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Dump truck cuts power

When the bed of a dump truck at work in Glen Cove didn't retract on Tuesday, it downed two telephone poles and the wiring between them. Story, Page 4.

A girl's dream becomes reality: helping Ukrainian children

Families pull together to collect 40 boxes of supplies

By **LETISHA DASS**
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News about war-torn Ukraine and the fate of many children there moved a local mother and her daughter to help. Karolina Zamecka-Zea and 5-year-old Tessa, of Oyster Bay, led a sup-

ply drive at the Glen Cove YMCA's Martone Children's Center, where Tessa attends preschool. Thanks to the generosity of area families, they collected 40 boxes of supplies for Ukraine.

The donations were given to State Assemblyman Charles Lavine on March 25, for inclu-

sion in a Ukrainian supply drive Lavine has organized with the Ukrainian Americans of Long Island.

The idea came about after Tessa saw her mother's anguish while watching the news. Terrified Ukrainian families were

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Rates could increase for flood insurance

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Households in Glen Cove could see increased flood insurance premiums on policies that renew after April 1, due to the National Flood Insurance Program's new system for setting prices.

The new rating methodology, called Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action, ensures "flood insurance rates are actuarially sound, equitable, easier to understand and better reflect an individual property's flood risk," according to a release from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. For new policies, this rating system has been used since last Oct. 1.

Risk Rating 2.0 compares rate changes with the legacy rating system that has been in place since the 1970s. "The comparison data debunks a huge myth held by many critics of the new methodology that under the old system, flood insurance rates were

not subject to regular annual increases," David Maurstad, senior executive of the National Flood Insurance Program, said in a FEMA news release. "The truth is rates have gone up every year for all policyholders and will continue to do so if no action is taken."

"The side-by-side comparisons show some policyholders now will experience decreases under year one of Risk Rating 2.0," Maurstad added of the change, "while a majority of remaining policyholders will see premium increases mostly on par with what they already pay."

For better or worse, people are always going to be drawn to the sea.

ROBERT KENNEY
 Sea Cliff resident

FEMA said that the new methodology takes into account the cost of rebuilding, which ensures "equitable" rates for all policyholders.

In Glen Cove, which is near the Long Island Sound and Hempstead Bay, many new residents who buy homes may not realize they are at risk of flooding. During Hurricane Ida last year, homes, schools, businesses

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GLEN COVE BASEBALL and softball season opening day was on April 2 at John Maccarone City Stadium.

Batter-up! Baseball and softball season is back

Opening day of the Glen Cove Baseball and Softball Association was a homerun. Families, children, and even Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck joined in the fun and played ball on April 2 at John Maccarone City Stadium. Hula hooping, games, play-

er photos, concessions, a vendor row, raffles, and a DJ were all a part of the festivities. Young players were given an opportunity to show off their best pitch and hits to the community.



GRACE, LEFT, TERESA and Alexandria Becklo were ready to play ball at the grand opening, above.

MAYOR PAMELA PANZENBECK, left, took to the fields and practiced her throw.

ALYSSA WEIGAND, FAR left, Evelyn Sullivan, and Lily Hoffman volunteered to sell Glen Cove hats and shirts.

Dump truck accident fells poles, transformer

By LETISHA DASS

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A softball throws away from the fields at John Maccarone Stadium, a dump truck from Stasi Brother Asphalt in Westbury felled two telephone poles in front of 44 Morris Ave.

"Came out and the bed didn't go down and hit the wire," said the driver of the dump truck, who would not give his name.

According to Glen Cove Police, when the driver was leaving Rason Asphalt at 10:57 a.m. on Tuesday the back portion of his truck wasn't lowered. It came in contact with wires which caused two telephone poles as well and a transformer to fall to the ground.

Although no one was hurt, fluid from the transformer drained onto the street causing the road close to the stadium to become slippery.

One of the poles hit a parked Volvo SUV. The owner, a man from Stone Creation, was at the scene but wouldn't comment or provide his name. He did say that he didn't see his car struck and had just arrived. The SUV was his wife's, he said. Holding a police report, the man said he'd only been using the car for the day.

Alberto Calderon, sanitation supervisor for Glen Cove's Department of Public Works, was at the site when the accident happened. Along with a PSEG worker, Calderon helped the driver get out of his truck and to safety.



Letisha Dass/Herald

ONE OF THE telephones that fell on Morris Avenue because of the dump truck accident hit a parked vehicle.

"[The] PSEG guy came and cut the power off till the gentleman was able to get out of the truck," Calderon said. "But what me and the gentlemen from PSEG did, we were able to unhook the power lines from the truck, so he could get out."

After it was safe to do so, Calderon said he tried helping the driver remove the power lines from the dump truck, so he could try to lower the back portion of the truck.

Power to the area was lost because of the accident. According to Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck and Glen Cove's DPW on Wednesday, Glen Cove Fire Department responded

to the accident.

"We received calls from our local DPW facility on Morris Avenue and some local businesses that they lost power," Panzenbeck said.

PSEG workers on the scene addressed the damages. One of the workers said the poles would be fixed and the scene of the accident cleared by the end of the day.

Panzenbeck added that the power was restored in the area within two hours.

Dennis Mackinnon, owner of Cove Plumbing Supply, was inside his trailer in front of his business when the accident occurred. He said he lost power in his trail-

er.

After Mackinnon heard the loud noise he looked outside and saw that a pole had fallen by a parked car. When he looked down the street, he saw the dump truck entangled in wires.

"We're lucky that the pole didn't come this way," Mackinnon said, because his trailer was next to one of the poles that fell.

When he tried to leave his trailer there was a loose wire blocking his way, Mackinnon said. Fearing for his safety, he remained inside his trailer. "I didn't come out for a while because I thought it might have been live," he said, "and then figured out it wasn't and pulled it down."

At 1 p.m. Mackinnon remained waiting for the area to be cleared so he could move his car from the parking area behind the trailer.

According to PSEG's website, when a power line is down, it does not immediately shut off and most do not have sufficient insulation to prevent shocks or electrocution hazards. When seeing a downed wire, PSEG advises people to stay at least 300 feet away and to call 911 immediately and report it to the power authority.

The dump truck is being inspected by police for safety violations. As of Wednesday morning, Panzenbeck said that the area of the accident on Morris Avenue has been cleared.

"Everything's back and everything's back intact," Panzenbeck said. "The poles [and] everything is back in tact."

