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Courtesy Chabad of Brookville

Spreading light for Hanukkah

Lucretia Dilgard, Charlotte Dilgard-Clark and Elisabeth Nash enjoyed doughnuts at the 20th annual Menorah Lighting in Village Square on Sunday, marking the start of Hanukkah. The event was attended by more than 150 residents and held in coordination with the Chabad of Brookville.

G.C. mulls marijuana opt-out

Supporters, detractors of pot sales air their views

BY JILL NOSSA

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The City of Glen Cove has until the end of the year to decide whether to opt out of allowing the sale of marijuana, an issue that many community members on both sides feel strongly about. At a public hearing at City Hall on Nov. 21, they shared their opinions with Mayor Tim Tenke and the City Council. A second hearing is scheduled for Dec. 14, before the council votes.

Under legislation signed by former Gov. Andrew Cuomo in March that legalized the purchase and consumption of marijuana by adults in New York, municipalities can choose whether to allow the operation of cannabis retail dispensaries

and consumption sites within their boundaries.

"We need to make a decision by the end of the year, but I want to have public input on how we're going to go with this," Tenke said. "If we opt out, we can't change the fact that it's still legal in New York state to consume marijuana. The only thing we are opting out of is whether

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Tom Suozzi is running for governor

BY LAURA LANE

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi announced on Monday that he was a candidate for governor.

"I'm running for governor

because I believe this is the job I am made for," Suozzi said at a news conference. "Everything I've done has prepared me for this particular job at this particular time."

Suozzi, 59, of Glen Cove, described himself as a "common-sense Democrat." He said he would work with anyone to solve problems to benefit the people he serves. "I've had a proven record in my career of doing that," he said. "It's about

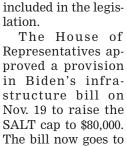
doing the correct thing to help people."

He added, "I feel like this whole left-right extremist thing is killing our country and our

Suozzi, a Democrat who represents the North Shore's 3rd Congressional District, has

worked over the past four years to reinstate homeowners' ability to deduct all of their state and local taxes from their federal income tax bills. The SALT deduction, which was capped at \$10,000 in 2017, has cost many

Long Island residents thousands of dollars annually. Most recently, Suozzi pledged that he would not vote for infrastructure and social spending bills proposed by President Biden if SALT reform were not included in the legis-



the Democratically led Senate, where it is expected to pass

Suozzi said that the other candidates for governor - who include the incumbent, Kathy Hochul, who replaced Andrew Cuomo when he resigned in

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U.S. REP. TOM Suozzi, a former Glen Cove mayor and Nassau County executive, is now seeking the governorship.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy the Woman's Club of Glen Cove

FINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL guidance counselor Gus Sirakis, Yvette Menezes, Woman's Club of Glen Cove President Rose Marie Walti, club member Mercedes Morales, and Juan Molina.

Woman's Club gives back to G.C.

Earlier this month, members of the Woman's Club of Glen Cove, including club president Rose Marie Walti and members Yvette Menezes and Mercedes

Morales, presented gift cards to Gus Sirakis, a guidance counselor at Robert M. Finley Middle School in Glen Cove, to be given to students for the holidays.

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Giovanniello family donates Christmas tree to Glen Cove

A longtime Glen Cove family is helping to make downtown Glen Cove brighter this holiday season. The Giovanniello family donated their blue spruce tree to the city for its annual tree lighting, which will take place on Saturday in Village Square. According to Jessica Giovanniello, her grandfather started a tradition of planting a tree in the yard after each child in the family was born. The tradition was continued by her father, Lou, and a tree was planted for Jessica, her sister Susan and her brother Michael. The tree donated to the city was planted for Susan in 2003 and stood about 25 feet tall when it was cut down on Monday. Since her grandfather, Pasquale "Geraldo" Giovanniello, died in July, she said, the family thought donating the tree would be a nice remembrance of him.



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

THE GIOVANNIELLO FAMILY donated their blue spruce tree to be used as the city's Christmas tree this year.



STOOD in front of the tree on Nov. 26, 2017.

MICHAEL

Courtesy Jessica Giovanniello



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GLEN COVE'S DIRECTOR of Youth Services Spiro Tsirakis carved the turkey for the feast.

Youth Bureau celebrates Thanksgiving

its members to a Thanksgiving feast ahead of the holiday last week. From

The Glen Cove Youth Bureau treated fresh fruit to turkey, the children and staff enjoyed the meal together







THE CHILDREN WERE excited to feast.

YOUTH BUREAU PROGRAM

Coordinator Jacki Yonick, second from left, and director Spiro Tsirkis, prepared the food with Youth Bureau staff.

DAVID JIMENEZ,

LEFT, along with his brother August, right, and other Youth Bureau members wrote down what they were thankful for ahead of the meal.

Stingers win softball championship

The Gold Coast Stingers '08 had a big week, finishing their undefeated softball season in the Double Header League with a championship win at the team's home field in Glen Cove on Nov. 11. Earlier that week, the team won the South Shore Athletics Fall Softball Championship in Hicksville.

TOP ROW: MARA

Weigand, Siena Scagliola, Joey Damiano, Isabella Damiano, Aubrey Mercado, Brooke Simmons, Julianna Conrad, Rose Tursi, Mia Lupinski, Dave Jimenez. Bottom row: Natalie Weigand, Avery Graziosi, Isabella Longobucco, Casey Miller, Caroline Dasilva, Arden Jimenez and Hector Mercado.



Courtesy Shannon Vulin

Kiwanis Club's 'Klothes for Kids' a huge success



THE GROUP OF happy shoppers who volunteered to help with the clothing drive.

On Nov. 20, North Shore Kiwanis Club members and friends gathered for a special shopping spree at JC Penney's Roosevelt Field location.

As has been the tradition for many years, JC Penney's opens its doors wide as the Kiwanis Club of North Shore walks in, for the purpose of putting smiles on children's faces.

The event was made possible through the assistance of JC Penney's Customer Experience Supervisor Lateisha Dixon and General Manager Carya Weeks.

