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A foodie's dream

Over 300 people attended the 24th annual Culinary Delights at the Mansion, including, from left, Diane and Lexy Morgan and Cathleen Mealing. They were there to support area restaurants and the Dr. Glenn Howard Jr. Scholarship Award for high school students. Story, more photos Page 3.

Former mayor Francis Deegan dies at 83

By **LAURA LANE**
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An attorney, husband, father and onetime Sea Cliff mayor, Francis W. Deegan always found time to mentor those who needed his help. And although he was known to be a no-nonsense kind of guy, he was also jovial, smart and compassionate.

Born in Glen Cove Hospital, he lived most of his life in Sea Cliff before moving to his summer home in Mattituck in 1998. Deegan died on April 18 of congestive heart failure, at age 83.

Travel and adventures were of the utmost importance to Deegan,

said two of his four children, Kathleen Deegan Dickson, of Glen Cove, and Daniel of Sea Cliff. Perhaps that was a result of his upbringing. Francis's father, Paul Deegan, a plumber from the Bronx, moved to Sea Cliff during the Depression to help build Glen Cove Hospital, but died when he was 50. Dan Deegan said that the brevity of his grandfather's life and his long periods of unemployment

made an impression on his father:

"He wanted to grab life now and live it to the fullest — now," Dan said. "He was not a patient man. He did not put off living as something to plan for after retirement."

He did not put off living as something to plan for after retirement.

DAN DEEGAN
son

Deegan was the first in his family to go to college, graduating from the University of Dayton. He went on to attend the University of Pennsylvania's Carey Law School.

He married Nancy O'Connell, whom he met at UPenn, in 1964, and they had four children, Kathleen, Dan, Molly and Mary. They vacationed aboard the

family's 42-foot sailboat. Two of their sailing adventures were month-long trips, to the Chesapeake Bay and to Nova Scotia.

"Our vacations were travel adventures," Kathleen recalled. "We never sat on the beach."

"My favorite vacation was when we went up the coast of Maine to Nova Scotia," Molly Deegan Breen, of Sea Cliff, recounted. "There were whales

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Free rides to seniors' doctor appointments set to return

By **LETISHA DASS**
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In recent months, seniors in Glen Cove have had to pay taxi fares and rely on family to travel to their medical appointments. For those who live on fixed incomes, these expenses can be difficult to keep up with.

The Glen Cove Senior Center had a regular driving service before the pandemic, but it ended amid the restrictions necessitated by the health crisis. Ever since, seniors across the city have been left to their own devices when they've needed to see their

doctors.

"Unfortunately, they don't have transportation on their own," Christine Rice, the senior center's executive director, said. "nd a taxi ride back and forth is a lot of money."

On April 11, Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, City Controller Michael Piccirillo and the Glen Cove Police Department presented the center with a decommissioned police vehicle, a Chevrolet Crown Victoria, to be used as a medical transport vehicle.

"The bedrock of any good police department is

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Hochul touts budget fixing potholes, colleges

By JAKE PELLEGRINO

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Some might say it's been a bumpy road of late for Kathy Hochul, with some of the ongoing turmoil inside her leadership team. But it was a different kind of bumpy road on the governor's mind last week when she stopped by Kennedy Memorial Park in Hempstead.

More specifically, pothole-laden roads.

"I've been to Long Island many times, and everybody always complains about the potholes," Hochul said. "Nobody has hit more potholes in the state of New York than I have because I've traveled 372,000 miles — not by plane. All by road."

The potholes on Long Island always give Hochul the biggest welcome, she said, "because they're enormous."

That should change with the implementation of her \$1 billion "Operation Pave Our Potholes" program, intended to resurface 480 lane miles of state highways, including key sections of the Long Island Expressway, Southern State Parkway and the Meadowbrook State Parkway.

And as motorists wait for local roads to get smoother, Hochul officially declared an easier time on their wallets, too, as Albany joins Nassau and Suffolk counties to suspend the sales tax on gasoline beginning June 1 and continuing on until the end of the year.

"How about those gas prices?" Hochul asked. "My God, we couldn't have (foreseen) this, but the invasion by Putin into

Ukraine had a ripple effect around the globe and the economy. It's hard for families just trying to get to their kids' soccer game or take a family vacation, so we decided we can do a short-term fix."

The state tax break would remove the 16 cents per gallon levy New York places on gas, joining the nickel per gallon Nassau County suspended on any gas price over \$3. A gallon of regular gas on Long Island averaged \$4.14 this past weekend, according to AAA, down 17 cents from a month ago.

Still, gas is up 43 percent from last year when a gallon of regular went for just under \$2.90.

Hochul also promised improvements for commuters, including the completion of the Long Island Rail Road's third track of the east side access project leading from Grand Central Terminal, and the launch of the second phase of the \$700 million Ronkonkoma Hub project.

"We're changing infrastructure — it's not just about roads," Hochul said. "This is an opportunity to lift people's spirits and give a sense that our commuters matter. We can do dull dishwasher infrastructure, or we can do something that matters and make a statement. And this is that opportunity."

The state also will commit \$500 million for the development of an offshore wind port infrastructure and supply chain, Hochul said, expected to bring in more than \$2 billion in economic activity and more than 2,000 green jobs.



Jake Pellegrino/Herald

GOV. KATHY HOCHUL speaks at Hempstead's Kennedy Memorial Park about the budget she and lawmakers finally finished in Albany. Money is earmarked not only for crumbling state roads, but to give a break at the gas pump as well. Even if it's a small one.

"We're going to turn the corner on mankind's assault on Mother Nature," Hochul said. "It has to end, and it's going to end on our watch. What we did to build back our state is going to be part of our post-pandemic legacy."

On the education front, \$500 million is earmarked for SUNY and CUNY campuses — schools Hochul said transforms families, including her own.

"My parents, at one time, lived in a trailer park, and my dad worked at a steel plant," the governor said. "What got them out of those circumstances was my dad

getting a college degree while working at the steel plant. That degree allowed him to do something different with his life instead of just working with his hands making steel."

Additionally, \$50 million will support a partnership between Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and Stony Brook University to create an artificial intelligence lab. Part-time students also will be eligible for the state's Tuition Assistance Program, and Albany will allocate \$7 billion to ensure child care is available on all SUNY and CUNY campuses.



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THE GLEN COVE Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors with Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, center, supported local businesses at Culinary Delights at The Mansion.

Chamber's 24th annual Culinary Delights a hit

By LETISHA DASS
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The 24th annual Culinary Delights on April 25 held at The Mansion, was a major success for the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce. After two years of being on pause due to Covid, the chamber was able to assemble over 50 vendors to promote businesses that have survived and opened during the pandemic.