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ The Glen Cove Police Department is investigating a series of brush fires along Arterial Highway on March 29. The department received calls about the fires, which may have been started by an accelerant, at 6:25 p.m. Police are asking for help in identifying the vehicle and/or person[s] responsible. To place an anonymous tip, call (516) 676-1000 or email tips@glen Covepd.org.

■ On March 28, a 41-year-old female

from Glen Cove was arrested for second-degree assault, seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon on Glen Cove Avenue.

■ On April 1, a 26-year-old female from Glen Cove was arrested for third-degree and second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, circumvent interlock device, failure to stop at a stop sign, and unlicensed driver on Shore Road.

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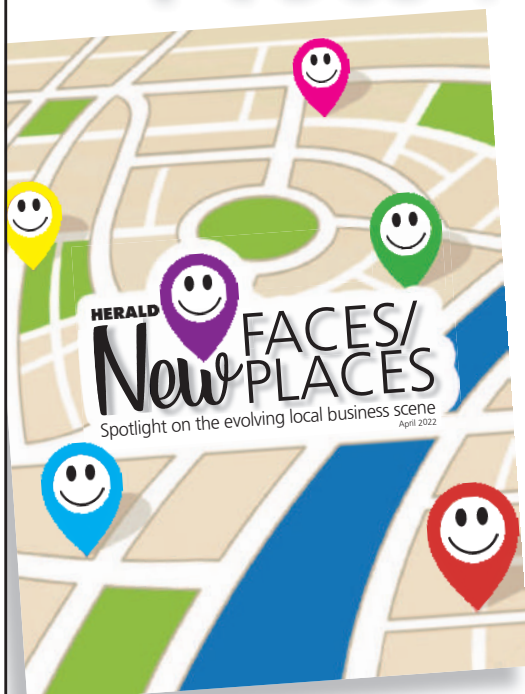
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School budget overview for upcoming school year

By LETISHA DASS

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Budget season has kicked off for the Glen Cove City School District. The proposed 2022 to 2023 school year budget will be roughly \$102 million, an estimated \$6 million increase from the current 2021 to 2022 school year.

Along with the budget, voters will be asked to approve two other propositions on May 17: extensions of Deasy and Landing elementary schools, and the addition of a student representative on the GCCSD Board of Education.

The extension of Deasy and Landing elementary schools will involve the construction of additional classrooms. During the renovations, any facility upgrades will be addressed.

“As we move forth with that extension, it is also doing things behind the scenes,” Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said. “So, we will be enhancing the plumbing in that area. We will be adding an elevator and make the building ADA compliant.”

The funding for the renovations of the two schools will be covered by the federal Covid stimulus funds that the district received from the state during the coronavirus pandemic and \$7.5 million in capital reserves that the district started saving since 2019.

Victoria Galante, assistant superin-

tendent of business, stressed that the renovations would be at no cost to taxpayers because the reserves can only be used for capital construction projects, such as the extension.

Although the district has the money on hand, Rianna said that the district is legally required to have voter approval to move the money out of the capital reserve for the renovations.

“It will not have any direct impact on our taxpayers,” Rianna said. “That money is in our reserve already and it would be the movement out of the reserve, which we must ask of our taxpayers, our community to utilize that money and supplementing the money we received from our stimulus to be able to make those changes on our buildings.”

The district received roughly \$3 million from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act, which will be used to fund the extension of Deasy Elementary School; and accepted an estimated \$5 million under the American Rescue Plan, in which roughly \$4 million will be used for the

Landing Elementary School renovations.

A stipulation for ARP was that 24 percent of the funds — \$1.3 million — will be used to address learning loss. The Glen Cove School District allocated the funds for transportation, a summer enrichment program, and hiring two social workers.

The district now has a total of six social workers, with at least one in every building.

The tax levy for the upcoming year has increased to roughly \$73,000,000. The allowable tax levy limit for the district’s new school year was 2.5 percent; however, the district reported 1.8 percent to the Office of New York State Comp-

It is imperative that we move forward with the renovations in our buildings to make them safer and ADA compliant.

DR. MARIA RIANNA
Glen Cove City School District superintendent

troller.

“The board wanted to give the taxpayers of Glen Cove some tax relief of a half a million dollars,” Galante said.

Three capital projects totaling roughly \$1 million is included in the capital component of the budget. There will be a rebuild of the 1910 building patio and adjoining interior to fix water damage, improvements to the HVAC at Finley

Middle School, and for a fire alarm system at Deasy Elementary School.

There will be the additional expenses of a nine-period day in Finley Middle School, health insurance, special education, and contractual obligations of employees for facility maintenance.

The state aid in the budget increased to an estimated \$21,000,000, which includes the additional aid the district received after the 2021 to 2022 budget was approved.

“And if all goes well [and] the governor does what has been told to the district,” Galante said. “[We] will be getting another increase in the 2023-24 school year.”

The student representative is a non-voting role that does not have the responsibilities of board members. It is a chance for students to voice questions, concerns, and have their perspective heard with the board’s decision-making for the school year.

“I do believe in the many years that I have been an administrator that a student voice carries a perspective that is not always understood, and it would give the community another perspective,” Rianna said. “A true voice for our young people.”

The Board of Education is set to approve the 2022 to 2023 budget at the next meeting on April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Glen Cove High School.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Friday, April 8

Miss Alex's spring storytime

Join Miss Alex at the Gold Coast Public Library from 10 to 10:45 a.m. for a fun seasonal toddler storytime. Children ages 2 to 5 will read interactive books, learn fingerplays, dance, sing, and make a craft. This is an in-person program and will meet in the library annex.

Saturday, April 9

Dancercise with Carol

Head over to the Locust Valley Library from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. to participate in dancercise meetings in the MNA Community Room. Ten sessions for \$50, and each session is limited to 15 students. Register online or in person and bring your payment to the adult main desk. Bring sneakers, a towel, and your passion to dance your way to a healthier you.

Captain Henry Green

Head to the North Shore Historical Museum at 2 p.m. to learn about the life and times of Captain Henry Green. Author and story-teller Rosemary McKinley has dug deep into the life and adventures of this sailor, who was born in Sag Harbor and went to sea for the first time aboard the ship "Fair Helen" in 1817. He went on to captain the ship "Hannibal" and several other whaling vessels and achieved substantial wealth before finishing his seafaring career as captain of the ship "Huron." For tickets, go to <https://northshorehistoricalmuseum.org/>.

