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Courtesy Haley Deecken

LOCAL ANIMAL TRAINER Haley Deecken has taught her pets more than 100 tricks and commands. Her dog Dunkin has appeared in commercials for Amazon and BarkBox.

Trainer trends on TikTok with 2M followers

By LETISHA DASS

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Haley Deecken knew one thing when she graduated from Glen Cove High School: She wanted to make animals her primary focus in life.

Now an internet sensation, Deecken, 18, a dog trainer and pet advocate who lives in Glen Cove, has amassed 2 million followers on TikTok with funny videos of her nine dogs, six ferrets and three cats. The star of TheDeeckenZoo, however, is Deecken's silver Labrador, Dunkin.

On Instagram, she has 145,000 followers.

As a teenager, Deecken started posting pictures of Dunkin. "It didn't start off as anything," she said. "I was just a stupid kid posting stupid pictures of her dog who was her whole world."

When she turned 17, she started attracting more attention online when she discovered she had a passion for making people laugh. "I really started putting an effort into my videos," Deecken said. "I really

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House approves aid for restaurants, small businesses

By LETISHA DASS

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There may still be hope for small businesses and restaurants that have struggled throughout the pandemic to receive federal aid. The House of Representatives' \$55 billion Relief for Restaurants and Other Hard Hit Small Business Act of 2022, which it approved on April 7, may provide the needed relief.

Included in the legislation is \$42 billion to renew the Restaurant Revitalization Fund. Another \$13 billion would fund a new Hard Hit Industries Award Program, which would benefit small businesses that were impacted

by Covid and were ineligible for RRF or the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program.

The House approved the new bill in a 223-203 vote, moving the legislation to the Senate. But Rep. Tom Suozzi said that "the Senate is not looking like they want to do it."

Suozzi held a news conference on Monday outside Henry's Confectionery in Glen Cove, where he called on the Senate to help small businesses recover — especially after the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, a grant program that was part of President Biden's American Rescue Plan, was depleted of funds within three weeks.

No industry was harder hit than the catering and restaurant industry when it came to the Covid-19 pandemic.

MICKEY KING

President, New York State Restaurant Association

"The problem is that money was used up in a couple of weeks, and a lot of restaurants didn't get the help," Suozzi said. "And there's still a lot of restau-

rants that are still struggling."

Last year, the RRF received 278,000 applications for over \$72.2 billion in funds, but only 101,000 were approved for the grant, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. The depletion of funds left a vast majority of applicants unable to receive any federal aid.

Suozzi said that businesses in

New York have been hit the hardest by the lack of aid, because the area was the first to be hit hard by the pandemic. "We're still recovering from that trauma," Suozzi said. "And we're all forging forward to try and get back to be not only normal, but better than we were before. But we've got to recover from this."

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Legislature relents, will cut 5 cents in gas taxes

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Gas could be a little cheaper in Nassau County this summer after officials here approved a nickel per gallon tax cut at the pump.

County Executive Bruce Blakeman joined the majority caucus of the county legislature Monday night to temporarily lower the tax. While the savings might not seem like a lot, it joins the 16 cents per gallon tax reduction taken by the state and Gov. Kathy Hochul last week.

The countywide savings would affect only prices above \$3 per gallon starting June 1 and continuing through the rest of the year. Blakeman — who blamed the rise in gas prices on administrations in both Albany and Washington — called the emergency vote after some pressure from Nassau's Democrats.

In fact, the county's minority caucus proposed suspending nearly double the taxes on any fuel in Nassau exceeding \$2 between the beginning of June all the way to next March 1. If passed, that combined with statewide relief could have lowered prices by as much as 25 cents, assuming gas stations passed those savings on to customers.

"When the minority caucus began advocating for a gasoline sales tax holiday on March 9, the majority and county executive resorted to ridiculous party attacks to cover up the fact that they dropped the ball," minority leader Kevan Abrahams said. "We continued to fight in the ensuing weeks to put money directly back into the pockets of Nassau residents during trying times — they remained on the sidelines."

Blakeman and Republicans did not appear to be in support of any tax relief proposals as late as last month, blaming price jumps on federal and state policies orchestrated by Democrats that he said greatly reduced domestic production.

"I would hope that those minority legislators lobby their colleagues in Albany and Washington to reopen the Keystone XL pipeline," Blakeman told news outlets at the time, "and take other measures which would lower energy costs and make America more secure."

On the steps of the legislature building Monday, Long Island Democrats rallied with drivers to call on Blakeman and his Suffolk County counterpart to follow Hochul's example and cut taxes.

We need to do whatever we can to help Islanders fill up without breaking the bank.

ANNA KAPLAN
State senator

"The pain at the pump is real, and we need to do whatever we can to help Long Islanders fill up without breaking the bank," state Sen. Anna Kaplan, a Democrat, said. "I fought hard to cut the gas tax in New York, and now I'm calling on Bruce Blakeman to follow our lead and do the same thing so that people in our community can get some real relief from these rising costs."

Gas prices are averaging \$4.06 per gallon as of April 4 downstate, according to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. While that's a 46 percent jump from a year ago, it's a quarter cheaper than reported highs of \$4.31 last month.

Fuel has averaged above \$3 per gallon since the beginning of June last year.

"This is not a partisan issue," another Democrat, state Sen. Jim Gaughran, said. "This is a bipartisan plea for everybody to reduce their share of the gas tax."

The local tax relief is not expected to hurt county coffers. Because Nassau's tax is a percentage, the county has collected far more in taxes as prices rose. That, according to Democratic county legislator Arnie Drucker, could allow the county to still finish ahead in terms of overall tax revenue.

"We cannot afford to politicize an opportunity — and, in my opinion, an obligation — that is neither Democratic nor Republican to deliver immediate relief to families here in Nassau County," Drucker said. Especially "as they struggle to make ends meet."

Nadia Holubnyczyj of Floral Park pleaded with Democratic lawmakers for the tax cut.

"We need to do this and we need to stop this bickering and knee-jerk reaction of something being proposed by the minority, and a knee-jerk reaction of saying no," she said. "Stop and think of the residents."

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Courtesy Christina Daly

GLEN COVE HIGH School's spring play "In the Heights" featured the song "96,000," which is about winning the lottery.

Broadway meets Glen Cove

In a spectacular showcase of the community's teenage talent, Glen Cove High School students displayed their potential for stardom in the play "In the Heights" after a two-year pause on live performances.

Tony Award winner for 2008 Best Musical and Hamilton playwright, Lin-Manuel Miranda, composed the music, lyric, and

concept of "In the Heights." Featuring songs such as "96,000," "No Me Diga," and "Patience y Fe," the play revolves around the life of a close-knit Latino neighborhood in Washington Heights, Manhattan and is based on the book by Quiara Alegria Hude.



DURING THE "IN the Heights" performance, Elijah Goldstein, left, and Michaela Adam stopped by Unsavi's Bodega. Unsavi was played by Dylan Trif.



THE SONG "96,000" FEATURED solos by cast members with the full cast dancing.

SHYE ROBERTS, LEFT, who played Abuela Claudia, sang "Patience y Fe."

\$42 billion would replenish Restaurant Revitalization Fund

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We need to help our restaurants that are still suffering, trying to claw their way back.”

Patricia Holman, executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, said she worried about local businesses as they continue to struggle to stay afloat while dealing with inflation and shortages of product.

Homan said she hoped the Senate would join the House in passing the bill. “I hope that our senators follow suit, so that our local staples, such as Henry’s, can continue to serve the community for decades,” she said. “Without this additional relief, these businesses will continue to struggle, undermining our local economy and further business development.”

Henry’s Confectionery has been serving the Glen Cove community since 1929. Because of the pandemic, its owner, Joe Valensisi, has struggled to remain open without benefit of supplemental funding while business has lagged.

Valensisi, who has owned the restaurant for 22 years, recalled that at the height of the pandemic, Henry’s was a “ghost town.” Two years later, he said, it is still only operating at about 30 percent of capacity.

“All of us local guys — little, small mom-and-pop shops — we got cut off at the very end,” Valensisi said. “We all need help still recovering two years now into this. It’s still a rough road.”

The shortage of supplies and the rise in prices for products and services, he added, has made things harder. “That’s what really hurt us now,” Valensisi said. “Things have more than doubled. It’s hard to get everything.”

Even so, he is holding out hope that he will be able to keep Henry’s open so it can celebrate 100 years in business.