Kiwanis Club organizers include Anniek Kalman and Natalia Pardo, as well as Club President Roger Hill and the 28 shoppers who volunteered for the shopping task and delivered the items to each family that afternoon.

"The focus of Kiwanis is assisting children of the world," said Kiwanis Club member Olga Scileppi, "and that day our world centered on the North Shore and Glen Cove communities



New infections since Nov. 22

59

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or not we will have dispensaries and consumption sites within the city of Glen Cove. If you opt out, you can opt back in, but if you do not opt out, you're in forever."

Neighboring municipalities, including the Town of Oyster Bay, have already opted out, which, according to some, puts

Glen Cove in a prime position to reap the economic benefits of cannabis sales, but, according to others, would lead to an influx of people that could alter the city's quality of life.

Resident Dave Nieri, citing the City Council's 2014 decision to outlaw hookah lounges, said that allowing the sale of marijuana would be equivalent to condoning its use. "The city has set a policy precedent with the prohibition of hookah lounges, and I think this would show we're consistent in this area," Nieri said. "I think that until the impact of this law on our quality of life is assessed, we should opt out as a community. We should not encourage its use."

Imran Ansari spoke on behalf of the Long Island Federation of Labor, which represents over 250,000 union members in Nassau and Suffolk counties, and urged the city not to opt out. "The decision to opt out denies the city of new revenue, new jobs and the economic benefits of legalization while still being tasked with the responsibility of dealing with the potential impacts associated with legalization," Ansari said. "I urge you to consider the opportunity to shape how this industry develops in our communities. A collaborative discussion on zoning, common-sense regulation and a well-trained workforce will ensure the industry brings with it high-quality union jobs with family-sustaining wages.'

Stevens Martinez, a Glen Cove resident, also cited the economic impact as a reason to vote against opting out. "Right now, as it stands, Glen Cove could be one of the only municipalities in Nassau County to benefit from this new revenue stream," Martinez said. "This money could be used to fix our roads, upgrade our infrastructure, help our working-

class families, or be put aside if the city is strapped for cash.

"The City of Glen Cove is changing," he added. "At a moment when the city and Long Island at large is undergoing a major demographic shift, the city should look for new ways to generate revenue to modernize its services to meet the needs of the changing population, not reject money that could possibly be the lifeline

we so desperately need. We have a real chance to set up our city for success in the future."

Resident Eileen Coles said her late husband used medical marijuana for pain while battling pancreatic cancer, and said that marijuana should not be viewed as something "evil," but rather as a useful, medicinal plant. "Prohibition does not work," Coles said. "Taxing, regulating and legislating the use of this mild intoxicant is the way to go now."

Those who supported opting out expressed concern about marijuana's effects on children — the potential physical harm as well as the message it

sends. "By making Glen Cove a destination for marijuana sales, you will also most like make it a site for consumption," Marie Coyle, a former Glen Cove High School teacher, said. "What good is all that [money] if our city becomes dysfunctional? I beg you to keep our community as safe as possible."

Dr. Sharon Harris, executive director of Substance Abuse Free Environment. said that the organization has been dedicated to eliminating alcohol and substance abuse in Glen Cove for nearly 40 years. SAFE partners with the schools, and conducts surveys and studies on substance use. Speaking from the perspective of health and wellness, Harris said, the brain continues to develop until age 25. Having marijuana more readily available at the parks and beaches, she said, would further expose young people to it. "The message would be totally unclear and incongruous with what we've previously stated as a community," she said, "which is to promote the health and wellness of our youth."

The second public hearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 14, at City Hall.



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Friday, Dec. 3

Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "Arabesque" (2021) at the library. As an unlikely duo searches for an ancient tree with unparalleled healing abilities, they encounter innumerable dangers and supernatural forces, all lurking within the deceptive beauty of the lush rainforest. As the secrets of the lost tree unfold, the stakes reach even higher and their fate-and mankind's-hangs in the balance.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Holiday Pop-up Shop & Fundraiser

Support Warriors Odyssey, a non-profit that helps families battling pediatric cancer, by shopping for gifts, clothing, home decor and more from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Enter raffles for a chance to win curated gift baskets. Live music at 5 p.m. to finish off the day. Woodpecker Hall, 311 Sea Cliff Ave. Admis-

Glen Cove Holiday Festival

Santa is coming to downtown Glen Cove. From 1:30 until 4:45 p.m. at Village Square, recieve a free photo with Santa, a horse and carrige ride, hot cocoa and more. Shop the holiday marketplace of fine artisans.

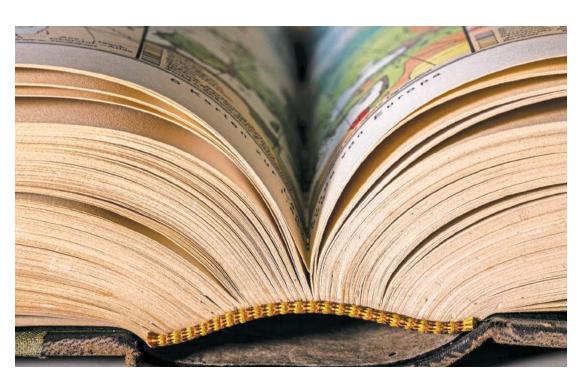
Planting Fields Deck the Halls 2021 Annual Benefit

Kicking off the holiday season, this cocktail party in grand Cove Hall supports the restoration the Olmsted Brothers' vision for the designed landscape of Planting Fields, solidifying its place as a vibrant and singular historic site. Tickets are priced from \$275.

Sunday, Dec. 5

Roots of Gratitude Concert and Toy Drive

From 2 to 3:30 p.m., St. Luke's Episocal Church in Sea Cliff is holding a toy drive in conjunction with a holiday concert. Admission is free with the donation of a new, unwrapped toy.