Sunday, April 10

Magic trick workshop

Visit the Locust Valley Library from 2 to 3 p.m. to learn from Long Island magician John Reid, who will show children eight and up how to conduct your very own magic tricks. Register on their website now, as space is limited. For questions, speak with Tanya Thurman at (516) 671-1837.

Northwinds symphoninc band

Pop over to the North Shore High School



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Medical marijuana educational program

Head over to the Bayville Free Library at 7 p.m. for an informative program on the facts and myths of medical marijuana. This program will review the medicinal effects of the cannabinoids CBD and THC. You will learn about the conditions that medicinal cannabis is commonly used for and review the data that supports its use. The New York State medical cannabis program will be discussed in detail. Presented by Dr. Diana Martins-Welch, Attending Physician in Palliative Medicine at Northwell Health. Contact Kristy Fumante at (516) 628-2765 for further details.

at 3 p.m. for the annual spring concert, Concert Band Classics and Virtuoso Artistry. Enjoy music by Richard Rodgers, Philip Sparke, Gustav Holst and others. Admission is free. For further information, call (516) 375-4957.

Monday, April 11

Gatsby's Long Island

The Glen Cove Senior Center welcomes Monica Randall, author, photographer, lecturer, and historic preservationist at 1 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald began writing his iconic novel, "The Great Gatsby," while residing on Gateway Drive in Great Neck. You must be 60 years of age or older to become a member of the Senior Center. For further information, please call the Senior Center at (516) 759-9610.

Eating the rainbow

Join Marny White for an online nutrition lesson hosted by the Gold Coast Public

Library at 7 p.m. Learn about macro- and micro-nutrients, their biological functions and benefits, hidden nutrition pitfalls, and where to find satisfying sources of nutrition. Valuable wellness resources provided. For further details, call the library at (516) 759-8300.

Tuesday, April 12

Bayville book club

Stop by the Bayville Free Library from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for a meeting of the Bayville Book Club. This meeting will be held in the library meeting room. Those who prefer may attend virtually via Zoom. The book for this month is "The Cape Doctor," by E.J. Levy. A fascinating historical novel, it is the story of an eminent 19th century surgeon's rise from penniless Irish girl to one of the most celebrated and accomplished figures of the time. Inspired by the life of Dr. James Miranda Barry (born Margaret

Anne Bulkley circa 1795), E. J. Levy's enthralling novel brings this captivating character vividly alive. Register at their website for the zoom link.

Angela Reich book signing

Head to Theodore's Books at 7 p.m. for an evening with Long Island author Angela Reich as she speaks about and signs copies of her novel, "Shipwreck of Hopes." The novel sweeps the reader from a desolate island beach in America, across the Atlantic to war-torn Italy to tell a story of shipwreck, deception, thievery, and murder on treacherous seas. The event is free and open to the public; for more information call Theodore's Books at (516) 636-5550.

Wednesday, April 13

Adult craft

Visit the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public

Library at 7 p.m. to make mason jar wood box centerpieces. Create your very own centerpiece with painted mason jars. Finish them off with fairy lights or twine for a more rustic look. For details, contact the library at (516) 922-1212.

Flowers and vegetables

Head over to the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library at 7 p.m. for an in-person presentation by Paul Levine. Learn proper watering and lighting, the benefits of planting in containers or the ground, and how to extend the life of your plants. For more information call the library at (516) 922-1212.

Thursday, April 14

Face to face

Pop into Still Partners in Sea Cliff from 8 to 11 p.m. for a tribute to the music of Billy Joel and Elton John. Two pianists will compete in a duel of pianos to settle the debate once and for all in this free event.

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@iherald.com

5 things to know about your town

- The Village of Sea Cliff will be holding a Board of Trustees meeting on April 11 at 6 p.m.
- The Town of Oyster Bay Town Board will meet at 10 a.m. on April 12.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Architectural Review Board will be meeting on April 12 at 7 p.m.
- The Planning Board of the Incorporated Village of Bayville has a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on April 12.
- The City of Glen Cove City Council is meeting on April 12 at 7:30 p.m.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Letisha Dass/Herald

MARY STANCO, LEFT, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Angelina Stanco-Stone, Stella Shank, Henryk Nowicki and U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi gathered with the Regency's community to commemorate the \$1,000 donated to the VFW.

Regency donates \$1,000 to VFW

When the Regency redecorated their hallways, they decided to have a sidewalk sale of their older paintings on March 10 to help raise funds for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 347, who have been without a home base since the fire in August 2021. The goal was to raise at least \$200. They raised \$570 and the Regency kicked in an extra \$430.

In the living room of the Regency, 75 paintings — ranging from \$5 to \$10 dollars

— were sold within the hour as family, friends, and staff offered to help by purchasing the paintings.

On March 15, Stella Shank, executive director of the Regency and the Regency community gathered to give Henryk Nowicki, the VFW commander a \$1,000 check. Phoenix Rising Committee members as well as U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi attended the event to show their support.



Shop Glen Head

GAITLEY STEVENSON-MATHEWS, LEFT, Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Gracie Donaldson, Shop Glen Head promotions manager, Kalla Huangfu, Lash Lure owner, and Deborah Orgel-Gordon, founder of Shop Glen Head celebrated the grand opening of Lash Lure.

Ribbon Cutting at Lash Lure

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held by Shop Glen Head on April 4 to celebrate the grand opening of Lash Lure in Glen Head.

Lash Lure, at 58 Glen Head Road in Glen Head, offers eyelash extensions created by owner Kalla Huangfu. At the ribbon cutting ceremony, Huangfu was presented with commemorative certificates and citations from Shop Glen Head and the office of Nassau County Executive Delia DeRiggi-Whitton. Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, a board member of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, was also in attendance. Refreshments, from Gemelli Gourmet Market North in Glen Head, were served at the event.



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HERALD SPORTS

Hofstra lacrosse seeks a little CAA success

By **ANDREW COEN**
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After defeating Fairfield to close the regular season last year on a Friday night, the Hofstra men's lacrosse team gathered in Margiotta Hall the following afternoon to await its postseason fate needing a Towson loss to Drexel in order to reach the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) tournament.

With hopes looking bleak when Towson led by four goals late in the third quarter, Hofstra's seniors suddenly learned their careers were in fact not over yet when Drexel stormed back for a 12-11 win. The Pride then took advantage of the surprise CAA tournament appearance with a semifinal upset of top-seeded Delaware before falling in the conference finals to that same Drexel team that resurrected its season a week earlier.