Glen Cove welcomed three new businesses at the start of the pandemic, Holman said, but they have gone with-



Letisha Dass

GLEN FLOORS CO-OWNER Michael Capobianco, far left, Henry’s Confectionery owner Joe Valensisi, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, BID Executive Director Patricia Holman, and Laura’s BBQ owner Lloyd Adams called on the Senate to pass a bill to revitalize restaurants and small businesses that have struggled during the pandemic.

out government aid. “They’re still here,” she said. “But they’re definitely struggling, and they haven’t been able to receive any funding.”

Laura’s BBQ, a mobile catering business since 2004, opened a restaurant on Shore Road in Glen Cove in 2020. Lloyd Adams, the owner, said that Covid had shut the business down at the time.

The catering side of the business was able to receive a grant, Adams said, but when he applied for federal aid for the restaurant, he was denied because it did not have

a tax history of at least two years.

“We already had too much money invested to throw it away,” Adams said.

“So we’ve been fighting to stay ahead, and it’s a shame that we can’t get any money for the small mom-and-pop businesses.”

“We want to help these businesses,” Suozzi said. “We want to try and help them get through this rough patch so they can continue to do what they’ve been doing for decades.”

Outdoor Shopping Spree is on its way to Glen Head

By **WILL SHEELINE**

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What better way to celebrate the changing of the seasons than with an outdoor shopping spree? Glen Head has just such an event planned on April 23.

Shop Glen Head is a website promoting local businesses. For the past decade, Deborah Gordon, a former small business owner and the website’s founder, has been championing local businesses in town.

“I have seen ... how people need to be

aware to shop local in the community,” Gordon said. “So I wanted to create something in Glen Head to bring the business owners together, to spread awareness, so more people come to Glen Head to shop.”

Thus the idea for the first annual Glen Head Spring Shopping Spree was born.

The village hosted a similar event every fall from 2013 to 2018. But it was canceled amid a hurricane threat in 2019, and by the pandemic for the past two years. Gordon, a former president of the Gold Coast Business Association, took it

upon herself to organize a new shopping spree when it looked like the old one wouldn’t be held again, due in part to the ongoing battle with Covid.

Gordon and volunteers asked village business owners to take part, and 19 shops and stores signed on. Several plan to move their operations from their stores onto the sidewalk to give the village and the event a bazaar-like atmosphere. Some will also have stands in the Glen Head Motors parking lot.

Ronnie Thyben, a volunteer and the president of the Glen Head Garden Club, said that much of the preliminary work involved getting the word out. For the past few weeks she has been handing out fliers and making calls.

But Gordon’s leadership, she said, pulled the effort together.

“She’s a dynamo,” Thyben said. “I don’t know how this would happen without her. When you think of all the work she’s done, just out of love for the community, it’s really amazing.”

The businesses will offer a wide range of goods, from hardware — stores like Glen Head Hardware — to a variety of food — restaurants like Ciro’s Pizzeria of the North Shore and Choppers Burger Bar. All will have discounts that day for anyone who says “Shop Glen Head,” including salon Lash Lure, which will offer \$50 off a set of eyelashes for any new

customers.

Gemelli Gourmet Market North is one business that will take part. One of its co-owners, Adriana Schutz, said there are plans to barbecue steaks and sausages on a grill and treat customers to Gemelli family recipes and their specialty barbecue sauce.

“Everything is made in-house,” Schutz said.

“We’re going to have our homemade barbecue sauce on display and on discount.”

According to Schutz, who runs the business with her sister and brother, events like these are important for the local economy, and particularly for family-owned businesses like theirs.

“It gives the community a sense of what’s going on on the street,” she said. “This brings in a lot of foot traffic, a lot of people who haven’t visited the store before.”

One of Shop Glen Head’s sponsors, Celeste Gullo, an Allstate insurance agent who lives in Glen Cove but works in Glen Head, agreed that the event would be important for local businesses, and added that she was proud to contribute.

“It’s so great to get to see the faces behind the businesses,” Gullo said. “It brings a humanity to these businesses, who throughout Covid showed up every single day to keep their doors open.”

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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Beautiful Flowers opens new location in Glen Head

Shop Glen Head held its first-ever ribbon cutting ceremony on April 2 to celebrate the opening of the new location of Beautiful Flowers at 679 Glen Cove Ave. in Glen Head. The shop's owners, sisters Christina DeNovellis and Vivian Cimmino, were honored with commemorative certificates and citations from Shop Glen Head, the office of Nassau County Executive Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Town of Oyster Bay, the Glen Head Civics Association, the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce and the Gold Coast Business Association.



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OWNERS OF BEAUTIFUL Flowers, Christina DeNovellis, left, and Vivian Cimmino received certificates and citations from community leaders to commemorate their new location at 679 Glen Cove Ave. in Glen Head.



Courtesy GSM Communications

MAYOR PAMELA PANZENBECK spoke to the community at the Easter Egg Hunt in Kennedy Heights.

Kids enjoy 'egg'-cellent hunt

Glen Cove Economic Opportunity Commission, a division of Nassau County's EOC, hosted an Easter egg hunt at Kennedy Heights in Glen Cove on April 8. Gail Waller, of Glen Cove, and families contributed towards the event. The outdoor fun included food, games, music and prizes. Irma Jeanty, Glen Cove EOC program director, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, and Councilwoman Marsha Silverman joined in the festivities.



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Friday, April 15

Valley quilters and knitters

Head to the Locust Valley Library from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for a meeting of the Valley Quilters and Knitters. A heads up, Valley Quilters and Knitters meetings have been moved to Fridays. Bring a project or just come for ideas. Experts may be on hand to help beginners get started. Contact Michael Vinas at (516) 671-1837 for more information.

Chef Rob cooking

Head over to the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library for a lesson making Tuscan sourdough bread and tomato salad at 1 p.m. For more information call the library at (516) 922-1212.

Saturday, April 16

Tucker Woods

Stop by Still Partners in Sea Cliff from 8 to 11 p.m. for a performance by Tucker Woods. Tucker Woods is an American rock'n'roll band that delivers a raw and dynamic sound with an energetic and youthful spirit. For more information call Still Partners at (516) 200-9229.

Sunday, April 17

Bilingual Easter dawn service

The community is invited to attend a half-hour service hosted by eight area churches in Morgan Park at 7 a.m. All are invited to attend the sixth annual service on Easter morning. The short service is intended to allow those who celebrate Easter an opportunity to come together as a community, prior to attending a full mass in one's own tradition later in the morning. Attendees are urged to arrive early to allow time to walk down the hill to the beach, where the service is held overlooking Hempstead Harbor. For details, please visit the committee's official Facebook page.

Stitches and stories

Gold Coast Public Library is offering patrons the opportunity to learn to crochet or knit in a warm, friendly environ-



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World War II: Long Island

Take part in Virtual Program: World War II Long Island – The Homefront in Nassau and Suffolk, hosted by the Glen Cove Public Library on April 18 from 2 to 3 p.m. Historian and author Christopher Verga will present a look at a complex time on Long Island, which reflected what was happening across the country. For questions, call the library's information desk at (516) 676-2130.

ment from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Come enjoy the camaraderie while learning a new skill or improving on the skills you already have. Work on your own or on a group project.

Monday, April 18

Hooks and needles

Pop by the Bayvill Free Library from 10:30 a.m. to noon for a session of casual knitting, crocheting, and conversation in the library. This meeting will take place every Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. There is no need to register, just drop by.

Glass jewelry making

The Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen Street, Glen Cove welcomes instructor Naomi for another fun and creative hour of jewelry making at 10 a.m. You'll be amazed at the beautiful pieces you can make. Please note: You must be

60 years of age or older to become a member of the senior center. For further information, call (516) 759-9610.

Tuesday, April 19

Basic hybrid yoga class

Join Yoga Instructor Debra Monaco at the Gold Coast Public Library from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Annex for an hour of basic Yoga to try to relax during this time of high stress. This is a hybrid class, so there will be spaces available for both in-person and zoom.

Teen paint night

Come to the Bayville Free Library's Teen Paint Night from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. No skills required, no materials required. Just bring a friend. Have a chance to meet our new young adult librarian. Food and drinks are provided. To register, contact Chitra at

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Homemade gnocchi workshop

Visit the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library at 6:30 p.m. for a homemade gnocchi workshop. Presented by Julie Reilly of Chefs of D'Future. Everyone will go home with a pound of gnocchi and a pint of sauce.