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Book Discussion on Haiti in Oyster Bay

The truth about who discovered the "New World" and the motivation that spurred the Spanish Royalty funding Columbus: lies had to be fabricated about both indigenous people of the Americas and African contributions to civilization. How did Haiti become "The Pearl of the French Empire?" How did Toussaint Louverture leave Haiti to defeat to the three most powerful European nations, to keep his people free from slavery? These questions can be answered at the Oyster Bay Historical Society, 20 Summit St., at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14.

Monday, Dec. 6

European Holiday Markets in Four Countries: Holiday Magic and Traditional Cookies

Versatile, dependable, and affordable, the Little Black Dress, or "LBD," has become the fashion equivalent of a Model T Ford. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the history of this fashion icon, Learn how Chanel helped dissociate black from mourning, how Audrey Hepburn helped establish the LBD; and how it has been reinvented by everyone from Betty Boop to Prada. This lecture is presented by historian. Leslie Goddard via zoom at 7 p.m. Register online at oysterbaylibrary.org.

Oyster Bay Ladies' Auxillary Holiday Boutique

The Italian/American Club of Oyster Bay Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a holiday boitique

from noon until 6 p.m. Complimentary baked goods and coffee will be available as well as a cash bar Vendors include Kerri's Kreations, Color Street Nails, Etched by the Bay, Lure Panacea- Beauty Bar, Gracefully Wild and more

Tuesday, Dec. 7

OB-EN Schools Bond Referendum

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. and will remain open until 9 p.m. in the high school's chorus room. The bond referendum, if approved, will create a 21st-century learning environment that will empower students throughout their educational journey. Projects for each school were extensively researched to ensure they are the most effective and efficient way of improving facilities districtwide

for the success and safety of every student. All eligible residents are encouraged to vote. For information on voting, as well as a complete listing of projects proposed through the referendum, visit www.obenschools.org.

Wine Glass Painting Workshop

Join Hive Market at Oyster Bay Brewing Company from 6 to 8 p.m. and make a unique wine glass for yourself, or to give as a gift. Choose your own colors and will learn an easy confetti technique. \$45 cost includes all materials needed and one glass of wine or beer per person. 21 and over. Register online at hivemarketob.com.

The Pratt Family Estates of Long Island

Beginning at 7 p.m. architect Gary Lawrance returns with a digital exploration of the opulent estates and mansions

that were once the private homes of the Pratt family in Glen Cove. Learn about the estates on that land: The Manor, Poplar Hill, Welwyn, The Braes, and Killenworth. What became of those estates? Find out by registering for this program at bayvillefreelibrary.org for the

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Glen Cove City School District Board of Education Meeting

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Glen Cove High School.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Boat Builders and Boat Yards of Long Island

At 7 p.m. at the Oyster Bay Historical Society, a book signing and discussion with folklorist Nancy Solomon, the executive director of Long Island Traditions, about her book "Boat Builders and Boat Yards of Long Island: A Tribute to Tradition" published by The History Press. Solomon documents the traditions and places of Long Island's boat building industry from a contemporary perspective. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. The Oyster Bay Historical Society is located at 20 Summit Street in Oyster Bay.

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 City School Board will not meet again until Dec. 9.
- The The Oyster Bay Town Board will meet on Dec. 7, 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 Dec. 16 at 7:45 p.m.
- The Locust Valley Board of Education will meet on Dec. 15.

"Shop Main Street, Not Mainstream"





A musical tribute to Duke Ellington at La Bussola

BY JILL NOSSA

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A talented group of New York's finest jazz musicians versed in the musical traditions of Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington will bring his music to life on Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at La Bussola Ristorante located at 40 Glen St. in Glen Cove.

The band features the talents of pianist Danny Mixon, bassist Bryce Sebastien, saxophonist Benny Russell, drummer George Gray, tap dancer John Manzari and a surprise vocalist.

"I've known Benny since I was a teenager," Manzari said, "and we last played together about two years ago. It was great. I've always enjoyed working with him and I'm looking forward to doing it again.

In addition to tap dancing, Manzari is a choreographer, singer and performer and an Ovation Award and Helen Hayes Award nominated artist. Manzari's stage credits include: "Maurice Hines is Tappin' Thru Life" featuring his mentor Maurice Hines, and "Apollo Club Harlem." Manzari's television credits include: "The Kennedy Center 50th Anniversary Celebration Concert," "The View," the PBS special "Michael Feinstein at the Rainbow Room," and Season 7 finale of "So You Think You Can Dance."

"This year has been great for me," Manzari said, noting he has collaborated with other artists and also put on his own show. He has been able to travel around the country and even went to Canada to perform in October. He's looking forward to the show in Glen Cove. "Performing in this space is special, because a lot of the times larger spaces are more rigid and can kill the spontaneity. This

will be loose enough to still feel the spontaneity."

Mixon is a prolific songwriter, pianist, songwriter, bandleader and producer who played in Charles Mingus' band and regularly with Betty Carter. He has performed in the U.S. and internationally with such greats as Lionel Hampton, John Hendricks, Joe Williams, Frank Foster, Liza Minnelli, Ben Vereen and Savion Glover. He has also toured and/or recorded with Pharoah Sanders, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Stanley Turentine, Chaka Khan, Cassandra Wilson, Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers and many others.

Bassist, educator and composer Sebastien has performed with artists Dionne Warwick, Gregory Hines, Freida Payne, Dakota Staton, Warren Smith, Duke Jordan, Danny Mixon, Hamiet Bluitt and Jack Jeffers. He has performed in jazz festivals in the USA, the Caribbean, Italy and Japan.

Renowned saxophonist, multi-instrumentalist and recording artist Russell has performed with Harry Belafonte, Roberta Flack, Lou Reed, and Etta James.

A native of Baltimore, Gray is a drummer, percussionist and songwriter who has toured with Stevie Wonder, Earth, Wind & Fire, Stephanie Mills, Deniece Williams, Angela Bofill, Jimmy Smith, Abdullah Ibrahim, Cassandra Wilson, Chuck Berry, Sam & Dave and Stanley Jordan among others.

Tickets for the show and three-course dinner are \$75 plus tax and gratuity per person. For reservations and more information, call (516) 671-2100.

While the band has performed together in the past, Manzari said there is no need to rehearse ahead of time. "We know the form and stick to it."



