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# REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Glen Cove's Memorial Day Parade draws crowds



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**BRASS AND WOODWIND** musicians from Glen Cove Middle School, above, kept the music going.

**ABOVE RIGHT, VETERANS** David Christie, left, Ron Oldenburg Sr., Howard Stillwagon and Don Oldenburg Jr. attended the ceremony.

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# Laying of the wreaths day before Memorial Day

By LETISHA DASS

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Laying of the wreaths at veteran monuments is a symbolic tradition for the communities of Glen Cove. Along with honoring the fallen United States soldiers on Memorial Day, the ceremony, which is held the day before, also pays respects to all members of the city that served.

On Sunday, veterans, elected officials, and community leaders gathered for 15 minutes at the veteran monuments at Morgan Park, Glen Cove Public Library, Ford Street, Elm Ave, and St. Rocco's Roman Catholic Church in somber remembrance of the sacrifice the community's servicemen have made throughout history.

Anthony Jimenez, the director of Glen Cove Veteran Affairs and a member of the Memorial Day Parade Committee, said the ceremony is "to pay our respects" and honor our "war dead" before the full day of events for Memorial Day.

"Not all the monuments represent that, but they represent war and a lot of people that are on those have deceased as a result of conflict," Jimenez said.

At every monument, Fred Nielson, the chaplain of the Glen Cove Memorial Day Committee, recited a prayer to the servicemen of Glen Cove who have served in the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Vietnam War, and Korean War. Names on each monument reflects all servicemen whether nurses or troops who served.

"Because Glen Cove, as a 350-year-old municipality, has had such a vibrant history of pride in its veterans and has served in every single war in this nation's history," Nielson said, "It makes sense then that all this community pride would be evident in these neighborhood monuments."

As the chaplain, Nielson said, he has the responsibility to recognize the spiritual sacrifice of the country's military, who took the risk of facing danger and help others see it as well.

"As we pause to think about those who have died in battle," Nielson said, "that's a deep [and] very, very important, spiritual time. So, we acknowledge that by the



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**CITY OF GLEN** Cove Director of Veteran Affairs and Vietnam veteran Tony Jimenez, salutes at the veteran monument, located at the corner of Elm Ave and Frost Pond Road on Sunday.

presence and the prayers at the monument."

Many of the names of these neighborhood veteran monuments, Nielson said, were not of only fallen members of the community, but also servicemen that returned home.

"Those monuments that we go to," Michael Napoli, co-chair of the Memorial Day Parade Committee said, "those individuals, some have passed, but some haven't. Some came home and had lives."

The name of Napoli's father-in-law and his brothers,

who served in World War II, rests on the monument at Forest Avenue and Ford Street. Three of the brothers, Napoli said, came home, but one died. "So, our wreath laying isn't just for war dead," Napoli, a veteran said. "It honors veterans."

The World War I Doughboy Monument at Glen Cove Public holds significance to Nielson. A typical Doughboy statue, Nielson said, usually appears in a triumphant stride with his rifle held above his head, but the city's own rendition, in which the late World War I veteran William Spenncke modeled for, stands with his head and rifle down in a thoughtful state.

"I'm glad that ours is being contemplative thinking about the cost," Nielson said. "Yes, we did win. But we didn't win without the cost of blood and bone, and young, wonderful life being brought to an end for thousands and thousands of people."

Memorial Day was once known as Decoration Day because of its early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths, and flags. Because of the full day of events for the veteran holiday, the Memorial Day Committee has held the wreath ceremony the day before to follow the national tradition.

"Because we have such a long morning and afternoon with the ceremony and the parade," Jimenez said, "we then as a committee decided that the day before we'll do our decorating of graves, and memorial services at the monuments."

During each session, the military "tap," which is the 24 mournful notes commemorating the memory of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard members, resounded. Napoli said a "tap," which is played by a trumpet, can be heard at military bases as well. "They play taps at the end of the day each day on a military post," Napoli said.