Wednesday, April 20

Teddy's Rough Readers Book Club

Head to Theodore's Books in Oyster Bay at 7 p.m. for a meeting of Teddy's Rough Readers Monthly Book Club. All readers are welcome! Just read the book, register on the Theodore's Books website, and stop by Theodore's! Discussion will be on Braiding Sweetgrass by New York Times bestselling author Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Thursday, April 21

Virtual Minecraft mania

Join the Gold Coast Public Library on Zoom for a Minecraft session from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for kids grades 3 to 6. This session will be run by a presenter from Innovative Designs. There will be a quick tutorial on how to play Minecraft as well as several activities and challenges, like treasure hunts. For more information, call the library at (516) 759-8300.

Member after hours

Celebrate spring's arrival at Planting Fields Arboretum from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Member After Hours event this April will give members an insider's perspective on these stunning signs of the season's arrival. Enjoy refreshments on the West Portico and join a guided tour of their collection of cherry trees. To become a member, go to the Planting Fields' website.

Movie night

Visit the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library at 6:30 p.m. for Thursday Movie Night. Continuing with the Tom Hanks Marathon, visitors will enjoy a showing of "Catch Me If You Can," a 141 minute PG-13 film. No registration is required for the event, and it is first come, first seated.

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 wsheeline.com

5 things to know about your town

- The Village of Lattintown reminds residents that tax day is April 18.
- The City of Glen Cove City Council will be having a Pre-Council Meeting on April 19 at 6:30 p.m.
- The Village of Old Brookville Board of Police Commissioners will be meeting on April 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- The Town of Oyster Bay Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on April 21 at 7 p.m.
- The Village of Bayville will be holding a meeting on April 25 at 6:30 p.m.

No more free rides for electric vehicles in Glen Cove

By LETISHA DASS
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Free charges will no longer be available to electric vehicles in Glen Cove. On Tuesday, the Glen Cove City Council unanimously voted to install a fee of 30-cent per kilowatt hour for drivers to charge their vehicles at the city's Pulaski Street parking garage at City Hall.

"As much as we've been giving it to the community for free," Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said, "it hasn't been free for us."

Under the scheduled fee, drivers should expect to pay an average of \$2.10 per hour to charge their vehicle, according to Panzenbeck, and for a full two-hour session, \$4.20.

"We can raise it if we need to at some point," Panzenbeck said. "But it's a good starting point."

"Considering the price of gas today I think that it's a homerun," Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola said after the meeting.

Pulaski Street parking garage has a two Level 2 charging stations that were first installed in 2017 under a grant. Since then, Panzenbeck said, the stations have had about 40 unique users at 240 charges a month.

"We have to pay for the electricity that people are using," Councilwoman Marsha Silverman said.

The charging stations have cost the city roughly \$9,000 to \$10,000 in expenses. The city pays approximately \$650 per month for electricity and an annual software warranty of about \$1,200 for the stations. The new charging fee for users will help the city cover the costs.

"Now that they have all the data to see how much it's been used," Councilwoman Barbara Peebles said, "it really should be charged back to the user."

Through the ChargePoint App, the largest network of electric vehicle charging stations, users will be able to



Letisha Dass/Herald

ELECTRIC VEHICLE DRIVERS will now be charged 30-cent per kilowatt hour at the charging stations in Glen Cove's Downtown Pulaski Street parking garage.

make the payments to charge their vehicles.

"There's no upfront expense to the city to collect the money," Silverman said. "So that's a positive."

The app is currently being utilized to notify drivers when their car is finished charging, so they could move it for other users. Last year, Smithtown had installed a fee

for its charging station users as well, reported Newsday. "A lot of places do have a small fee through that app," Silverman said. "A lot of charging stations do out there too. So, we're kind of just getting up to par with other charging stations."

Along with the fee, the city has decided to no longer restrict the hours when the charging stations will be open. Each driver will now have access to charge their vehicles for as long as the parking garage is open.

"So, if you're out at night at a restaurant," Panzenbeck said. "And the parking lot is open as it is, you may certainly charge your vehicle."

However, drivers are still expected to move their vehicle up to an hour after it is finished charging. Violators will have to pay \$75 and possibly other fees.

Section 265-32.2: Municipally Managed Electric Vehicle Charging Station has been added to the city's Code of Ordinance, stating that the charging stations are for the public and not only local drivers. "We are not limiting it to Glen Cove residents," Panzenbeck said.

As Nassau County and the state continues to move into the electrical era in transportation, Glen Cove is onboard for the journey.

Peebles said that she hopes that the number of charging stations in the city would expand since the current two in Glen Cove might not be able to keep up with the growing number of electric cars in the area.

"Because of the cost of gas," Peebles said. "More and more people are electric car shopping, so I think it's great that Glen Cove is really embracing the initiative."

Once the transition to electric vehicles becomes more accessible and easier for drivers, Scagliola said she thinks more eco-friendly homeowners will move to the city.

"I think that it's like a step forward," Scagliola said. "It's like a step forward to get environmentally friendly people here to the community."



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Audition for BID's first Teen Idol Contest

Glen Cove City's Business Improvement District is receiving applications for its first Teen Idol contest. Judged by musical professionals, the winner will have a chance to perform at the Downtown Sounds and receive a cash prize.

"It's an absolute wonderful opportunity for our teens to be in front of some music professionals to allow their talents to be out there and seen," Patricia Holman, the BID's executive director, said.

The competition is open to 13 to 18-year-old solo vocalists from Glen Cove, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing, and Sea Cliff. To apply, applicants must send a homemade video of them singing solo to any original or cover song. No bands or duets are allowed. All video submissions should include the contestant's name, address, contact information, age, and school name; and be sent to info@glencove-downtown.org by April 25.

"All they have to do is send a little video of themselves singing," Holman said. "Our music industry professionals, they want to hear the voice...their pitches."

Sixth annual Easter service coming to Morgan Park

While there has been a long tradition of Easter services being held in Morgan Park, it was in 2016 that three churches joined together to form a committee to host the Community Easter Dawn Service. The committee soon grew to eight churches, both Protestant and Catholic, with the service being attended annually by over 200 people from the Glen Cove area.

On April 17, the community is invited to attend the sixth annual Easter service held at 7:00 am in Morgan Park. The short service is an opportunity for the community to come together prior to attending a full mass/services in one's own tradition later in the morning. Bilingual services in Spanish and English will be available and an opening of "Christ is Risen" will be spoken in eight different languages including Ukrainian by Volodymyr Tsalkovsky, of the Ukrainian Americans of Long Island, to honor the people of Ukraine.

When the celebration had to be held virtually in 2020, over 2000 viewed the service online with expressions of "hallelujah" typed in the comment section on Facebook from as far away as Japan and Scotland. That year, Fr. Kevin Dillon, of St. Boniface Martyr Catholic Church, began his sermon reminding all, "The message of Easter lives on!"

The eight member-churches hosting



Courtesy Community Easter Dawn Service

CLERGY, MUSICIANS, AND song-leaders gather for prayer prior to the Community Easter Dawn Service in Morgan Park. The service is on April 17 at 7 a.m.

the service are Calvary A.M.E Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Glen Cove Christian Church, Iglesia Ciudad de Refugio, St. Boniface Martyr Roman Catholic Church, St. John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

While a collection will not be taken at the service, those gathered will be given an opportunity to donate in support of

Ukrainian relief efforts. All proceeds will be donated to the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, Inc. Attendees are urged to arrive early to allow time to walk down the hill to the beach, where the service is held overlooking Hempstead Harbor. For further information, visit the committee's official Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/GlenCoveEaster.

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Furry friends need lifelong commitments

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ly showed off my pets' personalities, because that's like one of the key things in social media ... you have to get their personalities in there."

Her family has made it their mission to protect and care for all furry friends at Cove Animal Rescue in Glen Cove, where Haley has been volunteering since she was 12. "My mom's actually a professional dog trainer," she said. "I was pretty much born into it. She's been working at the shelter for about seven years."

When Haley was 13, and had been diagnosed with epilepsy, she was given the responsibility to train Dunkin, her service dog. "He actually detects my seizures about 30 minutes prior to when they happen," she explained. "And ever since Dunkin, I just fell in love with the idea of training dogs, and I found I really have, you know, a passion for it."

Deecken has taught her pets over 100 tricks and commands. Thanks to her skills as a trainer, one of her ferrets is appearing in an upcoming Netflix series, and Dunkin, she said, has been in commercials for Bark-Box and Amazon.

Now finishing her gap year after high school, she has been training dogs for 20 clients, and she emphasized that forming a relationship with a pet is crucial.