"We're very happy with the results," Matt Nartowicz, president of the Chamber said.

Before the event began at 6 p.m., a line formed out the door as guests registered for the chance to taste local delicacies. Once inside, roughly 350 attendees sampled offerings from the vendors and socialized with their neighbors.

Representatives from Vito's Ristorante and Pizzeria, which has been open for eight years in Glen Cove, was there. While owner Vito Marchese was at the restaurant working, his nephew Nick Logozzo and some employees served up samples.

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IT WAS A family affair at La Bussolo's, table with Carlo, Rafella and Gail Lubrano, who treated guests to their restaurant's delicacies.

CHEF PAT MARONE, left, of the Regency enjoyed every minute of plating his culinary creations for guests.

DR. EVE LUPENKO-FERRANTE, far left, with Chef Jeanine DiMenna promoted an upcoming local play that will be held at DiMenna's The View Grill.

More than 50 businesses promoted that night

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“Covid has been a mess for all of us, and it’s nice to see everybody here,” Logozzo said. “[The room] is filled with plenty of people, so I’m really excited to see it come back.”

Logozzo, who has helped by working at Culinary Delights in past years for his uncle, enjoyed the chance to promote the restaurant’s dishes.

“It’s just great publicity,” he said. “It’s a great way for everybody to try our food and see what our community has to offer.”

People’s United Bank had a table set up as well to share their financial services with Glen Cove, although they do not currently have a branch open in the city. Mimi Howard, a branch manager and member of the chamber, along with her coworkers were happy to return to Culinary Delights. “We really believe in the chamber and the mission of the chamber,” Howard said.

Along with supporting and promoting small businesses, guests were able to participate in raffles for gift baskets. Part of the proceeds from tickets were contributed to the chamber’s Dr. Glenn Howard Jr. Scholarship Award for college-bound high school students.

The chamber has experienced a surge of new members, with at least 15 joining in the past month, the most they have ever had in such a short time.

“We attribute that to the online presence that we’re doing on Facebook [and]



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LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON, left, Dr. Eve Lupenko-Ferrante, Maureen Hauser, and Councilman Jack Mancusi socialized and tasted offerings from the best of Glen Cove’s restaurants.

LinkedIn,” Matt Nartowicz, the chamber’s president said. “Everything’s kind of coming together.



DIANE ZIEMES, ABOVE, with Chef Peter Bazelis of Glen Cove Atria, served up delicious squash polenta and seafood.



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Police department loans vehicle to senior center

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community well-being, community health and community safety,” GCPD deputy chief Chris Ortiz said. “And if there’s anything that we can do, in terms of assisting with this endeavor, we certainly would make every effort to do so, you know.”

The coordinator of the senior center’s driving service, Phyllis Burnett, spearheaded the effort. Burnett, who has been driving for the program for at least 10 years, advocated for a new vehicle. “She is a driving force behind the program,” Scagliola said.

The service once drove seniors from across the city, even if they weren’t regular members of the center, to their medical appointments in the area. It operated from Monday to Friday, and seniors usually called a week ahead to schedule a ride.

Before the pandemic, Burnett said, the center used an older vehicle, a Subaru, to take seniors to their appointments at no charge. When doctors’ appointments became restricted and there were lockdowns due to Covid, however, the vehicle wasn’t driven, and fell into a state of disrepair. “After a while,” Burnett recalled, “people forgot about the car, and then the car just died.”

As the pandemic eased and restrictions on in-person appointments loosened, Burnett began fielding calls from seniors asking that the driving service be revived, because they couldn’t afford the trips to and from those appointments. “And I [couldn’t]



Courtesy Glen Cove Senior Center

THE GLEN COVE Police Department has offered the senior center a Chevrolet Crown Victoria, a former police vehicle, to serve as a medical transport vehicle to take the city’s seniors to their doctors’ appointments.

take them anywhere,” Burnett said. “I [couldn’t] take them in my private car because it’s a liability, an insurance risk.”

The senior center didn’t have the funds to repair the Subaru, because the transport service relied heavily on donations from passengers, which ended during the pandemic. The cost to fix the vehicle would have been at least \$12,000, Scagliola said, so the only option was to buy a new vehicle.

“We needed a new car,” Burnett said. “The car that we had had over 100,000 miles on it. I’m not going to risk breaking down carrying these clients.”

Luckily for the center, the GCPD was receiving new police vehicles and decommissioning their older ones. After hearing that news, and knowing the center’s predicament, Scagliola saw a chance to help the center.

The police typically loan their decommissioned vehicles to other city departments, Ortiz said, because the cars are still in good condition but no longer appropriate for police work.

But the Crown Vic will work just fine for the seniors. The service should be up and running again by June, Burnett said, but

she needs to get more drivers to volunteer. Right now, she has two besides herself, but to restart a service that will be available every day of the week, she said, she needs at least four more.

Burnett said that driving for the seniors has been fun, and has changed her perspective, because she came to understand the difficulties of losing one’s independence. Over the years, she said, her clients have become her friends. “[During Covid] I missed that exchange, that energy, that enlightenment that they have given me,” she said.





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Friday, April 29

Mighty Ramon

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Saturday, April 30

Defensive driving course

Come to Bayville Free Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m for a New York State Department of Motor Vehicles approved Defensive Driving class. This will be presented in the library by Empire Safety Council. Earn a 10 percent discount on your auto insurance each year for three years and you may reduce up to four points off your license. Registration is in person only and you must provide your payment at the time of registration. Fee is \$30 by check or money order only, made out to Empire Safety Council – one check per person, no cash accepted. Contact Kristy Fumante at (516) 628-2765 for further information.

Independent Bookstore Day

Kick off Independent Bookstore Day by heading over to Theodore's Books in Oyster Bay at 10 a.m. for a talk with award-winning Long Island author Gae Polisner as she speaks about and signs copies of her new middle grade novel, "Consider the Octopus." Her book is a comedy of errors, mistaken identity, and synchronicity. Above all, it is a heartfelt story about friendship and an empowering call to environmental protection, especially to our young people who are already stepping up to help save our oceans and our earth.