The mournful tune was a revised military bugle by Major General Daniel Adams Butterfield in 1862 for his brigade. Because the original "tap" called "Tattoo"—which Napoli said symbolizes the end of the day, Butterfield changed the last five and a half measures to honor his men. Today, the call is played at funerals, wreath laying ceremonies and memorial services.

# Seventh-grader donates to help G.C. youth

By LETISHA DASS

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A seventh-grader from Robert M. Finley Middle School decided to give back to the Glen Cove Youth Services and Recreation Department for her bat mitzvah project. Sarai Fernandez, 13, raised \$1,800 to help underprivileged children take part in the city's programs.

"We [are] extremely proud and impressed with Sarai's giving attitude," the department's director, Spiro Tsirkas, said, "and just very proud for her parents and for her family that they were able to pull this off ... and just [be] so selfless."

Sarai's initial goal was to raise \$1,000, but with the help of teachers, families, friends and her fellow congregants at Congregation Tifereth Israel in Glen Cove, she raised an additional \$800. "We just continued to spread the word," said Sarai's mother, Bianca Marcedo-Fernandez, "and it ended up being more successful than we had anticipated."

"Something was telling me that she would probably do more than what she said," Tsirkas said. "And she did. So, this is a great help."

Tsirkas added that with the money raised by Sarai, his department will be able to help at least 10 children take part in an activity of their choice.

Around September 2021, Sarai was tasked by her synagogue to think of a fundraising project to prepare for her bat mitzvah, the Jewish coming-of-age ceremony for girls. She decided to help the city's youth programs, she said, because she has been active in them almost every year, playing on soccer, softball, basketball and volleyball teams. She wanted to help other children have the same experience she did.

"Growing up, I've made new friendships, gotten better as a player, [and] met new people, which was a really nice thing to do," Sarai said. "I felt like ... I got that experience, and I felt that joy through it, [and] I want the other kids to feel the same way that don't always have that same opportunity."

Marcedo-Fernandez said her daughter's generosity of spirit didn't surprise her. "She's always been this way," she said. "Like very generous and mindful of helping others and helping those in need."

Another contributing factor when she was formulating the idea, Sarai said, was the fact that both of her parents are educators. Marcedo-Fernandez is a third-, fourth- and fifth-grade English Language Learners teacher at Landing Elementary School, and her father, Eric Fernandez, is a phys. ed. teacher in New York City. Sarai said she knew that not every child had the opportunities she did.

"I know that many kids aren't as fortunate as I am," she said. "So I was trying to think of what's something that relates to me [in] my everyday life."

Sarai had until her bat mitzvah on April 30 to raise the money. She started by having an essay published in CTI's news-

letter to make members aware of what she would be doing. Then, for the festival of Purim on March 27, she had a food stall set up for a fundraiser, with the help of family and friends. "Families donated," she said, "and they were very generous and kind."

To further her cause, she spoke with the principal of Finley Middle School, Nelson Iocolano, about reaching out to administrators who might help donate. "He also supported it, and helped spread the word," Marcedo-Fernandez said of Iocolano.

Sarai created fliers to put in each teacher's mailbox at school. She said she didn't reach out to her classmates for donations to avoid taking money from children she was trying to help.

At the May 24 Glen Cove City Council meeting, Sarai was presented with a citation by Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck for her generosity.

"It was more of like a community thing, even though people thought it was like my project," Sarai said. "I don't want to really take all the credit, because everybody else in the community helped out a lot."



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**SARAI FERNANDEZ**



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blooming everywhere, including at City Hall, sunsets to watch at the beaches and people gardening it seems everywhere. So, take a drive or a long walk through the city to see for yourself just what there is to enjoy as spring unfolds in all of its beauty.



**MR. SOFTEE, FAR** left, is a staple during the spring and summer

**A VISIT TO** Prybil Beach indicates it's springtime as kayakers enter the water and people, young and old alike, enjoy the sunshine and sand.