Training a dog, she said, is a lifelong endeavor for the

dog. Similar to children in kindergarten, puppy classes teach the basics, but there needs to be continuous training throughout a pet's life.

When a dog is not properly trained or socialized, it can become fearful and lash out. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, more than 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year, and more than 800,000 of those bites require medical attention. Most are children.

Animal advocate and trainer Mariah Leal, author of "The Adventures of Piper," said that children and adults need to be educated on how to raise and train a dog. "Basically, knowing all the important points of house socializing is so important," Leal said. "And that's where a lot of bites come from ... people who don't socialize their puppies and dogs."

People who approach pets need the approval of the owner first, she added. "The first thing that you do is ask the person, 'May I pet your dog?'" Leal said. "Because they may not want that. They may have trained the dog not to be petted."

Sticking a hand in front of a dog when first meeting is rude, Deecken noted. People should sit and wait for the dog to approach on its own.

"You have to advocate for your dog," she said. "Not every dog is going to enjoy being petted or having kids run up to him."

They're not a toy that you buy, and then, you know, you're bored with it and you throw it away.

MARIAH LEAL
Author and pet advocate

Support animal rescues at Garvies Point

The Rescue Paw Foundation and animal rescue shelters on Long Island will hold an event to promote awareness of rescue adoptions. Deecken and her pets will perform.

When: April 24, from noon to 4 p.m.

Where: Garvies Point Dog Park, 50 Garvies Point Road, Glen Cove

If owners want their dogs to be well behaved in public and to listen, Deecken advised that they become the most exciting and interesting thing in their pet's life. Engagement is key, she said.

"You're not going to get anywhere if you have a dog and you have no bond with that dog."

Potential owners of rescued animals should be aware that some have experienced trauma and need extra care.

"We've seen terrible cases in Glen Cove alone," Deecken said.

"We had one case, Bruce ... He was left in there alone in a crate for about six days, and someone had poured boiling hot water on him, which left him with scars all over his face."

"If you are rescuing," Leal said, "people should be prepared that things may come up that were not picked up by the shelter."

New programs from Age-Friendly Glen Cove

The City of Glen Cove became a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly states and communities in 2018, and in 2020, was designated as a Nassau County Age-Friendly Center of Excellence. Glen Cove is committed to promoting policies and programs that improve the livability of the city for those of all ages and abilities. The city's age-friendly advisory board, comprised of local leaders and residents, is currently in the process of writing a three-year action plan that address eight domains of livability, including housing, transportation, outdoor spaces and buildings, social participation,

respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, and community support and health services.

The Walk with a Doc Glen Cove Chapter and Glen Cove TimeBank are two recently established programs from the Age-Friendly Glen Cove initiative and are funded by the Nassau County Department of Human Services, Office for the Aging. They are free to participate in and available to all residents.

Walk With A Doc

Walk with a Doc started in 2005 and has chapters through-

out the world. Through a monthly health series, the Glen Cove chapter provides information about interesting health topics, connects community members with healthcare professionals and offers a low-impact exercise program.

Our previous monthly virtual walks are available on our website, but beginning in May, Dr. Keber from Glen Cove Hospital will lead a 20-30 minute walk in Glen Cove while providing a brief health talk. Our next walk will take place on Wednesday, May 11 at 9:30 to 11 a.m. in downtown Glen Cove, beginning at the Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove,

where Dr. Keber will discuss the benefits of walking.

Glen Cove TimeBank

The Glen Cove TimeBank provides residents and organizations with an opportunity to request and provide select services (such as doing yardwork, hosting virtual art classes, assisting with grocery shopping or learning a language) for their neighbors and other organizations. The key concept is that everyone has something to offer, everyone could use help sometimes, and everyone's time is of equal value, regardless of the type of service provided. Timebank programs help to connect

neighbors.

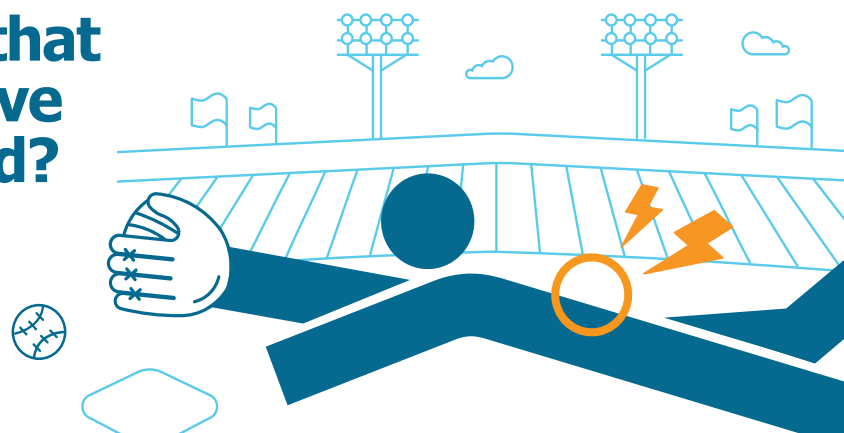
Launching on May 16, visit our website to fill out an application and let us know your skills and needs. Once approved, the timebank coordinator will connect you with someone you can share your talents with and receive assistance from.

For more information about both programs and the Age-Friendly Glen Cove initiative, please visit agefriendlyglen Cove.com/ or contact the Age-Friendly Glen Cove team at (516) 759-9610 or agefriendlyglen Cove@gmail.com.

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Choice awards celebrate those who ‘power’ community

More than 100 businesses turn out for gala event

By WILL SHEELINE

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After months of waiting, winner after winner stepped up to receive their first-ever Herald Long Island Choice award during a gala event with Oscars-like proportions, but without any of the unnecessary drama.

The first-ever event — hosted by RichnerLive, presented by PSEG Long Island, and sponsored by TenantBase — took place April 5 at Heritage Club in Bethpage. Voting had been underway since last July where readers and customers shared who they believed were Long Island’s best businesses in more than 260 categories covering everything from breweries to motorcycle dealers to chiropractor.

More than 100,000 votes were cast over five months, and both the top three finalists and the eventual winners were recognized at last week’s awards event.

Instead of leaving these decisions by a faceless group of judges, these awards are determined by the very people who make these businesses thrive — the customers. That, at least, is according to Amy Amato, corporate relations and events executive director at RichnerLive. Herald Long Island Choice Awards is a way to show businesses how much their work is appreciated.

“We decided to do it because we understand the challenges that small businesses

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faced during the pandemic,” Amato said. “These types of events and contests helps local businesses increase their revenue.”

Heritage Club hosted a cocktail hour with an open bar and hors d’oeuvres, giving many of the finalists and their supporters a chance to mingle.

“It’s definitely nice to actually see people again,” said Joe Floria of Flo Fitness of Lynbrook. “After the last few years, I think we needed this. Plus, the cheese is great.”

Each table featured an ice sculpture centerpiece celebrating the event, while on the main stage, an acrobat contorted herself in fantastical ways.

Stuart Richner, chief executive of Richner Communications Inc., commented on how important local businesses contribution is to Long Island, and how happy he was to get the chance to celebrate them.

“It is the people in this room that are the economic engines of our communi-



Karen Millindorf/Herald

MORE THAN 100 businesses showed up to win awards in 266 categories.

ties,” Richner said. “We thank each and every one of you for being here tonight, and for all of the hard work that you do each and every day.”

The awards themselves were presented by Sidney Wallace Park recent winner of the Miss New York competition. In a marathon performance, Park read off the winners of the 266 categories in rapid fire.

In the ensuing hour, business after business was named winner in a whirlwind of emotional highs. Some were so excited, they jumped up on chairs and tables in celebration. Others chose to celebrate with screams and applause.

Peggy Keane, PSEG’s interim president and chief operating officer, said she was pleased to partner with Herald Community Newspapers to celebrate businesses across Long Island.

“This event recognizes all types of businesses that are dedicated to their communities,” she added, in a statement.

Those were sentiments also shared by Bennett Washabaugh, chief executive and co-founder of TenantBase.

“It was fantastic to see so many small businesses getting out, and the people that power our community,” he said. “It’s just amazing.”



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BEST ORTHOPEDIC GROUP, at top, was won by Orlin & Cohen Orthopedic Group of Lynbrook.

BEST MESSAGE WINNER, at left, was Hand and Stone Massage & Facial Spa, which offers multiple locations throughout the area.

AN AERIALIST DAZZLES the crowd attending the Herald Long Island Choice Awards at the Heritage Club in Bethpage last week.