"You live and die by every goal and you start to become a fan rather than a coach because your future is out of your hands," said 16th-year Hofstra head coach Seth Tierney of the scene watching Drexel-Towson. "It was an array of emotions."

Tierney hopes this year the Pride will be able to wrap up one of the four available CAA tourney spots on the field and not have to rely on external help. Hofstra opened the CAA schedule with a 12-10 defeat at Fairfield last Saturday.

The CAA schedule gives Hofstra a fresh start after an up and down non-conference season where the Pride battled a number of injuries. The Pride entered CAA play with a 10-9 overtime loss at Providence College where sophomore attackman Gerard Kane tallied five assists, graduate student midfielder James Philbin scored a hat-trick and red-shirt freshman Rory Jones registered four points.

The 6-2 Kane, an Ohio State transfer, has emerged as Hofstra's leading scorer with 17 goals and 11 assists. Seniors Matt Elder and Dylan McIntosh are also offensive threats.

Junior goalie Mac Gates, a San Francisco native, has stepped up in net to anchor the defense in front of starting defensemen Tom Ford, Tim Hegarty and Bryan McIntosh. Gates recorded 17 saves in a 8-6 loss at Villanova on March 5.

Following a road game at Delaware this Saturday, Hofstra hosts Drexel in its CAA home opener on April 16 at 3 p.m.

Pride women off breakout year

The Hofstra women's lacrosse team had a breakthrough season in 2021 with the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2007.

The Pride graduated all-time leading Hofstra scorer Alyssa Parella, but returns plenty of talent from last



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JUNIOR GOALTENDER MAX Gates has stepped up as the leader in Hofstra's defensive zone.

year's team that earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament with a 6-6 record after facing one of the toughest schedules in the country. Hofstra then nearly pulled off its first NCAA Tourney win in school history before falling to ninth-ranked Loyola 11-9 in a game where Long Beach native Katie Whelan shined with four points.

"It showed how resilient our team was last year to get big wins and find ourselves in the NCAA Tournament," Smith said. "It was an incredible experience and it makes our team motivated to get back there."

Whelan, a graduate student, has emerged as a leader of the offense at attack in her final season of college lacrosse. The former Long Beach High School standout leads Hofstra in both goals and assists and tallied seven points in a 12-9 loss to Vanderbilt on March 20.

Junior midfielder Taylor Mennella has also emerged as an offensive threat with a four-goal performance in a 16-9 win at Marist on March 11. Graduate student mid-



STANDOUT KATIE WHELAN, a Long Beach native, will be in the middle of any success the Pride achieves this spring.

fielder Arrianna Esposito, senior attacker Erin Demek and sophomore midfielder Kerry Walser are also stepping up as scoring options.

The Hofstra defense has been a big strength this season led by senior goalie Jess Smith, who tallied 14 saves in a 15-11 loss to 22nd-ranked UConn on March 26. The close features senior Wantagh High School product Anna Kaufmann, Kendall Smith, Brynn Hepting and Shannon Boyle, who was an All-CAA second team selection last year.

Hofstra went 6-4 in non-conference play, which included a competitive game with local rival and then sixth-ranked Stony Brook before falling 12-6 on March 18. The Pride began the CAA schedule with a 17-12 loss to 12th-ranked James Madison last Saturday. Demek had three points.

After an April 13 game at Drexel, Hofstra hosts Towson on April 16 at noon.

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Molloy College will soon become Molloy University

By TOM CARROZZA

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Rockville Centre's largest educational institution will soon have a new name.

Molloy College has officially earned university status from the New York State Board of Regents, allowing the Dominican institution to adopt the Molloy University moniker beginning June 1. It's the culmination of work university officials have conducted for more than a decade.

Founded in 1955 by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, Molloy is known for its strong nursing program that has been especially important during the coronavirus pandemic. Molloy is a private institution with roughly 3,500 undergraduate and 1,500 graduate students.

College president James Lentini unveiled a new logo for Molloy last week, which keeps the school's burgundy lion mascot, but is now enclosed by an off-white "M" and "U." This is essentially full circle for Lentini, who said university status was discussed even when he interviewed for his job back in 2019.

"Some of the regents finally softened," Lentini told the Herald. "I'm probably lucky with my timing a little bit, but I was involved in lobbying pretty hard with our regents."

Both Lentini and predecessor Drew Bogner — who retired in June 2020 after 20 years in the position — worked with 10th Judicial District Regent Roger Tilles to change some of the language the



Courtesy Molloy College

MOLLOY COLLEGE PRESIDENT James Lentini shows students the new logo for Molloy University.

Regents used to describe universities. New York's definition was far stricter than the rest of the country, Lentini said.

In fact, if Molloy had been located in any other state, its four schools of nursing, business, education and the arts would have qualified Molloy for university status as early as 2018.

After retiring, Bogner moved on to become an interim president with the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in New York, where he lobbied the Regents even more to change its university designation to

We've been a college. Now I want us to think like a university.

JAMES LENTINI
President,
Molloy College

match the rest of the country. While a huge moment for his treasured Molloy, Bogner said he was excited to also usher in more New York institutions to take on university status with the refined definition.

Molloy — through Lentini and Bogner — argued that across the country, the definition of university simply meant they had graduate programs. New York's system, however, required a school to offer doctoral programs in

order to achieve university status.

"In many ways, New York was completely out of touch," Bogner said. The

old definition hurt the competitiveness of New York schools not just with other states but internationally.

Bogner recounted a number of times prospective students would be surprised Molloy offered graduate and doctoral programs, while still being called a college.

The name might be changing, but Lentini believes Molloy's character will remain. Right now, there are no announced plans for the school to expand its current campus, at least when it comes to existing Rockville Centre real estate.

Still, becoming Molloy University is something Jeff Greenfield — a longtime Rockville Centre resident and a 19-year member of the college's board of trustees — believes will add value to the degrees of past, present and future students.

"It's very gratifying to see the mission of the sisters who founded the college fulfilled," Greenfield said, by upgrading Molloy's status to a university.

But Molloy's work isn't over, Lentini said. Far from it.

The next goal for the soon-to-be university is to tailor its nursing programs to the needs of partners like Mount Sinai South Nassau in Oceanside and Catholic Health, which runs Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre.