Courtesy John Manzari

TAP DANCER JOHN Manzari will perform at La Bussola on Dec. 9.

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Winners will be announced February 17 at a LIVE EVENT and in the Winners Guide Magazine

Glen Cove honors 'living legend'

By NINA TROVATO

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Glen Cove native Sergeant Evelyn Kandel was honored at a recent Glen Cove City Council meeting.

Kandel served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean War. On Oct. 26, Mayor Timothy Tenke and the Glen Cove City Council awarded Kandel with a citation in recognition for her service.

"We have a very special occasion for us this evening," Tenke said. "We have with us a person that we are going to recognize for her service to our country."

Tenke asked Kandel to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and then presented her with a citation "in recognition of her living legend award from the military women's memorial." The women's memorial is dedicated to honoring women's contributions to the defense of our nation and inspiring the next generation of leaders through the example of great women patriots.

Kandel made further history as a model in a historic 1952 postage stamp, featuring America's service-women during World War II. "She helped thousands of women to follow in her footsteps," Tenke said.

Assemblyman Charles Lavine

was also in attendance to show his support and respect for Kandel. Before presenting Kandel with her final award of the night, Lavine spent time celebrating Kandel's work in poetry.

"[Kandel's poetry] speaks to the heart," Lavine said. "It breaks down barriers. It teaches us all that we are all Americans, we are all part of the same enterprise, and we have to love, accept, and embrace each

other."

Lavine also shared a quote from one of his "heroes" that he felt resonated with Kandel. "If poets knew more about politics, and if politicians knew more about poetry," Lavine said, "we'd all be a heck of a lot better off.

"As proud as we all are of you, your family is also proud of you," Lavine continued, "for extraordinary service to our nation, and from me personally."

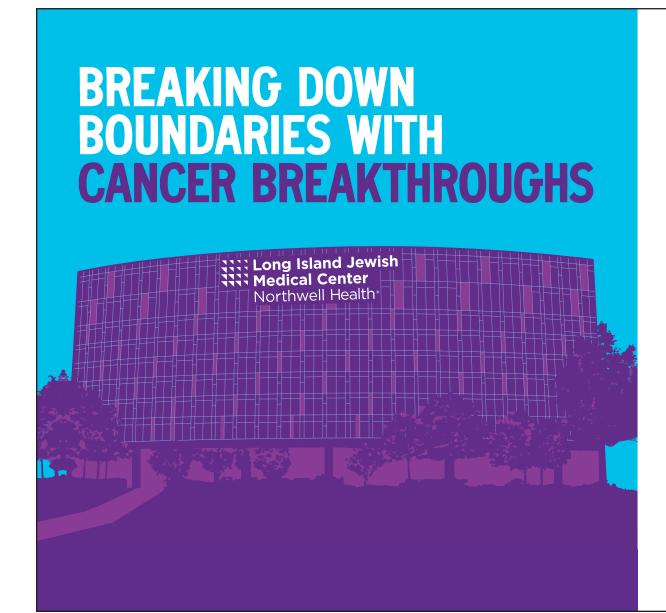
He handed Kandel a pin along with a citation from the people of New York.

Kandel humbly accepted the award and pin, speaking only briefly. "I won't say much, but thank you, this is very kind...and, it was 70 years coming," she said as a burst of laughter escaped the otherwise tense room



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U.S. MARINE SERGEANT Evelyn Kandel accepted a citation from Assemblyman Charles Lavine.



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A run for governor

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August, and state Attorney General Letitia James — do not have the qualities he has that would help him succeed in Albany. He cited his experience as county executive and his success as mayor of Glen Cove, and added that he has an ideology, a vision and a plan for New York state.

"As Nassau County executive, I turned around and managed a county that had a budget larger than 11 states ... I reduced crime and championed a \$150 million environmental program," he said.

And as Glen Cove mayor, he said, he restored the city's fiscal health and revitalized the downtown business district. One of his proudest accomplishments, he said, was leading "a nationally recognized \$100 million cleanup of some of America's worst toxic superfund sites."

He pledged to continue his fight to protect the environment and combat climate change. His plans for the state include reducing state income taxes and property taxes, which are the highest in the nation, combating rising crime and strictly enforcing gun laws.

Although he supports the state's bail reform law, Suozzi said it needed tweaking to empower judges to keep violent criminals off the streets.

An attorney and an accountant, Suozzi first ran unsuccessfully for governor in 2006, losing a primary bid to the eventual winner, Eliot Spitzer. Suozzi had formed

Fix Albany in 2004, with the goal, he said, of exposing corruption in New York state politics. Although his grass-roots effort was popular, the Democratic Party supported Spitzer, Suozzi lost by a large margin, failing to carry even Nassau County.

Spitzer was forced to resign in 2008 amid a sex scandal.

The primary loss was a tough blow for Suozzi, who had beaten the electoral odds in the past. In 2001, after four terms as Glen Cove's mayor, he was elected Nassau County executive, the first Democrat in three decades to win the job. During his tenure, from 2002 to 2009, he eliminated a \$45 million deficit, which kept the county from falling into bankruptcy.

But after easily winning two county executive races, Suozzi lost to Edward Mangano twice, in 2009 (by just 386 votes) and again in 2013. Suozzi then took a break from politics, but returned in 2017, when he defeated Republican Jack Martins to win the 3rd Congressional District seat.

A person who is close to County Legislator Josh Lafazan said that Lafazan was seriously considering a campaign for Suozzi's seat in Congress, and would make a decision in the next couple of weeks. Lafazan, an independent from Woodbury who caucuses with the Democrats in the Legislature and represents the North Shore's 18th Legislative District, was re-elected last month.

Allstate agents support Glen Cove families

Three local Glen Cove Allstate agents teamed up last month for a good cause to help local families in need with the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's third annual Turkey Drive.

Nelson Rivera Jr., Joseph Morales, and Mark Galluccio all grew up in Glen Cove and are now all raising their own families in Glen Cove. They are also all local Allstate agents. Rivera's Allstate Agency is in Port Washington; Morales has an office in Oyster Bay, and Galluccio has his office in Glen Head with his business partner Fabio Franzella.

