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## Halloween for the fashionably late

In disguise, Carlo and Gail Lubrano were ready to hand out candy outside their restaurant, La Bussola, to the children who participated in last Saturday's costume parade in downtown Glen Cove. Story, more photos, Page 3.

# One step closer to normal

## Most parents – and their kids – welcome children's vaccine

BY JILL NOSSA  
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Many parents in Glen Cove are breathing a sigh of relief, because their children are now able to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. The Pfizer-BioNTech shot was authorized for children ages 5 to 11 by the Food and Drug administration on Oct. 29, and cleared by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Nov. 2.

The news had many local parents calling their pediatricians and scheduling appointments for the first dose of the shot. Glen Cove resident Joanna Zuppardi had her 9-year-old daughter, Ava, vaccinated on Nov. 3. "We had been waiting for so long," Zuppardi said, "and I was following the news very carefully."

When the vaccine became available early this year to senior citizens, Zuppardi helped her parents schedule their appointments, staying up late to navigate the online system. She said she was prepared to do that again for her daughter, but the

process this time around was much simpler. She called her pediatrician as soon as the shot was available, and took Ava in for her first dose.

"She was so excited when I told her it was time to get it, she started jumping up and down," Zuppardi said. "And then she had absolutely no reaction. She said it didn't even hurt, and she's someone who is not great with needles."

Zuppardi said she did her research before making the appointment, concluded that it was the right decision for her family, and ultimately didn't see any point in waiting.

"It opens travel for us," she said, recalling that on one family trip, she kept Ava in a KN95 mask, and they only ate outdoors. "I feel a totally different level of comfort, because, yes, there are breakthrough infections and she could get sick, but I really don't feel like I have to worry about something really horrible happening to her, or to

I think they're scared, and they want their lives back.

REBECCA CASTRONOVO  
Glen Cove parent

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# Local insurance agent honored

BY JILL NOSSA  
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Celeste Gullo works hard, and she seldom stops. The Glen Head-based insurance agent and mother of four continued to grow her business while giving back to the community throughout the coronavirus pandemic — even after giving birth to twins. Her efforts earned her the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce 2021 Businessperson of the Year award, and she was honored by

the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce at a breakfast last month.

Gullo, 43, has been in the insurance business since she was 17, when she worked for an Allstate agency part-time while going to college. "I literally started from the very, very bottom," she said, "scanning and faxing and working my way towards becoming licensed."

When she graduated from SUNY Old Westbury with a degree in finance, Gullo said, she

was still working for Allstate, and making more money than her friends, who were looking for jobs in Manhattan. "I just loved Long Island, and wanted to stay," she said. "I didn't want to go to the city."

And the work itself motivated her. "I love insurance — insurance is really important," Gullo said. "My favorite thing about being an insurance agent is giving people information. I think that's the key."

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PARADE PARTICIPANTS DISPLAYED an array of creative costumes.

## Halloween parade draws a crowd

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Downtown Glen Cove was the hub of activity on Saturday, Nov. 5, as a wide assortment of lions, witches, scarecrows and other creatively costumed characters joined in the festivities for the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District's yearly Halloween parade, which transformed School and Glen Streets into the trick-or-treat hotspot. Though delayed by a week, many children were eager to continue in the Halloween fun and dressed up according to this year's "Wizard of Oz" theme. The marchers banded together to parade through the streets of Downtown Glen Cove, then partook in the trick-or-treating ritual by visiting the welcoming merchants.

Children were slipping and sliding, climbing and bouncing all over the two bouncy house castles set up on Bridge Street, while thrilling music was blaring through the DJ's speakers. The Jack O' Lantern Hole in One Mini Golf & the Witches Broom Race captured everyone's attention, which resulted in more than 100 prizes won. The children were also provided with an unlimited supply of cotton candy to taste throughout the entire Halloween Parade festivities, had a chance to learn some juggling skills and danced through the streets.

"It always brings such joy to the members of the Glen Cove Downtown B.I.D. to see such happy faces on the children of our community," said Patricia Holman, Executive Director of the Glen Cove Downtown B.I.D. "We would like to thank all our sponsors, volunteers, and the City of Glen Cove's Department of Public Works for making the annual Halloween Parade and Festival such a great one."



**NATASHA LACHNER, LUKE Lachner, 3, and Sam Epifania**

**CHRISTINE BROWN, 3-YEAR-OLD Ryan Rieger and Robert Rieger** enjoyed the parade.

**THE WARM, SUNNY** weather brought out children of all ages.



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DOZENS OF LOCAL business people headed to the Metropolitan to network last week.

# N.S. business organizations come together

Last week, four business organizations joined forces to strengthen communication among local business people. The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, Gold Coast Business Association, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Business Improvement District held a networking event at the Metropolitan Bistro, which was well attended by members of each organization.

“We’re all trying to work in the best interest of the community in a similar way,” Tom Bunger, treasure of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, said. “We thought it would be good to support one other when we have events, and this type of event can strengthen our ties.”

The goal, he said, is to hold a similar event quarterly.



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**COMMUNITY UPDATE**

**Infections as since Oct. 18**  
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**Infections as of Nov. 3**  
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**RABBI IRWIN HUBERMAN** of CTI presented a check to Estelle Moore, chair of North Shore Soup Kitchen, and Reverend Roger Williams of First Baptist Church of Glen Cove.

## Local temple supports re-opening of soup kitchen

After a devastating fire in August destroyed the headquarters of the North Shore Soup Kitchen/NOSH, various community organizations have stepped in to provide support. So far, Congregation Tifereth Israel has provided funds to pay for about 1,000 meals, as the North Shore Soup Kitchen prepares to re-open.

Rabbi Irwin Huberman of CTI recently presented Estelle Moore, chair of the North Shore Soup Kitchen, with a check for \$3,500.

The amount is part of more than \$10,000 donated by CTI through the synagogue's annual Project Isaiah appeal.

The appeal is based on a scriptural reading recited during the recent holy day of Yom Kippur, which emphasizes that God places a high value on helping others, as the Prophet Isaiah stresses, "to deal your bread to the hungry, and bring home the wandering poor."

Huberman noted that, because of the fire, congregants participated at record levels.