Sunday, May 1

Marvelous mothers

Head to Bayville Free Library's Youtube channel starting May 1 for a series of Mother's Day stories. From the story of the mother who inspired Mother's Day and her daughter who tried to stop it, to stories of mothers who did extraordinary things in extraordinary



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In conversation with Delia Ephron

Join Theodore's Books in Oyster Bay for an evening with New York Times bestselling author Delia Ephron as she sits in conversation with author Carol Hoenig to discuss her new memoir, "Left on Tenth: A Second Chance at Life." In her book, Delia Ephron enchants as she seesaws us between tears and laughter, navigating the suicidal lows of enduring cutting-edge treatment after being diagnosed with AML, a fierce leukemia, and the giddy highs of a second chance at love. There will be a book signing to follow. This event is free and open to the public.

times. These surprising and marvelous tales will inspire and uplift, while celebrating mothers here and now. Presented by award winning speaker and storyteller Martina Mathisen.

Oyster Bay Market

Come to the front of Oyster Bay's Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Oyster Bay Market. Hosted by the Main Street Association in partnership with Mockingbird Winds, the Market will be held every two weeks from now until November 13.

Monday, May 2

Chef Rob

Stop by the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library for a cooking lesson with Chef Rob from 1 to 2 p.m. Learn how to cook a delicious chicken penne fajita skillet meal. Bring a takeout container to bring samples home to try. Contact Marion Dodson at (516) 922-1212 for any

questions.

Stitches and stories

Come to the Gold Coast Public Library from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to participate in Stitches and Stories. Stitches and Stories offers patrons the opportunity to learn to crochet or knit in a warm, friendly environment. Come enjoy the camaraderie while learning a new skill or improving on the skills you already have.

Tuesday, May 3

Unicorn story time

Pop by the Glen Cove Public Library from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for a unicorn story time. The storytime is for ages two to five and focuses on simple books, concepts, early literacy and child/caregiver interaction.

Mothers Day craft

Come to the Locust Valley Library from 3:30 to 4:45 to make a gift for that special someone. Register to come in and get busy. Recommended for ages 4-12. Participants must arrive between 3:30 and 4 p.m. Each child participating must be registered. Adults accompanying a child do not need to register. For any question, contact Youth Services at (516) 671-1837.

Wednesday, May 4

Crazy creations

Come to the Bayville Free Library from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and enjoy an art class for children from Kindergarten to fifth grade, presented by Adventures in Art. What do you get when you mix a lobster with a telephone? Find out in this class

about surrealistic art inspired by the sea, and then make your own crazy creation. Register today, and for further questions contact Jennifer Russo at (516) 628-2765.

Thursday, May 5

Mothers Day teen take n' make

Stop by the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m. to watch the film "The Mule" by Clint Eastwood. Inspired by a true story, the movie follows a man in his eighties who is desperate for money and becomes a drug courier for a Mexican cartel. Warning to parents that this film is rated R. For further information, contact Dan Huber at (516) 922-1212

Page turners with Emily

Stop by the Gold Coast Public Library at 7 p.m. to read and discuss the novel "Rock Paper Scissors," by Alice Feeney. The book follows Amelia, who wins a free weekend getaway to a remote venue in the Scottish highlands, which she views as the perfect opportunity to reconnect with her husband Adam, but the trip has the opposite effect as she no longer recognizes the person she married. For more information, contact Emily at (516) 759-8300.

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 Bayville will be holding its E-Waste Drop Off Day on April 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- The Glen Cove Community Development Agency will be meeting on April 26 at 6 p.m.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Architectural Review Bard will meet on April 26 at 7 p.m.
- The City of Glen Cove City Council will be meeting on April 26 at 7:30 p.m.
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Francis Deegan, 'larger than life,' dies

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swimming alongside our boat.”

Family was very important to Deegan, Kathleen said. “He had two brothers who he would never dream of having a falling-out with,” she said. “It was something that kept us very close.”

Deegan was a Sea Cliff village trustee from 1971 until 1978, and was elected mayor in 1979, and served until 1983. He inspired his niece Eileen Krieb to become mayor, too, she said, from 2001 until 2009.

“After I was mayor, he said, why not work for the county?” Krieb said. She worked for the Parks Department for 12 years, and was its commissioner from 2018 until 2021. “I would have never pursued it if he hadn’t suggested it,” she said of her uncle. “He took care of all of us in his own way, and encouraged us to expand our horizons and embrace more in life.”

Former Glen Cove mayor Timothy Tenke knew Deegan for 45 years. Describing him as a “second father,” Tenke said he was surprised when he heard that Deegan had died. “He was larger than life,” Tenke said. “When he walked into a room, you knew Francis Deegan was there. He was the guy you thought would live forever.”

Deegan opened his Glen Cove law practice, Crowe and Deegan, in 1968. Over the years, other lawyers joined it, with the name of the firm changing when a new partner was added. Tenke’s father, Julius, was one of them when it was called Crowe, Deegan & Tenke in the later 1970s. When Tim graduated from law school in 1990, he worked there for a few years.

“Francis always gave great advice, especially when I became a lawyer,” Tenke said. “He was a great influence in my life.”

Deegan served as Glen Cove city attorney from 1994 to 1998. And he always wanted to give back to the community, Tenke said. He was the president of the Glen Cove Lions Club, and a member of many other organizations, Dan Deegan said.

“He always said that the best title was at the (Glen Cove) Elks Club, where he was elected and served as the Exalted Ruler,” his son said. “Dad showed leadership and courage when he went to the Elks convention in Chicago and voted to open membership to all races, a position



Courtesy Deegan family

FRANCIS DEEGAN, CENTER, surrounded by his family, including his wife, Nancy; daughters Mary Deegan Haff, Kathleen Deegan Dickson and Molly Deegan Breen; and son Dan.

which some in his own club criticized him for at the time.”

Kathleen and Dan, who are now partners at Forchelli Deegan Terrana, both started their legal careers working for their father. “We learned so much from him, and he was our legal mentor,” Dan said. “He set us up for success, and then, as he liked to say, he got out of the way.”

Deegan was equally proud of his daughters Mary, who became an emergency room pediatric nurse at Winthrop Hospital, and Molly, who started her own business, Branch Real Estate Group, in Sea Cliff.

Dan said that he and his siblings are testaments to their father’s focus on education, drive and responsibility. “And he took special pride in raising three strong, smart, very accomplished woman into this world,” Dan said.

Former Sea Cliff Mayor Ed Lieberman remains impressed by Deegan’s efforts to revise and modernize the village code in the 1970s. “When I took over, it was a real inspiration for me,”

said Lieberman, who was mayor from 2017 until 2021. “In 1979 he understood what had to be revamped, which today is part and parcel of how our village operates. I was inspired by him to fulfill his vision of a modernized village.”