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# Sen. Jim Gaughran not running for reelection

By Laura Lane  
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State Sen. James Gaughran, who represents much of the North Shore, has decided not to run for reelection due to the new congressional maps, which became official on May 20. District 5 no longer includes areas in Nassau County, which Gaughran said would make winning a challenge.

"If I had the Town of Huntington and Babylon I'd be OK but Smithtown and other areas in the new maps are strongly Republican," said the Northport resident. "It would be a tough win because I feel strongly about protecting women's reproductive rights and gun safety. The new areas support the NRA which I don't. I am who I am."

Community activist Agatha Nadel, of Glen Head, was disappointed, saying Gaughran had done a great deal for her hamlet and the Village of Sea Cliff. Leading North Shore Concerned Citizens as its director in the group's fight against New York American Water's privatization of the area's water and the high price tag that came with it, Nadel worked closely with Gaughran for years.

"Jim knew the depth of the problem, what needed to be done and he got it done," she said. "He's an overall great person. The minute the governor signed the Water Authority legislation he called me. I'll never forget that."

The legislation, signed in November 2021 by Gov. Kathy Hochul, establishes a North

Shore Water Authority, for NYAW customers in the Town of Oyster Bay. Liberty Utilities finalized the \$608 million purchase of NYAW on Jan. 3. With the takeover, Liberty agreed to freeze rates through 2023 as part of a settlement with the state Public Service Commission, which approved the deal in December.

The sale came with the understanding that the affected villages and towns would have the opportunity to buy back control of their own water or municipalize it. In order to do that, the communities would need their own representation and governing authority, thus leading to the formation of the North Shore Water Authority. The group met in Sea Cliff on May 25, where they began the process of municipalizing their water for the first time.

All of this was made possible due to the work of citizens on the North Shore and assistance from Gaughran, who was the chair of the Suffolk County Water Authority for eight years. He used his experience and that of being a one-time Suffolk County legislator, Town of Huntington board trustee and private practice attorney to effectively fight NYAW.

"Jim Gaughran was an incredible resource and an asset to Sea Cliff," Elena

Villafane, Sea Cliff's mayor said. "He was a relentless advocate for us in the North Shore Water Authority legislation. And he's always been available to me as a source of government support."

Then she added, Gaughran is the type of elected officials who served for the right reasons. And Nadel agreed.

"Senator Gaughran is the consummate pro. He embodies everything I would look for in a politician," Nadel said. "He listens to understand the issue and his actions speak louder than words. He knew the depth of the problem and what needed to be done and got it done."

Gaughran has been known to show up for events. Ravin Chetram, of Oyster Bay, the vice president of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce, said he too was

sorry to hear of Gaughran's decision not to run again.

"He was always there for us at our events, ribbon cuttings," Chetram said. "I really like him."

Edward Lieberman, a former mayor of Sea Cliff, said he had worked with Gaughran on the village's water issue when he was a freshman state senator. "He was very well versed in the water authority issues in Sea Cliff and took what he knew

to Albany," Lieberman said. "Jim was congenial, engaged and always looked out for his constituents. He came to many of our Sea Cliff events too, including giving out certificates to two lifeguards who saved a person at our beach before Covid. I know the lifeguards were honored he was there to give them the certificates."

Gaughran said he was proud of his efforts to help create the North Shore Water Authority to give residents that it will serve — Sea Cliff, Glen Head, and parts of Glenwood Landing, Old Brookville and Roslyn Harbor — a voice in having public water. "Private water is not the future," he said. "The new legislation allows for suing of polluters."

He'll miss the opportunity to go to Albany to represent his "neighbors," Gaughran said, and pass important legislation. "It was a learning curve, how Albany works," he said. "I will miss my colleagues and I did enjoy meeting people and going to my constituents events."

His future plans include working hard between now and the end of the year, he said. "I will push for as much funding for economic development from the budget as I can for my district," he said. "I've never thought I had all the answers. I think people who do shouldn't be in public office."

-Mike Smollins and Will Sheeline  
contributed to this story.



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**STATE SEN. JIM** Gaughran fought hard for his constituents, who say he will be missed.

