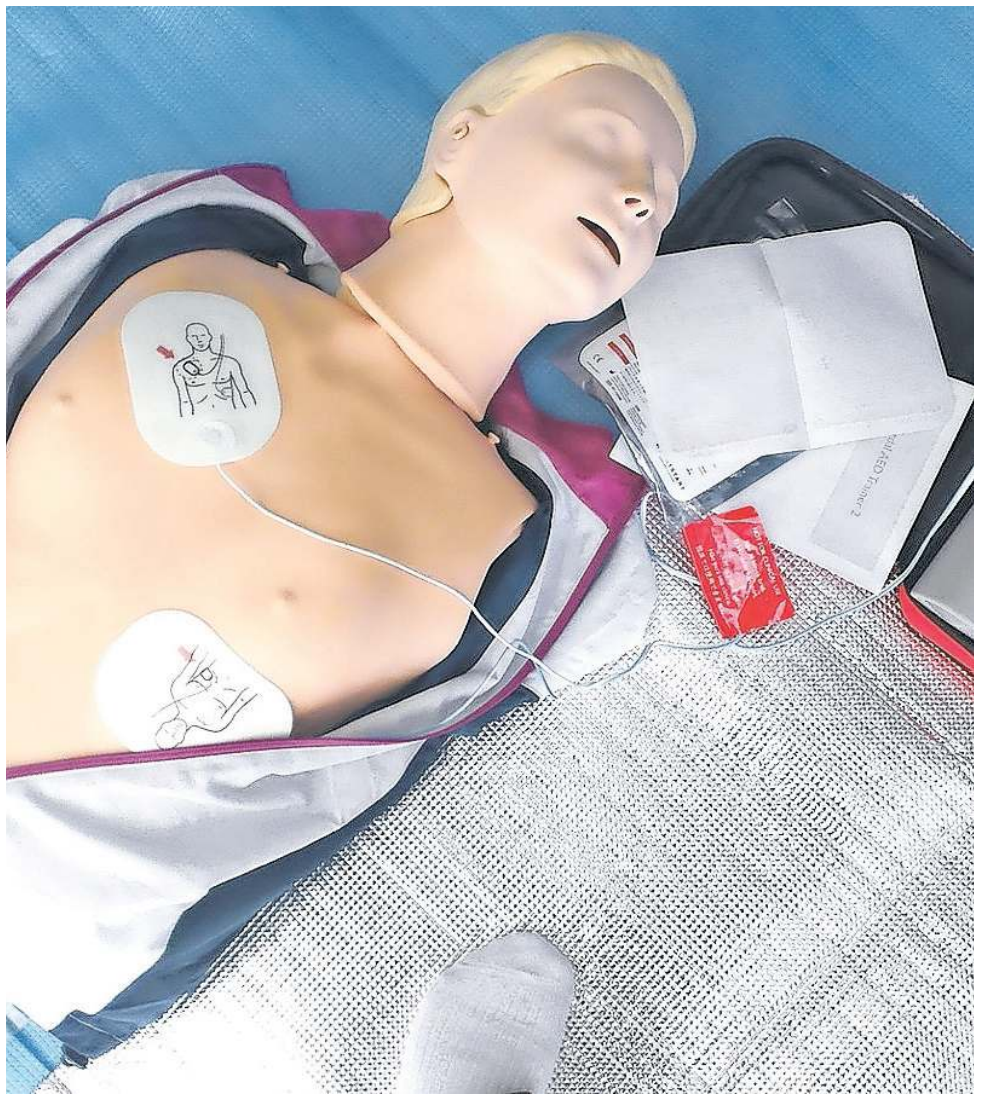
"I knew that I'd have some nice shots for scenery, and I thought that would go well with the song," Ava said. "I was just picturing a lot of fun dancing and a good time, because that's what the song is about — appreciating the happy moments."

After four days of filming with her iPhone and a drone, she spent two days editing down about 90 minutes of footage for the three-minute song. "I had to look for the best parts of the videos and see what went well with the song and the rhythm of the song," she explained.