Sea Cliff Village Administrator Bruce Kennedy also admired Deegan. A former mayor himself, from 2009 to 2017, Kennedy said that Deegan was a mentor to him. “Francis got things done,” Kennedy said. “He believed that the ends always justified the means, and doing the right things for the right reasons was important. We had similar mindsets.”

Deegan made a difference in many people’s lives, Kennedy said, pseudo-adopting many young men who needed a father figure.

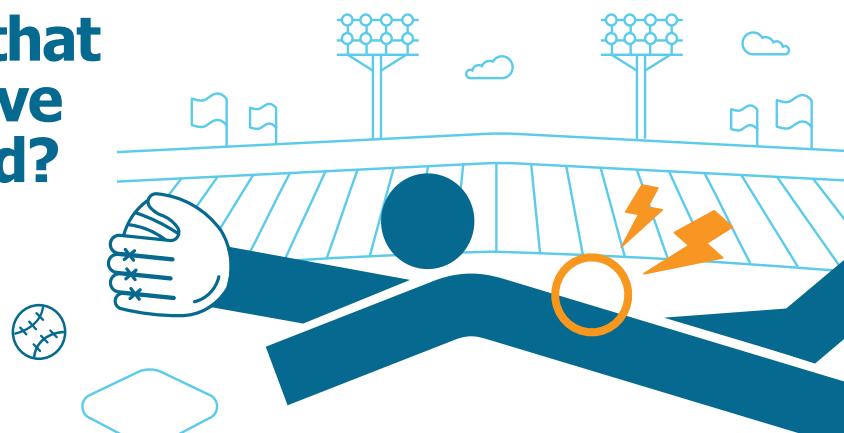
Molly said he always took the time to speak to her friends. “They were serious conversations,” she recalled. “Dad always encouraged people to go outside their comfort zone, to follow their dreams.”



NANCY WAS THE love of Francis Deegan’s life. They vacationed often together.

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Commitment to keep Glen Cove green and beautiful 11

By LETISHA DASS

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Protecting the planet is the number one message of Earth Day, which this year is on April 22. To demonstrate their support for the green cause, the City of Glen Cove's Beautification Commission organized their annual clean-up at Morgan Memorial Park on April 23.

"It's a beautiful city," Councilman Jack Mancusi, the Beautification Commission liaison said. "So, the only way to keep it in the forefront is to keep it beautiful because just a little bit of garbage, just the little bit of code violations detracts from the whole beauty of the city."

The event was dedicated to the late Beautification Commissioner Bill Byrne, who died last year in June. Mancusi and members of the board said that Byrne enjoyed the annual clean-up, so it was right to honor him in this way.

"He was friendly, and he was dedicated," Mancusi said. "And it's nice to honor him in this way. He's looking down on us right now and he's saying, thank you."

At least 60 volunteers, including children, signed up to join in picking up litter found across the park and neighborhood from McLoughlin Street and Landing Road to Elwood Street. The main motto of the volunteers was to protect and preserve the charm of the city they know and love.

"All of our events are to make Glen



Letisha Dass/Herald

COMMUNITY LEADERS AND neighbors banded together to clean up Morgan Memorial Park and streets in the surrounding area to help beautify Glen Cove

Cove a more attractive venue for our residents and guests of this city," Dr. Eve Lupenko-Ferrante, board member of the Beautification Commission said. "There's a lot of maintenance work that the city employees are not able to do on their own, so we come in."

Like the broken windows theory, Mancusi said, the little bit of litter seen around the area is an invitation for others to do the same and pollute. By cleaning up the garbage found in the area, he thinks people would think twice before throwing garbage from their cars onto the streets.

His theory has been proven accurate. When walking around the neighborhood, Councilwoman Barbara Peebles said that

residents noticed the clean-up and started picking up garbage around their homes.

"We were walking around, and neighbors were coming out saying, 'Oh, yes, I heard about this, and I wanted to be there,'" Peebles said. "So, neighbors will get out and it is like keeping up with the Joneses, when you really kind of inspire people to start picking up after themselves."

As an initiative to encourage children to help, the commission and the Glen Cove Kiwanis Club offered community service credit and certificates. "We want to be an example to the kids," Phyllis Burnett, a member of the Kiwanis Club said. "We want the kids to come out."

Yim Cheng, of Glen Cove, and his 11-year-old son Aki along with Aki's friend Oliver volunteered to help clean-up the area. Cheng said he took his son to the morning garbage pick-up as a lesson on protecting the earth.

"It's an amazing teaching lesson for them," Cheng said. "Helping out in terms of community service is very important for them to be educated on and see how much garbage people start throwing out for no reason. They learn that they shouldn't do that."

Mother-daughter duo Penelope and Evelyn Stefanopoulos grabbed a bag as well to help pick up the litter they found in the park. "I think it's important to help the earth for the animals and for the water," Evelyn, 7, said.

Along with the clean-up, the Beautification Commission will be holding a tree planting event at Morgan Memorial Park on April 30 to further amplify the city and park's beauty. Lupenko-Ferrante has been participating in both city green-friendly events for years with her children.

"We want to make it one place that our residents can be proud of," Lupenko-Ferrante said. "And since we are such an outdoor community [and] people are using our parks and our beaches and walking around town, we want it to be an inviting attraction."

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Suozzi delivers government funding for L.I. Sound

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By WILL SHEELINE

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U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi gave residents an Earth Day present. At a press conference on Friday, he promised \$33 million in federal funding for environmental projects. He was joined by public officials and representatives from local environmental groups at Sea Cliff Municipal Beach to deliver the welcome news. Mayor Pam Panzenbeck and members of the Water Department were also there.

Suozzi said environmental conservation is important to him, as it should be to all Long Islanders. It has been a key goal of his work in Congress for years.

"The Sound is a very big part of all of our lives," Suozzi said. "I always talk about how Long Island Sound is our national park, and that's how we should think about it. It's this great natural resource that really uplifts our lives just by being around it."

A Glen Cove native, Suozzi said can see how much the ecosystem has improved since his childhood.

"When I was growing up, we didn't see red-tailed hawks, we didn't see bald eagles or bunker roiling in the water," Suozzi reminisced. "Thanks to the people here, who are committed to protecting and preserving our Sound, it's better than it's ever been before."

The majority of the funds, roughly \$31



Will Sheeline/Herald

ALTHOUGH THE WATER Department declined to speak at the event, they did thank Tom Suozzi for the help he had provided.

million, is targeted to restore the Sound. Adrienne Esposito, executive director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment, accepted the check from Suozzi. It wasn't easy, she said, to raise the federal funds.

