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Sharing some Irish joy

The McCabe Irish Dancers wowed spectators at Sunday's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Glen Cove. Several other groups took part in one of the city's most popular events. More photos, Pages 10-11.

Becoming hairless by choice at St. Baldrick's fundraiser

BY LETISHA DASS

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Along with the jubilant festivities for St. Patrick's Day in Glen Cove, the Downtown Café, on School Street, held its annual St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser, in which participants have their head shaved to raise money for childhood cancer research and treatment, last Sunday. The

goal this year was to raise \$25,000. At press time, the total had reached roughly \$12,200.

John Zozzaro, the owner of the Downtown Café, was one of the first volunteers for the stylists from Glen Cove's Strong Island Styles. Zozzaro has been hosting the event, which coincides with the St. Patrick's Day Parade, outside his restaurant for 14 years. This year would have been the 16th year, but the coronavirus pandemic forced a two-year hiatus.

"Everybody is having a good time, like usual," Zozzaro said on Sunday. "Seems like nothing has happened."

After the parade ended, the crowd outside the café grew. Several dozen diners and onlookers watched friends, family mem-CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

G.C. doctor sentenced in Covid fraud

BY LETISHA DASS

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Dr. Konstantinos Zarkadas, of Glen Cove, was sentenced to four years and three months in pris-

on by U.S. District Judge Gary Brown last Friday for fraudulently obtaining roughly \$3.7 million in coronavirus pandemic relief loans. Zarkadas was ordered to pay \$3.5 million in restitution

"Today's sentence demonstrates there are consequences for those who treat vital government programs as cash give-aways and shamefully seek to profit from an unprecedented public health crisis," Breon Peace, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District

of New York, said in a statement.

From March 2020 to July 2020, Zarkadas, 48, used false information to apply for and receive at least 11 Paycheck Protection Program and Covid-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program loans. Zarkadas laundered the money through various bank accounts, and then used the funds for luxurious personal purchases, according to Peace's office.

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U.S. attorney, Eastern District of New York

Glen Cove dermatologist Dr. Eve Lupenko, of Greenberg Cosmetic Surgery, a former Glen Cove City councilwoman, said she was outraged when she heard about Zarkadas's crimes. "It's absolutely abhorrent," Lupenko said, "that a doctor would use the career whereby most physicians practice the adage, 'First, do no harm,' to take advantage of what may be the lowest point of the United States since 9/11.

In July 2020, Zarkadas used

about \$195,000 in PPP funds for a down payment on a \$1.75 million yacht, Peace's office reported. He concealed the purchase by making a check payable to a family

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JOHN ZOZZARO, OWNER of the Downtown Café, center, documented the occasion while he and other participants had their heads shaved by hairstylists from Strong Island Styles to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation.



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JOHN LARUCCIA'S DONATION was unique: He told stylist Brian Basili that he'd had his mustache since 1969.

Glen Covers donate \$12,000 to cancer research

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bers and total strangers lose their locks.

In the barber chair next to Zozzaro was Rich McGrady, who has taken part every year since 2014 to honor a friend's son, Nicholas Pedone, who died of cancer when he was just 7 in 2013. "Started doing it and stuck with it," McGrady said. "It's a very good cause."

The Nicholas Pedone Foundation was accepting donations at the event, and offering T-shirts and merchandise. Nicholas was a special St. Baldrick's posthumous honoree in 2014.

Strong Island Styles' owner, Brian Basile, has been helping with the fundraiser since it started in 2007.

"It feels really, really good to be back," Basile said. "I feel like it brings a little normalcy back into our community."

This year's honorary child was Ezra Gibson, 2, who was diagnosed with a neuroblastoma when he was just 4 months old. A mass on his adrenal gland required screening every two weeks to monitor its growth. At eight months, Ezra had surgery to remove the tumor, which had started to obstruct his organs.

He has been doing well, but he continues to receive routine scans. He will celebrate his third birthday on Saturday.

"You would never know that something like this would happen to your child," his father, David Gibson, said.

Gibson, who grew up in Glen Cove, said he was touched by the support he received from residents. The motto of Ezra's team is "Heal, teach, inspire."

"The fact that so many people from here, from Glen Cove ... gave us support," Gibson said. "And in that situa-



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JACKI YONICK, THE Glen Cove Youth Bureau's employment coordinator, had her head shaved by barber Merlin Moreno from Strong Island Styles.

tion, you don't know, as a parent, what to think, what to do, but it just blows my mind that Glen Cove was just so embracing [of] us through this."

Their faith, Gibson said, helped the family get through a difficult time. "Why is this happening to a newborn?" he wondered. "He's never done anything in this world to go through this. ... We turned to the Bible a lot during this time."

There was a raffle and merchandise for sale in Ezra's honor, which raised more than \$500.

Jacki Yonick, the Glen Cove Youth Bureau's employment coordinator, had all of her hair shaved off, too, and raised the most money, roughly \$5,000 for the fundraiser. This was the first time Yonick took part in the event.

"I think the conversation about children with cancer needs to happen," she said. "So why children have cancer, why does it need to be researched, [and] what's happening. I think more people need to have that kind of conversation."

Yonick had some advice for other women and girls who might be leery

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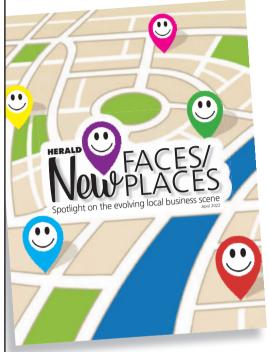
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LUCAS MILDENER WAS willing to let Brian Basili give him a new look.

about shaving their heads. "You're beautiful," she said. "Hair doesn't make you pretty, your insides do. Show everybody how beautiful you are from the inside out."



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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Singing Irish music at the museum

North Shore Historical Museum's Irish Feis, held on March 13, provided entertainment by vocalist Jimmy Moore and pianist Fred Gatti, who performed Irish songs in commemoration of St. Patrick's Day. And concertgoers were given an additional benefit — because the museum was open during the event, they were able to view the exhibits while waiting for the performance to begin.

An Irish Feis is a traditional Gaelic arts and culture festival. According to the Nassau County Ancient Order of Hibernians Feis and Festival website, ancient Ireland communities highly regarded festivals as a chance for storytellers to reach larger audiences, warriors to recount their exploits in combat, clansmen to retrace their genealogy, and bard and balladeer to lead groups in legends, stories, and songs. Eventually, the festival held athletic and sporting competitions such as horse and chariot-racing as well.