Last month, CTI responded to the crisis by presenting an initial \$5,000 check from Project Isaiah to NOSH.

"While thoughts, prayers and introspection play a critical role during the High Holidays," Huberman said, "Jewish tradition teaches that it is even more important that we support our good intentions with action."

He noted during the past month more than \$10,000 from Project Isaiah has been disbursed to help fund agencies who support those who are food insecure.

"This generous donation from Congregation Tifereth Israel will allow us to provide over 1,000 meals," Moore said. She added that the soup kitchen is planning to open within a month to begin serving meals from its location in the First Baptist Church of Glen Cove.

NOSH Operations Manager Linda Eastman noted that NOSH and the North Shore Soup Kitchen feed more than 1,200 families in need. NOSH is currently operating out of the St. Hyacinth Church in Glen Head.

Reverend Roger Williams, pastor at the First Baptist Church of Glen Cove, expressed his delight at the pending re-opening of the soup kitchen.

"The Baptist Church looks forward to having the soup kitchen back to serve those in need," Williams said.

Donations to NOSH and the soup kitchen can be made by sending checks or gift cards to the North Shore Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 168, Glen Cove, NY 11542

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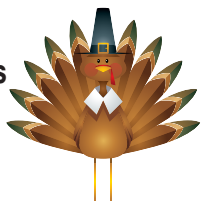
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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Friday, Nov. 12

### Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "Mona" (1986) at the library. Bob Hoskins received an Oscar nomination for his not-so-tough-guy portrayal of George, recently released from prison and hired by a sinister mob boss (Michael Caine) to chauffeur a call girl between high-paying clients.

## Saturday, Nov. 13

### Computer Animation Workshop

For Grades 6-12. An instructor from Sharper Training Solutions will teach attendees how to create web-based computer animation. In this hands-on workshop beginning at 11 a.m., create and edit animated GIFs, stick figures and more. Laptops will be provided, but if you would like to save your work, bring an external flash drive. Event will take place in the annex of Gold Coast Public Library. Register online at [goldcoastlibrary.org](http://goldcoastlibrary.org).

## Sunday, Nov. 14

### Sea Cliff Second Sundays

Get your holiday shopping kick started; discover one-of-a-kind finds from vendors and local stores, while enjoying live music. Also, the Sea Cliff Arts Council is also accepting donations for non-perishable food for Mutual Concerns from 1 to 4 p.m. Village Green, Sea Cliff.

### Britton Concert 2021

Matthew Fishteyn is a classically-trained pianist with an intimate passion for music. Hours spent meticulously adding and subtracting become an hour of a truly unforgettable musical journey, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Locust Valley Library. Matthew's style is a unique blend of American and other world cultures. Masks are required for everyone attending the concert. No reserved seating; seating is limited, so get there early.



Courtesy Salvador Chiarelli

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

Every Monday night at La Bussoli, from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. join tenor Salvatore Chiarelli for a concert of popular, traditional and classical Italian and Neapolitan songs, which he will perform 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 [locustvalleylibrary.org](http://locustvalleylibrary.org) for the Zoom link.

## Monday, Nov. 15

### Build Your Business with Social Media

Review the five most popular social media networks and the benefits of using each; how other businesses are using social media and how to determine which networks are right for your business; what kind of content to create and post; how to tell if content is working and why social media and email marketing must be used together. Register online at [bayvillefreelibrary.org](http://bayvillefreelibrary.org) to receive the Zoom link. On Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., Oct. 18 through Nov. 29, these virtual workshops for business owners and others interested in starting a new business are presented by SCORE, Long Island, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship.

## Tuesday, Nov. 16

### North Shore Soup Kitchen Re-opening

In the basement of The First Baptist Church, located at 7 Continental Place, Glen Cove, North Shore Soup Kitchen will resume serving those in need for take-out hot meals and sandwiches temporarily. Tuesdays and Thursdays between noon and 1 p.m.

### Woman's Club of Glen Cove monthly luncheon

At the scenic Sea Cliff Yacht Club, 42 The Boulevard, in Sea Cliff, from approximately 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m., attendees can enjoy a luncheon with entertainment for \$35 per person. This month, Glen Cove's very own Chef Janine from The View Grill, will hold a

cooking demonstration. Contact Marie Staada at (516)-671-7752 to make reservations.

## Wednesday, Nov. 17

### Animal Sculptures - Travel the World with Mad Science & Crayola

Explore far-off places and learn about the people who live there, while trying art techniques developed by local artists and experimenting with Crayola products. Beginning at 4 p.m. at the Glen Cove Library, go to Oaxaca, Mexico and learn the story of the alebrije dream and how it unleashed a whole new art form. For grades 2 to 5; registration can be completed online at [glencovelibrary.org](http://glencovelibrary.org).

## Thursday, Nov. 18

### Movie: An Unfinished Life

Einar is a crusty old rancher who does what he can to hold onto his Wyoming ranch. It's been a struggle for years; his son was killed in a car crash, his wife left him, and his longtime friend and helper, Mitch was recently mauled by a bear. Now, Einar has to care for Mitch and help him recover. Jean and her daughter, Griff, have to leave Jean's current abusive boyfriend. The only place they can go is the ranch of Griff's grandfather, Einar, who only learns of his granddaughter's existence upon their arrival. Watch "An Unfinished Life" at 2 p.m. at the Locust Valley Library. Additional showing at 6:30 p.m.

### Finding Your Psychic Self

Psychic and magician Ron Cain teaches the seven steps needed to develop your psychic ability. Learn about extrasensory perception, clairvoyance and telepathy. Study palmistry and the meaning behind your sun sign, your Chinese animal sign, and your totem animal. Attendees are encouraged to share their ideas and experiences. Simple meditation and relaxation techniques will be taught. This event will take place via zoom; registration can be completed at [glencovelibrary.org](http://glencovelibrary.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](mailto: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 Sea Cliff Village Board of Trustees will meet on Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. in Village 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.

# Veterans Day ceremony to honor local veteran

Every year, the City of Glen Cove honors a veteran during its Veterans Day ceremony, held outside the Doughboy Monument in front of the Glen Cove Library. This year's honoree is Michael Danchalski, an Iraq War veteran who lives in Glen Cove.