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### May and June yoga

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### Seed library program

Join the Glen Cove Library from 3 to 4 p.m. for an in-person lesson at the seed library demonstration garden. Learn how to: direct sow warm season vegetables like beans, melons, pumpkin, and cucumber; transplant warm season vegetables like tomatoes and eggplants in the garden; and amend soil for healthy plants. Children are welcome. Space is limited, register today.

## Saturday, June 4

### Children's story time

Visit Theodore's Books in Oyster Bay at 10 a.m. for a special children's event with Long Island author Arlene Steinberg and her dog Ozzie, as she speaks about and signs copies of her picture book, "Room for One More". The book follows two dogs on a journey of friendship and second chances as they meet a new friend and the fun times they have.

### Boy and Cub scouts yard sale

Join Boy Scout Troop 195 and Cub Scout Pack 278 for a yard sale held at Vegan Rob's at 100 Roslyn Avenue in Sea Cliff, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come down and buy clothing, electronics, sports equipment and more. All proceeds will go to the two troops. For more information, contact Diana Kraupner at troop195yard-sale@gmail.com.

### Garage Sale Day

Join the Sea Cliff Civic Association in celebrating Garage Sale Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 100 garage sales will be going on throughout Sea Cliff during the day, with a rain date set for the next



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## Genetic Genealogy - Beyond the Hype

Join a Zoom presentation with the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, Glen Cove Public Library, Gold Coast Public Library and Bayville Free Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, to learn more about DNA and genealogy. In this introductory DNA presentation, the basics of available tests and an overview of testing companies are discussed. DNA inheritance and how these tests can be used in genealogy research are covered. Suggestions will be shared on how to contact matches and collaborate in further research. Presented by Glenn York, an avid genealogist who facilitates monthly DNA study groups. Register on any mentioned library websites for the Zoom link.

day. Parties interested in participating can email Christina Schatz at christinaschatz7@gmail.com.

## Sunday, June 5

### Trio de Jazz

Stop by the North Shore Historical Museum at 5 p.m. for a jazz recital celebrating the museum's Harlem Renaissance exhibit. Enjoy wine, cheese, and jazz supplied by NSHM and Elysa Sunshine, Paul Errico and Shawn Murray. These three seasoned musicians promise to bebop and boogie woogie all with the backdrop of the exhibit on the Harlem Renaissance. \$25.00 ticket price includes all refreshments.

## Monday, June 6

### Tiny art show canvas pickup begins

Come to the Bayville Free Library beginning June 6 and pick up a tiny 4" x 4" canvas, take out your art supplies, and create a work of art using whatever medium you like. Bring your completed masterpiece back to the library between June 20 and June 25. Don't forget to title your piece. Tiny artwork pieces will be displayed on tiny easels beginning June 27. You can pick up your work plus the easel after the art show. Participation is free for all ages — adults, teens, and children.

### History and horticulture

Visit the Gold Coast Public Library at 7 p.m. for a discussion of the White House gardens and their history. Which president lied to his wife to prevent her from

planting vegetables at the White House? Which first lady misappropriated funds from the gardener's budget to pay for fine china? And which administration brought sheep onto the grounds in order to save on mowing expenses? Join garden writer Jessica Damiano on an eye-opening and inspiring historical tour of the White House gardens, from the founding of our nation to the present day.

## Tuesday, June 7

### Cornelius Vanderbilt

Tune in for a virtual program on Cornelius Vanderbilt hosted by the Glen Cove Library from 2 to 3 p.m. Cornelius Vanderbilt began operating his own ferry in New York Harbor at the age of 16, working from dawn until dark ferrying passengers between Staten Island and the tip

of Manhattan. This tiny business would grow into a massive steamship company. Vanderbilt also eventually built a railroad empire from New York to Chicago and the first Grand Central Station.

## Wednesday, June 8

### Glad Scientist book discussion

Join the Gold Coast Library from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for a discussion by oceanographer and expert in sea level change John Englander on 2012 book, "Moving to Higher Ground: Rising Sea Level and the Path Forward." Answer the questions, what should people do now? And what does the path forward look like? In time of great financial and environmental peril, who will lead? Prepare to be surprised at the answer.