Today, a feis is an opportunity for Irish communities to connect with their Gaelic cultures and traditions. Some events for



Courtesy Elisa Dragotto

VOCALIST JIMMY MOORE and pianist Fred Gatti performed a sing-along of Irish music at the North Shore Historical Museum.

Feiseanna — the plural form of Feis meaning festival — have been held exclusively for Irish dance competitions.

Cardenas honored by Hispanic Chamber

The North Shore Hispanic Chamber honored Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department 3rd Assistant Chief Carlos Cardenas on March 9. He is the first Hispanic to achieve the rank of assistant chief in the GCFD. Cardenas received a Community Achievement Award for his service and dedication from the chamber

Edward Lieberman, former mayor of Sea Cliff and president of the Gold Coast Business Association, was given a Community Advocate Award and the North Shore Kiwanis, and their president John Kle, were recognized with a Community Support Award for their support of the chamber.

The North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce mission is to help all businesses grow by providing education and resources that allow them to thrive in the community.



Aimey Bryan

CARLOS CARDENAS, RIGHT, an assistant chief of Glen Cove's Volunteer Fire Department, was honored with a Community Achievement Award by the North Shore Hispanic Chamber.

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Friday, March 25

Meet Mary Ann Trasciatti

Head to Theodore's Books at 7 p.m. in honor of Women's History Month for an afternoon with president of the Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition, Mary Anne Trasciatti with book contributor Kimberly Schiller to discuss Talking To The Girls: Intimate and Political Essays on the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire.

Saturday, March 26

New York Project Hope

Meet at the Bayville Free Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a chance to address and process Covid-related trauma. NY Project Hope is here to help those affected by Covid-19. Contact Kristy Fumante at (516) 628 2765 or at adult programs@bayvillefreelibrary.org.

Cash mob

Join North Shore Biz Network at Ella's Boutique & AquaBrasil during Saturday business hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for a Cash Mob, at 683 Glen Cove Ave. in Glen Head. Enjoy a tasting of Felene Vodka from noon to 2 p.m.

Exhibition open house

Head to the Planting Fields Arboretum for an art open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Approximately 60 artworks by Danish artists Gerda Wegener (1886 - 1940) and her spouse, Lili Elbe (born Einar Wegener, 1882 - 1931) will be integrated into various rooms throughout Coe Hall, alongside a selection of art and ephemera from the Planting Fields Foundation collection. Admission is free for members and children under seven, otherwise prices are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors 62 and older, \$5 for youth ages seven to 17.

Sunday, March 27

Forest Therapy Walk

Find calm and relaxation at the Planting Fields Arboretum from 1 to 3 p.m. on their Forest Therapy Walk led by Linda Lombardo, certified forest therapy guide.



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Linda will lead you across the Olmsted Brothers designed landscape and engage you in the practice of shinrinyoku. General Admission is \$40, Member Admission is \$36.

A Diary of the Plague Year

Meet at Theodore's Books at 17 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay at 2 p.m. for an afternoon with visual artist & debut author, Elise Engler as she speaks about and signs copies of her illustrated chronicle of 2020, "A Diary of the Plague Year." The book is a powerful visual record of an unprecedented time, following the headlines from the first appearance of the coronavirus to the inauguration of President Joe Biden. This event is free and open to the public.

Monday, March 28

CPR/AED for adults and pediatrics Head over to the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for CPR/AED certification. The online portion must be completed prior to attendance at the hands-on section of the class on March 28. Upon completion, you will be certified for two years. \$20 per person, payable by check. In person registration begins Feb. 22 for OBEN residents, and March 14 for non-residents, space permitting.

Chef Rob Cooking

Meet at the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library to learn how to cook Penne and Shrimp in Basil Cream Sauce in person at 1 p.m. Registration begins Feb. 22 for OB-EN residents, and on March 15 for non-residents, space permitting.

Oyster Gardening 101: online

Concert for Peace at Holocaust **Memorial**

Head to the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County for a concert for peace in Ukraine from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. A trio of professional performers, which include two Ukrainians, will be performing a classical concert, comprising traditional Jewish and Ukrainian music. Reservations required at concertforpeace@gmail.com

Join Ron Feuchs and Jackie Tepper of Stand Out For College, LLC for a Zoom course hosted by the Bayville Free Library at 8 p.m. to educate high schooler students on how to apply for college. Contact Miss Selina at (516) 628 2765 or childrens@bayvillefreelibrary.org

Thursday, March 31

Dave Diamond Trio

Head over to Still Partners at 11 p.m. to see Dave Diamond Trio perform. Enjoy a mature and finely crafted blend of rootsy Americana with a little funk and classic rock. DD Fonky Horns, a retro-futuristic jazz quintet playing a selection of modern era indie rock and pop tunes, will

Vision Board

Come to the Glen Cove Public Library to build a vision board from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Design a collage of your hopes and dreams using positive quotes and your own creativity. Watercolor paints, fun papers, doodle pens and stickers will be provided for grades six and up.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Items on the Community Update pages are listed for free. 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 adurkin@liherald.com

Tuesday, March 29

Locust Valley Library is hosting an Oyster

Gardening awareness event at 7 p.m. For the past several years, the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee has been educating residents on how to become "oyster gardeners." Registration is required. Join Zoom for free at: https://zoom.us/freesignup/ After you register, you will receive an invitation to attend this free Zoom event.

Project Beacon Bereavement Group

Experience Project Hope at the Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen Street, Glen Cove, which offers a safe space with qualified social workers to allow you to express your feelings each week at 11 a.m. Please note: You must be 60 years of age or older to become a member. For further information, call (516)759 9610.

Wednesday, March 30

How to navigate college admissions

5 things to know about your town

- Glen Cove will hold a blood drive at the Fire Department on March 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Village of Sea Cliff has a Board of Trustees meeting on March 28 at 6 p.m.
- The Village of Lattingtown will be holding its Village Court on March 28 from 7 to 8 p.m.
- The Oyster Bay Town Board will hold a meeting on March 29 at 7 p.m.
- Landmarks Preservation Commission Meeting of Sea Cliff is meeting on March 30 at 7 p.m.

Men's shelter needs new space for homeless

BY ROKSANA AMID

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The North Shore Sheltering Program, which provides nighttime housing for homeless men during winter months, will close its doors for the season on March 31.