Danchalski was born in Bronxville and raised in Woodside, Queens. He enlisted in the Army upon graduation from high school and entered basic training at Ft. Knox Kentucky in July 1987. Danchalski continued his advanced training at Ft. Rucker Alabama for Flight Operations coordinator.

At the end of training he had orders to go to Germany, but a Sergeant Major from the 82nd Airborne division came recruiting for volunteers. The idea of jumping out of planes was more appealing to Danchalski than the cold and wet of Germany. In January 1988, Danchalski attended the three-week airborne course at Ft. Benning Georgia, completing five jumps and earning his wings. As he remembers it, it was the best training he received in the Army.

Danchalski was assigned to headquarters company, 82 Aviation Brigade and stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. On Aug. 2, 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait and "we were all awakened to shouts of 'get your stuff, we're going!'" Danchalski recalled.

Within 18 hours the division's first plane was on its way. Two weeks later he arrived at Dhahran Airbase, emerging



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

VFW POST 347 Captain Henryk Nowicki with Michael Danchalski.



Courtesy Michael Danchalski

MICHAEL DANCHALSKI IN the Saudi desert in 1990.

from the transport plane into a wall of heat, humidity and frenzied activity, fighter planes taking off on afterburners. After a seven-month wait in the Saudi desert, he participated in the ground invasion of Iraq.

Danchalski separated from the Army in

June 1991 as a Specialist (E4) with the following awards: Army Good Conduct Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze service stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the one he is most proud of, The Army Parachute Badge.

Soon after returning from the Persian

Gulf, he attended The New York Institute of Technology and studied architecture, receiving a four-year degree. He has resided in Glen Cove since 2002 with his wife Karen and two dogs. He is a member of VFW Post 347 and American Legion Post 336.

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# G.C. chamber honors G.H. businesswoman

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In 2016, she decided to make a big change. "I started a scratch agency," she said. "I was sick of working for people, and thought it was the next logical step. Everybody should do that: fire your boss and open your own company."

Now, at the Celeste P. Gullo Agency, on Glen Head Road, she leads a team of three full-time staff members and two remote workers, and the past year and a half have been a particular challenge. Her twins were born in April 2020, but since her business was considered essential, she kept going.

"We didn't close a single day," she said. "I gave birth and was working in the hospital. One thing people don't understand, which is hard for women in general, when we're self-employed, we don't get maternity leave."

## The challenges of a pandemic

Gullo sells life insurance, and at the onset of the pandemic, she said, "everybody was going crazy looking for insurance," and her staff was also worried about their jobs and their health. It was no time to slow down. "We did what we had to do," Gullo said. "We're a good team."

There have been logistical obstacles to overcome, such as training new agents remotely, and dealing with numerous water damage claims. But the work is just par for the course.

"My biggest challenge is being a mom — being able to be a mom, and do that well, and be there for them," she said. "But also, I've grown my agency tremendously. I wake up every morning wondering how I'm going to get through the day, but I just do."

Gullo, who lives in Glen Cove, holds food drives several times a year. Since she had a homeless uncle, helping others in need is important to her.

"I love feeding homeless people or people in need," she said. "Sometimes when I'm totally stressed out, doing something to give back ... it's almost like air, like I can breathe again."

She is currently holding a food drive to benefit the Porch Pantry, a nonprofit in Glen Cove. She's collecting food at her office, and will also solicit donations outside Stop & Shop on Sunday.

"Celeste has been very involved in the community, especially through the food drives she holds," Tom Bunker, treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, said. "She's always willing to help, and has been a big help to everyone."

Patricia Holman, executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, agreed that Gullo stands out for her involvement. "As I get to know Celeste, I learn more about her and I think that she's incredible," Holman said. "She's very determined, and is an example of a businesswoman doing it all and doing it all successfully. She's definitely a role



Courtesy Tab Hauser

**CELESTE GULLO**, of Glen Cove, owner of an Allstate insurance agency in Glen Head, was named the 2021 Businessperson of the Year by the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce.

model for all of our girls, and for every woman that wants to start a business."

## An honor delayed

Matt Nartowicz was named the chamber's 2020 Businessperson of the Year. Amid the pandemic, last year's awards breakfast was canceled, and both years' awards were presented last month. Nartowicz, 41, of East Islip, has worked for American Community Bank in Glen Cove for 12 years. He started off as a branch manager, then became a regional manager, and now is the chief retail officer, overseeing all of the bank's branches.

"During the pandemic, myself and the team really stepped up," Nartowicz said. "It was a tough time, where there wasn't a lot of communication."

While other businesses were reducing their hours, he said, the bank extended its. "We made sure we were there for the community," he said, "helping them out with everything from regular banking needs to working with the Paycheck Protection Program" — the program that helped small businesses get financial aid to help cover their payroll at a time when many businesses were closed or had curtailed their

operations.

Nartowicz said that he and his team routinely worked until 9 or 10 p.m. to help businesses, whether or not they were American Community Bank customers. "We just wanted to make sure that if we could do anything that could help them survive, we were going to help them with that."

When the program launched, he said, there was uncertainty, and a lot of banks restricted it to their customers. "We just opened it up to everybody," Nartowicz said. "We knew it would make it incredibly busy for ourselves, but we were up for the challenge, and we got the word out."

He communicated with businesses through the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Business Improvement District, the North Shore Hispanic chamber and the Gold Coast Business Association. He also made presentations to other Long Island chambers on Zoom.

The Glen Cove Downtown BID honored Nartowicz at its annual meeting earlier this year. "It was very clear to me that all of our small businesses were being left out," Holman said, recalling the onset of the pandemic. "They were constantly reaching out to me, and there was nothing I could do to help, except keep searching. Matt got in touch with me and said he could help. These businesses were seconds from going under, and he helped many of them within a couple of hours. I'm grateful for Matt and what he's done for the businesses."

"Matt did an excellent job getting loans to businesses who needed them during the pandemic, and he's still available," Bunker said. "He's outstanding. It's incredible what he did for the businesses."

It's no wonder, then, that American Community Bank has gained more customers. "Because we assisted them through that tough," Nartowicz said, "in return, they've moved their accounts to the bank. Since the pandemic, we've brought on hundreds of local businesses."