Using the drone footage in parts of the videos and see what went well with the song and the rhythm of the song," she explained.

I feel like it really captures the vibe and the feeling that the music gives you.

AVA SOLANGE



Courtesy Wikimedia Commons

DOMINIC'S LAW LOOKS to raise awareness of the symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, and reduce the number of fatal incidents statewide, especially in student-athletes.

New law will help prevent fatal sudden cardiac arrest in athletes

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three steps and collapsed. He had no pulse and was unresponsive, and soon he was gasping, gurgling and making seizure-like movements. His symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest went unrecognized by all around him, and by the time help arrived, he was dead. His father had died of a heart attack three years earlier, at age 42.

According to the American Heart Association, every minute counts in the effort to save the life of someone who goes into cardiac arrest. Immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, is crucial, and if the symptoms go unnoticed, the chance of survival drops dramatically.

Murray's mother, Melinda Murray-Nyack, has advocated for increased awareness of sudden cardiac arrest for over a decade, educating school officials and the public on the warning signs.

"I really want to thank Mrs. Murray, Dominic's mother," Gaughran said. "She and other advocates really pushed and tried hard for years to get this done before I was elected to the Legislature, in memory of her son and in memory of other children. We're very grateful for their advocacy."

Murray-Nyack is the founder and president of the Dominic A. Murray 21 Memorial Foundation (DomHeart21), which aims to promote awareness of and the knowledge to treat sudden cardiac arrest

through education and legislation. As a widow and a parent who lost her only child to the disorder, she made it her life's mission to prevent other family from suffering a similar loss due to a lack of awareness of a preventable tragedy.

"The real tragedy is these deaths can be prevented," Murray-Nyack said. "Primary prevention, which is the goal of Dominic's Law, plays an indispensable role in helping to reduce this crisis. I am so grateful to Senator Gaughran for recognizing the importance of this life-saving legislation and ensuring the hearts of students in New York State are protected."

Sudden cardiac arrest is the No. 1 cause of death among student athletes, and the leading cause of death on school campuses. There are more than 356,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests annually in the U.S., nearly 90 percent of them fatal. No one was aware that Murray suffered from a congenital heart defect that went undetected by conventional medical clearance methods.

DomHeart21 provides training in CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, for free. According to a report from the American Heart Association published in March 2020, the median annual rate for CPR training in the U.S. was just 2.39 percent of the nation's population.

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Memorial concert for Chris Crosby at Morgan Park

A memorial/concert took place on Oct. 9 in Morgan Park in Glen Cove to celebrate the life of musician Chris Crosby, who grew up in Glen Cove. More than 200 people attended.

Over 30 musicians traveled from all over the country to be there to perform and share their memories of Crosby with the audience. Crosby's brother, Jason Crosby, helped to coordinate the concert, which included bands from Crosby's teen years at the GreenVale School and Lutheran High School.

The music played were mostly Crosby's compositions, including one that was inspired by the squeaking sounds of the family dryer when he was a teenager, and also music from Rush, one of Chris's favorite bands.

Co-workers from the Glen Cove Library attended, and library Director Kathie Flynn spoke about Crosby. Many people said how friendly he was, and a good listener. Amy Mondello, who worked with Crosby for 20 years at the library said through her tears, "He was like a little brother to me." His co-workers from the Syosset Library were also there.

Cam Art, an artist from Middle Island, said that he had been inspired to paint a watercolor of Crosby when he learned of his passing. A poster-size print was at the entrance to the park, and another framed painting was near the stage. He said that although he had met Crosby, he didn't know him well, but that he had a way of



Courtesy Glen Cove Arts Council

VARIOUS MUSICIANS PLAYED at the memorial concert for Christopher Crosby, held at Morgan Park on Oct. 9.

making people feel as though they were old friends.

There were also posters featuring a photo of Crosby playing his bass, courtesy of Roger McNamee, that people could take as they left.