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IF YOU'RE LOOKING for the best cocktails on Long Island, then look no further than Cabo RVC, at left, of Rockville Centre.

LONG ISLAND'S BEST optometrist is none other than Dr. Gail Correale of Westbury.



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THE BEST DEALS can be found at LuxeSwap in Oyster Bay, at top, which won the Herald Long Island Choice Award for best consignment/thrift store.

FOR ANYONE LOOKING for the best wealth management firm, you'll find it at Kuttin Wealth Management, at left, a part of Ameriprise Financial Services of Hauppauge.

WINNERS OF THE best moving service, below, is Men on the Move of Woodbury.



IT WAS A comfortable walk up onto the stage for Hummingbird of Sea Cliff, above, voted the best local shoe store.

BEST ANIMAL ADOPTION and rescue services was won by none other than the North Shore Animal League America in Port Washington.



OBITUARIES

Donald Gill

Donald Gill, 86, of Glen Head, died on April 4, 2022. Gill was born on March 4, 1936, to Thomas Gill and Lillian Most in Brooklyn. He graduated from City College of New York with a degree in Civil Engineering and also received a master's degree in Library Science from St. John's University in 1992. Gill was preceded in death by his loving wife, Claudia, brother Thomas, and parents Thomas and Lillian. He is survived by his children, Michael and Elizabeth; grandchildren Ariadna, Alexandre, Sebastian and Nicolas; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation held at Whitting Funeral Home. Burial at Novo Diveevo Cemetery in Nanuet, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of Kazan Church in Sea Cliff.



Courtesy Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home

Dr. Frederick Ruffen

Dr. Frederick Ruffen, 74, of Glen Cove, died on April 8, 2022. Husband of June; father of Jacqueline DiRusso,

Michael, Jeremy, Derek and Italy; brother of Theresa. Also survived by stepchildren and numerous grandchildren. Ruffen was an audiologist who started his career at Nassau County Medical Center in 1972. He received numerous awards for his dedication to the deaf and hard of hearing community. Ruffen was an avid Star Trek fan, member of the Glen Cove Auxiliary Police and a Lionel train enthusiast. He loved his family dearly. Visitation held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco. Interment Pinelawn Memorial Park.



Courtesy Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home

Maria I. Cipriano

Maria I. Cipriano, 97, of Glen Cove died on April 8, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Giuseppe; loving mother of Tony (Nancy), Gina Morra (Mike) and Jerry; proud grandmother of six; special great grandmother of 14. Cipriano migrated to America at the age of 35. She loved her family, cooking and gardening. Visitation held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Mass held at the Church of St. Rocco.

Interment East Hillside Cemetery.

Prosparo Illare

Prosparo Illare, 77, of Glen Cove died on April 8, 2022. Beloved Husband of the late Janet; brother of Marie Lemejian; dear friend of Emil Pedalino. Illare was a longtime employee of the New York City Transit Authority. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home.

Irene Darby Markland

Irene Darby Markland, 88, of Glen Cove died on March 24, 2022 in Sarasota, Florida. Beloved wife of the late John (Jack) Darby and the late Franklin Markland. Born in Flushing, NY, Darby Markland came to live in Glen Cove where Darby was a third-generation native. She spent her winters in Sarasota, Florida with her second husband Markland. Darby Markland worked as administrative assistant to the Superintendent of Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District. After retirement she studied to become a Master Gardener through Cornell Cooperative Extension. Her home was filled with orchids and other flora. Darby Markland's love for the gardening led her to volunteer at Planting Fields in Oyster Bay where she

met and enjoyed the company of like-minded people. Predeceased by her daughter Patricia and husband Robert Berman, Darby Markland is survived by her children Linda, Thomas (Cecilia), Kenneth and step-daughter Melinda Markland; grandchildren Kaitlyn, Camille and John.



Roy J. Barnard

Roy J. Barnard, 79, of Glen Head died on March 31, 2022. Beloved husband of Reta; father of Heather (Colin Miller), Jonathan & Andrew; brother of John, Yvonne, Michelle & the late Allen. Also survived by several nieces & nephews. Visitation Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home on Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. Service held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home on Friday at 11a.m. Interment private.

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Passover should inspire us to make a difference

By **RABBI JANET LISS**
North County Reform Temple

On April 22 at sundown, the Jewish community begins the traditional observance of the holiday of Passover, commemorating the Jewish people's Exodus from slavery in Egypt. We are commanded to retell our story each year and we say the words, "my father was a wandering Aramean," to remind us that we were often a rootless people who have fled persecution numerous times throughout our history.

This year, these words are even more poignant as we watch the atrocities being committed in Ukraine, especially knowing that many of our ancestors fled the persecution of the Jewish community in Ukraine at the turn of the last century choosing to make their new lives in America. Both of my grandfathers came here from Kiev and Odessa in the early 1900's searching for a safer place to live as Jews.

To date over 4,200,000 Ukrainians have fled their country and over 2,000,000 are displaced in the Ukraine. In 2022, it is almost inconceivable to think that the world would sit back and allow a superpower to crush another country. But all we have to do is turn on the television or look at our smart phones to see this war in real time.

Today there are over 84 million people worldwide who have been displaced because of persecution, conflict, violence or human rights violations. This should give us all pause and inspire us to support organizations helping refugees worldwide.

The Jewish community are refugees descended from refugees and on Passover we tell the story

about how we as refugees sought a safe haven and a chance to reinvent ourselves as a free people in the Land of Israel. This story this year should have a deeper resonance with all who attend our sederom and recite the words we will share together.

This year more people will be together with extended family since the beginning of Covid. During the telling of the story, we also recount the 10 plagues that God caused to descend upon Pharaoh in order to convince him to free the Israelites. A word of caution, our Covid plague is not over. The numbers have started to rise steadily over the last two weeks in Nassau County. As much as we would like to put Covid behind us, we are not there yet and I caution everyone, to be careful.

Contemporary Judaism ties what is happening around us in our celebrations and commemorations to teach us the relevance of our observances today. At our seder, we read from a book called a Haggadah, which means the telling. There are numerous Haggadah today reflecting various themes that ultimately link back to the story of the Exodus. If we look at the modern plagues in our society today, we could name war, refugees, the environment, civil discord, Covid-19, racism, and the list is endless.

Our challenge as citizens of the world is to look at our past to give us a way to frame how we see the world today and what choices we will make to help make this world a better place for all. To all who are celebrating Passover this year, I wish you a meaningful holiday and inspire you to make a difference for someone else this year.



Courtesy Rabbi Janet Liss

RABBI JANET LISS, from North County Reform Temple asks that when marking Passover that we make a commitment to making a difference in someone else's life.

Dr. Glenn Howard Jr. Scholarship Award

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce's is offering its annual Dr. Glenn Howard Jr. \$1000 scholarship to college-bound Glen Cove high school seniors.

Howard served on the board of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce and aided local organizations such as the Rotary Club for decades as a resource, advisor, and liaison. He is remembered by the community as a tireless volunteer, friend, and a man of great insight.

Students are asked to submit proof of Glen Cove residency, a letter of recommendation, cover letter, essay, and a video. The deadline for the application is April 30th.

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 Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, Nueva York, antes de la reunión habitual de la Junta de Educación.
 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que las solicitudes para nominar candidatos para el cargo de miembro de la Junta de Educación se deben presentar entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, ante la secretaria de dicho Distrito escolar en la oficina del Distrito del edificio administrativo ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, a más tardar el miércoles 27 de abril de 2022 a las 5:00 p. m., hora en vigor. Dichas solicitudes deben estar dirigidas a la secretaria del Distrito; estar firmadas por, al menos, cien (100) votantes calificados del distrito, y deben incluir el nombre y la residencia del candidato.
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 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que los votantes militares que no estén registrados actualmente pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito escolar. Los votantes militares que sean votantes calificados del distrito escolar podrán enviar una solicitud de boleta electoral militar. Estos votantes pueden indicar su preferencia de recibir un registro de votante militar, una solicitud de boleta electoral militar o una boleta electoral militar por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico en su pedido de dicho registro, solicitud de boleta electoral o boleta electoral. Los formularios de registro de votantes militares y los formularios de solicitud de boleta electoral militar deben recibirse en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito antes de las 5:00 p. m. del 3 de mayo de 2022. Las boletas electorales militares no serán escrutadas a menos que (1) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes del cierre de la votación el día de la elección y tengan una marca de cancelación del servicio postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o un endoso fechado de recepción por parte de otro organismo del gobierno de los Estados Unidos, o bien, (2) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes de las 5:00 p. m. el día de la elección, y estén firmadas y fechadas por el votante militar y un testigo de ello, con una fecha asociada que no sea posterior al día previo a la elección.
 POR EL PRESENTE,