"This does not happen by chance," Esposito said. "This is a lot of hard work, a lot of organizing. We would get up at two in the morning, we would travel down together by bus to go to Congress. Why?

When we improve the quality of Long Island Sound, we improve our homes."

Suozzi also said that \$1,000,000 of the money would be going to rehabilitating the Nancy Court Well Station. At the event, Panzenbeck explained that this money would be a huge boon to Glen Cove and the Water Department.

"This is the most unglamorous project, infrastructure for our water department,"

Panzenbeck said. "Although we're having an unglamorous project, I just have to say we are so in need of this, for the infrastructure of our ecosystems."

Then she called up the members of her Water Department. Mike Colangelo, the head of the department, was pulled to the front by Suozzi, who said he had been his son's Little League coach. Suozzi was also proud to announce that his son was now playing for the minor league team the Brooklyn Cyclones.

The Nancy Court Well Station is one of several active wells which provide fresh water to Glen Cove. There is another at Kelly Street, and three more at Duck Pond. Together, these wells provide most of the city's clean water.

Speaking several days later, Panzenbeck also highlighted how vital the rehabilitation of the well would be to preserving the city's water autonomy. This has been a concern for Glen Cove since 2017, when some of their wells at Duck Pond were forced to shut down due to high concentrations of Freon 22, a chemical compound used as a refrigerant.

"Improving the quality of our wells and keeping all of our wells up to date and pumping clean water for our residents, that's what this is about," Panzenbeck said. "I was on the council at times when we had to buy water from other communities like from Locust Valley and we do not want that again."

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Volunteers are the 'heartbeat' of Glen Cove Hospital



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AT AN EVENT during National Volunteer Appreciation Week, Glen Cove Hospital unveiled a star to honor its volunteers for their compassion, service, and dedication.

By **LETISHA DASS**

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"Volunteers are like the heartbeat of the hospital," said Susan Rassekh, senior director of patient and customer experience at Glen Cove Hospital.

National Volunteers Week, which started April 24, is a chance to honor the men and women who have dedicated personal time and energy to helping their communities. In recognition, Glen Cove Hospital gifted their volunteers a star for their hard work.

"We believe that you guys are the stars of the hospital," Brad Sherman, MD, medical director at Glen Cove Hospital, said when presenting the star.

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck was honored for volunteering at the hospital for at least 10 years. She has helped in the offices and was a member of the Glen Cove Hospital Auxiliary. During her time at the hospital, she said, doctors and nurses would check-in and offer help, making her feel that she was more than a volunteer.

"It really is a true community hospital," Panzenbeck said. "They never made you feel like you were just a volunteer."

The hospital's volunteers have the chance to work with doctors, nurses, and medical staff to bring warmth and compassion to patients and their families. Many can be seen working in the gift shop, various departments answering phone calls, assisting in offices, be floor aides, and transporting patients to their appointments.

"They're very important to us because they change the dynamic for a patient," Rassekh said. "It's somebody who's not your doctor, or your nurse coming in, just a regular person who's seeing this hospital through a different lens and sees a person not as a patient."

Because of the pandemic, the volunteer program has had a rough time with only 12 of its volunteers returning. Before Covid, the hospital's program typically had 50 volunteers with at least 25 sporadically joining throughout the year. Currently, the hospital is actively seeking more volunteers.

"The incidence of Covid numbers really is dictating that," Sherman said. "So, we have had volunteers coming back on a somewhat limited basis and we anticipate the [Covid] numbers continue to go down and we don't have another resurgence. We expect the volunteer program to be fully fledged again."

With coronavirus protocols still in place, volunteers have not been able to work in their pre-Covid departments in the hospital, such as in the emergency room. There is limited contact with patients.

Even so, volunteers George Meyer, of Locust Valley, and Marion Robertson, of Oyster Bay, still find joy in their roles.

"I enjoy being here," Robertson said. "I have a satisfaction from helping people and the side benefit is [that] I've made some wonderful, dear friends that love."

Meyer, 88, has been volunteering at the hospital since he retired eight years ago. He comes in once a week for a few hours to help in the gift shop and transport patients

Apply to become a volunteer

To become a volunteer at Glen Cove Hospital, contact the auxiliary office at (516) 674-7365. Applications can be found at glencove.northwell.edu/get-involved and can be scanned, emailed, faxed, or mailed to the following address for submission:

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between departments in wheelchairs.

"If I'm going to volunteer with some nice people and professionals," Meyer said, "this is a place to go."

As a former teacher for the North Shore School District, Meyer admitted that he sometimes sees his former students at the hospital. He said that volunteering brings purpose and accomplishments in helping the Northwell Health and Glen Cove community provide excellent care to individuals.

Throughout her years donating her time to help the community as a leader for the Girls Scouts and tutoring, Robertson, 84, made the decision to volunteer at the hospital 23 years ago.

She first started in the emergency room, where she helped feed patients, run errands, and handout blankets. "I spent 20 years doing that," Robertson said. "Unfortunately, with Covid, I can no longer go back there."

For now, she is working in the gift shop that can be found at the main entrance of the hospital.

The hospital also has a junior volunteer program for high school students, which offers community service credit and introduces students to different career opportunities by allowing them to choose from specialized departments.

"It's exciting for us to be able to put those kids on a track," Rassekh said. "I think it's important for young people to recognize that healthcare is a team sport."

The junior volunteer program is seasonal and is on hold. However, the hospital is looking forward to reopening its program for students in the future.

"It's just wonderful getting to really know the inner workings of the hospital," Panzenbeck said, "and they treat all the volunteers so well."

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In the Matter of the Application of Beacon Wind LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of Approximately 124 Miles of Transmission Lines from the Boundary of New York State Territorial Waters to a Point of Interconnection in Astoria, Queens, New York Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law of the State of New York, Beacon Wind LLC (Applicant) is providing public notice of its intent to file an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) for the proposed construction and operation of the portion of the transmission system for the Beacon Wind 1 offshore wind generating facility located in New York State (the Project). PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on or about May 13, 2022, the Applicant will file an application (Application) in the above-entitled matter with the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) for a Certificate pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law to construct, operate, and maintain the Project, which is the New York State portion of a transmission facility that will connect the offshore wind farm to be located in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management designated Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS-A 0520 within federal waters (Lease Area) to the existing mainland electrical grid in Astoria,

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Learning to protect ourselves from scammers

People have called him many things — kind, loving, helpful, funny. I've heard him described as meticulous. But to me and my siblings, he's simply Dad.

This year my father turns 89. He still drives. He still goes to church, where he displays his musical talents on the organ, which he taught himself to play.