Friends brought flowers to decorate the stage including a very large bouquet of blue and white roses from Lia DiAngelo of Westbury Florist, and her family. Two huge autumnal arrangements by Gigi Ferrante, were on either side of the

watercolor painting.

Donations to the Christopher Crosby Memorial Scholarship Fund may be made through the Glen Cove Arts Council www.glencoveartscouncil.org, or sent to GCAC PO Box 27 Glen Cove NY 11542

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CHRISTINE THORNTON GRIECO

Christine Thornton Grieco, of Glen Cove, died on Oct. 18, 2021, at the age of 70. She died peacefully at home after a long battle with chronic lung disease.

Christine was born in Brooklyn and grew up in Manhasset, while spending summers at Breezy Point. She attended the Schools of St. Mary in Manhasset and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1969. In 1973, she received a B.A. in political science and English from Marymount College in Tarrytown. After graduation, for many years, Christine lived and worked in Manhattan; account executive at CBS Television Network, Director of Programming at International Management Group (IMG), and Vice President of Marketing at RMJ Securities. At the age of 40, Christine decided to return to academia and received a J.D. degree from Hofstra University Law School in 1995.

Armed with a legal degree and many years of business experience, Christine married and moved to Glen Cove, and spent her remaining years working as a volunteer in various organizations. She was a member of the Board of Directors, and eventually became Vice Chairman, of the Education and Assistance Corporation (EAC), a not-for-profit organization serving Long Island and the metropolitan area with over 30 charitable programs, such as Meals on Wheels. Christine served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate in Nassau Family Court for children in foster care. Additionally, she was an active member and fund raiser for myriad organizations such as the Family of Malta, AmeriCares, and Ireland's Children. Finally, Christine was a volunteer at St. Christopher-Otilie Family Service Agency, in Sea Cliff. In 2008, she was honored as the Volunteer of the Year at a fundraiser held at the Nassau Country Club. Her acceptance speech ended with the perfect description of her own life: my parents taught by example and made sure their children realized the importance of "giving back".

Christine is survived by her husband, Dr. Michael Grieco; her stepchildren, Michael and Kristin Grieco; her nephews, Thomas Thornton III, Ryan Thornton, Robert Thornton Jr. and Christopher Thornton; her sisters-in-law, Julia Thornton Hess and Mary Thornton. She is also survived by many grandnephews and a grandniece. Christine was predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Catherine Thornton and her brothers, Thomas Thornton, Jr. and

Robert Thornton.

Those who wish to donate to a scholarship in Christine's name, please contact Community Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 453, Glen Cove, NY.

JOSEPH J. GRAHAM

Joseph J. Graham of Glen Cove died on Oct. 28, 2021. Joe is survived by his beloved wife Maryann, and three children, Kelly Mani (PD) of Los Angeles; Karen Brescia, (Mark) of Bondville, VT; and Joseph of Glen Head. Proud grandfather to Mark Joseph Brescia. He is loved and will be missed.

Joe graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in Massachusetts and was well known for his dedicated career as the Golf Course Superintendent at Glen Head Country Club.

Arrangements by McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home, 220 Glen Street, Glen Cove. Funeral Mass held at the Church of Saint Rocco.

MARY BARONE

Mary Barone of Glen Cove died on Sept. 22, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Stephen and companion of the late Andrew Garda. Loving mother of Vivian (Jay) Dewey, Anne Marie Barone-Donaldson (Robert), Vincent Barone (Patti). Cherished grandmother of Gabriella White (Ryan), Meredith Polinski (Joe), Stephen Dewey (Kristen), Gina Barone (Luis Gonzalez), Mary Grace Donaldson (Anthony Cipriano), Joseph Barone (Victoria) and great-grandmother of eight. Dedicated member of the Guild of St. Francis Hospital and served as its president from 2004 to 2006. Eucharistic minister, prayer group facilitator and member of the fundraising committee at St. Mary's R.C. Church. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to the Guild of St. Francis Hospital. Funeral Mass at the Church of St. Mary, Roslyn Harbor. Entombment Holy Rood Cemetery.