The men came together to help pack bags of food for families and hand out turkeys at the YMCA to those in need in the Glen Cove and surrounding areas to help the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

"We knew as a chamber it was going to take a lot of people and resources to reach our goal this year," Rivera, treasurer of the chamber, said, "so I reached out to my other Allstate family who lives in the community to get involved. To them, giv-



Courtesy North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

MARK GALLUCCIO, NELSON Rivera Jr. and Joseph Morales.

ing back to the community they grew up in was an easy yes."

The North Shore Hispanic Chamber distributed 248 turkeys on Nov. 20, at the YMCA with the support of other local chambers, businesses, and a great mix of volunteers.



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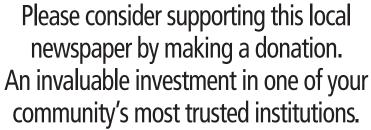




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Webb Institute chooses its next president

The search for the next president of Webb Institute, the naval architecture and marine engineering school based in Glen Cove, is complete.

"It is my honor and great pleasure to announce the election of Mark Martecchini as the 16th president of Webb Institute," said Board of Trustees chair Bruce S. Rosenblatt. "He is a visionary leader who is passionate about the mission of Webb Institute and is committed to building upon our 130-year history of excellence in engineering education."

Effective July 1, 2022, Martecchini will succeed R. Keith Michel who has served as Webb's president for the past nine years.

The search process was a rigorous one, led by a Board of Trustee's search committee consisting of seven members with diverse backgrounds and expertise. From a strong international pool of candidates, the search committee invited three finalists to campus for meetings with students, faculty, administrative staff, and trustees. After taking into consideration input from a broad spectrum of the Webb community, the search committee and the Board enthusiastically and unanimously elected Martecchini to lead Webb as its next president.

Martecchini is recognized for his innovative leadership and advocacy for inclusiveness and sustainability. During a 38-year career with Stolt-Nielsen, he served in a variety of technical, commercial and executive roles, most recently as Managing Director of Stolt Tankers, operating the world's largest global fleet of parcel tankers. Stolt-Nielsen is an international company focused on the bulk liquid and chemical logistics businesses and aquaculture, with more than 6,000 employees across 30 countries

Martecchini has served on the boards of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTER- TANKO), and the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF). He previously chaired Webb Institute's Academic and Student Affairs Committee, a standing committee of the Board of Trustees.

"I am honored and excited to be chosen to succeed Keith Michel to lead Webb into the future," said Martecchini, adding, "a future where sustainability and decarbonization will redraw the map of the maritime industry, with Webb graduates ideally placed to make that change happen. Webb has made huge strides under Keith's tenure, constructing a state-of-the-art academic center that enables Webb to continue adapting its curriculum and faculty to promote innovation and new technologies.

In his remarks, Board chair Rosenblatt noted the accomplishments of retiring president Keith Michel. "Enrollment, educational outcomes, student body diversity, and the Institute's financial strength have markedly increased during Michel's tenure. We thank him for his many contributions."

President Michel enthusiastically endorsed the selection of Martecchini as his successor. He explained, "I am excited for Mark and his family and look forward to working with him as we transition the presidency. I have long admired his collaborative approach to leadership and believe he is especially well prepared to lead Webb in this time when rapid technological advancement demands innovative approaches to engineering educa-

Martecchini holds a bachelor's degree in naval architecture and marine engineering from Webb Institute and an MBA from New York University. He lives in Rotterdam, Netherlands, with his wife Laurie. They have two children, Niko, who is a 2009 graduate of Webb Institute, and Thomas. With the strong family connection to Webb Institute, Martecchini brings a deep appreciation for the mission and values of the college.



Courtesy Webb Institute

MARK MARTECCHINI

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ear Great Book Guru, We were with lots of friends and family for Thanksgiving — all in small groups — and everyone was looking for a good book to give as a gift this holiday season. Do you have any sugges-

-Gift Seeker

Dear Gift Seeker,

I just finished a great novel, "Wayward," by Dana Spiotta. She has written four other novels in the last decade and all have been highly acclaimed with my favorite being her "Eat the Document."

Her latest brings together many diverse topics: mother-daughter relations, aging, deteriorating marriage, the present political climate, the rewriting of history, and yes, the real estate market.

The book begins with Samantha falling in love with a decrepit house in a run-down neighborhood in Syracuse, New York. Impulsively, she buys the house, leaves her

husband and teenage daughter, and begins to rebuild the house and her life. Things quickly turn dark. In alternating chapters,

> Ally the teen daughter, tells her side of the story, Samantha hers, and then a fictional historical character, Clara Loomis, a much revered local feminist whose legacy is coming under scrutiny.

> Throughout the book, we get powerful insights into Samantha's struggles with her roles as mother, daughter, wife and citizen of a world she finds more and more alien. With the decaying downtown Syracuse as the backdrop, we see Samantha's

story as having much larger implications than one woman confronting her mortality. Beautifully written and highly recommend-

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at annmdinietro@gmail.com.



OBITUARY

Clement Striso

Clement Striso of Glen Cove died on Nov. 12, 2021, at age 92. Beloved husband of Betty. Loving father of Andrew (Sondra) and Claire Wilkinson. Dear brother of Johanna. Proud grandfather of Emma and Tess. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Clem grew up in New York City and graduated from Newtown High School in 1947. He received his BS from SUNY Oswego in 1952 and a master's degree in education from NYU in 1958. Committed to education, Clem worked a long career as a teacher and administrator in public schools. While stationed in Germany during the Korean War, Clem discovered skiing, which became a lifelong passion that he passed on to his children and grandchildren. He was an avid traveler and a wine connoisseur. He loved to bowl and never missed his weekly league play. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Service and interment are private.

UBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Glen Cove Planning Board NOTICE that a Continued PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the City of Glen Cove Board December 2021, at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their comments on the Applications of RXR Glen Isle Partners LLC (Applicant) for (i) Special Use Permit for Amended Planned Unit Development (PUD) Master Development Plan Approval, (ii) Amended Subdivision Approval, and (iii) PUD Site Plan Approval for the construction of 172 rental units, an approximately 165-space parking lot, and other improvements on Blocks D/E/F, connection with proposed Garvies Point Waterfront

Redevelopment Project on the north side of Glen Zoning District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the proposed Amended PUD Master Development Plan, proposed Amended PUD Subdivision Plan, and the proposed PUD Site Plan for Blocks D/E/F, available inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Planning Board, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY, as well as on the City of Glen Cove website at https://glencoveny.gov. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER interested in the above matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at said Public Hearing. For further information contact Rosa Rizzo Planning Board Secretary, at 516-676-4490. Dated: November 29,

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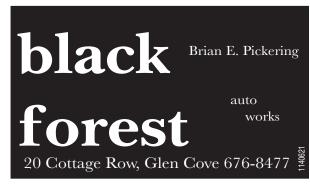
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RIP Paul Jackson, renowned South Shore historian

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he towns, cities and villages of
Long Island have their own
recorded and unrecorded histories. Their stories are told by local
historians, librarians and historical societies. In many cases, lacking those
resources, the history of those communities disappears year by year with the



JERRY KREMER

passing of the people who were blessed with those long-term memories.

Long Beach, one of South Shore residents' most popular coastal escapes, is one of those places whose colorful history has filled numerous books, and is lucky enough to have

residents who make it their mission to keep its history enshrined in books and fading photographs. One of the keepers of Long Beach history, Paul Jackson, died recently, leaving behind a number of hard-to-find books and other cherished notes that will fade in time.

Jackson was a prolific writer, and published a number of books that gained the attention of history critics across the country. His first, "Our Town, Our Time: Long Beach, L.I. in the 1930s and WWII,"

was a nostalgic look at the seaside city, with recollections of the schools, stores, movie theaters, the boardwalk and hotels. Orphan's Day, the big bank robbery of 1939 and the murder of the mayor by a cop were its highlights. Jackson chroni-

cled the experiences of 250 returning GI's and wrote about the 30 Long Beach men who were killed in the war.

His second book "Scoundrels by the Sea: The Sullied Past of Long Beach Politicians, Swindlers, Bootleggers — and Worse," wasn't published until 2013, long after Jackson left his chosen profession. In that book he took on dozens of deceased politicians, such

as District Attorney William Cahn, State Assembly Speaker Joe Carlino, Democratic Leader Phil Kohut and Tammany Hall Leader Jimmy Hines, and described at length the lesser-known events and personalities that made Long Beach unique, compared with its many neighboring communities.

While not a colorful celebrity, Jackson' primary job was as editor and publisher of the weekly Long Beach Independent, which dated back to the late 1930s but ceased publishing in 1976. I got to know him when I was 12 years old, and had the temerity to walk into the paper's office on

Park Place and offer my services as a writer. I didn't ask for money, but just the opportunity to write for free, which had become a childhood passion.

Jackson was impressed with my nerve, and I was assigned to read the doz-

ens of press releases that came in each week and try to boil each one down to a simple paragraph. In my early days at the Independent, I didn't understand much about Long Beach politics, but I learned in a short time that it was brutal. There was no real Republican Party, but the city boasted the presence of the Assembly speaker, Carlino. The two factions were the group headed by the

Democratic Party leader, Kohut, and his adversary, former Mayor Theodore Ornstein.

Working for a weekly newspaper while at the same time trying to launch my own political career was a great challenge. Jackson didn't believe in political correctness, and one by one, he challenged the people in power with blistering commentary. During those tumultuous years, I tried to walk a straight line between the factions, but sooner or later I would be forced to choose a side to survive.

In those years, the most valuable asset that any weekly could have was the des-

ignation as the city's official newspaper. That meant that all of the city's legal notices were published in that paper. Survival depended on whether the political bosses favored your paper over its local rival. Eventually Jackson's political commentary got under Kohut's skin, and the Independent lost that coveted designation.

Jackson's career as an editor and publisher lasted only a few years, and without that valuable patronage, the Independent ceased publication. I continued to work part-time for weekly papers until I graduated from law school, worked as a city prosecutor and was elected to the Assembly. I had a brief encounter with Jackson when my book "Winning Albany" was published. Jackson was upset with my friendly relationship with "Boss Kohut"

The people who work hard to preserve Long Beach history owe a special debt of gratitude to Jackson for his dedicated work in chronicling so many key moments of local history. A side note: "Scoundrels by the Sea" lists for \$122 on Amazon.

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.

How did you get through? In 50 words or less.

he need to

tell stories

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our souls. Why

not try it in

this space?

ell me your story. If you're reading this, you are living through a deadly pandemic that has killed more than five million people worldwide. So far.

If you're reading this, you are just coming off Thanksgiving and zooming toward peak holiday season. Expecta-



RANDI KREISS

tions for joy abound, lights dazzle and music bombards us with its slightly out-ofsync cheer. Some of us gather strength and purpose from the festive spirit. Some of us feel that the gifting and shopping, and the stuffing of turkeys and our-

selves, are just too much.

Post-vaccine, we are resuming, life but not exactly. We are moving toward normal but watching the new variant coming from South Africa. Flights are canceled again. Holiday parties are on again, off again, depending on where you live and what the rules are.

The one absolute commonality we share: We are alive in this moment, during the worst epidemic of our genera-

tion. Each of us has a story to tell, and I would like to offer this space for you to share yours.

Some years ago, my son-in-law, Josh, said he wanted to interview my parents for StoryCorps.org, an online website

where anyone can post a story about themselves. Once posted, it lives on in perpetuity.

More recently, Storyworth has taken off. Another venue, it sends the person of your choice weekly questions and, at the end of a year, compiles the answers into a book, which becomes a keepsake of their thoughts or history or memories. Moth Radio features first-person human-interest stories.