de julio de 2022 hasta el 30 de junio de 2025.
 C.POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que, con el fin de votar en dicha reunión, el martes 17 de mayo de 2022, las urnas estarán abiertas desde las 6:00 a. m. hasta las 9:00 p. m., hora en vigor, para votar sobre las mencionadas propuestas mediante una máquina de votación.
 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una audiencia del presupuesto el miércoles 4 de mayo de 2022 a las 7:00 p. m., en el auditorio de la Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, antes de la reunión habitual de la Junta de Educación.
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 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que, de acuerdo con las normas adoptadas de conformidad con la Sección 2035 de la Ley de Educación, cualquier votante calificado puede hacer que se incluya una propuesta o una enmienda en la boleta electoral, siempre y cuando dicha enmienda (a) se escriba o se imprima en el idioma inglés; (b) se dirija a la secretaria del Distrito de dicho Distrito escolar; (c) se presente a la secretaria del Distrito, al menos, sesenta (60) días antes de la fecha de la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, es decir, a más tardar el viernes 18 de marzo de 2022 a las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, en la oficina del Distrito del edificio administrativo, ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, y (d) tenga la firma de, al menos, cien (100) votantes calificados del distrito. Sin embargo, la Junta de Educación no considerará ninguna solicitud para presentar ante los votantes ninguna propuesta cuyo propósito no esté dentro de las facultades de decisión de los votantes, ni ninguna propuesta o enmienda que esté fuera de la ley.
 POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que se adjuntará un Informe de exención fiscal sobre los bienes inmuebles de acuerdo con la Sección 495 de la Ley de Impuestos sobre los Bienes Inmuebles a cualquier presupuesto preliminar o tentativo, como también al presupuesto definitivo adoptado del cual forme parte. Este se publicará en los tabloneros de anuncios del Distrito que se usen para avisos

públicos y en el sitio web del Distrito.
 Fecha: Glen Cove, Nueva York
 Abril de 2022
 Ida Johnson
 Secretaria del Distrito
 Junta de Educación
 Distrito escolar de la ciudad de Glen Cove
 Glen Cove, Nueva York
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE
GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GLEN COVE, NEW YORK
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for the qualified voters of the Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, New York, will be held in the following locations:
 School Election Districts
 Location of Polling Place
 A, B, C
 Glen Cove High School, 150 Dosoris Lane, Back Gym - Door #13
 D Connolly School, 1 Ridge Drive - Back Gym in said district Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:00 a.m. prevailing time, at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time.
PROPOSITION I - SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
 To adopt the annual budget of said school district for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
PROPOSITION II - TRANSFER FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE
 SHALL the Board of Education of the Glen Cove City School District be authorized to expend \$7,500,000 from the Facilities Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established on May 21, 2019 for the purpose of performing the following projects: classroom addition at Deasy Elementary School and Landing Elementary School, all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs related thereto
PROPOSITION III - BOARD OF EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
 To allow a student, as established under Education Law Section 2502, to serve on the school board as an ex officio, non-voting member
ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER(S)

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education of said School District as follows:
 A. Two (2) members to be each elected for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.
 C. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purpose of voting at such meeting, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, the polls will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time to vote upon such propositions by voting machine.
 AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Glen Cove High School Auditorium, 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York prior to the regular Board of Education meeting.
 AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. prevailing time with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Office Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, on or before Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time. Such petitions must be directed to the District Clerk; must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district; must state the name and residence of the candidate.
 AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registration of the District will also meet from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022, at each of the polling places to prepare the register for meetings and elections held subsequent to such annual meeting or election.
 AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the election of a school board member and proposition(s) may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at the Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time on any school day. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. Furthermore, such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address set forth in the application by

satisfaction of the District Clerk, and the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for which the register is prepared and that the register is prepared pursuant to Education Law and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Glen Cove School District, in the District's Administration Building Office, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, on and after Tuesday, May 3, 2022, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday and Sunday, including the day set for the meeting. Any person otherwise qualified to vote who is not currently registered under permanent personal registration in the District by the last date found on the original or duplicate registers, or records, or list furnished by the Nassau County Boards of Elections, and has not voted at an intervening election, must, in order to be entitled to vote, present himself or herself personally for registration or otherwise register with the Nassau County Board of Elections.
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eLEVate the Conversation

Blissfully boring

How was school today? How was work today? How was that television show/video game/online video/book you were watching/playing/reading?

Boring. The brilliant, candid response of children. The honest assessment from adults. The too often cry of wasted time due to a boring activity — “I want my time back!”

However, for now, there isn't anything my family, friends or I wouldn't do to have a blissfully boring day.

I don't often use the word “boring” in reference to my days, primarily because the days are fast-paced and I can find some redeeming value in an overproduced movie or a long ceremony. I've seen lyrical references to the heaviness of boredom and it's not as concerning to me as when the sun sets and the day is coming to a close.

There is even the welcome effect of boredom, as a stress reducer and a way to leave “too much,” “too busy,” “too overwhelmed” behind.

But lately, I wish everyone who

desires it was granted some boredom. Boredom for the loved ones who are fighting cancer hour after hour and would give a lot to only have to gripe about mundane things, like inflation at the grocery store or a carpet that needs vacuuming.

Boredom, rather than heartache for those who have experienced loss and haven't fully recovered. A way to get some relief, if even for a brief time, for the ache to become less sharp.

Boredom and safety for Ukrainian people to recover and live in freedom.

And now that we are no longer isolated due to a pandemic beyond our control, it would be nice

to be bored out of our own doing and decision as we hope for a sincere end to Covid-19.

I am often anxious for the future. How will our nation and the world strengthen for lasting peace? So boredom, free of neglect, pain and uncertainty would be warmly embraced. Boring would be nice.



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no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk of the said School District no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, during regular office hours until the date of election. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration forms and military ballot application forms must be

received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2022. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the Office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be no later than the day before the election. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident in the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, and at such Annual School District

Election and Budget Vote at the Administration Building - 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove High School - Dosoris Lane, Robert M. Finley Middle School - Forest Ave., Deasy School - Dosoris Lane, Gribbin School - Walnut Road, Landing School - McLoughlin Street, and Connolly School - Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, New York during regular school hours; and on the Glen Cove schools website (www.glencoveschools.org). AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to 2035 of the Education Law, any qualified voter may have a proposition or an amendment placed upon the ballot, provided that such amendment (a) be typed or printed in the English language; (b) that it be directed to the District Clerk of the said School District; (c) that it be submitted to the District Clerk no less than sixty (60) days preceding the date of the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, i.e. no later than Friday, March 18, 2022, 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the District Office, Administration Building,

154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York; and (d) that it be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district. However, the school board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/ preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website. Dated: Glen Cove, New York April 2022
 Ida Johnson
 District Clerk
 Board of Education
 Glen Cove City School District
 Glen Cove, New York 130425
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Easter promises death doesn't have the final say

By Fr. Shawn Williams,
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

It hasn't felt much like spring lately, even though the season has officially arrived. In some ways, it feels as if the weather is a reflection of the grey chill that seems to pervade our world. There are many things that are chilling both near and far. But even with the cold, the wind and the rain, there are other things and other realities that promise that these last vestiges of the winter will pass. There are also things present and past which promise that the dark in the world will give way to light. Even in the chill, I can see out of my front window a beautiful weeping cherry tree well into full bloom. It is my personal light in the dark, an Easter promise, if you will.

The true message and meaning of Easter doesn't change with the weather. And the state of the world, particularly in times such as these, does not alter Easter's message. In fact, Easter is clearest, and its significance even more important when it stands against the backdrop of the staggering darkness in Ukraine, in the lingering effects of the Covid pandemic and in almost any place you might look. So, what is Easter that it counters all these things?

If I were teaching, I would say that Easter is that ever returning day on which followers of the Christian faith embrace and hold fast to the message of Jesus' death and resurrection. Easter is a celebration that Christ's seeming defeat on the cross finds its true meaning in His resurrection. If we quiet ourselves and stop and listen, Easter whispers the message that death does not have the final say. Jesus' rising to life is God's ultimate statement that even in times of personal sorrow or global tragedy, the final word is one of life.

Easter is also a day celebrated with Easter egg hunts. But you never know what's inside one of those little eggs until you

search them out and open them.