PETER G. SHERRY

Peter G. Sherry of Whitestone and Phillipsburg, NJ, died on Oct. 31, 2021. He is survived by his sister Christina Sherry of Lake Hopatcong, NJ, Victoria Henry Andover, MA, and Gerard P. Sherry (RoseMarie) of Glen Cove. He is also survived by 10 nieces and nephews that he cherished like his own children: Jaimee (John) Adams, Joseph (Cheryl) DeFrancesco, Jennifer (Christopher) Faitoute, Jill (Brian) Weiss, Kate (Kyle) Manacek, Kevin Henry, Kristina Henry, Gerard Sherry Jr, Tyler Sherry, and Cameron Sherry and twelve great nieces and nephews. Visitation at McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home.



Courtesy Chris Petrella

GLEN COVE RESIDENT Anthony Petrella celebrated his 90th birthday recently.

Glen Cove veteran celebrates 90th birthday

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton joined the Petrella family to celebrate the 90th birthday of Glen Cove native Anthony Petrella.

DeRiggi-Whitton presented Petrella a special Nassau County Legislature Citation commemorating this milestone birthday. Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton was joined by Glen Cove City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, who represented Mayor Tim Tenke and presented a City Citation to Petrella.

Petrella graduated from Glen Cove High School before serving in the United States Navy, where he served aboard the U.S.S. Saipan CVL-48 dur-

ing the Korean War. After completing his service, Petrella worked for Nassau County for more than two decades and married his wife of 65 years, Doris. Together they raised five sons and have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

"Through his involvement in the community, his career, and his service during the Korean War, Anthony Petrella has made great contributions to Nassau County and our nation," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "It was an honor and a pleasure to join in this celebration of his 90th birthday and wish him good health and happiness in the years ahead!"

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America fails when innocents suffer

I must confess that the older I get, the more time I spend thinking about all of the crises our country has endured in my lifetime. I was a young boy when America was going through the horrors of World War II. As I progressed from career to career, the nation had to deal with wars in Korea



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and Vietnam and the tragedy of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. All of these events had one thing in common. The people of America were totally united and determined to fight our enemies.

I think of those challenging days and contrast them with the nation's response

to the coronavirus disaster. If you look at a national map showing the vaccination rates of the states, it looks almost identical to a political map highlighting the red states and blue states. With a few exceptions, the states populated by a majority of registered Republicans have the lowest rate of vaccinations, in contrast to states dominated by Democrats.

If you look at states like New York, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire and New Jersey, the vaccination rates are in the 66 to 70 percent range. Most of the time those states support Democratic candidates over their Republican challengers. In sharp contrast, states such as Wyoming, Idaho, North Dakota, West Virginia, Mississippi and Alaska are in the 40 per cent range. All of those states are considered solidly Republican. While crowded hospital intensive-care units are a distant memory for New Yorkers, people are dying in record numbers in red states for the sake of partisan politics.

Not a day goes by without a story about some red state governor screaming about vaccine mandates and telling his or her citizens that it is their choice whether to get vaccinated or not for Covid protection. The irony of the state resistance to vaccinations is that all of their schoolchildren have been required to get a series of vaccinations in order to attend their local schools.

I contrast the craziness of these grandstanding politicians with stories from across the Atlantic Ocean. Recent

reports from overseas highlight the fact that many of those countries are far ahead of the U.S. in vaccinating their residents. Portugal is a good example, because their vaccination rates tell an interesting story. According to the Wall

Street Journal, close to 100 percent of people over age 50 in Portugal have received at least one vaccine dose. For those between ages 25 and 49, the rate is 95 percent. To date, 89 percent of the entire population of 10 million has had at least one dose. And Portugal's high numbers are surpassed by the United Arab Emirates, which exerts strong control over its residents.