We have been telling one another stories ever since men and women were able to scrawl drawings on caves. We share common memories, but we see those bygone events through varying prisms. The truth of any one person's stories is always on a sliding scale.

When Josh called me and asked if it was OK for him to record my parents and post their stories to StoryCorps. org, it was the worst possible time. My folks were 97 and 92 years old. They

lived in south Florida. Josh lived in California, way north of San Francisco and far away from any reasonable international airport. He said he had only two days he could travel to my folks', including flying time.

I told Josh it wasn't a good time. I knew it wasn't a good time. I suggested we leave it to my mother. She said yes. Josh flew on a Thursday, arriving at their house at 1 a.m. on Friday. That day he interviewed each of my parents for four to five hours, on and off, between their meals and physical therapy sessions and looking for my dad's cane, hat, shoes, eating glasses, reading glass-

es and walking glasses. Josh was on the ground in Florida for about 24 hours.

The stories are now part of Story-Corps history, and they're even more precious now. Dad died in 2017. Mom died two years later.

We all want to be known, to say in words that we have walked the earth and lived and loved. In this pandemic, we want to get out of our own heads, where we've been living alone for so long, and tell the world how we're getting through. How has our work

changed? What happened in school and out of school? What was it like to care for young children day after day and month after month with little relief aside from outdoor gatherings?

As a longtime married woman, I feel like the subject of an experiment on human behavior. The question: How do isolation and stress affect marriage? In March 2020, most of us thought the virus might knock us off our routines for a few weeks. Now I have a 50-page folder of Covid Cuisine, quick meals for when we want to eat but I don't want to cook.

The need to tell stories is etched into our souls, part of our DNA. Why not try it in this space? Please, tell me your pandemic story in 50 words or fewer, and I'll use my column to post the most compelling ones. You can be anonymous if you wish. We did this before, in less dramatic times, and it was enlightening.

So, take a few minutes and put together a few words. Send them to the email below. I've been telling you my story every week since the pandemic fractured our sense of well-being. I want to know yours.

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HERALD EDITORIALS

A new Covid variant is on the march. Mask up!

n recent months, we have seen a growing number of parents crowding school board meetings across Long Island, protesting the state mandate requiring students to mask up in schools. In public spaces, from the mall to your local coffee shop and grocery store, many people no longer wear masks, believing they aren't necessary anymore.

Last week, we were hit by a harsh dose of reality: Seemingly out of nowhere, a new strain of the coronavirus, which scientists called the Omicron variant, reared its ugly head, first in South Africa and then Israel, several Western European countries, Hong Kong and Australia. Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Biden's chief medical adviser, said over the weekend that the strain had not yet been detected in the U.S., but it could very well be here.

South Africa discovered the strain first because health officials there were investigating why the country went from 200 coronavirus cases a day only recently to some 2,465 cases on Nov. 25, according to the Associate Press.

What does this tell us?

One, we must not think we have vanquished the coronavirus. It is still lurking worldwide, and anywhere and any time an infectious strain of the virus arises, there is the potential for it to spread to us here, on Long Island. So we must continue masking and social-distancing protocols to limit its transmission.

This new strain is potentially more insidious than the Delta variant, which has ravaged the world, because the vaccines may be less effective in providing immunity against it. Scientists are studying whether that is the case, and it could be weeks before we know the answer for sure. You should be vaccinated just in case — and to fight the many other Covid-19 variants.

And we should vaccinate ourselves ASAP. That includes teenagers and children. New strains of the virus emerge in the unvaccinated population. It's there where the virus can continue to spread, and any time it is transmitted from one person to the next, it has the potential to mutate. Mutation — the ability of the virus to re-engineer itself — is its survival mechanism. If it does not spread, it cannot continue to mutate.

We are in the battle of our lives here. Like it or not, we must remember that this holiday season.

This holiday season for sure, shop locally

ach vear, we encourage our readers to shop locally, in your community's downtown, during the holidays. With the coronavirus pandemic still raging, we're doubling down on that advice.

We know Covid-19 spreads among dense populations. That only makes sense. It's an airborne disease, so when people are tightly packed into small or confined spaces, there's a greater chance that the virus will be transmitted from one person to the next.

Shopping in your downtown, with its smaller stores, where customer density can be better controlled than at the malls and superstores, would thus seem like a

smart move, particularly now, with the rise around the world of the Omicron variant, against which the vaccines may be less effective.

Beyond that, shopping locally is just good for your community. Keeping local shops and eateries in business supports the tax base, and bolsters homeowners' property values. By contrast, downtowns full of boarded-up shops lead to rising property taxes for homeowners and plummeting house values.

That is, shopping locally is in your self-interest.

Moreover, it is a way to give back to the people who give so much to their communities. Local shop and restaurant owners are the folks who sponsor Little League teams and donate to the Girl and Boy Scouts. They are the ones who organize fundraisers for children stricken by deadly diseases, and who advocate for better roads and schools in their communities.

The owners of the small businesses that line the streets of our communities are us. That's why you are more likely to receive competent service and a friendly smile when you shop locally.

The coming month has the potential to challenge us in unforeseen ways. Now is the time to be safe — and that means being smart. Start by shopping locally.

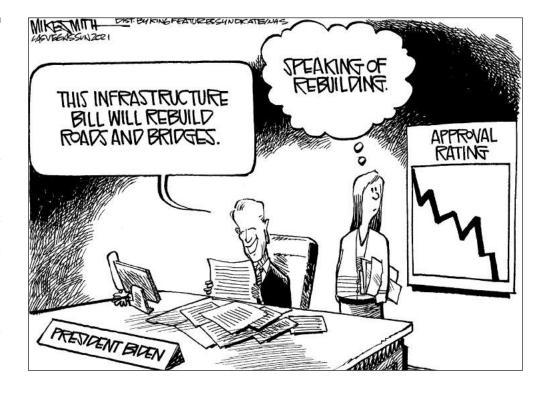
LETTERS

Fed up with the potholes

To the Editor:

I am so angry, all I do is moan and groan, So I'm writing a mad-as-a-hatter poem! As a driver in the county of Nassau I'm always looking for nice smooth roads Avoid rough ones like the back of a toad. Yet where Cottage Row turns left onto Ellwood, then meets Landing Road pronto, This curved section is as decrepit and forlorn As an abandoned mine shaft in early morn. The potholes are scattered along its path countless crevices and crags, do the math obvious, for years, no one's come to pave it, nobody gives a tinker's damn to save it.