"If we have (programs), we're trying to make them more robust," Lentini said. "If we don't have them, we're going to be developing those."

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Drive teaches children 'the power of community'

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shown fleeing their homes, leaving most of their belongings behind.

"The images are just heartbreaking to see," said Zamecka-Zea, who is Polish. "You see these people fleeing with only one bag. I told [Tessa] that there are children far away who need help. She asked, 'Can I help?' I told her everyone can help."

Zamecka-Zea asked the YMCA's child care director, Liberty Ledesma, if she and Tessa could hold a supply drive for Ukraine. Before long, Tessa's classmates and their parents participated too. Within two weeks, Zamecka-Zea collected boxes spilling over with clothing, shoes, personal hygiene products, toys, and diapers.

Tessa was an enthusiastic participant, encouraging her classmates to join in. Her mother said that Tessa eventually understood that many of the supplies would be given to children in Ukraine.

"Well, she is 5, so I try to explain to her a little bit," Zamecka-Zea said. "She did ask me if this was for her, because she knows she's a part of this, and then I told her no, this was for the Ukrainian children."

Zamecka-Zea said she knew that Tessa fully understood the drive's purpose when, after being asked by a classmate if anything was for them, she responded without hesitation that everything was for the children of Ukraine.

Four-year-old Mathias Miranda inspired his mother, Anna Zevallos-Miranda, to get involved. He wanted to participate in the drive to help Tessa, who is his friend.

Zevallos-Miranda, of Glen Head, described Tessa as a powerhouse. "We're so very proud of Tessa for taking this initiative and having been such a great helper," she said. "Not only collecting the toys and all of that, [but] she's been really involved in helping to sort and pack."

It's important, Zevallos-Miranda added, to teach chil-



Gerald Miranda

CHILDREN, PARENTS AND staff of the YMCA of Glen Cove Martone Children's Center met with State Assemblyman Charles Lavine, left, to hand off 40 boxes of collections for his Ukraine supply drive.

dren the power of community, collective action and civic engagement. "We do talk to Mathias about giving back," she said, "and he understands that sometimes we have to share what we have with others."

Children in Ukraine have been in danger since the Russian invasion began. According to a March 24 report from the United Nations Children's Fund, more than half of the country's 7.5 million children have been displaced. At least 1.8 million have fled with their families to neighboring countries as refugees, and 2.5 million who are still in Ukraine have been uprooted from their homes and relocated.

Tessa's grandmother Jolanta Zamecka, vice chair of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau

County in Glen Cove, said she's heard about the crisis from friends and family members in Poland, where many Ukrainian refugees have fled.

"The older generation in Poland is telling me that this reminds them of World War II," Zamecka said. "Woman and children fleeing for their lives, leaving their husbands, brothers and older sons behind. All they have is what will fit into one bag or suitcase — your entire life's work reduced to one suitcase."

Zevallos-Miranda said she realizes that the collection of donations isn't large, given the need in Ukraine, but to her, that doesn't matter. "If we can bring a little joy to them," she said, "we'll feel happy to [give them] relief in some way or form."

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Dear Oscar Partygoer,

Full disclosure: I am a huge fan of Anne Tyler and have read all 24 of her novels – some more than once. “French Braid” is her latest and one of my favorites. Tyler tells the story of the Garrett family over many generations. The novel opens in 2010 as two cousins meet in a train station and are not sure they know each other. When did the family seem to lose touch with each other? Quickly we are transported back to 1959 as the Garretts take their first and last family vacation. We learn that the parents Robin

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Each chapter brings new insights into the complex relationships of the parents and siblings. The details of their lives are both humorous and heartbreaking. Tyler uses small, intimate vignettes to capture each of the character's role in this family saga. It is only in the closing pages in 2021, that we see the depth and complexity of their love and the importance of the

book's title. Not to be missed. Highly recommended!

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

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At home with the L.I. Nets

Three years ago, I wrote of the L.I. Nets, just before they clinched the Eastern Conference Championship in the NBA G League. At the time, I ended the article with the following:

“So, while we await the future of the N.Y. Islanders, while we watch NCAA brackets bust and hope that injury and disputes don't mess with the Mets or Yankees this baseball season, I sit in ‘the Coli’ and take a hard look at what is unfolding around me: a team bringing a beacon of light back to the island.”

The more things change, the more they stay the same. The Isles are in Elmont. Done. Period.

I had to stop looking at my 2022 bracket because my family said so, given my wrong guesses in the first round (I'm the only human being left on the universe who uses paper and a pencil to score my losses).

I don't even want to talk baseball if the wind chill continues to feel like 20 degrees.

But the best part of that pre-pandemic article is that I have finally sat in “the Coli” for the first time since I watched the

Nets clinch in 2019, when I attended Fan Appreciation Night on March 31.

The L.I. Nets continues to be a family affair, a community affair even with tipoff at 7 p.m. on a Thursday night. This night celebrated fans and first responders and there are subtle Covid-19 impressions that are left: cashless payments for parking and food and some masked fans and personnel.



LAUREN LEV

But when the national anthem is done and the teams get down to the game, it is a joyful escape – cheering, chanting, three-pointers, perfect dunks, even halftime pee-wee basketball and award recognition for medical workers and teachers alike.

In essence, while the NBA celebrates 75 years during a time of high-salaried, injured and unvaccinated players, the

L.I. Nets are still a welcome beacon of light, even if there's been a lot more darkness around to contend with.

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MARY STANCO, LEFT, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Angelina Stanco-Stone, Stella Shank, Henryk Nowicki, and Suozzi gathered for the \$1,000 given to the VFW.

\$1,000 donation for VFW

When the Regency redecorated their hallways, they decided to have a sidewalk sale of their older paintings on March 10 to help raise funds for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 347, who have been without a home base since the fire in August 2021. The goal was to raise at least \$200 for the heroes, however, they were able to raise \$570 from the sale and The Regency kicked in an extra \$430 raising the donation for the VFW to \$1,000.

In the living room of the Regency, 75 paintings — ranging from \$5 to \$10 dollars — were sold within the hour as family, friends, and staff offered to help by purchasing the paintings. Each buyer was given the opportunity to

have the paintings hung in their homes the same day for free.

“People were so giving, that not only were they giving to buy the painting, but I think they were also giving, you know, an extra five, an extra 10,” Stella Shank, executive director of the Regency said. “They dug deep in their hearts because everybody knows a veteran.”