The owner of a souvenir shop in Lisbon, Portugal, stated the best case for why our red states should be pushing for their people to be vaccinated. "I need tourists," said Paula Margues. "Otherwise I have no business." Places like Wyoming, Idaho, North Dakota and Alaska need tourism to keep their economies stable, and they spend millions each year to attract visitors. Instead of pushing for a healthy populace, their leaders spend most of their days battling federal mandates and looking for

ways to attract the approval of former President Donald Trump.

There is another ironic twist to the red state resistance to vaccinations. Most of the people who are dying of Covid are also their favored voters. While the overall death numbers are small in comparison with the Eastern states, red state governors are allowing their people to suffer needlessly because of government inaction and the numerous false claims of anti-vaccine groups. This is pure government malpractice.

I hope that in the not-too-distant future, the coronavirus pandemic will become nothing but a memory. But the partisan bickering over a life-or-death solution will be recorded as one of the bleakest times in the history of our country. Our citizens have every right to stand up for their personal beliefs, but not at the expense of millions of people whose lives were lost because politics got in the way.

Jerry Kremer was a state assemblyman for 23 years, and chaired the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee for 12 years. He now heads Empire Government Strategies, a business development and legislative strategy firm. Comments about this column? JKremer@liherald.com.

What to do before the winter snow flies

Winter is coming, meteorologically, astronomically, politically and "Game of Throne"-y. Let us embrace this brief, bridge season between fall and early winter, when the weather is transitioning and the clouds are gathering.

We could exhaust ourselves with political knife fights or try to figure out how our Great American Democracy came to hinge on the advice and consent of a fractious group of legislators, but we have all winter for that. We still have November and early December.



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There is practical stuff to consider during these weeks. I don't feel like watering my annuals anymore, being lazy and more inclined to let them wither and die, but I feel guilty. How many more days do they have to enjoy their favorite activity, photosynthesis? So although they are ragged and quite pathetic, I douse them once in a while as an end-of-life gesture. It's pretty much each living thing on

its own. The trees and big bushes had better be hardy enough to withstand a tough winter, because we don't believe in coddling the plant life with fertilizer or plastic protection from the elements. We do close the windows in our porch and throw covers over the outdoor grill and chairs, but that's about it in the way of preparation.

Come the first cold snap, we'll turn on the heat. For now, however, on good days the windows are open, and fresh air blows through the house.

I feel a certain urgency to get out and do some of the activities I put off because, after all, we had "all summer." So, come along and cash in on these warm-enough days. Head for the boardwalk or the park for a brisk walk; before too long, we'll be walking against the chilly winds of late November and December. Before too long, we'll need hats and gloves to venture outside.

Get out of town. I like the Lower East Side of Manhattan, where I can walk around the area where my great-grandparents began their life in America. The city beckons, with its pedestrian-friend-

ly districts and communities, and now is the time to go and walk, from the High Line to Battery Park. You can almost pretend that Covid doesn't exist if you stay outside and dine at food stands. You can almost pretend that

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"surge" and "spike" and "antivax" aren't part of the lexicon. In a few weeks, our city streets will become wind tunnels, inhospitable to the day-tripper.

Another perfect fall destination is the East End, to visit the vineyards and the corn mazes and experience the last perfect days on the beach. The crowds are gone and the restaurants are still open.

Or head north a bit and pick apples. When my kids were young, that was probably our favorite fall activity. Recently my husband and I went back to one of the orchards we knew, and it had become overcrowded and commercial. But there are still growers who allow picking, and it's worth a ride to wander through an orchard, pick a bag or a bushel and head home to make apple-sauce or cakes and pies. This is the moment. Soon the apples will be done

and it will be too cold to wander anywhere north of Westchester.

Back home again, it's time to plant bulbs for next spring. This is much more than guaranteeing a bit of color next May and June. It feels like an investment in the future, a declaration that come what may in January and February, we know the seasons will turn again, the sun will drift further north and the tulips will bloom. I think of it as an act of faith.