And after months of speaking to people virtually, he said, the awards breakfast was a nice change of pace. "It was a wonderful honor," he said. "It was amazing to see all of the chambers come together like that. We were talking business, networking ... it feels like we're almost back to normal."

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# HERALD SPORTS

## Magical run for Glen Cove ends in finals

By **ANDREW COEN**

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Glen Cove ended the 2021 season just shy of its championship goal.

The Big Red fought back twice from one-goal deficits in the Nassau County Class A boys' soccer final Nov. 3 before Garden City's Finn Connolly struck for what proved to be the game-winner with 8:41 left. The 3-2 loss at Mitchel Athletic Complex in Uniondale was a heartbreaking ending for a successful season that coach Brian Smith hopes paves the way for a consistent winning culture in future years.

"I'm very proud of what we accomplished as a team," Smith said. "I'm sorry we didn't get the result that we wanted, but ultimately through years of hard work and positive team effort I feel like we accomplished a lot."

Trailing 1-0 more than midway through the second half, senior forward Chrystian Hernandez tied the score with 17:27 left. After the Trojans retook the lead just 76 seconds later, Hernandez once again answered the bell to knot the score 2-2 before Connolly netted the eventual game-winner.

Hernandez, who tallied 27 points for the season, is part of a core group of seniors along with Christian Yanes and Matthew Salinas who helped lift Glen Cove to big heights as a program with deep playoff runs the past three seasons. Yanes also had a big senior sendoff season statistically with 26 points on 17 goals and nine assists.

"These are some of the three most talented players in the county," Smith said. "They are going to be missed."

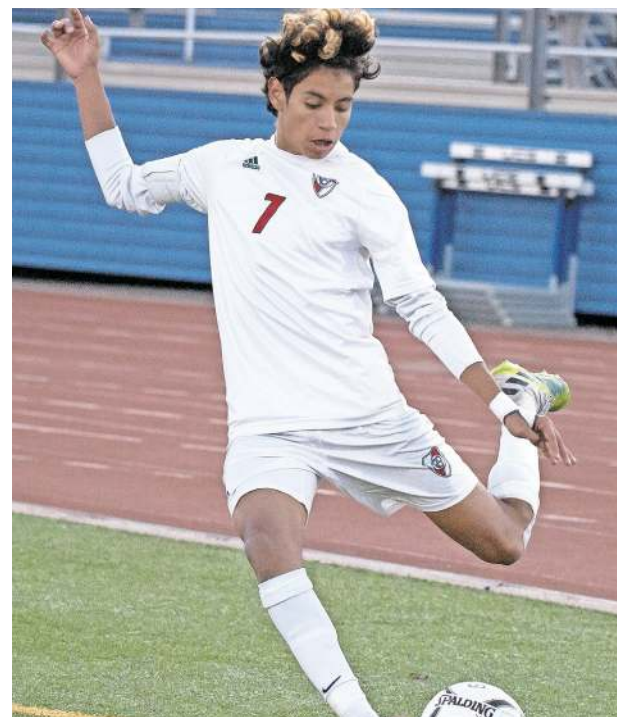
While the senior losses will be tough to replace near the net, Smith is excited about some talented offensive returners including sophomore Ethan Graziosi and junior Londell Wheeler. Freshman forward Enry Hernandez also made strides this season scoring the game-winner in the 88th minute of Glen Cove's 2-1 semifinal victory against Manhasset on Oct. 29.

The backline will lose seniors Rafael Cruz, Anthony Maldonado and Jason Martinez. Junior Edin Alvarado will return along with sophomore Olvin Villalobos, who split time at goalkeeper this season with senior Dylan Trif.

Entering the playoffs as a 12-seed with an 8-4 record in Conference A2, Glen Cove knocked off fifth-seeded North Shore in the first round 4-1. The Big Red then erupted for five second-half goals in a 6-2 victory at Plainedge on Oct. 27 in the quarterfinals.

Smith said the fighting spirit of his 2021 team in battling back from adversity would lay a foundation for next season as it strives for the program's first county title since 2016.

"It didn't matter if we were down a goal, we were going to pick each other up, we were going to fight on and we were going to rally as a group and overcome any obstacle in our path," Smith said. "It was that grit that gave the coaching staff tons of confidence that we were going to be successful."



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**SENIOR CHRYSYIAN HERNANDEZ** had a huge season for Glen Cove with 9 goals and 18 assists.



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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.

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

**AVA SOLANGE**

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 Glen Cove, 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



Courtesy Rebecca Castronovo

**JULIETTE CASTRONOVO, 7**, got the first dose of the Covid vaccine on Monday.

## Parents, children say they're eager for vaccine

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us.

"I feel like between the vaccines and the oral therapies that are available now, it's a manageable disease," Zuppardi added, "and the world can start opening up."

Pfizer's vaccine for 5- to 11-year-olds is a smaller dose than the one given to those 12 and older; but like the adult formula, it is also a two-dose series given three weeks apart. The formula is also slightly different, so it is easier to store and to use in clinics and pediatricians' offices, according to the CDC.

Glen Cove parent Rebecca Castronovo, whose daughters are 9 and 7, said she had mixed emotions when the vaccine was approved for that age group. "I was excited and I was nervous," she said. "But they were so excited . . . it was like Christmas to them. I think they're scared, and they want their lives back."

Both of Castronovo's daughters have pre-existing medical conditions, and before the pandemic hit, her younger daughter had been hospitalized several times with pneumonia. But even without those factors, she said, she thought their feelings would be the same. "They've seen us be vaccinated and have no issues," she

said, "so they weren't scared, they were hopeful."

She made appointments online last week at the CVS pharmacy in Sea Cliff. The process was simple, she said, and the three children waiting to get the shot on Monday with her 7-year-old were "pep-talking" each other.

"Juliette was scared — not of the side effects, just of getting a shot," Castronovo said, "but the nurse distracted her and she didn't feel a thing."

She said she believed that having her children vaccinated would help normalize their everyday lives. "It means we can travel; we won't be nervous when the kids go to school," she said. "They can have play dates and sleepovers, the normal things that they miss."