## Thursday, June 9

### Outdoor baby storytime

Stop by Locust Valley Library from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and enjoy books and songs and sunny days. Babies aged from birth to 24 months are welcome. Bring a blanket. You are welcome to socialize afterwards. Weather permitting. This is an 8 week long program so registering for one date holds your spot for the entire program.

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## 5 things to know about your town

- The Town of Oyster Bay Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on June 2 at 7 p.m.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Planning Board will meet on June 8 at 7 p.m.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Village Court will meet on June 8 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Town of Oyster Bay Planning Board will meet on June 9 at 7 p.m.
- The North Shore Schools will hold a retirement recognition at the High School Theater on June 9 at 7:45 p.m.



# HERALD SCHOOLS

## A talent show fundraiser to help Ukraine

Students from Glen Cove's Robert F. Finley Middle School and teachers worked together to create a talent show to raise funds for the Ukrainian Relief effort on May 13.

The idea for the show was that of Finley Middle School student Michael Anthony Renga came up with the idea to have a talent show. He served as master of ceremonies in addition to sharing a song that night. Teachers and students alike performed their favorite songs and showcased their talent. Several teachers came together to put on their own production of the Spice Girls.



Courtesy GSM Communications

**MICHAEL ANTHONY, A** Finley Middle School student, created the idea of a talent show to help raise funds for Ukraine. He performed as master of ceremonies for the event.



Courtesy GCCSD

**SUPERINTENDENT DR. MARIA** Rianna, left, commended Connolly Student Council for supporting those in Ukraine by holding a supply drive and writing letters. Assemblyman Charles Lavine recently appeared at Connolly Elementary School to thank the students for their efforts and pick up their donations.

## Letter writing for Ukraine

When the fifth-grade students in the Connolly Elementary School Student Council heard about the war ravaging Ukraine, they were compelled to help those who were impacted by the devastation.

They teamed up with Assemblyman Charles Lavine and began collecting supplies such as toothpaste, paper towels and clothes to send with his supply drive for Ukraine. Students also made "friendship cards" to spread messages of kindness and hope to the Ukrainian children, some of which were written in Ukrainian. These were packaged with gifts for the children like crayons, markers, and colored pencils.

The Student Council completed their collec-

tion with enough supplies to fill 12 boxes, which Lavine has since shipped overseas. Recently, he appeared at Connolly Elementary School to thank the students for their efforts and pick up their donations.

"I am so proud of each and every member of our Student Council for their dedication to helping the children of Ukraine," Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said.

The collection, organized by teachers Sue Stanco and Nancy Gorman, is part of the Student Council's commitment to lending a hand where it is needed and spreading compassion both in and outside the walls of Connolly Elementary School.

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# Parents, police want to prevent another Uvalde

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By **KARINA KOVAC**

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“How do we keep our children safe?”

It’s a question on the mind of parents seemingly every day as they send their youngsters off to school and out into the world.

That question has come into even clearer focus in light of the tragedy of Uvalde, Texas, where a gunman killed 19 elementary students and two adults on May 24. It was the nation’s 27th school shooting this year, according to NPR, and we’re not even halfway through.

“Most shootings are over in two to three minutes,” Nassau County Police Department commissioner Patrick Ryder told a small crowd of 20 or so people who gathered for a school safety seminar at the police department’s Garden City training center last week. “The active shooter kills who they have to kill, and usually they kill themselves after.”

The typical response time for Nassau County police officers for an emergency call is between three and five minutes, the commissioner added.

“If I can close the gap to between two to three minutes by getting there faster, I can save lives,” Ryder said. “If I get there quicker, I save lives.”

Some of that time can be saved thanks to technology. All 56 county school districts have been equipped with a smartphone app that instantly alerts police if there’s trouble. Officers are also mandated to do walk-throughs of schools in their districts daily to better familiarize themselves with how campuses are laid out.