In the same way, I spend some of these days preparing soup and packing it away in containers for the cold nights when I may not feel like cooking. Maybe that's a little bit squirrely of me, storing food away for the hard times, but it feels good to do so.

Kids are in school, beach clubs are closed and the days are getting shorter. Still, we have this autumn interlude. With all the tumult in the world, these few days seem like a metaphor for grasping what is good in our lives when we can, because we can.

Something about knowing this time is finite propels me out the door and into the ebbing light.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Setting the record straight on county policing

Four years ago, as the race for Nassau County executive between then Legislator Laura Curran, a Democrat, and then State Sen.

Jack Martins, a Republican, was heating up, the state Republican Party attempted an all-too-common GOP political tactic: It tried to paint Democrats as weak on crime, saying Curran would allow the notorious El Salvadoran gang MS-13 to run wild across the county.

The GOP did so in a last-minute mailer that showed three shirtless, tattooed Hispanic men grimacing angrily. The flier, mailed to homes across Nassau, read, “Meet your new neighbors. Laura Curran will roll out the welcome mat for violent gangs like MS-13.”

The flier, which was inherently racist, came at a time when fears of MS-13 were running high after young Hispanic men, hacked to death with machetes by the gang, were found buried in the woods in Baldwin, Freeport, Merrick and Massapequa.

It was a low blow that played to voters’ basest fears. And it was wrong. Voters saw past the Republicans’ attempt to win by any means possible, electing Curran, and MS-13 never overran Nassau, as predicted. In fact, we’ve heard little of the gang since a series of high-profile arrests of numerous gang leaders.

Thankfully, we had had, as of press time Monday, relatively little of such political chicanery. Curran’s opponent this time around, Town of Hempstead Councilman Bruce Blakeman, was laser-focused on lambasting Curran over the county’s property-tax reassessment, and said relatively little about crime.

During an endorsement interview with the Herald editorial board leading up to the election, however, Blakeman tried to make it sound as though Nassau was not, in fact, the “safest county in America” two years in a row, as judged by U.S. News & World Report. There had been an explosion of crime during the coronavirus pandemic, he said, that was not factored into the magazine’s rankings. He ticked off a list of recent violent crimes, wondering why they had not garnered greater media attention.

That got us thinking: Is Nassau really as safe as the magazine says it is? Curran made public safety a cornerstone of her campaign, and regularly touted the U.S. News assessment.

Nassau, we found, is indeed a very safe place to live. We could not undertake the county-by-county assessment that the magazine did. We did, however, look into the crime statistics for 2020 and 2021, Nassau County Police Department precinct by precinct. And, we are pleased to report, crime — particularly violent crime — has

Violent crime in Nassau County

Precinct	Rapes 2020-21	Murders 2020-21
1st Precinct: Baldwin	6	5
2nd Precinct: Woodbury	1	0
3rd Precinct: Williston	6	2
4th Precinct: Hewlett	2	0
5th Precinct: Elmont	6	3
6th Precinct: Manhasset	0	1
7th Precinct: Seaford	1	0
8th Precinct: Bethpage	3	6

Source: Nassau County Police Department. Statistics do not include cities and villages.

been astonishingly low here the past two years.

Nassau’s murder rate on any given year is 2 per 100,000 people. The nationwide average was, by comparison, 7.8 per 100,000, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

That is not to say there is no violent crime here. This is not the Mayberry of “The Andy Griffith Show.” This is one of the country’s most densely populated counties — with nearly 1.35 million people — outside the largest city in the nation, so we expect to see crime. We cannot dispute the claim, though, that Nassau is either the safest or one of the safest large counties in the country.