Then lo and behold, just a week or so ago, I drove up Cottage Row, stopped at the light Was amazed to see an unexpected sight globs of tar blobs hither and yon sticking up from the surface, slithering down the road like black warts or measles on weasels.



OPINIONS

Public health is political, but shouldn't be partisan

n their 2020

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axes, property assessments, crime and schools were top concerns for Long Island politicians in the Nov. 2 elections. Both Democrats and Republicans tried to persuade voters that they would do a better job of keeping us safe and financially secure.

In 2021, however, these standard subur-



MARTINE HACKETT

ban issues motivated more Republicans than Democrats to show up and vote, resulting in a change in party leadership in Nassau Countv's executive branch and the Suffolk County Legislature. For suburban residents, the added expectation and understanding is

that our high tax dollars show up to maintain our quality of life in the services that the government provides. We are paying for safety from crime, but also the safety of the air we breathe and the water we drink, and protection during a pan-

But in campaign materials, and apparently on most voters' minds, one major

issue seemed to be missing: the ongoing public health crisis that is the Covid-19 pandemic, which has killed more than 750,000 Americans. If Covid was mentioned by candidates during campaigning, it was with promises of what the gov-

ernment would not do — no mask mandates in schools, no employee-mandated vac-

While political parties focus on the topics that they believe will get people to the polls, some issues, like public health, need to be supported no matter who is in power.

Public health is by its nature political. It must be. In the earliest days of the United States, protecting

citizens from infectious diseases like yellow fever fell to local municipalities, which enacted quarantine regulations for ships that arrived at coastal cities. The first public health agency was created in 1866 in New York City, and reduced deaths from a cholera epidemic that year through inspections, investigations and disinfection. Cities that did not have a public system to monitor and combat the epidemic experienced many more deaths.

Government action is necessary to

carry out the work of public health. How else do you get sewers across jurisdictions? Who else would pay for the clean water and the pipes to bring it into your home? Would restaurants regulate themselves to keep food preparation safe? The

> work to ensure public health must be carried out no matter what ideology is popular or which party has been elected to lead. The needs of public health continue no matter who is in nower.

Meanwhile, there are other pressing public health issues in Nassau and Suffolk counties that require political support: the increase in substance use and overdose deaths; the

significant mental health strain of anxiety and depression among young people; and high rates of maternal and infant mortality

Collective and coordinated political action worked on Long Island to manage the spread of Covid-19 by deploying wideranging techniques similar to those used more than 150 years ago to combat chol-

Modern approaches to public health now also recognize that social factors play a key role in people's health. We saw this when the coronavirus pandemic devastated communities of color in Nassau and Suffolk counties, and recognize that the people in these communities were not solely to blame. Rather, it was the underlying conditions that existed before the pandemic - food insecurity, crowded housing, lack of internet access — that made outcomes so much worse for some than for others. Political forces need to address these public health priorities as well.

At a time when party lines are dividing those who are vaccinated and those who are not, when mandating mask wearing to protect the health of everyone is framed as a matter of individual choice, we have lost the nonpartisan thread of public health.

Whoever is in power in Nassau and Suffolk needs to address the longstanding issues of public health by doing what works and acknowledging the vital role that government action has on health outcomes Red and blue waves come and go on Long Island every few years, but political public health action must remain constant.

Dr. Martine Hackett is an associate professor in the Master of Public Health and Community Health Programs at Hofstra University.

My first glad thoughts quickly disappeared! No workmanship or care smoothing of the globs ride as bumpy as with the holes, just lumpy blobs. Who did this?? If this is county work, Have they no pride? No skill? What the heck? Why treat our city with such disrespect? OK, Glen Cove folks — call our leaders, mayor, council members, our fine road repairers, it's up to you to set this right! Dig it up, smooth it over, put a surface to be proud of and remember, Do it by the end of Decem-

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Good riddance to N.Y. American Water

To the Editor:

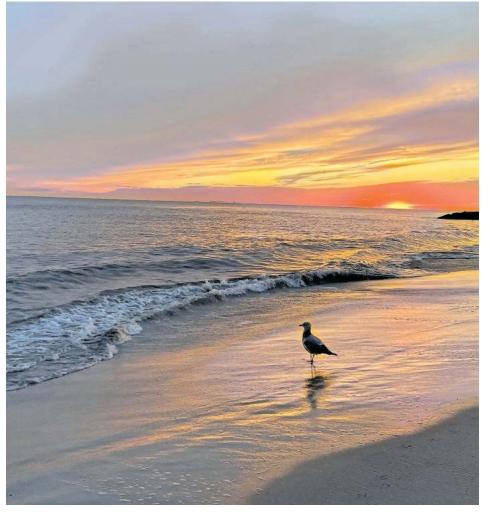
I applaud Gov. Kathy Hochul for signing legislation sponsored by State Sen. Jim Gaughran that brings the residents of Sea Cliff and neighboring communities an important step closer to public water — and most important, financial relief.

For years, New York American Water has overcharged, underserved and taken advantage of its ratepayers. It has prioritized its own bottom line over delivering an essential, life-sustaining public utility in an affordable and responsible manner. This is the same company that, under cover of the Covid-19 pandemic, added a milliondollar shed to plans for a water treatment plant at its Roslyn Drive facility without the input of ratepayers, elected officials or key stakeholders. It took a public outcry to shame the company into restoring the plan to its original

Senator Gaughran's legislation establishes a clear path forward as we seek to establish the North Shore Water District and free residents from New York American Water's reign of error. I am grateful for his leadership, thankful for Assemblyman Chuck Lavine's support in guiding this through the Assembly, and always proud to stand with the advocates whose tireless efforts made this victorv a reality.

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