I am certain that there are those who would say that bunnies, baskets and dyeing eggs have nothing to do with the real meaning of Easter. I would disagree.

One of the greatest lessons about the nature of God, the world and of Easter came from my grandmother. I was a little kid coming home from church on Easter morning and was ready for the Easter egg hunt. On this particular Easter in the 1970's my grandmother told my brother, sister and me the Easter Bunny had hidden a monkey egg and it was a coconut.

The coconut my siblings and I searched for that Easter day taught me not to always take things at face value. A simple monkey egg hidden by my grandmother grew into an understanding that if we are too rigid in how we view things, too singularly focused, if we throw up our hands in defeat because the grand prize in our Easter egg hunt turns out to be a brown, shaggy ball instead of a chocolate bunny, then our world will be small and narrow. How will we see hope if we only focus on despair? How will we see God's work, or be a part of that work, if we only allow room in our hearts for what we can measure or weigh?

The faith that Easter proclaims is that even as Jesus' death served as the pathway to life through His rising to new life, we too are shown that death no longer has the final say in things, regardless of what shape or form death may take. The Resurrection is the promise that if we are willing to be open to God's reality, those things that would take life from us will not be the final statement. Easter is about allowing for hope when it seems hopeless and about believing that peace is possible. And that monkey eggs are waiting to be found just beyond our line of sight.

May we be blessed this Easter with faith, hope, and the knowledge that much is, and can be, good in the world.

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Dear Great Book Guru,
 With the upcoming holidays, I will have lots of time to get into a good novel. Do you have a suggestion - I'm thinking something with an international flavor.
 -Hopeful Holiday Reader

Dear Hopeful Holiday Reader,

I just read an interesting book suggested by a GBG follower, “The Margot Affair,” by Sanae Lemoine. Set in present-day Paris, the novel tells the story of a family and the secrets that can very well destroy it.

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What will happen to U.S.-Russian cooperation in space?

Russia's brutal attack on Ukraine is being felt around the world — and now, even above it.

Russia's top space official, Dmitry Rogozin, has tweeted that the sanctions imposed on his country by the U.S. and Europe are "unacceptable." He said that cooperation with the U.S. and its allies on the International Space Station may no longer be possible.



**JAMES
BERNSTEIN**

Rogozin added that the sanctions are intended "to kill the Russian economy, plunge our people into despair and bring our country to its knees." Normal relations with the

U.S. and Europe, he said, would only be possible with the lifting of the "illegal" sanctions — something that is highly unlikely to happen in the near future.

Rogozin, space experts have said, has a habit of popping off. But Andrew Par-ton, president of the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, said that the notion of Americans, Europeans and Russians working together in space — which they were doing only a few weeks ago — now "seems awkward."

"We're almost at war with them," Par-ton said.

The Russians were pioneer partners, along with the U.S., the Europeans Space Agency, Canada and Japan, in building the ISS, the largest man-made structure ever constructed and put into space. It had to be assembled in parts, which took place between 1998 and 2000. The first section of the structure was launched in November 1998, aboard a Russian Proton rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodome.

The ISS has been circling the Earth for so long now — it became fully operational in May 2009 with a six-member crew that required two Russian Soyuz "lifeboats" to be docked there at all times — that many Earthlings have pretty much forgotten about it, or don't think of it much. But it remains a phenomenal vehicle, traveling an eye-popping 17,500 mph at an altitude of some 248 miles above Earth.

Many have argued that the many billions of dollars spent on the ISS could have been better used on Earth. Others say that man was born to explore, and who knows what we'll find out there one day?

And the ISS has proved valuable. To name a few of its contributions:

■ The ability to view Earth from different perspectives has given scientists a better way to find new sources of water and places to grow food.

■ Protein crystal growth experiments done aboard the station have given medical science better understanding of diseases such as cancer and muscular dystrophy.

■ Astronauts have learned to work in a micro-gravity environment. Human bodies change under such circumstances, and we are now better able to understand how to cope with the challenges we will face as we further explore the cosmos.

■ And students the world over have been given a view of life in space and the possibilities of a world outside our own.

But what if Russia quits?

The ISS could survive. Just last week, SpaceX, a private company, launched a NASA astronaut and three paying customers to the ISS. Since NASA's space shuttle program ended in 2011, the agency has relied on Russian Soyuz spacecraft to take our astronauts to the station.

But with commercial space companies revving up, we may be able to elimi-

nate our dependence on the Russians to get us up there.

Russians help guide the ISS, and use their country's space vehicles to boost the station to its target orbit when it tends to drift lower. These tasks can be taken over, but it will take effort by the rest of the ISS team, and more funding.

The bigger loss, of course, is that yet another tie between major world powers will have been severed. Russian and U.S. diplomats around the world have already been called home. To be sure, Russia must be punished, and punished severely, for its actions in Ukraine. But astronauts and cosmonauts are scientists, and have held themselves above the fray of politics and fraught relationships between their countries. They were able to do so on the most recent return to Earth, in March.

Astronaut Mark Vande Hei worried that he might be left behind because of U.S.-Russia tensions, after spending 355 days in space. But the Russians ferried him home safely. Joe Montalbano, NASA's program manager for the ISS, said that those aboard the station last month were "aware of what's going on, but they still worked as a team."

The question is, how long can we remain teammates?

James Bernstein is the editor of the Long Beach Herald. Comments about this column? jbernstein@liherald.com.

Family stories help the healing

If you don't have a sister, I urge you to get one, preferably a younger one, so you can boss her around. But in a pinch, any age will do, and life is all about pinches.

My husband recently had surgery to replace a pacemaker, an easy, relatively pain-free event, unless it's *your* pacemaker, and *your* body being altered. My



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guy is stoic, but he came out of surgery with a corneal abrasion, which was inexplicable on many levels, since the procedure was for his heart. The pain was extreme and, although I'm good in a crisis, I found his distress and

my helplessness terribly unsettling.

Lots of people offered to help in any way they could. The calls and notes and get-well gifts all lifted us up. But only my sister called and said she was on her way. She had booked her flight, she was coming for five days, and that was that.

She isn't the take-over type; that's my job as the older sister. Once she got here, I still cooked for the three of us and

walked the dog and fetched the meds for the patient. Really, she didn't do much, unless you count saving my sanity. We discussed important world events, like our hair, and exchanged meaningful gifts: I gave her my Dry Bar brush and she gave me her hot rollers.

Like most sibs our age, we're the only people on Earth who shared childhood with the same parents. Ours died in old age, at 95 and 97, so until the last few years, we took care of them together. This shared experience doesn't imply shared memories, because we have wildly different accounts of our childhood in Cedarhurst with Mom and Dad.

What we do when we're together is mostly nothing, aside from talking or sharing companionable silence while we read or do stuff on our devices. She paints. I write. We agree on most things in the world except her dog, Moe, a.k.a. Cujo, who is the love of her life, and the only Chihuahua who could take down a cheetah.

We tell stories when we sit around, share the news of our kids and grandkids, and realize that memory is unreliable but that it doesn't matter. The stories

we tell weave the cloth that holds us together.

I remember the Thanksgiving her 3-year-old daughter decided she hated the tiny bows on her pink velvet pants and jacket. My brother-in-law, who died many years ago, called a timeout, got a scissors and snipped off every one of the dozens of tiny bows. My sister doesn't remember this at all. I thought it was a remarkable demonstration of parental forbearance.

She also doesn't remember that our mother assigned me to walk her to her kindergarten when I was in third grade. Every single awful day, my sister would throw herself on the ground, grab my feet and beg me not to leave her there. It didn't take more than seven or eight years of therapy to deal with that.

One story we both remember was our mother's "talk" with us about sex. She told us an elaborate story about what the male chicken does with the female chicken.

When I offered intelligent feedback, starting with, "So you mean when you wanted to make a baby, Dad and you...?" "No!" she screamed. "That's just with

chickens."

My sister and I tend to like the same things: We are political allies, and support folks who are trying to keep our democracy from running aground. Of course, there are exceptions to our harmony. I love kale, and she says she would rather chew on her lawn. I suspect she eats pot pie, which to me is dead chicken in a watery grave.

She asked me if I remembered the time I was being bullied in sixth grade. I walked her to school and told her I would kiss her goodbye before we got to school so the other kids wouldn't see. She remembered that I didn't skip the kiss.

I don't remember that, but I do remember that when I was making out with my boyfriend (now my husband), in the family den back in high school, she would come clomping down the stairs in her rollers and slippers and would accept a quarter to clomp back up. She says she wouldn't have scrambled for less than 50 cents.