As the weather gets colder, it also means the family can venture indoors for activities or eat at restaurants. "We don't do indoor venues," Castronovo said. "It's a risk we weren't willing to take."

She stressed that, as much as of a relief as it is, getting the vaccine was ultimately her daughters' choice. "If they weren't so eager to do it, it's not something I would push them to do," she said. "They had to be a part of that decision-making process."

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# Fall craft fair supports local artisans

Glen Cove Creek Fall Artisans Marketplace took place on Saturday, Oct. 23, with more than 30 local artists and crafters displaying their goods, in addition to the 35 vendors at the weekly Deep Roots Farmers Market.

“We decided to hold this event because the Sea Cliff Mini Mart had been cancelled yet again, and we wanted to offer a venue for the local artists that would have

participated in Mini Mart to sell their wares,” Peters said. “For many of these artists, sales at Mini Mart represent a significant portion of their yearly income.”

In addition, Peters said, 50 percent of the proceeds of the event were donated to the Kiwanis Club of North Shore. “Being the organizer of Mini Mart,” Peters said, “they, too, lost their most significant fundraising event of the year.”



Courtesy Roni Epstein

**AMY PETERS, FOUNDER** of Deep Roots Farmers Market; Glen Cove City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman; and Ian Siegal of by Trubee Hill candle company.



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**THE GLEN COVE** Creek Fall Artisans Marketplace was held as an alternative to Sea Cliff’s Mini Mart, which was canceled again this year.

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### Ann Marie Herman

Ann Marie (née Contrada) Herman of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 3, 2021, at age 71. Loving mother of Deborah Nicosia and Jennifer Contrada. Beloved daughter of the late Anna and the late James Contrada. Dear sister of Elizabeth Campbell, Susan Congero, James Contrada and Charles Contrada. Proud grandmother of Francesco and Leonardo Nicosia. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Graveside service and interment at East Hillside Cemetery.

### Ezio Abbondandolo

Ezio Abbondandolo of Glen Cove died on Nov. 5, 2021, at age 86. Beloved

husband of the late Marietta. Loving father of Carmelina, Maria, Lina and Rita. Dear brother of Manuel and Philomena. Proud grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of three. Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco. Entombment Holy Rood Cemetery.

### Oliano Francesco Calo

Oliano Francesco Calo of Glen Cove died on Nov. 3, 2021, at age 89. Beloved husband of Vita. Loving father of Rosa, Antonio, Sara and Nicolas. Dear brother of Felisa. Proud grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of one. Also survived by loving nieces and nephews. Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Entombment at Holy Rood Cemetery.

## THE GREAT BOOK GURU

### Author angst

**D**ear Great Book Guru,  
While Halloween is over, I am still in the mood for some suspenseful tales. I would like a good psychological thriller that is set in present time. Any suggestions?  
—Craving Suspense

Dear Craving Suspense,

I recently read a disturbing literary thriller I think you will enjoy: "Mrs. March," by Virginia Feito. Mrs. March — we don't learn of her first name until the last page — is the wife of George, a famous author who has recently published his latest novel, which has received universal praise from both critics and the public. She soon realizes he has based the novel's protagonist on her, her mannerisms, appearance, gloves, and it is not a flattering portrait.

She begins to think every friend and stranger she passes has read the book and is aware of her shame. She neglects her young son, abuses her housekeeper and we watch in horror as she seems to lose all sense of reality. When she suspects her husband of being a serial killer, we are quite sure she is delusional, but there is always the thought . . . perhaps there is some truth in her suspicions.



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The lifestyle of this wealthy Upper Eastside Manhattanite is described in exquisite detail and we clearly sense the anger and purposelessness Mrs. March feels. Neither she nor her husband are admirable characters, but the novel is a compelling read and recommended!

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at [annmdipietro@gmail.com](mailto:annmdipietro@gmail.com).

## Suozzi considers running for governor

BY JILL NOSSA  
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Rep. Tom Suozzi told reporters in a Zoom news conference last week that he is "seriously considering" running for governor of New York State next year, and will make a decision by the end of the month.

"I'd love to be governor of New York State," Suozzi said, "and I think I have a great record of accomplishment. I think I'd be great at the job, and I have a vision for New York. I know what needs to be done."

One of his goals, he said, would be to find ways to make the state more attractive for people to live in, particularly when it comes to tax relief. He said will sit with his team and advisors and see what his chances are.

"I have to decide whether I think I can win or not," Suozzi said.

The general election, he said, would not be a problem. "But winning the primary is not going to be easy."

Additionally, Suozzi said, he has to decide if he wants to give up his current job, in which he said he has developed some strong relationships with colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives on both sides of the aisle.

"If I run for governor of New York State, I've got to give up what is a great

opportunity for me to serve," Suozzi said. "It's a big decision for me."

During the news conference, he also addressed the results of Tuesday's election, which saw a lot of losses for Democrats in both state and local elections. "I believe very strongly in the idea that races are cyclical. When a president of a certain party gets elected, the other party does well the next year," he said. "I think this year was exacerbated because everyone is exhausted from the Trump years and they were looking forward to some stability and normalcy in governing."

When asked if he is concerned about losing his Congressional seat in the midterms, he said, "Every Democrat in the country should be concerned right now. Unless we fight back against this far left message and deliver for people, everybody should be worried about it."

He said he believes that people want to see less talk, less extremism and more action.

"The bottom line is, we have to be willing to stand up to the far left, because the message that they are giving from the Democratic socialist wing of the Democratic party is destroying the party," he said. "It's not what the American people want."

## Woman arrested for stealing lotto prize from cousin in Glen Cove

On Nov. 8, the Glen Cove Police Department arrested Iris Amador Arguetta, 32, of Houston, TX, on charges related to theft of winning lottery prize money.

On Oct. 28, 2020, a New York State Lottery \$5 "Hold Em Poker" scratch-off ticket was bought by the victim — a cousin of Arguetta's — at the 7-Eleven at 194 Glen Street in Glen Cove. The ticket revealed the victime to be a \$1 million jackpot winner, according to police. The victim contacted Arguetta, who was residing in Virginia at the time, and offered her \$50,000 to cash in the winning ticket. Amador agreed, officials said, and traveled from Virginia to New York to receive the winning ticket from the victim. In November 2020, the defendant returned to New York to meet with the victim. At that time the defendant allegedly produced paperwork purporting to be from the New York State Lottery, which indicated that the prize amount was only \$20,000. The defendant then

allegedly gave the victim \$13,436 in cash and said the rest went for taxes.