For 22 years, the shelter worked in tandem with the First Presbyterian Church in Glen Cove to house residents for its seasonal program, which began on Thanksgiving until the end of March. The program rented the space for \$7,900 a year. Shelter staff handled cleaning for its residents, while the church provided the space for residents to

However, the First Presbyterian Church recently suspended its contract with NSSP. For this reason, the shelter switched to housing residents in single occupancy rooms — a form of affordable housing — in downtown Glen Cove.

The shelter went from originally assisting 25 men to five. It's speculated that some men left town because of challenges with the pandemic and others with not finding work during the summer months.

Currently, four rooms are being rented on a monthly basis by the shelter alongside yearlong residents at the SRO, for \$3,200 per

Cantor Gustavo Gitlin of Congregation Tifereth Israel, president of NSSP's board of trustees, said the SRO is a needed resource for its residents, but it comes at a high price tag.



Courtesy Chris Garcia

NORTH SHORE SHELTERING Program resident "Bob," left, and head counselor Chris Garcia in a single occupancy room in Glen Cove, which is where the homeless men have been housed since the First Presbyterian Church can no longer rent space.

'Covid was difficult, and we adjusted to make sure our men are taken care of, and we have not gone away," he said. "We want our donors and volunteers to also know we ... haven't closed the program."

Going forward Gitlin said they are searching for a new home, which hasn't been easy.

Several phone calls to the First Presbyterian Church were not returned, but a voice message stated that the NSSP was "suspended due to Covid until further notice."

Pre-Covid, groups of volunteers cooked and served meals for the residents at the shelter on site and served food directly to

"It was nice to see the interaction between the volunteers and the men," staff member and head counselor, Chris Garcia, said. "After a while people knew each other and formed bonds. People were checking in on these men. That's why they kept coming

The transition from church to SRO proved to be an obstacle for generous members of the community who want to help. but are not permitted to cook food on site, which is why the shelter established a drop off program. Volunteers can deliver dinner and necessities like clothes and hygienic products to the shelter there.

Keeping track of residents in need during the shelters off season can be difficult ing the shelters off season can be difficult since many don't have access to computers or cellphones.

"Some of the guys were sleeping under bridges, some of the guys didn't have a place to go," Garcia said. "What we tried to do, is get the ones that desperately needed it to the SRO. The ones who were really really struggling.'

One of the shelter's struggling residents, "Bob," [not his real name], came to the United States eight years ago as a refuge from El Salvador, and at 65 years old, has been with the shelter for four years. Bob found his way to Glen Cove by word of mouth from another homeless man.

As one of the shelter's high-risk residents, Bob is permitted more time in the shelter than others. He takes medications for pulmonary disease and suffers from three herniated discs.

"Being alone in my own room I have peace of mind," Bob said. "I have my medication that I have to take to live. I would love to work, but with my body as is, I can't."



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Lavine, Ukrainian-Americans band together to help

BY LETISHA DASS

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Ukrainian-Americans of Long Island have teamed up with Assemblyman Charles Lavine of Glen Cove to collect supplies for Ukrainian's humanitarian relief. The drive is in response to the violent escalation of a Russian invasion of Ukraine, which has left its people in crisis. First launched on March 7, the drive has taken off in the past few days.

"We are working with multiple organizations, elected officials, as well as [the] Ukrainian-American community here on Long Island to collect them to ship," Volodymyr Tsyalkovsky, community liaison of Ukrainian Americans of Long Island said.

Lavine decided to hold the drop-off location at his office because of his experience collecting supplies for his communities. Previously, he held a supply drive for Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria and community toy drives during the holidays.

Russian forces illegally deported 2,389 children from the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine to Russia on March 19, according to Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The humanitarian crisis in Ukraine remains dire as the Ukrainian city Mariupol has been under constant attack. On Monday, defenders of the city rejected the

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Suggested supplies: clothing, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, toothbrushes, soap bars, hand sanitizers, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, deodorants, razor, shaving cream, toilet paper, paper towels, wet wipes, baby wipes, baby diapers, pots, pans, new sheets, pillowcases, band-aids, gauze, boxes of masks, alcohol or disinfectant wipes, hand warmers, flashlights, nail clippers, hairbrushes and shopping bags.

Monetary donations can be made out to the Long Island Chapter of Ukrainian Congress Committee of America. For further information on how to donate funds, visit https://uali.info/contribute.

Russia's ultimatum to surrender.

"I can only imagine the emotional trauma our Ukrainian neighbors feel as a result of this horrible aggression on the part of Putin," Lavine said. "And we are all neighbors, and we have to watch out for each other and that's what we do."

People island-wide have been joining efforts to help alongside Ukrainian-Americans. Tsyalkovsky said that every ethnic group and community have volunteered to step up and a lend a helping hand.

"I have the utmost respect and admira-

tion for Long Islanders, for us Long Islanders, because the response from the community has been overwhelming," Lavine said.

The main priority of the drive is to collect the donations, make them ready for shipment, and then send it to a shipping company which will manage which organizations receive the supplies.

Lavine said that Tsyalkovsky has taken the necessary steps to guarantee that reputable transports are shipping the supplies to Ukraine. The shipping company Meest is managing most of the shipments for the drive and has been able to ship to residential addresses in Ukraine with some limitations due to military conflicts in the area.

Tsyalkovsky said the supply shipments will go through countries surrounding Ukraine and are helping with Ukrainian refugees, before entering the country. The Ukrainian Americans of Long Island are working with Ukrainian Congress Committee of America as well to ship the donations.

"Our community is larger than we ever thought," Tsyalkovsky said. "Everybody is working toward this common goal and finding time to take some action."

Lavine said he is worried that the crisis in the Ukraine is going to continue for a long time. "And as long as that crisis continues," he said, "we are going to do everything we can to play a role to help the Ukrainian people."

Long Islanders can drop off donations from Monday to Friday at Lavine's office, 1 School St., Glen Cove. Drop-off hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lavine said the drive will be open for as long as the help is needed in Ukraine.

Monetary donations can be made to the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America through Venmo, Facebook, Zelle, bank transfer, or a check. Donations are tax deductible.



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Doctor helped only himself during Covid

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member who was not the primary beneficiary of the funds, and in the check's memo line, Zarkadas wrote that the money was "repayment for payroll." He also withdrew thousands of dollars of loan proceeds in cash to lease luxury vehicles and purchase several Rolex and Cartier watches.

"I'm a dermatologist, and every day I walk into my exam rooms, and the first thing I say after introducing myself is, 'How can I help you?" Lupenko said. "That's what I do all day, every day, in my business life and my personal life: find ways to help and take care of others, not take advantage of others."