MICHAEL HINMAN

He lives just blocks from my stepmother, who is in an assisted-living facility with severe dementia. He spends as much time there as he can.

My dad loves his wife, his family, his spiritual home, and his Tampa Bay Buccaneers. I don't

think anyone was more excited about Tom Brady making the move from Boston.

But when I think about my dad, more often than not, my smile turns to tears. Not about anything he did — he was and still is a great man — but because of what someone did to him.

My dad was meticulous as he divided a large stack of cash into separate envelopes. His hands shook with fear as he packed each envelope carefully into a box to send off to who knows where. This was

\$20,000 — money my father, a retired railroad welder, didn't even have. It came from a loan, one he continues to make payments on today.

The worst part was that my dad knew he was being scammed. He knew that if he told me or any of my siblings, we would stop him. We would help him. But the scammers on the other end of that phone scared him so much that fear overcame reason and logic.

I've recently discovered a YouTube channel called Scammer Payback. It's led by a cybersecurity expert known only as "Pierogi," who targets the scammers who have their sights on our parents, our grandparents, our sisters and brothers — really anyone we love.

Pierogi ties the scammers up on the phone for hours. He hacks into their computers and steals their files, turning all of what he unearths over to the authorities. He has identified the leading scam operations overseas, and pushed for police to arrest them. And he's personally called people targeted by scammers — many of whom have been victimized for years — to help them break free.

Scams are nothing new, but the scope of such fraud and theft today is unprecedented. The Federal Trade Commission's

Consumer Sentinel Network reported 4.8 million complaints of consumer fraud and identity theft in 2020 — up 45 percent from the year before.

Nearly half of all Americans experienced financial identity theft in 2020, according to the Aite-Novarica Group. Nearly half. That cost all of us more than \$700 billion at the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

In recent weeks, AARP Long Island and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service have hosted a series of webinars with the RichnerLive arm of Herald Community Newspapers to explore all kinds of fraud — identity theft, elder fraud and, this week, romance scams. I've been honored to moderate these panels, which have included expert advice from AARP New York's Long Island associate state director, Bernard Macias, as well as USPIS experts like Donna Harris, Michael Del Giudice and Joseph Marcus.

We've learned so much. If someone calls you and asks you to send money — for any reason — be skeptical. If they want to get on your computer, say no. If they ask you to use gift cards, or tell you that you must provide them with sensitive personal information, hang up.

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to those we love, but it's also a great way for scammers to collect a ton of personal information about you — information they can weaponize in an effort to empty your bank account.

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Join us for our final installment in the Fighting Against Fraud series on Thursday, April 28, at noon. You don't even have to leave your living room — we'll come right to your computer. Just register at LIHerald.com/romance.

And then protect yourself by shredding sensitive documents. If you don't have a shredder, we'll do it for you. Bring those documents to our offices, at 2 Endo Blvd. in Garden City, this Saturday, April 30, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and we'll shred them. Just register in advance, at LIHerald.com/shred.

My dad will never see that \$20,000 again. So many more like him have lost money that is now counted in the billions. But it doesn't have to continue. We can fight scammers by being vigilant, and by educating ourselves, so we — and those we love — are never victimized again.

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Where have you gone, Walter Cronkite?

Last night, having been off my devices all day and peacefully oblivious to the news, I turned on the TV as I slipped into bed just to catch up. Now, you know and I know that I shouldn't have done that, but I was feeling out of touch, so I flipped from MSNBC to CNN and Fox to see what was up with the world.



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The news was so horrific that it almost seemed like satire. In TV anchor rapid-speak, reporters from around the country and the world told me that: mass graves had been found in and around Mariupol, Ukraine, as Russian forces closed

in on the besieged city; wildfires were burning out of control in parts of New Mexico; Israeli and Gaza militants were at war; Florida Gov. Rick DeSantis was punishing Disney for supporting gay rights by removing its tax breaks; new audio had revealed that House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy talked trash about then-President Donald Trump after the Jan. 6 insurrection; Florida was banning math books for alleged inappropriate "prohibit-

ed" topics, like race; and — oh, no — Netflix was cracking down on shared accounts.

Sleep was out of the question. In between news segments, just to keep the anxiety level in the stratosphere, commercials from an animal rights group showed bone-thin dogs chained outside in the freezing cold. The voice-over begged for contributions to save these wretched pups. I love dogs more than people, but this commercial feels like an assault, and it doesn't make me feel like giving more money; it makes me feel like changing the channel.

That was my news experience last evening, which brings me to my question of the day: Walter Cronkite, where are you when we need you?

I am certain that 24-hour news screaming at us from every device we own is detrimental to our health. The American Psychological Association states that "news consumption has a downside ... More than half of Americans say the news causes them stress ... anxiety, fatigue or sleep loss."

We were much better off when TV news was broadcast once or twice daily for 15 or 30 minutes. When I was a kid, my parents

watched the news at 6 and 11 p.m. For millions of viewers, CBS anchor Walter Cronkite was the voice of reason, truth and journalistic integrity every night during those brief news shows. There were no alternative facts, and "fake news" wasn't even a blip in the nascent Trump brain.

For those of you too young to remember, in 1962 Cronkite became anchorman of CBS's newscasts. Think about it: 15 to 30 minutes of news a day on CBS or the other major channel, NBC. That was it.

Cronkite didn't have coiffed hair or trendy clothes. He made his bones as a war correspondent in World War II, flying with the

U.S. Army Air Force in bombing raids over Germany. After the war, he covered the Nuremberg Trials. In 1950 he was recruited by Edward R. Murrow, another broadcast icon, at CBS News. He interviewed President John F. Kennedy to launch the first 30-minute news broadcast in September 1963, and less than three months later, on Nov. 22, he announced the death of the president on live TV. I was 16 years old. I watched, stricken, as Cronkite removed his glasses and struggled to regain his composure.

He's been replaced by 24-hour news screaming at us from every device.

In the decades since, the news on TV and online has evolved into a circus of both information and misinformation reported by anchors who range from the sublime to the ridiculous to the truly grotesque. TV personalities tell us the news, as it is selected and edited by their researchers and producers. Because the news is now broadcast 24/7, there are thousands of hours of filler and fluff beaming out at us all day and all night long.

What can we do? What agency do we have with this news tsunami coming at us every hour of the day? How to stay informed and still stay sane? We are left to our own devices in more ways than one, and we need to do the most difficult thing, which is to find balance.

We honor the brave correspondents who bring news of the war in Ukraine, and we honor the TV and newspaper reporters whose mission every day is to shine a light in the darkness. We need the news, but we need to calibrate our consumption.