During a later internet search the victim discovered that the defendant had appeared on the New York State Lottery website claiming the \$1 million prize. The website further indicated that the defendant elected to receive a lump sum payment of \$537,440 after taxes. When the victim contacted his cousin, she allegedly denied receiving additional money.

Once the alleged crime was brought to the attention of Glen Cove Police Detective Lieutenant John Nagle, an investigation immediately commenced. Detective Eddy Linares was assigned the case and the Nassau County District Attorney's Office was contacted and immediately began investigating the case with Linares. So far, \$317,825.46 has been recovered from the defendant, who was arraigned Nov. 9 in First District Court in Hempstead and is due back in court on Nov. 23.

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## OPINIONS

## A famed journalist enlightens us on cancer reporting

It's rare that you get the chance to meet your professional heroes, so when one of mine, former Newsday environmental reporter Dan Fagin, now the director of NYU's graduate Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program, recently came to Hofstra University to give an hour-long talk on his seminal book, the Pulitzer



**SCOTT BRINTON**

Prize-winning "Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation," I had to attend.

His 462-page masterwork, published by Bantam, recounts the decades-long history of industrial-waste mismanagement and malfeasance in Toms River, N.J., a seaside community of

about 94,000 an hour and a half south of New York City. I read the book shortly after it was published in 2014, and ever since, I had hoped to meet Fagin, now 58, of Sea Cliff.

Toms River is known for its high rate of childhood cancers, in particular leukemia among girls under 5, from the early 1970s through the 2000s. Government reports attribute the spike, at least in part, to the "public health hazards" posed by widespread soil and water contamination at a now-closed Ciba-Geigy chemical plant and a massive,

illegal toxic-waste dump at Reich Farm, which has been cleaned up, but only came under consideration for removal from the federal Superfund Site list this year. Both the plant and the dump tainted local drinking-water wells, according to the New Jersey Department of Health.

In "Toms River," Fagin details the sordid events that spread a witch's brew of carcinogens among the good people of this otherwise safe community, which has a reputation for patriotism, a vibrant civic culture and a deep love of Little League baseball.

Toms River reminds me of so many Long Island coastal communities — earnest, hard-working, conservative-leaning but not extreme in its political views, inhabited by professionals and blue-collar workers alike. And, as is the case in more than one Long Island community, innocent residents there were forced to cope with an industrial disaster not of their making.

From 2001 to 2005, I reported on Freeport Power Plant No. 2, which for three decades had spewed unfiltered exhaust from its two 13,000-horsepower diesel ship engines into surrounding communities. I walked door to door in the neighborhoods around the plant, asking people whether someone in their homes had had or died of cancer, or whether they knew of any local people stricken by

the disease.

In house after house in the Old Lindenmere neighborhood of Merrick, people reported that someone — or multiple people — in their homes had battled cancer or died from it, with many afflicted at young ages. In one case, an entire family of four had succumbed to unusual cancers.

I could never call the neighborhood a "cancer cluster," a designation that required confirmation through years of study to determine whether the cancer cases people reported were a random pattern — an accident of nature, if you will — or were tied to an industrial pollutant such as diesel exhaust, found by scientists to be among the most carcinogenic substances in the world.

I worried about my reporting: Was I unnecessarily scaring people? Once I had begun, however, I quickly realized I couldn't stop until the plant was shut down. Otherwise, residents would have lived in constant fear, and many potential homebuyers might have avoided the area, depressing housing prices. I wrote 44 stories, and thanks largely to then State Sen. Charles Fuschillo Jr., Long Island Power Authority Chairman Richard Kessel, and Merrick civic activists Joe Kralovich and Bob Young, the plant was closed in March 2002 and replaced in September 2005 by a clean-burning natural-gas

plant that included pollution controls. The old plant, grandfathered from the Clean Air Act of 1970 because it was completed in 1969, had none.

I had a question for Fagin: Should journalists pursue such stories through anecdotal reporting, despite the lack of an official cancer-cluster designation? I was heartened by his answer: Journalists mustn't ignore such stories. We must be honest with our audiences about "the lack of evidence" — that is, the dearth of state and federal data to back people's assertions — but we should press forward.

Whew! I was hoping he'd say that. Two decades later, I know that pursuing the power plant story was the right thing to do.

On Oct. 22, 2001, I snapped a photo of 9-year-old Tyler Seaman, of Old Lindenmere, clutching two candles at a vigil outside a state public hearing over Plant No. 2's operating permit. The photo appeared on the front page of the Oct. 25-Oct. 31 Merrick and Bellmore Heralds, and I included Tyler's comments from the hearing in the story.

"I am afraid every day that I will not see another day," he said.

In 2006, Tyler learned he had chordoma, a rare bone cancer that lodges at the base of the skull or in the spine. He died in 2010, at 18.

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**W**hen it comes to health crises, it's not that far from Toms River, N.J., to Freeport.

## To sleep, perchance to pop awake again

In my hopeful search for common ground between the political and cultural forces of the far right and the far left, I have pretty much come up empty.

Until now. After much consideration and not that much scientific research (since so many people don't believe in it



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anyway), I realize that what many of us have in common is sleeplessness. I generally don't ask friends how they sleep, but more and more often, someone mentions that their sleep has changed during and post-pandemic, if we even are "post," which is

part of the problem.

I imagine that folks on the right are up at night worrying about the big money the Dems want to spend. Some tell me they think that, if the Build Back Better bills pass, the money will be mismanaged or disappear into a maze of inefficient government programs. I hear fears that underserving people will get a "free ride" and others will have to pay their tab. They think about President Biden's age and

wonder if he can lead us in the world. Who will pay for it all? they ask.

Some Republicans resist vaccine mandates and mask mandates, believing their civil liberties are being violated. They stay up at night worrying about what their kids are being taught in school. Yeah, it's enough to keep you tossing and turning.