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, PPP and EIDLP were created to provide emergency financial aid to small businesses that were struggling because of the pandemic. Using PPP, small businesses were able to receive unsecured loans and loan forgiveness for expenses including interest on mortgages, rent, utilities and payroll.

Lupenko, the owner of Passport Health Travel Medicine in Roslyn Heights and Manhattan, recalled how meticulous her business had to be in adhering to the terms of the PPP loan and completing all the paperwork.

"The pandemic caused so much illness, mental health issues, death, loss of jobs and failure of businesses," she said. "And while so many other people found the time and strength to help others who were in need ... this physician is accused of trying to help only himself."

EIDLP provided low-interest financing for small businesses, renters and homeowners. Small businesses that were in low-income communities, could show a 30 percent revenue loss or had fewer than 300 employees could receive up to \$10,000 within three days of applying for an EIDL Advance, which did not have to be repaid.

Zarkadas pleaded guilty in November 2021 to disaster relief and wire fraud. As part of the plea agreement, he forfeited \$200,000 and four luxury watches.

"This office will vigorously prosecute and bring to justice medical professionals like the defendant and other fraudsters who are driven by greed to maintain a lavish lifestyle at the expense of small businesses in legitimate need of Covid-19 emergency assistance," Peace said.



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DR. KONSTANTINOS ZARKADAS, of Glen Cove, fraudulently applied for and received Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program loans.

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THE MEMBERS OF the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 8 with Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck gathered before marching in the parade.



Courtesy John O'Connell

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A LEPRECHAUN, WHO wished to remain anonymous, promised he would not get into any trouble at the parade.



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ERIC HILL. AN aid to the grand marshal. and the immediate past division president.



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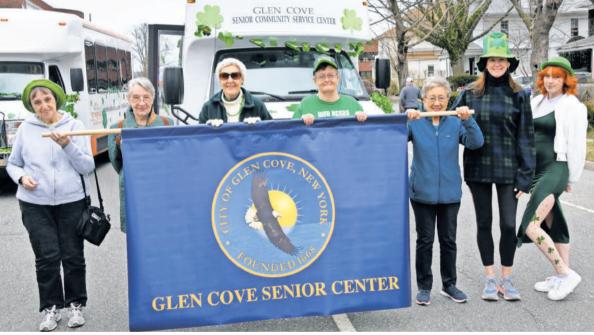
rade gave the many children from Glen Cove's Youth Bureau the opportunity to hang out togehter.

lay to celebrate Irish in G.C.

Patrick's Day Parade was a big success on Sunday. Years of cancellations due to the coronavirus panen Covers and visitors were ready to have a greating everything green, from hats to shoe laces, they athe marchers. And everyone agreed, it was a great rish or to pretend to be.



Courtesy John O'Connell



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REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE Glen Cove Senior Center, above, march in the parade every year.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF vehicles were part of the parade, including a 1924 Ford.



Courtesy John O'Connell

Runners' challenge raises donations for VFW building

BY LETISHA DASS

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Three North Shore runners, Brian Ryniker and Cormac Brady, of Sea Cliff, and Patrick Wright, of Glenwood Landing, began a four-mile challenge late on the night of March 4 to raise money for Glen Cove's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 347, which lost its headquarters in a fire in August The four-mile trek was the first of 12, in which the runners put their endurance to the test.

Brady and Wright met while volunteering at NOSH, a North Shore Soup Kitchen program that delivers food to those in need. They also run together around the North Shore.

Brady got to know several VFW members at NOSH, too. "They're an awesome group of individuals, very generous with their time and support of the NOSH program," Brady said. "As a result of that, I've become quite fond and friendly with a number of the members who drive food to families in need for us.'

After learning about the fire at the VFW building, which also housed NOSH, and an event called the Goggins Challenge 4x4x48, Brady and Wright decided to use their distance running prowess to help the veterans rebuild.

We like to do a couple of different events throughout the year just for ourselves," Brady said, "but the Goggins Challenge, and linking it to a charity, we



Courtesy Cormac Brady

CORMAC BRADY, LEFT, Brian Ryniker and Zach Barrett took the 10th run of the Goggins Challenge in Old Brookville together.

thought was a great idea."

The 4x4x48, a grueling test in which participants run four miles every four hours for 48 hours, is named for David Goggins, a retired Navy SEAL and athlete, and is a way to raise money for charity while promoting fitness.

"For a runner, they might say four miles is easy. They are not wrong,' Brady said. "However, to do it for 48 hours, there comes the challenge, even for a seasoned, highly athletic individual. You are going to feel the challenge because of sleep deprivation, [and] the constant stop-start of it brings a different level of endurance to your typical

Brady and Wright said that other runners from the area, including Ryniker, joined their group, and completed the challenge with them. "Having friends and other runners join us just mentally helped you," Brady said, "because you're quite physically tired."

"It was really inspiring and sweet and encouraging," Wright said, "particularly at some low moments, to meet up to run, and there would be three other people there.'

The challenge started on March 4, and ended with the last run on March 6. The first and last run started and finished at the VFW. Over the course of a punishing 48 hours, Brady, Wright and Ryniker ran through Glen Cove, Glenwood, Bayville and other parts of the North Shore. Three of the 12 runs were done by an individual runner, and the rest were done together. The group tracked every run, documenting the conditions, whether during the day or in the middle of the night.

Each run was mapped out so they would stick to the challenge's goals. "We didn't want to accidentally run five

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7:00 PM

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PORT WASHINGTON Wednesday, 4/13/2022

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Monday, 04/25/2022 7:00 PM



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Running to help G.C. VFW

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miles or three miles," Brady said. "We wanted to keep it at four. We're all good runners. We're more accustomed to running a 10-mile race or a 12-mile run, but [spreading] it over 48 hours is the challenge."

Wright said he didn't know how he would finish the last run. "It was super hard. It was crazy," he said. "It was stressful, mentally, emotionally and physically. And at the same time, it was a lot of fun. Brian, Cormac and I did it methodically."

For the group runs, Wright said, they sometimes started from Holiday Farms, in Glen Head, because the route was on flatter ground. "We would do everything to avoid a hill," he said.

Their goal was to raise \$5,000 for the VFW. Thus far, they have raised roughly \$4,000 on GoFundMe. Although that's short of their goal, Wright and Brady said they were happy with their accomplishment.