On March 15, Shank and the Regency community gathered to give Henryk Nowicki, the VFW commander. Phoenix Rising Committee members Angelina Stanco-Stone, Marty Stanco and Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews as well as U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi attended the event as well to show their support.

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FEMA Risk Rating 2.0: What Glen Cove needs to know when it comes to flooding

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and roads were flooded with more than 8 feet of water, the Herald reported. The storm caused closures and severe damage to the Glen Cove Police Department, library and senior center.

Flood Factor, a flood risk tool created by the nonprofit First Street Foundation, found that 92 homes in Glen Cove were impacted by Hurricane Sandy in 2012. This year, roughly 34 properties have a 50 percent chance of water reaching or flooding the buildings on them.

According to Redfin, a real estate brokerage that details market trends, approximately 1,050 homes in Glen Cove are at risk of flooding. Two percent of those homes in Glen Cove are required by their mortgage companies to have flood insurance policies. Premiums can cost anywhere from \$225 to \$2,500 per month.

Lydia Wen Rodgers's home on East Island has a high risk of flooding, surrounded as it is by the Sound and Dosoris Pond. Nor'easters and heavy storms have often left area streets submerged. "Not all houses on East Island are required to have flood insurance policies from the mortgage companies," Wen Rodgers said. "There are a few spots that are elevated and don't require it. However, the majority must have it."

After the change in FEMA's rating policy, Wen Rodgers's premium went down from over \$5,000 to about \$3,600. "Flood insurance has steadily gone up, never down," she said. "It shocked us that the new map actually allowed a decrease in premium."

Although she is pleased for now, Wen Rodgers said she was certain rates would eventually increase.



Courtesy Lydia Wen Rodgers

ABOVE, A FLOODED street on East Island in Glen Cove on Nov. 16, 2018. The risk of flooding is projected to slowly increase over the next 30 years.

High-risk areas for flooding, as defined by FEMA, are areas with a 1 percent annual chance of flooding and 26 percent chance of flooding over the course of a 30-year mortgage. In Glen Cove's low-lying neighborhoods — areas that saw widespread damage during Hurricane Ida last year — the base floodplain, where flood elevations are provided, is also considered when determining risk.

On FEMA's website, a flood insurance rate map can help determine risk by location. At Mike Walsh's State Farm Insurance office in Bellmore, Chris Bauer, the agency's flood specialist, showed the Herald how FEMA's mapping system works. Entering an address into the mapping service, FEMA takes into account factors including distance from the shoreline and

elevation to determine the risk. Maps are drawn based on where there were losses and damage due to floods.

Insurance companies cannot write National Flood Insurance policies — they must be written through FEMA. An agency's licensing can, however, allow employees to write policies for FEMA, using the mapping system as a tool to determine risk.

But this requires the first year's premium be paid in full. After that, Bauer added, customers can opt to have flood and home insurance monthly premiums built into a mortgage payment.

According to FEMA, there are some things that will not change with Risk Rating 2.0, such as limiting annual premium increases — most rates cannot increase

Is the risk of flooding increasing?

The risk of flooding is increasing in Glen Cove, but at rates slower than the national average.

Currently, 1,050 homes are deemed at risk, and within 30 years, roughly 1,118 will be at risk. Only 2 percent of homes are required to have flood insurance in Glen Cove, with premiums ranging from \$225 to \$2,500 per month

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more than 18 percent year to year. Additionally, flood insurance rate maps will still be used.

Risk Rating 2.0 State Profiles can be found on FEMA's website, fema.gov, along with additional information on the new system. Downloadable Excel spreadsheets break states down by ZIP codes, so homeowners can see what to expect. Some policies in Glen Cove will see significant premium decreases.

According to FEMA, current and potential National Flood Insurance policyholders should contact their insurance company or agency to learn about their specific rates, and whether the changes will affect their policies.

"There's no choice in the matter," Wen Rodgers said. "FEMA decides on the zones and can change the rules at any time. Homeowners on the coast are at the mercy of FEMA."

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OPINIONS

America's most familiar football, political variety

Whether you knew it or not, there are many types of football games. According to Wikipedia, the roster includes Jorkyball, cycle-ball, football tennis, blind football, power chair football, rugby, traditional American football and my favorite, political football. While most



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of the others (except the grid-iron variety) need an explanation, almost everybody knows what a political football is. And one of the best examples is the price of gasoline. Regardless of the party in power, gas prices are used regularly as a line of attack on the incumbent leader of the country. Over the past 40-plus years, Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush, Obama and now Biden have been the targets of public anger over the price of gasoline. And in most of those instances, the attack on the White House has been nothing more than a cheap shot for political gain.

One of the major causes of sharp hikes in gas prices is wars or political upheaval on far-away continents. In 1973, the Arab-Israeli war caused prices at the pump to skyrocket. That was followed by the Iran-Iraq War, which started in 1980. In the 1990s, the Persian Gulf War made motorists go crazy when the price per gallon spiked. While Saudi Arabia pretends to be our good friend and is always seeking more jets and defensive weapons, the Saudis periodically decide to cut back on oil production, which hits American drivers in the wallets and pocketbooks.

Another enemy of the gasoline consumer is Mother Nature. Drivers in New York may pay little attention to disasters or climate-related events in Louisiana or Texas, but an explosion at an offshore oil rig, or a major hurricane, can cause long-term disruption of gas prices. I've always wondered why, within minutes after a hurricane slams into one of those key Southern states, the stations around here up their prices. That anticipatory action isn't due to a shortage; it's just an example of greed.

For as long as I can remember, the price of gas has gone up and down during the spring and winter seasons, respectively. The jump in price as the weather warms is actually the result of the industry practice of changing the grade of the

fuel to adjust to the climate. Summer gasoline costs more to produce, because it's a special blend that is less polluting and can adapt to the heat. Even though this has been going on for the past 30 years, there are always politicians somewhere waiting to jump on their opponents to cast partisan blame.

Another reason for the summer jump in prices is that around April, most oil companies shut down their facilities for maintenance, and are slow to prepare their production for the increased demand from vacationers starting in June. If you're looking for someone else to blame for the summer rise in the price per gallon, it's you, me, your neighbors and countless other Americans. Most of us start taking time off in June and many of us take driving vacations, and that trend continues right through Labor Day.

The extra gas we guzzle puts enormous pressure on refineries, and up go our costs.