“If I go left (by accident), I lose seconds,” Ryder said. “And each second, I lose a life.”

And then there’s the more tangible equipment, like Kevlar vests, helmets and even ramming tools.

“We don’t wait,” Ryder said.

“Most people think that a school shooting could never happen here,” said Emily Pflum, an intelligence expert with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. “But the same people are the ones who saw all the signs and never said anything.”

Fascination with weapons and former attackers, disturbing social media posts, cruelty and torture of animals, and self-incriminating statements such as “I’m going to make my mark on the world” or “see what I’m going to do tomorrow,” are signs of a potential threat, she said.

But shooters aren’t the only societal plague parents have to worry about. There’s something else out there that some may say is just as dangerous, if not more: fentanyl.

“Unfortunately, it’s not a problem we can arrest our way out of,” said Detective Lt. Matthew Landman of the police department’s narcotics bureau.

Landman has a two-pronged approach to the issue, heavily expressing the importance of education — “the most important part of today’s day” — and enforcement.

He shows students “before” and “after” photos of addicts.

“There is hope. There are a lot of services. But unfortunately, these people live very difficult lives, and it’s a very long road to recovery. I tell my audiences at school to save yourself the heartache and don’t get involved” to begin with.

Landman also touched on how potent fentanyl and carfentanil can be, adding that just 2 milligrams of fentanyl is lethal.

“In essence, a sugar packet’s worth of fentanyl has the ability to kill 500 people,” he said.

And then there’s social media. Sure, it’s a great way to stay connected to family and friends, but it’s also easy to fall prey to the dopamine thrill online attention can provide.

“We literally have a whole generation of people who are more anxious, more depressed, more down, with low self-esteem than ever before,” said Luis Serrano, an officer with the Nassau County Police Department. “And that is connected to social media.”



**LUIS SERRANO** of the Nassau County Police Department says social media has created a number of problems with young people, believing it has created spikes in the hospitalization of teenage girls harming themselves, and attempting suicide at higher rates.



**SHEVON AND CHARLES** Senat say they’re going to sit down to talk to their kids candidly about the issues facing young people and teenagers these days. Nassau County Police Department commissioner Patrick Ryder, at right, addresses concerned parents’ worries about opioids, school safety and social media use.



Tim Baker/Herald photos

Before 2009, hospitalizing teenage girls after harming themselves was something few people were alarmed with. But that changed with the introduction of platforms like Facebook, Twitter and TikTok with those same figures nearly tripling.

Even more horrifying, Serrano said, is the 151 percent rise pre-teen girls attempting suicide.

“This is the reality we live in,” Serrano said. “This is the connection to social media, and this is why social media has become like a drug.”

But parents should be worried about actual drugs, too — and not just fentanyl. It might be easy for many to hide drug abuse, but Officer John Obert-Thorn says there are ways to discover those secrets, and maybe even lead someone to seek help. Pupils that are pinhole-sized

could be an indicator of heroin or oxycodone, while large dilation could point to cannabis or a stimulant.

“The only way we’re going to take ourselves out of this massive, massive drug addiction problem and drug abuse problem is through prevention,” Obert-Thorn said. “Getting them while they’re early (is) the only way.”

Charles and Shevon Senat have two young boys at home in Baldwin, and admit the work to keep them safe is round-the-clock.

“We’re going to talk to them and let them spread the word to cousins and their friends,” Charles said. “We talk to him in candid conversations — not authoritative. We want them to know we’re there for them. Don’t be scared to talk to us. (As a) matter of fact, come to mom and dad first.”



# Pandemic changed view on palliative care

By MIKE SMOLLINS

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The height of the coronavirus pandemic remains a dark time for many — especially those who were sick and couldn't see their loved ones in-person.

That put even added pressure onto palliative care, a type of specialized medical care for those with serious illnesses focusing on providing relief and comfort from the symptoms and stress of those illnesses — more often than not, for those suffering conditions that may ultimately claim their lives.