So, you see, while my husband healed, my sister and I passed the time with stories. She didn't do much, unless you count just showing up. Which was everything.

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Congress must preserve quality local journalism

A free and diverse press is the backbone of a healthy and vibrant democracy. Yet social media and search engine giants like Facebook and Google are taking content from local newspapers — like this one — with little, if any, benefit to those newspapers.

But it is readers who are truly harmed by Big Tech's content-filtering and data-collection motives, which ultimately reduce the output of quality journalism.

All of it is simply unfair — to readers, and especially to the newspapers who serve them. Congress must take action to fix this by approving an equitable revenue model similar to what the music industry fought hard for — one that pays royalties to content owners, which ensures that more of that content can be produced in the future.

Let's not forget the important tenets of local newspapers:

- Quality journalism is key to sustaining civic society, and we must ensure that those who create journalistic content are compensated for their work.

- With freedom of the press enshrined in the Constitution, it is imperative to take reasonable and meaningful steps to protect this important institution.

- Local journalism strengthens communal ties, and provides communities with critical information.

- The public rightfully trusts its local newspapers. One recent survey showed that nearly 75 percent of Americans have confidence in their local newspaper, compared with just over half for national net-

work and cable news. Just 17 percent trusted social media.

A bipartisan bill known as the Journalism Competition & Preservation Act is making its way through Congress. It's sponsored by Senators Amy Klobuchar, a Democrat from Minnesota, and John Kennedy, a Republican from Louisiana, as well as two congressmen from both sides of the aisle, David Cicilline of Rhode Island and Ken Buck of Colorado.

The bill would enable news publishers to collectively negotiate with Big Tech, driving billions of dollars of subscription and ad dollars back to the publishers who produce good journalism in the first place. It would include an enforcement mechanism to ensure that negotiations result in payments, that such payments be evenly distributed to small local papers, and that payments reflect investments in reporters and newsrooms. It would allow market forces — not just two companies or even the government — to determine how, and for what price, news content is offered.

American news publications reach more than 135 million people each week. Yet the revenue of these publications has dropped by more than 50 percent in recent years, fueled by mass — and often involuntary — distribution over dominant digital platforms like Facebook and Google.

Social media might claim that the redistribution of content actually helps newspapers expand their audiences. But in reality, newspapers provide must-have content for these tech platforms that help them capture visitors. Publishers deserve fair compensation for the value of that content, and it's just not happening from this so-called audience expansion.

Individual news publishers cannot challenge the basic terms offered by Big Tech because these platforms are too big, and smaller newspapers can't even get a seat at the table. Because of that, Big Tech can grab as much as 70 percent of every ad dollar from news publishers while hiring zero reporters. Newspapers bear all the expense, while social media giants get all the benefit.

Facebook and Google exert their dominance over the digital marketplace by setting the rules for news publishers and determining how their work is displayed, prioritized and monetized. More than 65 percent of users don't even click the links offered by Google that would take them to the outlets that are spending the money to create the content they're reading.

One study showed that 57 percent of New York residents get their news from Facebook. Nearly half use Google as their primary source of news.

If Washington doesn't intervene soon, we will continue to lose hundreds of newspapers — like this one — across the country, and right here in your hometowns. But Congress needs to know it has your support in order to act.

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LETTERS

Return of Mangano era with Blakeman

To the Editor:

County Executive Bruce Blakeman inherited a government that was fiscally strong with a restored sense of public integrity. It is now his responsibility to preserve and build on this progress.

Regrettably, there are troubling signs that the new administration is reverting to questionable practices that sent top county officials to prison, caused the indictment of a former county executive while he was still in office, and generally betrayed the public trust.

Based on my experience during my decade as legislator, I am especially concerned about the lack of transparency, accountability and integrity shown during the Blakeman administration's first three months. One example is the



OPINIONS

The Legislature is focused on helping veterans

Recently I joined the Nassau County Legislature's majority caucus, numerous veterans groups and County Executive Bruce Blakeman to announce the creation of a program using American Rescue and Recovery Act funds to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to every eligible veterans

hall in the county.

At the height of the pandemic, many Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and American Legions were facing major difficulties paying rent, property taxes and maintenance on their venues. Veterans halls were forced by lockdowns to cancel catered



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GAYLOR**

events and other functions, and that took away necessary income these halls need to survive. At the time, veterans groups weren't eligible for ARPA funds under guidance issued by the federal government. After advocating for making those organizations eligible for that federal assistance, we received notification earli-

er this year from the U.S. Treasury Department that ARPA guidelines were being expanded to encompass 501(c)(19) entities, which includes veterans facilities. The new rule took effect on April 1.

Veterans and fraternal halls are part of the very fabric of our community, and there are approximately 100 of them in Nassau County. As a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel who will always be a strong supporter of the brave men and women who have admirably served this county, I know firsthand the important role these facilities serve. With all that veterans have done and are continuing to do for our nation and communities, there never should have been a question of eligibility. I am pleased to know that our efforts proved successful, and that this program will help these veterans groups as part of their ongoing recovery from the pandemic.

I also wanted to mention a couple of other matters of significance. First, residents are reminded that the property tax grievance filing deadline that was extended by the County Legislature to give peo-

ple more time to challenge their assessments will expire on May 2. I've posted a video on my website on how to file a grievance. You can visit www.nassau-countyny.gov/ld6 and watch it by clicking the link to the video.

Remember, you don't need to pay a law firm or agency to file a tax grievance. To get information on your specific property, go to <https://lrv.nassaucountyny.gov>. Forms and applications can also be found at www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/ARC/forms.html.

Second, earlier this month, the Legislature's majority caucus and the Town of Oyster Bay initiated a collection drive to assist the people of Ukraine, and opened drop-off locations at various county and town facilities. Recently I helped load the last boxes filled with donations from generous residents to be shipped overseas. Overall, more than 45,000 pounds of much-needed supplies, including medical items and personal hygiene products, were sent to the Port of New York and New Jersey, where they will be shipped to Poland and ultimately distributed to

Ukrainian refugees.

Finally, the State Legislature is considering legislation that would give the state control of the Nassau University Medical Center, and ultimately lead to partial or complete closure of the facility. NUMC is the only county-owned hospital in Nassau County, and has the only state-of-the-art burn center for miles around, as well as one of the best trauma centers on Long Island. The hospital serves not just residents of the East Meadow area, but also many from across the county who are under-insured, as well as students from the local colleges and many members of nearby minority communities.

This effort is nothing more than a political move by Albany that would hurt Nassau County. NUMC should be run by county residents, for county residents. It should not be a pawn in a political tug of war, and I will continue to fight to ensure that the hospital remains under the county's control, and not bureaucrats in Albany.

Bill Gaylor is a Nassau County legislator representing the 6th District, which comprises Malverne, Lynbrook, North Lynbrook, Valley Stream, North Valley Stream and portions of Franklin Square, Hewlett, Rockville Centre and Woodmere.

LETTERS

handling of the county's proposed settlement with LIPA — something that directly impacts the residents of my district.

Right now, the Island Park and North Shore school districts face an increase in school taxes of as much as 20 percent. However, the administration has failed to provide school officials with even the most basic information or advocate for their interests like they did in Suffolk.

We are especially concerned by how the Blakeman administration seems intent on undermining the reforms we worked so hard to implement after the widespread corruption of the Mangano years.

Some of the people he has hired include a man whose involvement in a politically motivated arrest cost county taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in settlements and legal fees; a man who was convicted in a bribery scheme to sell patient data from Nassau University Medical Center to personal injury lawyers; and even a man who stated that there is such a thing as "good racism" to chair the Nassau Health Care Corporation Board.

What Blakeman has failed to address in his first three months in office is even more concerning. We are still waiting to hear his vision for protecting the environment, keeping toxic contaminants out of our drinking water, and guarding our communities from extreme weather caused by climate change. We have yet to hear a plan for

reducing county fees or improving our assessment system, despite promises for immediate action.

Despite promises to the Legislature and the people of Nassau County to work in a bipartisan, transparent manner, Blakeman is failing to do so.

The Minority Caucus will always be ready to roll up our sleeves to make the county an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON
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We're in a good place

To the Editor:

Randi Kreiss's column spoke to me so completely. At 73 years old, I have become very content with who I am. I'm more reflective and understanding. Simple pleasures satisfy me. And most important, I'm in the present.

Thanks, Randi, for articulating what it feels like to be a 70-something woman. Aren't we lucky to be in the moment, appreciating our past and looking forward to our future?

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