I know what folk on the left are thinking, because that's where I stand, although I am losing patience with the far left and finding myself drifting to the center. No wonder we can't sleep. We're all floating.

I worry that resistance to Covid vaccine mandates will perpetuate a chronic pandemic, unleashing unknowable variants. I think the Dems, addicted to infighting, will lose a one-time opportunity to pass legislation this session that would truly help people with child care and elder care and medical coverage. Here is the chance to repair roads and bridges and outdated schools. The Dems have failed miserably in communicating the good stuff in these bills, while perseverating publicly on everything that will be left out of a compromise package. I so believe in what they're doing, but their message isn't reso-

nating with voters.

One commentator advised the Dems to stop giving us the detailed recipe for what you're baking and let us taste the brownies!

The other stuff I worry about is, oh, basic things like no one can agree on facts or the truth or whether or not John F. Kennedy Jr. is really dead or when the last election will be overthrown. We haven't even touched on gender rights and racial equality and climate change, and why anti-Semitism is surging across America.

Last night I lay awake thinking about the fact that hundreds of QAnon followers gathered in Dallas last week to greet JFK Jr., who has been dead since 1999. They believed that he would appear and help Donald Trump become president again. How can you sleep when this kind of aberrational thinking is gaining traction?

So, can we agree that wherever we sit on the political and cultural spectrum, our worries are keeping us up at night?

In the world of sleep science, five major disorders are recognized: insomnia, restless leg syndrome, sleep apnea, narcolepsy and REM sleep disorder. I am describing

something new that blossomed with the pandemic and now feels as chronic as the uncertainty with which we live.

Back in 2020, once I realized that Covid-19 would not be a two- or three-week sprint, my sleep changed. I would fall asleep because I was emotionally exhausted and then I would pop awake, and this would go on for hours. When I woke in the morning, my heart would be racing.

I've learned some breathing techniques and other ways to talk myself down and relax. But I don't sleep as peacefully as I once did. When I pop awake these days, I read a boring science article or an underwhelming book. No middle-of-the-night crosswords, bridge, Words With Friends or checking out the morning newspapers. Eventually, I sleep.

So, for my friends worried about Biden and his programs, and my friends worried about the insurrection of Jan. 6 and the resurrection of a former president, watch your alcohol, caffeine and nicotine intake in the evening, get into a regular bedtime routine, exercise during the day, and if you pop awake, read or do some other quiet activity until you feel sleepy.

See a doctor if symptoms persist, or if you think you saw John Junior on the grassy knoll last week.

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## Think green – clean your vehicle at a car wash

**B**ravo to New York state voters for overwhelmingly passing a ballot referendum last week adding wording to the New York Constitution's Bill of Rights guaranteeing the right to clean water, air and a healthful environment.

The measure passed with nearly 70 percent of the vote. Some 1.9 million New Yorkers voted for it, while roughly 860,000 voted against it.

Clearly, New Yorkers were signaling that, yes, they care about the environment, and yes, they would like to protect it.

Here's the challenge: It's one thing to put to paper that you care about the environment. It's another thing entirely to act, day in and day out, in a manner that actually protects the environment. Each of our daily actions — many of them seemingly small — can either contribute to protecting our environment or potentially do irrevocable harm.

Take washing your car, for example. How you wash it can have a profound effect on the environment, particularly the wetlands that hug Long Island's shores.

Here we must pause and offer high praise to the Village of Garden City, which is among the few local municipalities to prohibit residents from cleaning their cars on public streets. It's a critical local ordinance. Washing your car in your driveway damages the environment, because everything that is washed from it streams into the storm drains — from the soap and pol-

ish to oil, grease and gasoline — and eventually winds up in the wetlands and bays surrounding the Island.

While there are eco-friendly biodegradable soaps, many are poisonous to marine life, often with a host of cancer-causing ingredients, from naphthalene to perchloroethylene and methylene chloride, and the phosphates that several soaps contain accelerate seaweed growth. When the seaweed reaches unnatural lengths, it breaks apart in the saltwater and rots, robbing fish of dissolved oxygen, creating dead zones in local bays.

Washing your car by hand also wastes a great deal of water compared with professional car washes, which, as a matter of sound business practice, recycle 90 percent of their water. Additionally, the federal Clean Water Act of 1972 requires car washes to route wastewater to treatment facilities "designed to protect the environment," according to the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

To understand the scope of the issue at hand, we point to the Town of Hempstead, which has jurisdiction over the wetlands across Nassau's South Shore, from Atlantic Beach in the west to Seaford in the east. That's more than 180 miles of coastline and 17,000 acres of wetlands. Anything that seeps down through the storm drains winds up there.

We would encourage any officials in charge of Nassau's villages, towns and cities to think hard about following Garden

City's example and prohibit residents from washing their cars in their driveways.

The Town of Oyster Bay, which has jurisdiction over wetlands on both the north and south shores, addresses the issue on its Storm Water Runoff and Water Quality website, saying residents should wash their cars on their lawns rather than in their driveways. At least then the wastewater doesn't wash into the streets, wetlands and bays, the logic goes. The State Department of Environmental Conservation offers the same suggestion.

The trouble is, the practice is about as damaging to Long Island's environment as washing your car in your driveway. Toxins slowly seep through the soil into groundwater and, eventually, the aquifers that we depend on for our drinking water. The aquifers are massive stores of underground water, deposited tens of millions of years ago. Without them we would need to import our drinking water from off Long Island, at an exorbitant cost.

Bottom line: Wash your car at a professional car wash. You might pay a little more, but you'll save yourself precious time, you'll support an important local business, and you'll help save the environment.

Following this most recent election, we hope our government leaders from across Nassau County will double down on their efforts to protect the environment. We only have one Earth.

## LETTERS

### The people spoke at the ballot box

To the Editor:

Voters nationwide sent a message to our elected leaders on Nov. 2, reminding them that they do, in fact, work for us, not the other way around. The pushback put a stop to multiple socialist agendas via the power of the vote.

Here are important takeaways from the election:

■ Parents should have a voice in how their children are educated. The people spoke loud and clear. Just ask Virginia gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe. Even former President Barack Obama, Vice President Kamala Harris, former U.S. Rep. Stacey Abrams of Georgia and President Biden himself couldn't sway that vote.