My new rule is no news before bedtime. No "notifications" on my phone. Our devices beam out information and disinformation indiscriminately. Some of it informs, but much of it triggers anxiety. We must know, and we have to teach our children, how to tell the difference.

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Hello, county Human Rights Commission?

Lucy Pozo fought hard not to let the people sitting in front of her see her cry.

The senior at East Rockaway High School stood before the district's Board of Education after a Donald Trump flag surfaced during the school's annual Sports Night event last month. For Pozo, it wasn't just about what the former president stands for, but what the display of such a flag said about some of her classmates. Some of the same people she believes target her because of her Hispanic heritage.

"East Rockaway schools have failed me," she said. "That flag, the reason why nobody was talking about it that day, is because we're scared."

Just weeks later, there was an outcry of a different sort in Rockville Centre. A woman there who was reportedly troubled by a large menorah in front of a Chabad center — a display she said was the beginning of an Orthodox Jewish push into the community reminiscent of what has happened to the Five Towns over the past couple of decades.

If the Orthodox community does move into Rockville Centre, the woman said, they will force businesses to close for the Sabbath. They will take over school boards, and send money away from the district. And then they will sell those schools "to the highest bidder."

Many called the Rockville Centre woman's comments antisemitic, and it's nearly impossible not to agree. Pozo's comments, however, were followed by a number of

students earlier this month sharing much broader concerns about how minorities are treated at East Rockaway High.

These aren't issues unique to East Rockaway High or Rockville Centre, and they aren't limited to these specific groups. Even as deep as we are into the 21st century, hate continues to find a foothold in our society. While much of it is focused on the color of someone's skin, it also involves gender and gender identity, religion, where our money comes from, disability, and who we love.

A recent Pew Research Center study revealed that a third of Asian Americans still fear they could be the victims of slurs, jokes and even violence over the perceived origins of the coronavirus pandemic. Locally, that has led to the founding of the Asian American Institute for Research and Engagement, designed to advocate for Asian Americans while using research and data to uncover the roots of the discrimination they face.

"We are all Americans," said Woodbury's Farrah Mozawalla, the first-ever Muslim department head in Nassau County government, who founded the new organization. "We all believe in the same values, and it's now time for us to combat this hatred and discrimination. We need that to stop."

The battle against hate is seemingly never-ending, but it's a battle that must be fought. Yet it's often unclear who is doing the battling. There are informal student and religious groups, as well as organizations like Mozawalla's.

But Long Island has another weapon against such hatred that has been largely silent in recent months — the Nassau County Human Rights Commission.

It's made up of 15 commissioners representing those of various races and ethnicities as well as those with disabilities, according to its website. Its stated mission is to "promote harmony among the diverse populations" of the county, through "persuasion, conciliation, investigation and education."

Could there be a better time than now to promote that harmony? The work this commission does is important, but it can't stand by while many of these issues fill the pages of your local newspaper, with the fear that things will get worse before they get better.

The commission hasn't been completely idle. Its website is full of information on what people should do if they feel they're victims of coronavirus-related discrimination. That's vital information, for sure. But while the pandemic has dominated our lives over the past two years, community members are bravely stepping forward to expose other issues we just can't ignore.

And if the Human Rights Commission isn't addressing these issues, too few people will hear about them. Now is the time for it to step up.

We need to promote harmony. We need to embrace the very differences that make us Americans. And we need that persuasion, conciliation, investigation and education to get that done.

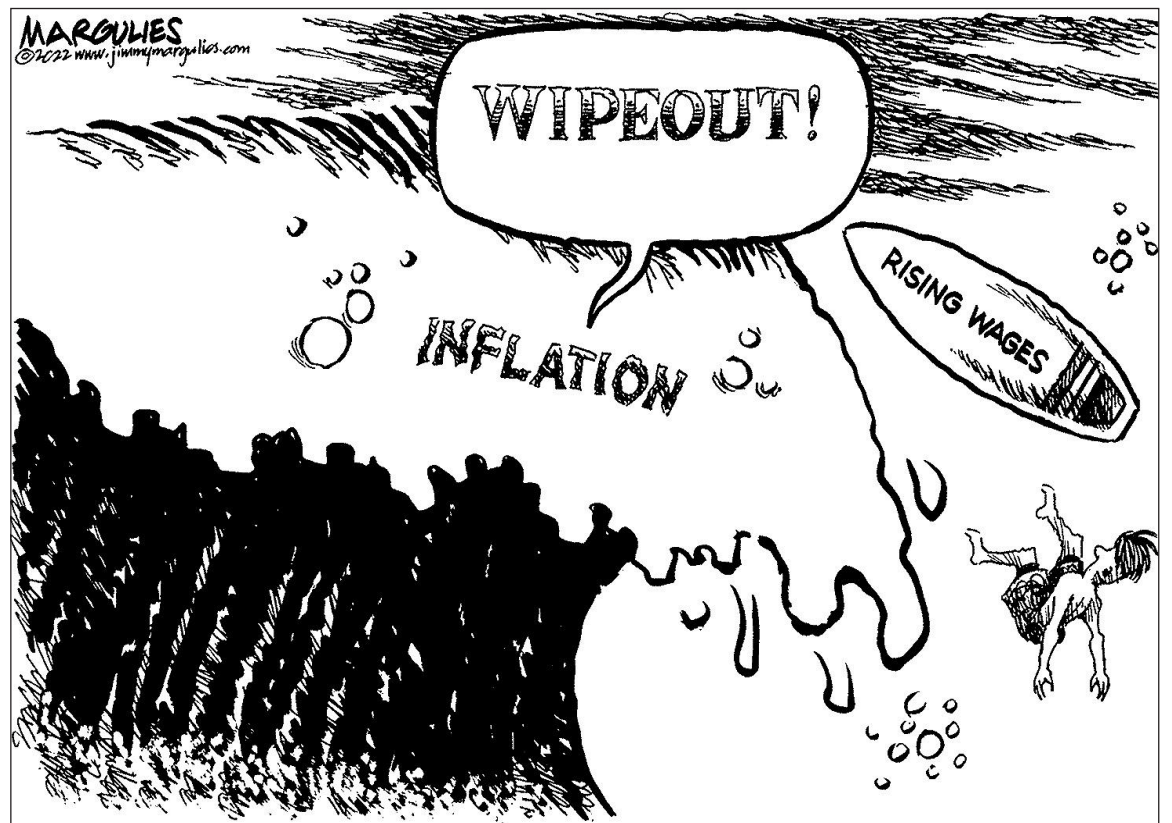
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The Cuomos don't need career advice

To the Editor:

Who is letter writer Larry Penner ("Career advice for the Cuomos," March 10-16) to tell two private citizens what to do with their time? Who is Larry Penner to tell a private citizen what to do with his money? The matter of Andrew Cuomo spending his campaign war chest on advertising is a matter between him, his donors and the campaign finance officials.