Over a recent Saturday-night dinner, a few of my friends started complaining about the price of gasoline, and were quick to blame it on President Biden. Because he sits in the Oval Office, he's the natural target for fuel-cost outrage. But many people forget the fact that the coronavirus pandemic caused a sharp cutback in production, and when the public decided that it was time to get out and start driving again, there wasn't enough gasoline to meet that sudden burst of demand. That was another open invitation for the refineries to dramatically raise their prices.

As we're seeing, virtually every basic commodity, from corn flakes to car tires, is becoming more costly, but the easiest target for a politician seeking to get a few headlines is the price of gas. There's no more popular political football, but it's tossed around for all the wrong reasons.

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Facts, fiction and when to fish for shad

I'm afraid if you didn't cut your hair in March, potty train your 2-year-old, castrate your farm animals, quit smoking or get married, you probably missed the optimal moment for such events. That is according to the Old Farmer's Almanac, which suggests auspicious dates for various activities, based on the



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phases of the moon and the alignment of the stars. The almanac, launched in 1792, is now my go-to reliable source of information, meteorological prediction and general good-natured kibitzing. I used to read newspapers and watch TV news, but the OFA claims to be 80 percent accurate, and that's good enough for me. I'm going with the annual pamphlet that tells me when to plant my tomatoes, based on the tides.

If you've never read the Almanac, it is now available on Kindle, and as an act of personal devotion to readers, I purchased my own copy for \$5.39 so I could write this tribute to a publication that has informed and amused folks for 230 years.

It made my day — no, it made my month to read a compilation of anecdotes, folklore, science, magical thinking, histo-

ry, recipes, weather forecasts, farming information, ephemera, origins of month names, friggatriskaidekaphobia trivia (that's the fear of Friday the 13th), animal signs of the Chinese zodiac and a windfall of homey, heart-warming, salt-of-the-earth stories about good people doing kind things.

The almanac offers a total, feel-good, not-a-moment-too-soon distraction.

According to the OFA, this month we will have a Full Pink Moon, which heralds the blossoming of wild ground phlox, one of the first spring flowers. It is also known as the Moon when the Geese Lay Eggs, for obvious reasons.

The Almanac offers random factoids:

- Safe ice thickness for a single person on foot is 3 inches. For an 8-ton truck, it's 12 inches.
- The first hurricane of 2022 will be Alex.
- A fear of toads is bufonophobia; a fear of bees is melissophobia.
- Playing golf burns the same number of calories per minute per pound of body weight as shoveling grain.
- You can keep beef in the freezer for six to 12 months, but frankfurters? One to two months.

If you want to know how much paint you need for a room, or how much wallpaper, or when to go fishing for shad, check out the OFA.

One section offers famous last words:

"Is it The Fourth?" Thomas Jefferson, our third president and the author of the Declaration of Independence, who died on July 4, 1826.

"How were receipts today at Madison Square Garden?" P.T. Barnum, April 7, 1891.

"Get my swan costume ready." Anna Pavlova, Russian ballerina, Jan. 23, 1931.

"Is it not meningitis?" Louisa M. Alcott, March 6, 1888.

The OFA does not limit its predictions to the weather or farming. It sees in our future fake leather clothing and shoes made from mushroom roots, jeans recycled for housing insulation and shoes made from soda bottles.

In the dead-and-stuffed department, I learned that Comanche, a horse belonging to an officer killed at Little Bighorn in 1876, was given a full funeral, with military honors, in 1890, and then sent to the University of Kansas to be stuffed. He can be seen there today.

Also, Owey the terrier, an official U.S. Mail dog, was stuffed and displayed at the 1904 World's Fair.

We all know Trigger trotted down the same path, but did you know that Vladi-

mir Lenin, who died in 1923, lies somewhat embalmed in a glass tomb in Moscow's Red Square? Scientists continue the effort to halt the deterioration of his body. Those wacky Russians.

Have you seen the signs of spring? According to the almanac, worms begin to emerge from the ground. Indeed, the March moon was the Full Worm Moon. Since ancient times, people have used flora as indicators of when the time is right to plant. For example, when the crocus blooms, it's the cue to plant radishes, parsnips and spinach.

A point of information: Some forward-thinking farmers and ranchers are inviting volunteers to do farm chores for increased fitness. (Sounds like a Tom Sawyer scam to me.)

A new thing: mobile grocery stores in trucks that visit numerous neighborhoods. People shop inside the van, which then goes back to restock and then moves on.

According to the OFA, pets will soon wear devices that allow them to interface with their veterinarians. Realtors will sell houses with pets included.

I recommend the Old Farmer's Almanac for its forecasts and arcane information and down-home good humor. It is uplifting and entertaining, fascinating and funny. It was the best \$5.39 I've spent in some time.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Election season is sooner than you think

Many voters may believe election season gets under way in early fall and ends on Election Day in November. That's the way it might have been with secretive behind-the-scenes maneuvering and fund-raising mainly done at gatherings for political party insiders.

But with the advent of digital marketing, email blasts, social media platforms and texting, there is a constant barrage of electioneering done year-round. And now there is also early voting.

With primary elections now in June instead of September, election season sneaks up on the unsuspecting electorate like an early-summer rainstorm. This year's primary is June 28, when many will have just finished with high school graduations and may be planning their summer vacations.

In other words, election season is closer than you realize.

To whet voters' appetites in what is considered an off-year election season — because there is no presidential race — candidates have been busy. Like Gov. Kathy Hochul. The former lieutenant governor became New York's chief executive last August after Andrew Cuomo resigned, and became the de facto leader of the state's Democratic Party.

However, she faces an internal challenge from U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, whose congressional district, as it is currently configured, includes parts of Nassau County.

And there are eight candidates, from both sides of the aisle, vying to replace Suozzi in the House of Representatives — a field that widened after redistricting stretched his congressional coverage area through the eastern edges of Queens, the Bronx and Westchester County. (A recent

For local election information, contact the Nassau County Board of Elections, at (516) 571-2411, or visit NassauCountyNY.gov. You can also reach out to the League of Women Voters of Nassau County, at (516) 431-1628, or visit LWVofNassauCounty.org.

court decision in Steuben County has questioned the Democratically drawn redistricting plan, so the race remains in limbo at the moment.)

On successive days in February, U.S. Rep. Kathleen Rice and State Sen. Todd Kaminsky — both Democrats — announced that they would not seek re-election. Five Democrats are running to replace Rice, while Republicans have coalesced around a single candidate. There are two candidates running for Kaminsky's seat.