"I'm delighted to do anything in support of the VFW getting back into their building," Brady said. "I feel fantastic that we were able to do the run. It's good fun. It's great to run with friends. It's great just to get folks rallied."

At the end of the last run, VFW members, the runners' family members and 10 other runners gathered outside the VFW building to cheer on Brady, Wright and Ryniker and to present them with a certificate of gratitude. "It was just so joyful and totally unexpected," Wright said.

"My son ran with me on the last leg," Brady said, "and for him to see the VFW members coming out and cheering us as we crossed the finish line, even for a 15-year-old teenager, he's like, that's pretty cool. Him seeing the sense of community makes me feel great."

Donations can still be made to the 4x4x48 GoFundMe page at https://gofund.me/319ca8c9.



Courtesy Cormac Brady

CORMAC BRADY, LEFT, Patrick Wright and Brian Ryniker were given a certificate of thanks by VFW Commander Henryk Nowicki, Joseph Moores, Michael Danchalski and Robert Lightbourn for their efforts in raising donations for the VFW

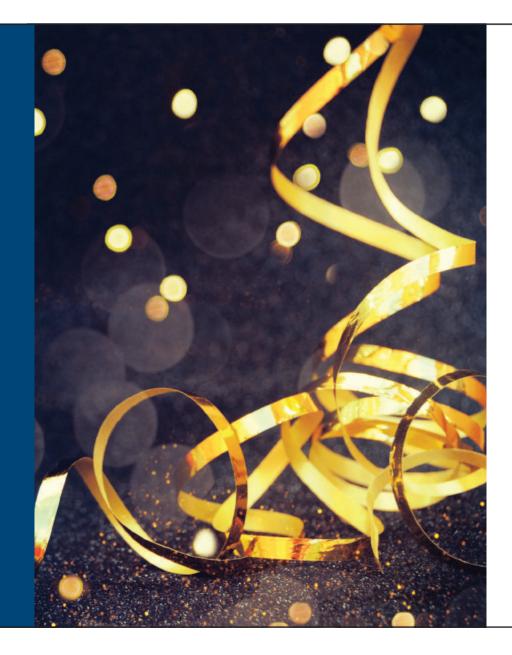
OBITUARIES



Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home

Giuseppe Izzo

Giuseppe Izzo, 94, of Glen Cove, died on March 22. Beloved husband of the late Maria; loving father of Nunzio (Angela), Maria (Rick Rodriguez) and Joseph (Kate); dear brother of Teresa (Michele Roberto), Pasquale (Amalia), the late Rocco (the late Maria), the late Michele (the late Maria), and the late Domenico (the late Angelina); proud grandfather of Amanda (Travis Stern), Christina (Daniel Bartlett), Eileen, Kaitlin and Jacqueline. Also survived by loving nieces, nephews and in-laws. Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Entombment Holy Rood Cemetery. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association or American Heart Association.



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THE GREAT BOOK GURU

A village's secrets

ear Great Book Guru, Spring has arrived and I am one happy reader. The light is great, the days are longer, and winter is over so now I am inspired to read, read, read. Do you have something good to suggest, preferably a novel?

-Springing Into Spring

Dear Springing Into Spring,

In light of your enthusiastic response to spring, you are going to think my suggestion very strange: "Very Cold People," by Sarah Manguso. This is a debut novel. Some have called it a novella because it is only 192 pages with lots of white space.

It is set in a small New England village where snow starts early and lasts through the spring. But it is not the snow that gives us the title, it is the villagers, their secrets and their cruelties. The story is told from

the perspective of Ruthie, a young girl whose family moves to this village where everyone seems to have arrived on the Mayflower. Wealth and family connections give a veneer of respectability and moral certitude to everyone from the local politicians to its store owners. Ruthie sees herself as the ultimate outsider but she valiantly attempts to fit in only to be rebuffed. Her parents are enmeshed in their own troubles and can offer her little comfort. Only looking back as an adult can she see the complicated forces that ruled her childhood. While this might be seen as a coming-of-age tale, it is much more sinister than it appears at first. By the book's conclusion, the reader is left appalled at a world that can contain so much evil.

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

ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

Makeup for takeout

By CATHI TUROW

I think sauces, marinades and dressings are like makeup for food. For instance, a lettuce, tomato and cucumber salad has a natural look. But if you spread a bit of bleu cheese dressing on top, it accentuates each vegetable's best qualities. The same is true with a bowl of pasta. If it has nothing on it, some might say it looks plain. But if you touch it up with marinara sauce and a sprinkle of parmigiana, it goes from average to amazing. With this in mind, I found new takeout that's wonderful on its own. However, when toppings and dressings are added, they become simply "gorge-ous."

- @Boba (347 Glen Cove Ave., Sea Cliff) There's a new "stand, grab and go" teashop in town that brings healthy ways to enjoy tea to a new level. Begin by selecting from multiple tea categories: handcrafted teas, smoothies, crème series, specialty drinks, fruit teas, yakult and slush. All ingredients are freshly prepared in the shop. Try everything, from caramel milk tea to an Oreo milk tea specialty drink, or mango cloud slush. Of course, the teas wear makeup. Top them with different types of bubbles, milk and lychee jelly.
- Gemelli's Gourmet Market North (716 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head) Coming soon! In this family-owned gourmet eatery, Patricia Gemelli (co-owner, chef) told me, "Every year I make traditional Easter pies. Some people call them grain pies or Pastiera. They're delicious and a great dessert no matter what holiday you're celebrating." Patricia said that lots of customers come into the shop and say they remember their grandmothers used to make Easter pies. They don't have the recipe, but they'd love to have one. So, Patricia happily makes them with ricotta,

eggs, grain, orange flour water and a pie shell crust. She especially loves that they're not overly sweet, though Patricia did share toppings to make them even more incredible. "At home, put the pie in the microwave for about 20 seconds. Then put raspberry sauce, chocolate syrup or whipped cream on top. Delicious!" I hate to cook, but this I might do.