■ We are not a racist nation, even though socialists keep pushing that false narrative. Now the focus has shifted to calling Black conservatives like Larry Elder and newly elected Winsome Sears the new faces of



## OPINIONS

# The winning strategy? GOP grass-roots campaigning.

If Election Day 2021 proved anything, it's that Long Island voters shouldn't be taken for granted.

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran had been told by pollsters, Democratic Party leaders and pundits that she had this. She had attended all the civic meetings, street fairs and news conferenc-

es. She was approachable, engaged and empathic. And she spent four years raising campaign cash with the intent of spending all of it to ensure no surprises on election night.

What she didn't hear was the palpable anger of homeowners whose property assess-

ments are still way out of whack. Nor could she avoid being on the same ballot with a Democratic district attorney candidate who co-sponsored the state's bail bill that puts criminals back on the street before the arresting police can return to their patrol cars. For Curran, standing next to State Sen. Todd Kaminsky was more than minor collateral damage.

Nor could she control what appears to

be an anemic county Democratic organization that is long on strategic analysis, but short on the ability to get its own supporters out to vote.

The Republican candidate, Bruce Blakeman, astutely declined to follow the traditional tactics of a campaign "underdog." He didn't attack the incumbent. On any number of occasions, he told audiences that "she is undoubtedly a nice person." But Blakeman would then methodically examine the policy failings of the Curran administration and let the facts speak for themselves. The voters heard, and responded.

Blakeman had a crucial partner: Nassau GOP Chairman Joseph G. Cairo Jr. Quiet, reserved and a veteran of countless election nights, Cairo has the unique ability to intuitively spot political trends, recruit candidates who resonate with voters and, perhaps most important, pay attention to the grass-roots mechanics of motivating voters to leave their homes on chilly, rainy November nights and head to the polls.

While much coverage has been devoted to Blakeman's victory, Cairo's political professionalism reached beyond that single election-night win. North Hempstead,

a generational Democratic enclave, went Republican, too, with Jennifer DeSena beating Wayne Wink in the race for town supervisor — no small feat given Wink's longstanding political presence in that township and overwhelming Democratic enrollment.

Cairo also knows his political history. He saw how the Nassau County Republican Party of the late 1940s reinvented itself when Long Island suburbs became home to Italians, Jews and Irish seeking a place for their families in communities across post-war Long Island. Those ethnicities became the next-generation Republicans.

So, it's no surprise that Cairo nominated Republican Mazi Melesa Pilip, a first-time candidate from Great Neck, to run against incumbent Democratic County Legislator Ellen Birnbaum in the 10th District, with Pilip declaring victory last Tuesday night.

And just who is this person that Cairo entrusted with this race? Pilip was born in Ethiopia, moved to Israel at age 12, and became an Israel Defense Forces paratrooper and a gunsmith before graduating with a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from the University of Haifa and

a master's in diplomacy and security from Tel Aviv University.

The ability to motivate Republican voters to make their voices heard has put two other Democratic Nassau legislative incumbents at risk, with Republican Paolo Pironi ahead of self-proclaimed "independent" Joshua Lafazan, and Republican Daniel Adler leading Democratic Legislator Arnold Drucker by several hundred votes. Absentee ballots may ultimately decide those races, but the tally thus far has certainly given the incumbents a shock.

Like meteorologists, pollsters get paid whether they get the forecast right or not. Candidates should view Election Day 2021 as a cautionary tale, as the Nassau GOP wins have sent a shock wave from one end of the state to the other. The victory tally is reminding both parties that, regardless of the latest social media, computer-driven analytics, media endorsements and geo-fencing digital ads, there is no substitute for the type of grass-roots politics practiced by Cairo and the Nassau GOP.

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## LETTERS

white supremacy. Sears, elected as Virginia's first female lieutenant governor of color, broke a glass ceiling, yet she didn't receive a minute's recognition by mainstream media. The only thing more pathetic was the Lincoln Project attempting to paint Virginia Republican candidate Glenn Youngkin as a white supremacist, and being dumb enough to hire a Black man holding a torch to represent its twisted, lying depiction.

■ The American people do not want to defund the police. That proposal went down in flames wherever it was on the ballot.

■ The people know that inflation has been caused by the Biden agenda. Just go shopping!

■ Hispanics living along the border voted overwhelmingly to secure our borders.

■ The people know that violent crime is on the rise.

■ The people see vaccine mandates being implemented throughout the nation while members of Congress exempt themselves from them. (Just like Obamacare!)

■ The majority of people do not want bail reform.

■ The people see the hypocrisy of the recent climate-change conference in Glasgow, Scotland, that more than 400 private planes flew in to, and Biden's motorcade in Rome only days earlier had 85 vehicles in it.

We, the people, have spoken using the power of democracy by voting. I hope this is only the tip of the spear, and the momentum will carry through to the midterms next year. When the media lies, democracy dies.

TOM O'CONNOR  
North Bellmore

## A glance at NYC's subway past

To the Editor:

On Oct. 27, 1904, the Interborough Rapid Transit company opened the first subway line. It ran nine miles uptown from City Hall on Manhattan's East Side, across 42nd Street (today's 42nd Street Shuttle) to Times Square, and uptown to 145th Street. It included 28 stations. More than 150,000 riders paid a 5-cent fare.

The original BMT (Brooklyn Manhattan Rapid Transit — today's B, D, J, M, N, Q, R and Z lines) and IRT (Interboro Rapid Transit — 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Franklin Avenue and Times Square shuttles) subway systems were constructed and managed by the private sector, with no government operating subsidies. Financial viability depended entirely on farebox revenues. These systems supported both the development and the economic growth of numerous neighborhoods in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens.

## FRAMEWORK by Christina Daly



The Field of Honor at McVey Elementary School — East Meadow

In the 1930s, New York City began construction of the new IND (Independent Subway — today's A, C, E, F and G lines). This new municipal system, subsidized by taxpayer dollars, provided direct competition to both the IRT and BMT. Municipal government forced them into economic ruin by denying them fare increases that would have provided access to additional revenues. Big Brother, just like the Godfa-

ther, eventually made them an offer they couldn't refuse. The owners folded and sold out to City Hall.

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