Even as you read this, there was a special election on Thursday, after the Herald went to press, that included early voting that started March 28. Ari Brown and David Lobl, both from Cedarhurst, sought to succeed Melissa "Missy" Miller in the State Assembly. Miller's district covers 11 communities and parts of another in southwest Nassau.

There will be another election for the same seat later this year.

What does all this mean to you, the average voter, and likely not a political insider? It translates into a much busier-than-expected election cycle in which impactful decisions are being made.

Voters need to pay attention, and register to vote. You use your voice by casting a ballot for the candidate of your choice.

Primary 2022 important dates

June 3

- Mail-in registration deadline
- In-person registration deadline
- Online registration deadline

June 18-26

- Early voting

June 28

- Primary day, with polls open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Absentee/mail-in voting deadline

Don't allow the opportunity to be wasted.

From newspapers to television, there will be plenty of stories on the candidates. Most have their own websites, on which they share what they stand for — and what they stand against. And beginning with the June primary and leading to the general election Nov. 8, you will have every chance to show up at the polls and make your statement by casting a ballot.

Every vote matters. And being registered to vote, and marking that ballot, is the one significant way in which you can truly make an impact, whether it be in a primary — which is critical and maybe even decisive — or in the general election.

You also can make a statement by doing nothing and simply sitting on the sidelines. If candidates you support win, then no harm, no foul. But if they lose, you have no right to complain.

LETTERS

We need a Republican in Congress

To the Editor:

Robert Zimmerman for Congress is such a reach. A nice soft-spoken guy, around for years and welcome anywhere, he's just too far left of left. Maybe that's why he never won among Democrats on Long Island who aren't so off-the-wall. Long Island is turning back to the Republicans. It's possibly the wrong time for Zimmerman.

I think he will do well in Great Neck, where he lives, and the city, but the rest of the district is suffering from high crime, murders and robberies. We're all looking for a different direction than Democrats have been offering up in these trying times.



OPINIONS

Let's let New York Power Authority take on Con Edison

Amid new reports of almost half a million New Yorkers struggling to catch up with their electricity bills, Con Edison's decision to request further increases of up to 20 percent from state regulators is a slap in the face. Con Edison, which reported billions of dollars in profits last year, has chosen to take advantage of the global energy crisis to increase its profit margin further.

The utility is price-gouging the state.

The crises we face today — from the ripple effects of the pandemic, to the rampant economic inequality it exacerbated, to the climate crisis bearing down on us all — have shown us that we can't continue to accept things as they are. We can't allow corporations like Con Edison to rip off New Yorkers in order to enrich their shareholders. Nor can we continue to rely on the current system of energy dependence on foreign interests and fos-

sil fuels to power our future.

To rein in Con Edison's outrageous price hikes and put New York on the path to a clean energy future, it's time for the state to take control of Con Edison.

New York is the fifth-largest consumer of petroleum in the country, and the sixth-largest consumer of gas; only

about a third of our energy comes from renewable energy sources. Meanwhile, for decades, deregulation has allowed companies like Con Edison to continue pursuing the cheapest, dirtiest energy sources while increasing prices for their customers, all to maximize their own profit.

A publicly owned power grid would set New York on the right path toward reversing this trend. By removing private interests from the state regulatory board and

bringing Con Edison under state control, the utility would no longer have the authority or means to spend millions of dollars lobbying against renewable ener-

gy — nor would it be able to set its own prices or bypass regulations meant to keep us on track to being carbon-free by 2040.

New York state already has the infrastructure in place for a public takeover of Con Edison, and the movement also has legislative momentum. The New York Power Authority is a publicly owned utility that powers state-controlled operations, like the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, with renewable energy.

But NYPA's energy is distributed by Con Edison, and it isn't allowed to directly target consumers or produce its own energy. But legislators are pushing to change that with the passage of the Build Public Renewables Act, which would allow NYPA to begin taking over Con Edison by acting as a direct competitor.

We support these efforts — and we're proud to be the first candidates in our races for higher office to support public

ownership of our power grids. And to make this happen, there needs to be a partnership between statewide and federal representatives.

As a demonstration of that partnership, we held a rally in the Bronx together with community leaders across New York City to call for public power. And when elected, we will push Congress and the State Legislature to support public power grids in New York, protect consumers, and advance toward a sustainable energy future.

For too long, Con Edison has profited from keeping New York underfoot. Now it's our turn to bring the utility to heel.

Melanie D'Arrigo, a health care advocate and community organizer from Port Washington, is a Democratic candidate for Congress in New York's 3rd District. Jonathan Soto, of the Bronx, is a Democratic candidate for the State Assembly.



**MELANIE
D'ARRIGO**



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LETTERS

I wish Zimmerman good luck, but it seems to me that his running for Congress is a disappointment in the making.

ROBERT CASALE
Glen Head

City's support touches another miles away

To the Editor:

Glen Cove is a community like no other, and the Concert for Peace, held on March 27 to support the people of Ukraine with humanitarian relief, was a shining example of its talent, generosity and compassion. That afternoon, a story unfolded of how one community came together in a matter of weeks to touch another community in desperate need thousands of miles away. And it was all the brainchild of one inspiring resident, Gigi Ferrante, who reminded us to act on what really matters in life — taking care of one another.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this huge fundraising effort: the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, which graciously hosted the event; the Herald and other media outlets, which promoted it for us; the mayor and City Council, who encouraged us every step of

the way; the Glen Cove Police Department, the Department of Public Works and the Senior Center; and especially the school district's Television and Tech Services Departments, whose technical support gave us the opportunity to livestream the event around the world. There are others to thank, too, especially the many people who went above and beyond to volunteer their time and skill — and particularly Gigi's daughter, an accomplished cellist who, with her gifted colleagues, helped create a truly unforgettable afternoon.

In this intimate setting, we were able to hear the most beautiful, heart-wrenching and uplifting music, leaving us with hope and roughly \$40,000 to donate to the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee Inc., whose mission is to provide medical supplies, health care and emergency funding for shelter and food to struggling Ukrainians.

This only happened because the City of Glen Cove knows how to mobilize in times of crisis, and because residents like Ferrante have hearts of gold and a commitment to helping people in need. We are so fortunate that she and her family are a part of the community, and having worked closely with her on this project, I feel so lucky to call her my friend.

CAROL WALDMAN
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