- Christina's Epicure (1015 Oyster Bay Rd., East Norwich) Following the popular, store made "skinny to go" lunch and dinner containers, customers recently asked for store made grab and go Mediterranean diet and Keto diet meals. Now many versions are rotating on the shelves! Last week, I tried the Mediterranean grilled chicken kebabs with walnut puree. The kebabs alone are perfectly prepared, and if you apply a little walnut puree, they're beyond amazing. Other delicious examples: Keto bacon wrapped meat loaf, and Mediterranean cauliflower rice tabouleh.
- 2GO (2 Spring Street, Oyster Bay) This "virtual" grab and go eatery began several years ago, when 2 Spring Cafe chefs put together menu leftovers to create original dishes. Now they've honed them down to the best of the best. There are incredible sandwiches, all served on house-made sesame brioche buns. My favorite is the fried chicken sandwich with Japanese mayo, cucumber, pickled egg, togarashi, maple syrup and yuzu. The chicken alone is wonderful, but the sauce makes it spectacular. See website: springstreet2go.com, call (516) 624-2411 to order, and pick up at 2 Spring Street.

Here's to makeup to munch! See you next month.

The Takeout Queen is now on Facebook. Search for Oyster Bay Herald Guardian, Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald Gazette or Glen Cove Herald Gazette.



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Con el fin de elegir; un (1) Fideicomisario de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove por un (5) mandato de cinco anos.

La votation sobre los asuntos mencionados se emitira mediante urnas. POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA que la junta de la Biblioteca, conformidad con lo dispuesto en la Seccion 260 y 270 de la Ley de Educacion, convoca dicha reunion Especial de

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que las peticiones que nominan al candidato cargo or de administrator Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove deben presentarse al secretario entre las horas de 9am y las 9pm., a mas tardar el 15 de marzo de 2022, el trigesimo dia anterior a la eleccion, momento en el cual sera elegido el candidato asi nominado. Cada peticion de nominacion debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito, debe estar firmada por al menos veinticinco (25) votantes calificados del Distroto, debe ondicar la residencia residencia de cada firmante y debe indicar el nombre y la residencia del candidato.
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SE DA ADIOCIONAL, ADVISO ADIOCIONAL, que los votantes califacados del Distrito pueden inscribirse entre las 9am y 4 pm. La fencha final para inscribirse en la reunion que se celebrara el 15 de marzo es el 28 de febrero. Si un votante ha votado en alguna eleccion en los ultimos 4 anos 2018 o si es elegible para votar conforme al Articulo 5 de la Ley Electorial, el o ella es elegible para votar en este eleccion. Todos las demas personas que deseen votar registrarse. La lista de registro preparade por la Junta de Elecciones de Condado de Nassau se Archivaran enla officina del secretario de Distrito de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, Nueva York, y estara abierta a inpeccion por cualquier votante califcado Del Distrito entre las horas de 9am y 4pm hora vigente cualquier, dia despues del martes 2 de Marzo de 2022 y cada uno de los dis anteriores a la fecha establecids para la Eleccion de la Biblioteca y Votacion Presupuesto, except los sabados, domingos o dias festivos, incluida la fecha establecida para BOLETAS AUSENTES

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL
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MEETING ON MARCH 29,
2022, OF GLEN COVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY TO VOTE
ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUDGET

AND ELECT ONE TRUSTEE
OF THE GLEN COVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special meeting of the qualified voters of the Glen Cove Public Library will be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law of the State of New York at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove, New York, in said District on March 29, 2022 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Said meeting will be held for the following purposes:

To vote on the following

proposition:
RESOLVED that the
proposed budget of the
Glen Cove Public Library,
Glen Cove City School
District, as prepared by
the Trustees of the said
Public Library, for the
year 2022/2023, and as

District, as prepared by the Trustees of the said Public Library, for the year 2022/2023, and as the same may have been amended, be and hereby is approved; and that the amount thereof, less receipts, be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property in the said School District.

For the purpose of electing; one (1) Trustee for the Glen Cove Public Library. For a (5) five-year term

matters will be cast by ballot in a ballot box.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Library Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law hereby

calls said Special District Meeting. FURTHER NOTICE GIVEN HFRFRY petitions nominating the candidate for the office of Trustee of the Glen Cove Public Library must be filed with the Clerk of the District between hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., no later than February 28, 2022, the thirtieth day preceding the election, at which time the candidate so nominated is to be elected. Each nominating petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of District, shall the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

Sample forms of the petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the District at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York.

HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the proposed estimated expenditures to be voted upon shall be made available at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day other than Saturday, Sunday or holiday, during the fourteen days preceding such meeting.
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The unpredictability of Cuomo and Suozzi

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aving been a player and observer in the political world for many decades, I've gotten used to surprises. I recall endorsing then New York City Mayor Ed Koch for governor, and seeing him lose to Mario Cuomo in the primary. I worked hard to help Eliot Spitzer to become the state's



JERRY KREMER

attorney general and governor, and then his political career imploded overnight. My latest puzzlement is what's going on with former Gov. Andrew Cuomo and U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi.

There is no doubt that Cuomo has gone through a very difficult time. Having to

resign as governor in the middle of your third term is surely a sad experience. It would seem that the most logical next step would be to take a long vacation and start planning some meaningful activities outside of politics. Regrettably, that isn't the case, which makes the Cuomo saga totally unpredictable.

Instead of decompressing, Cuomo is

spending some of his \$16 million war chest on television advertisements telling the world that he was wronged and hinting at some kind of political comeback. His argument for exoneration is that no criminal charges were brought against

him in connection with the complaints made by a number of women. But it is an accepted fact in the halls of Albany that had he not resigned, the Assembly was poised to begin impeachment proceedings against him, which would probably have resulted in a finding of guilt by the State Senate.

The deadline for filing petitions to run for statewide office is April 1. It's always possible that since

he has lots of money to spend, Cuomo could find a way to get on the ballot or try to run as an independent candidate. Public sentiment about his record in office shows that he is appreciated for his many accomplishments, but the majority of those polled aren't in favor of his running for office again. Those polls, if accurate, should send him the message that for now, it's time to retire, but Cuomo doesn't follow a predictable path.

Almost every week I meet people who

tell me that he got a raw deal, but I also meet voters who say they had enough of Cuomo, and would never support him again. If you polled the Assembly or the Senate on how their members felt about his possible return to public life, it would

be hard to find anyone who was in favor of a Cuomo candidacy. Many describe him as a bully, and want no part of his dream to return to power. Many of the big political contributors have gone in a different direction, and are now writing big checks to Gov. Kathy Hochul's campaign.

But will Cuomo decide to run again? It's anybody's guess.

Suozzi's decision to run for governor set off another political guessing game. Despite the fact that his congressional district has been realigned, most observers agree that he could run for re-election and win. Suozzi began the year with \$3 million in the bank and strong name recognition, thanks to his congressional activities. But instead of seeking a new term, he has chosen to run against Hochul, who has a reported \$22 million on hand and is prepared to spend every penny of it in a

primary contest.