The right to tell one's side of the story is a basic American right. So long as he isn't engaging in libel or slander, Cuomo has the right to freedom of speech — the same freedom of speech that allows Penner to write letters. During the media frenzy calling for Cuomo's scalp, I saw precious



OPINIONS

When so-called free speech is censored

I find U.S. Representatives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, of New York; Ilhan Omar, of Minnesota; Ayanna Pressley, of Massachusetts; and Rashida Tlaib, of Michigan, politically repugnant, because they advocate positions that I believe are destructive to our principles, our nation, our allies and our future.



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Typically, last year Ocasio-Cortez initially voted no on a bill that would have helped fund Israel's anti-missile defense system, the "Iron Dome." She later flipped her vote to "present" when she realized that her antisemitic venom was a little too obvious.

Despite her corrosive politics,

however, I absolutely defend her right to engage in such actions for, in a democracy, she and her fellow socialists have a protected right to be heard. It is their constituents who have the power to decide whether these individuals deserve to represent their interests on Capitol Hill. In the meantime, our democracy allows us to argue, debate, question and examine their rhetoric, votes, and public policies.

And yet we live in a world where freedom of speech has been suppressed by those who control the most dominant plat-

forms for public speech, social media. "Facebook jail" has become an oft-repeated phrase among those who have been banned by an algorithm programmed by those who aren't identified, much less questioned. Some who are forced off the platform say they are mystified as to why action was taken when they were posting photos of American flags.

This isn't exactly a new complaint, but it has become far more dangerous to democracy. As far back as 2016, it was noted that Facebook was labeling any number of conservative posts "hate speech." The publication *The Hill* noted that year, "Canadian conservative activist Lauren Southern was slapped with a 30-day Facebook suspension over — ironically enough — a post complaining about Facebook censorship of conservatives. (The ban was later reversed and blamed on an error.)"

This kind of subjective destruction of free speech is not unique to online commentary. In colleges and universities across the country, there's an acknowledgment that conservative students are intimidated by their peers. Interestingly, in a 2020 essay in *The Atlantic*, a summary of a nationwide campus survey found a glimmer of good news and a shadow that casts a pall on free speech.

This lethal threat to our nation is being replicated in our daily interactions.

It stated, "While majorities favor more viewpoint diversity and free-speech norms, an intolerant faction of roughly a quarter of students believe it is okay to silence or suppress some widely held views that they deem wrong.

"Students across political perspectives engage in classroom self-censorship.

"Students harbor divisive stereotypes about classmates with different beliefs, and a substantial minority are not open to engaging socially with classmates who don't share their views.

"Disparaging comments about political conservatives are common."

An equally disturbing finding from this survey was the idea that conservative students feel intimidated by the potential threat of violence from their liberal counterparts. It found that nearly 68 percent of those who described their political views as conservative censored themselves, while just under half of moderates, and only 24 percent of liberals, said they did so.

Were it just an isolated virus on college campuses, you might look the other way. But this lethal threat to our nation is being replicated in government, the courts, and in our daily interaction with business associates, colleagues, friends and even family members. It has become a toxin in the body politic of a country

founded on the words of the First Amendment, guaranteeing free speech.

The First Amendment is the immovable cornerstone of our nation. I often find myself at odds with who the American Civil Liberties Union will represent in court, but I stand solidly beside them when they write, "An open society depends on liberal education, and the whole enterprise of liberal education is founded on the principle of free speech. How much we value the right of free speech is put to its severest test when the speaker is someone we disagree with most.

Speech that deeply offends our morality or is hostile to our way of life warrants the same constitutional protection as other speech because the right of free speech is indivisible."

Again, the ACLU gets it right when it states, "More speech — not less — is the answer most consistent with our constitutional values."

A vibrant, robust, and strong democracy requires the unequivocal defense of our freedom of speech regardless of where, when or how we choose to speak our minds. Lose that right and we have lost the Republic.

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little of that. There are those who feel that he was not afforded due process. Who is Larry Penner to say that Cuomo doesn't have the right to tell his side of the story?

If Cuomo can obtain enough signatures on nominating petitions, and they're vetted by the Board of Elections, he has the right to appear on the ballot. In that case, the people will decide. There has been discussion among lawmakers about impeachment proceedings should Cuomo make it back to office. That issue would be decided by a majority of the Legislature. Not Larry Penner.

I'm not saying Cuomo is guilty or innocent, was or was not a good governor, or would or would not be an effective lawmaker in whatever office he chooses to seek. Only that he has the right not to be judged by a jury of one letter writer.

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Bronx

It's time for us to step up in Ukraine

To the Editor:

I am now firmly of the opinion that we must not lose the war in Ukraine. The only two acceptable solutions are to force defeat on Russia or somehow create a

face-saving peace deal that will restore most of Ukraine, with the exception of the Crimea, and guarantee that it remains a neutral country. But the arrogant Russians are still mobilizing for total victory.

The argument in Washington about offensive or defensive weapons is ridiculous. Do you think Russia would send billions of dollars' worth of weapons that could easily be easily neutralized by long-range missile attacks and destroyed without consequences? You can't win a fist-fight, or a war, without being able to counterpunch.

We must counter Russia's massive attacks by giving the Ukrainians weapon systems that can attack long-range missile launch sites, including naval platforms as well as those on land in occupied Ukraine and Russia. What's the point of transporting advanced weapons systems to Ukraine that can easily be targeted and destroyed by long-range missiles? Or allowing the continued destruction of Ukrainian cities and infrastructure without retaliating against Russia?

Does anybody think the genocidal Russian or Chinese military would adopt such a bizarre passive strategy? The Russians already presume that we're giving the Ukrainians targeting intelligence and logistics — it's time we do so. As of now, after being beaten back into their corner of occupied Ukraine, the Russians are pre-

FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



Count off! — Halls Pond Park, West Hempstead

paring to regroup and attack under the leadership of a murderous new general.

I'm hoping and praying that Ukraine and its allies give Russia a knockout blow in the coming rounds. And we should remind the Russians that any use of chemical or nuclear weapons might prove

to be a suicidal move, with catastrophic consequences. The time has come to put another ugly, murderous, geek dictator and his fanatical minions in their graves.

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