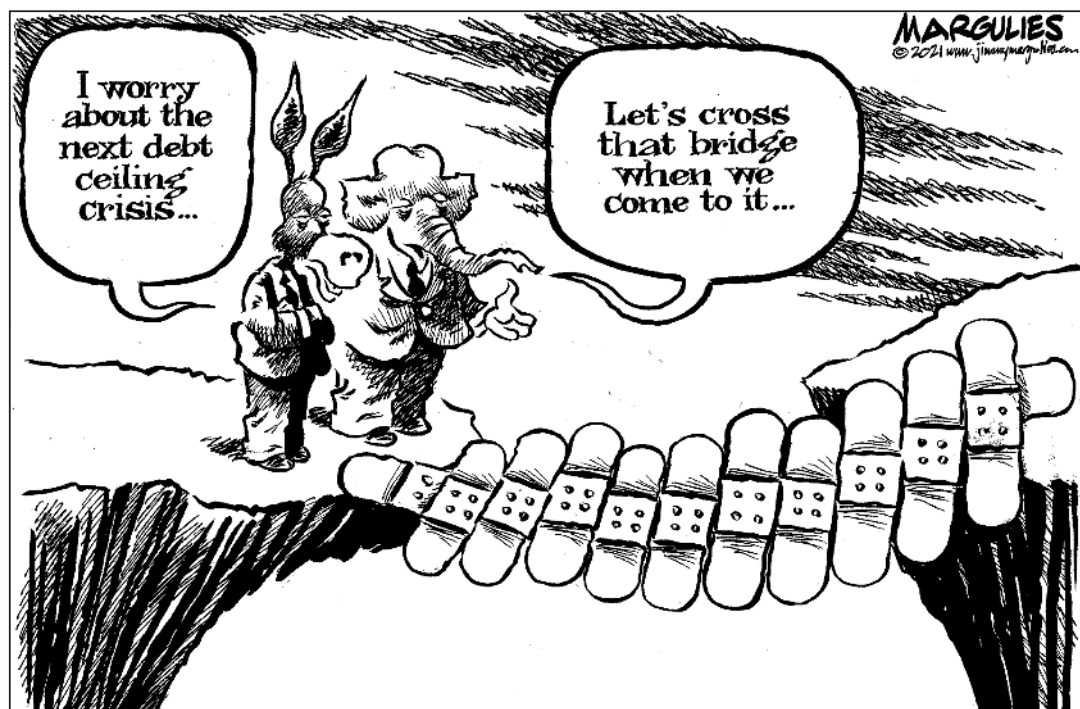
At the time of this writing, we had no idea who would win the county executive’s seat. The Herald endorsed Curran this year, as we did four years ago. Unlike 2017, she had a record to run on this time, and when it came to policing, she made the grade. So, win or lose, we should thank her for her continual support for the men

and women in blue who patrol our streets and keep us safe.

Blakeman attempted to link Curran to the movement to defund police. In no way, however, did she ever promote a plan that would reduce funding for our police force. Quite the opposite. Throughout her first four years in office, she touted a singular message: She unequivocally supported the NCPD.

At the same time, she was able to win a concession from police, who agreed, finally, to wear body cameras in exchange for an annual stipend. It was an important win for police accountability.

We now encourage whoever wins the county executive’s seat to seek greater diversity in the police ranks. The latest class of police cadets to go through the academy this year, while more diverse than past classes, was still largely white. That must change as Nassau’s demographics change. We hope and trust that it will. If it does not, residents must demand reform.



OPINIONS

The list of climate villains is long – and growing longer

The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, began last Sunday and will run through Nov. 12. Participants will include more than 190 government representatives and business leaders who are expected to discuss efforts to ensure that countries and companies

live up to climate-change agreements made at the 2015 Paris climate conference.

Former Secretary of State John Kerry, now the special presidential envoy for climate change, is heading the U.S. delegation, which includes several members of President Biden's cabinet.



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Biden, who is also scheduled to attend, reportedly plans to call on nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius — a still-devastating number.

Long Islanders should pay close attention to this conference, because climate change will likely have a profound effect here, given that it's causing sea levels to rise, and we live on an island.

Unfortunately, the Biden administration has so far been unable to pass its ambitious climate agenda in the Senate. Climate villains include Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin, of West Virginia, and virtually every Republican in the Senate

and House. Manchin's political career is funded largely by fossil fuel companies, and he owns millions of dollars in coal company stock. He is trying to force the Biden administration to drop renewable-energy subsidies from the federal budget.