Some people think Suozzi's decision to run for statewide office is based on the likelihood that the Democratic Party's House majority may be lost in November. Nonetheless, he has calculated that he can run a credible campaign. There isn't much logic in politics, but it's logical to conclude that with another challenger in the primary contest, Suozzi would have to pull off a major miracle to upset a sitting female governor. Stranger things have happened in this business, but you have to consider his race more than a long shot.

In the weeks and months ahead, we'll see whether Cuomo can make some kind of political comeback with the odds stacked against him, and whether Suozzi has a secret plan to win the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, despite no signs, to date, of what that plan might be. But it's the unpredictability of politics that makes the Cuomo and Suozzi sagas so interesting.

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s the sun sails northward and we stand in the doorway known as spring, between a stark winter and a hopeful-looking summer, there is a passion to embrace life again after years of pandemic constraints.

First, though, we have unfinished



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emotional business. As individuals and as a country, we must find a way to memorialize this loss in our lives. Now that the pandemic seems to be abating, we need to think about how we want to keep alive the memory of those who died of Covid-19 these

past two years. So many closed their eyes without saying goodbye, so many took a last breath with very little comfort from loved ones and very little comforting ritual for the community of friends left behind

According to NPR, Marked By Covid, a grass-roots group, is advocating for a national day of remembrance to honor those who died. The group supports the idea of an annual event, stating that the pandemic, which touched us all, should

not be a footnote to the history of our time on earth.

Janeth Nuñez del Prado, a New Mexico resident who was interviewed by NPR, was waiting for her father to visit from Bolivia when she got word that he died of the virus, alone in a

hospital, on a ventilator.

"It really interrupts the grieving process," Nuñez del Prado said. "We have these rituals for a reason, because they help us heal. And in the absence of that, it's just really, really hard." Nuñez del Prado, a social worker and trauma therapist, is now channeling her grief into lobbying for a national Covid Memorial Day on the first Monday of March each year as well as

March each year, as well as trying to build memorials in cities all over the country.

"I know that a key to healing from trauma is to hold space, to feel what you need to feel," she said, "and to do this in community." She is working with Marked by Covid to support plans for a memorial.

Trauma is an overused word, but there has been suffering everywhere during the past two years, and memorials would be appropriate and significant.

The survivors of the Spanish flu pan-

demic of 1918 did not look back. Once it was over, they never wanted to think about it again, and so the losses were never fully acknowledged and the healing never completed. According to Nancy Bristow, author of "American Pandemic:

The Lost World of the 1918 Influenza Epidemic," doctors didn't want to think about the loss, because it reminded them of the limitations of "modern" science. Survivors couldn't bear to think of the awful contagion, the bodies piled outside hospitals in our big cities. And our government, under President Woodrow Wilson, didn't want to think about the pandemic, because it drew

attention away from support for World War I — which helped spread infections around the world.

No one really wanted to talk or write about what it was like to live through the flu. Newspaper articles about it didn't describe the personal stories of those who died or survived, says J. Alex Navarro, assistant director of the Center for the History of Medicine at the University of Michigan and one of the editors in chief of "The American Influenza Epidemic of 1918-1919: A Digital Encyclopedia."

"It's striking to me," Navarro says.
"I've read... probably thousands of newspaper articles on influenza from all these cities throughout the pandemic, and I can list off the ones that stand out, that talk about the personal tragedies of common folk, because they're just so few and far between." Fifty million people died around the world, and some 650,000 Americans perished here at home.

Covid-19 is blowing right past those numbers, as we approach 1 million dead in America in just these two years.

Everything in its own season. We have suffered and we have lost, and we have grieved.

And still it is not over. But now is the time to begin planning how to best remember this pandemic. There were the patients, and the doctors who served at their own peril, and all the scientists who produced extraordinarily effective vaccines with unprecedented speed. I like the idea of a day on the calendar when we stop and hold our loved ones in our hearts.

We need to remember so that we can prepare ourselves for future pandemics. We need to remember so that we can honor the people who died too soon, and heal the emotional scars of isolation and anxiety.

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Please do say 'gay'

f you have children or grandchildren, you likely think about them all the time. You imagine them smiling and laughing while running outside or playing on a swing set, or indoors, mastering the latest video game.

One place we never imagine them? Cold and hungry on the street. Alone. Unsafe, Terrified.

Yet 1.6 million children, teens and young adults across the country end up on the streets each year, according to the True Colors Fund. And 40 percent of them — 640,000 — identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer.

Our society has made admirable progress when it comes to the LGBTQ community. It's been nearly 50 years since the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of mental illnesses. In many places across the U.S., it's illegal to discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity. And marriage equality has been the law of the land since 2015.

All of that might give us the impression that homophobia is a shame of the past. But tragically, it's very much alive today. And it especially affects the transgender community, where someone is four times more likely to be the victim of rape, sexual assault — or really, any assault — than their cisgender counterpart, according to a UCLA School of Law study conducted not decades ago, but just last year.

And with what appears to be a solid

conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court, a number of states are passing laws their legislators hope will not just walk back many of the measures that have opened the door to equality over the past decade, but run them back at full speed.

One prime example is Florida's Parental Rights in Education bill, championed by Gov. Ron DeSantis. If you haven't heard of the legislation, it might be because few actually refer to it by its name. Instead, it's deridingly known as the "Don't Say Gay" bill.

It's a super-vague bill that would prohibit schools from teaching kids from kindergarten through third grade about sexual orientation or gender identity that is "not age appropriate or developmentally appropriate . . . in accordance with state standards."

What is appropriate? What are the standards? They aren't defined, which means they mean whatever whoever in power wants them to mean.

DeSantis, who is expected to sign the bill into law, has defended it, saying that children at that age are too young to learn about sex. As if being LGBTQ is only about that. Sexuality and gender identity are about so many more aspects of life than sexual relations.

Seeing something as abnormal is a learned behavior, not an inherent one. And there is a chance that many children will sit in classrooms with fellow students who have LGBTQ parents, if not go

home to LGBTQ parents themselves. A 2019 U.S. Census study found that 292,000 children in this country have a parent living with a same-sex partner or spouse.

But for DeSantis — and Republicans like him — the fear is that diversity somehow leads to moral corruption. And Florida isn't alone, by the way. CNN's Giselle Rhoden has found more than 150 anti-LGBT bills floating around the legislatures of more than 30 states.

No similar proposals have found their way to Albany, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't fight this cruelty everywhere

Not everyone is born meeting the high societal standards set for us, like being heterosexual and identifying with the gender assigned at birth. But we should celebrate diversity, not fear it.

There are some great services — especially close to home — that can help those working through sexuality and gender identity issues. One that comes to mind immediately is Pride for Youth from the Long Island Crisis Center. From social activities for pre-teens with Camp PFY to Friday coffeehouse gatherings for older kids, and help services through its Trans-Action group in Bellmore, there's something for everyone.

And they provide 24/7 support, too, for those in crisis or feeling suicidal, at (516)

And we must not let DeSantis and others like him march us back to the societal Dark Ages.

LETTERS

Settlement needs to be transparent

To the Editor:

I am deeply troubled by the lack of direct communication from Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman and his administration regarding the status of settlement negotiations related to the LIPA lawsuits challenging the county's tax assessments of the Glenwood Landing power station.

Through published reports, stakeholders, including myself, learned that Nassau County is in "the final stages of negotiating an agreement with LIPA to settle property-tax challenges over two National Grid-owned power stations." One of these is the Glenwood Landing station, a property situated in my dis-

Upon learning of the status of this settlement through the media, I reached out to Blakeman, hoping to secure a status update. Thus far, it has been made clear that his intent is to only brief me once he deems the agreement is "ready to go



OPINIONS

Political shift in Nassau: Sign of things to come in Albany?

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t must be cold comfort to former Nassau County Executive Laura Curran that a recent media analysis reports that Nassau County Republican voter registration is down.

She must also be disturbed that defeated Democratic district attorney candidate Todd Kaminsky won't stand for re-elec-



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tion as a state senator, after he was a contributing cause of the Democrats' loss in the last county election due to his support for state Democrats' dangerous "no bail" law.

And that news probably doesn't resonate well with North Hempstead's Wayne Wink, who lost the

supervisor's race to a Republican, Jennifer DeSena, a challenger who didn't have anywhere near Wink's name recognition in what has been a Democratic stronghold for generations. More astounding was the election of Mazi Melesa Pilip in Nassau's 10th Legislative District, in Great Neck. This was the first time since the County Legislature was created that a Republican won a seat in the Great Neck peninsula.

What this all means is that political labels, affiliations and registrations are less important than what candidates actually stand for on the issues most important to the electorate. The Nassau Repub-

lican Party stood firm on its commonsense principles during the last election cycle and spoke to voters in clear declarative language. Crime, taxes, reassessment, government lockdowns and personal choice were among the principles that

most appealed to Nassau voters across the political spectrum.

Nassau Republican Chairman Joseph Cairo oversaw extremely successful campaigns that focused on those issues rather than poring over spreadsheets and computer analytics tracking past voter trends. The unprecedented results speak for themselves.

What does that mean for this year's gubernatorial race? Polls suggest that Gov. Kathy Hochul may not be the sure winner that Democratic operatives are claiming she is. One recent poll should give her considerable pause, because it found that 65 percent of New York's electorate believes the state is headed in the wrong direction. Her reception at a recent Rangers game, where the boos overpowered the public address announcer, may have been one of the more dramatic impromptu focus group responses in recent memory.

Hochul has harnessed herself to a progressive movement that continues to celebrate cashless bail at a time when violent crime has surged — when staff are being attacked with knives at the Museum of Modern Art, commuters are being pushed

in front of subways and retail stores are closing because they can't withstand the repeat shoplifters.

What this means is that U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin could win the governor's mansion in the very blue state of New York.

In the poll that found so many New Yorkers pessimistic about the state's direction, over half of the respondents also said they want a return of checks and balances in Albany, where progressives control the political agenda. Hochul, fearful of a primary challenge from an empowered left, believes she needs to cater to that revolutionary force if she is to survive beyond November.

But New York Post columnist Bob McManus opines that the governor's problem is more institutional. He draws comparisons of her accidental ascent to power to that of Gov. David Paterson, who took over for the disgraced Eliot Spitzer. McManus writes that Paterson "never caught traction" with either voters or legislative leaders.

Hochul recently discovered just how politically malignant the progressive agenda can be when she endorsed "auxiliary housing units." The proposal would have allowed multi-family dwellings in single-family neighborhoods, which would destroy suburbs across the state. Even her normally Democratic loyalists on Long Island quickly separated them-

selves from this destructive idea, and Hochul ruefully retreated — but like a tin can attached to a puppy's tail, it will follow her into the autumn election cycle.

Which is one more reason Zeldin is a challenger with a genuine chance to win. He comes from Long Island, which is must-win geography for any statewide candidate. It's a voter-rich environment, and Zeldin not only knows it well, but, just as important, has the support of two savvy GOP chairmen, Joe Cairo in Nassau and Jesse Garcia in Suffolk County.

Zeldin is looking to leverage strong pockets of support to energize his campaign on the Island while introducing himself to upstate Republican primary voters. He will also look to connect with disaffected voters in the five boroughs who have seen progressives enfranchise non-citizens with the right to vote.

Zeldin's advisers say he is following Alfonse D'Amato's successful 1980s playbook by creating political building blocks one endorsement at a time. Zeldin has conservatives' endorsement and is now heading for the GOP nomination. He is doing it at a time when taxes, crime and that progressive agenda, which is at odds with Republicans and the vast majority of non-affiliated voters, are creating a demand for change and balance.

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before the Legislature." If he is willing to speak to the media about this settlement, surely it is appropriate to update the impacted community's elected representative as well.

Furthermore, while I have been advised that North Shore School District officials met with representatives of the county executive's administration on March 8, those representatives were either unable or unwilling to answer even the most basic questions about the terms of the proposed settlement. That is unacceptable.

At a time when residents of my district, and the North Shore School District in particular, are faced with a potentially dramatic increase in their property taxes, taxpayers deserve ample time and adequate information to prepare for this shift and blunt it wherever possible. Without crucial details related to the LIPA settlement as it pertains to Glenwood Landing, North Shore School District officials — who are now deeply involved in the process of finalizing their budgets for the upcoming academic year — cannot make fully informed and prudent fiscal decisions for the future of the children and the taxpayers they serve.

Before any agreement is finalized, and before it is presented to the Legislature, I urge Blakeman and his administration to provide me, and the leaders of the North Shore School District, with a full and substantive briefing on the terms of the proposed settlement and an outline of the anticipated impact on taxpayers in the North Shore School District.

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