American corporations often claim they are good environmental citizens. According to Alberto Carrillo Pineda of the Science Based Targets initiative, however, "You can look at a company's website and see their sustainability report and it will look great, but then when you look at what is behind it, you'll see there is not a lot of substance behind those commitments, or the commitments are not comprehensive enough."

A recently released report by the Private Equity Stakeholder Project highlights how the short-term hunt for profit and market manipulation make U.S. finance one of the world's biggest climate villains. While countries, including the U.S., are plagued by drought, forest fires and hurricanes because of climate change, the secretive private equity industry has invested more than a trillion dollars during the last decade in fossil-fuel companies. Virtually single-handedly, the industry keeps some of the worst-polluting oil wells, natural gas-leaking towers and coal-burning power plants pumping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

Three of the corporate players high-

lighted in the Private Equity Stakeholder Project report are the Blackstone Group, KKR & Co. and the Carlyle Group/NGP Energy Capital. Blackstone is the world's largest "alternative" asset manager. While its ClearGen subsidiary is

committed to promoting "sustainable-energy infrastructure," Blackstone invests in 25 fossil-fuel companies. Among its recent acquisitions is the pipeline company Tallgrass Energy, which is developing an "oil export terminal in Louisiana that would emit more than 500,000 tons of greenhouse gases annually." Tallgrass is also responsible for releasing thousands of gal-

lons of oilfield wastewater contaminating North Dakota farmland. And Blackstone is notorious for investing heavily "in polluting plants located in proximity to communities of color."

KKR plans to partner with the renewable energy consulting firm Crossover Energy Partners to develop solar and wind power projects. However, it also partners with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company to produce and distribute petroleum products, and is expanding natural-gas fracking projects in Wyoming. Overall, KKR invests in 28 fossil-fuel companies. The Carlyle Group/NGP Energy Capital plans to invest in Amp Solar Group, "a Canadian-based global energy transition platform," but it is also investing in expanding oil production in Colombia and Ghana. Overall, it

holds assets in 68 fossil-fuel companies.

While capitalists pollute the Earth and speed up global warming, nominally socialist countries like China aren't doing much better, and belong on the climate villains list. China's leader, Xi Jinping, promises that it will start reducing greenhouse gases by 2030, and will be carbon neutral by 2060. Meantime, it is increasing coal production and the use of coal-fired power plants. The plants receive tax deductions and are green-lighted for bank loans.

The list of climate villains must also include Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Libya, Argentina, Colombia and Brazil, all nations that are expected to attend the Glasgow conference. Saudi Arabia's national oil company, Aramco, the world's leading oil producer, recently announced plans to increase its production by at least a million barrels a day by the 2030s. State-owned oil companies in the other countries are also planning to increase production. The UAE was the first Persian Gulf country to pledge net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Meanwhile, it is investing more than \$100 billion in new oil and gas projects.

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LETTERS

East Side Access is a year from completion

To the Editor:

I recently joined Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials to take a special Long Island Rail Road test train to Grand Central Terminal, giving the public one of the first looks at the new 350,000-square-foot East Side Access passenger terminal there. This is the largest new train terminal to be built in the United States since the 1950s and the first expansion of the LIRR in more than 100 years.

Together with the LIRR third-track project, the new connection will add 50 percent to the LIRR's capacity into Manhattan, with up to 24 trains per hour, and cut travel time for Queens and Long Island commuters traveling to the East Side by 40 minutes per day. It will also reduce crowding on commuter rail at Penn Station and on the subway by dispersing commuters and allowing passengers to go directly to Grand Central Terminal from destinations across Queens and Long Island. The new com-

muter rail route and concourse will officially open in December 2022.

The East Side Access concourse is a model for modern transportation systems as we look to the post-pandemic future. This is yet another example of New York leading the way as we recover from the pandemic, and I look forward to the East Side Access concourse and route fully opening.

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