But a lot has changed since the start of the pandemic, and the newly minted Molloy University will share a lot of that during its palliative care conference on Friday, June 3. Offered both virtually and in-person following, the conference offers participants new tools to provide professional, competent and compassionate care to patients and their families.

It had been held annually since 2008, but paused at in 2020 and 2021.

"Typically, the conference offers topics that help the professionals deal with death and dying," said Lou Cino, the dean of continuing education and professional studies at Molloy. "Not only for the patient, but for their families as well. And that can mean helping them physically, mentally or emotionally."

Palliative care has grown over the last two decades, Cino said. Graduates in a variety of professions rely on conferences such as these for professional development on the subject. At Molloy's event, experts from medicine, nursing, pastoral care, child life and social work will present the latest advancements in the fields of symptom management, ethics and communication, staff self-care, and bereavement during the nearly eight-hour conference.

Clinicians from all disciplines also will speak about



Courtesy Molloy University

**MOLLOY UNIVERSITY WILL** host the Edith Richner Palliative Care Conference on Friday, June 3. Industry professionals will gather both in-person and virtually to learn how this medical specialty has grown in importance in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

best practices and barriers to timely palliative care in hospitals, nursing homes and hospice organizations. The event will feature lectures and therapy demonstrations.

The conference is important, Cino said, because it brings medical professionals and experts together to create a dialogue about the best palliative care practices.

"They're health care professionals that served on the frontlines of the pandemic for the past two years," he said. "They deal with death and dying on a daily basis, and this is a conference that gets all these people together to talk about the problems they have with dealing with death and dying. It takes a special kind of person to do this work."

The conference was renamed this year the Edith Richner Palliative Care Conference, in memory of the Herald

Community Newspapers' cofounder, and late mother of publishers Stuart and Cliff Richner. She was diagnosed with a rare brain disorder in 2006, and through palliative care, her last days were made more peaceful.

"It's wonderful and we're so happy and excited that the conference is being named after Edith," said Lori Hardoon, a social worker and one of the event's organizers. "Many people in the world of palliative care are women, and we have some powerhouse women that are a part of it. She was an amazing woman, a powerhouse and a leader."

The keynote speaker at the event is Dr. Russell Portenoy, the executive director of the Manhattan-based MJHS Institute for Innovation in Palliative Care, a highly regarded voice in the field.

There wasn't as big of an emphasis on palliative care just a few years ago, Cino said, as there has been more recently. Most hospitals now have a unit dedicated to palliative care.

That need, he added, was magnified by Covid-19.

"One of the horrible things about the pandemic is that you didn't have the ability for the patients to be with their families," Cino said. "These health care professionals were the last people they saw. They didn't see their family. They didn't see their friends, and didn't have a chance to say goodbye."

Hardoon was excited the conference could be held both in-person and virtually to reach a broader audience.

"The beauty, for me is I get to be there from the beginning of planning," she said. "I get the inside view of the plans behind each year and how we're making the conference bigger and better. Each year, it gets better and better, and the magnitude of it takes my breath away."

The conference runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration takes place at the Madison Theatre's public square.

Zoom links will be available at [Molloyedu/ce/pcc](http://Molloyedu/ce/pcc).

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### 'She has an eye for it'

Teen creates music video for local songwriter

BY JILL NOSSA

With the prevalence of iPhones, editing software and platforms such as YouTube and TikTok, anyone with a digital camera can create and share videos. Having the tools doesn't necessarily mean a person has talent, but for 16-year-old Ava Solange of Glen Cove, an amateur interest in videography led to a paid opportunity.

The high school junior already has a portfolio of completed video projects, including a professional music video. Initially she said, her interest was in photography. But, she added, "As I started working with my camera more, I realized I could film videos."

Like many teens, Ava taught herself how to use the camera by making TikTok videos, and expanded the scope of her projects. This summer, after hearing a song by singer-songwriter Chris Armata of Oyster Bay, she decided to shoot and edit a music video. She created a video for Armata's song "Gratitude" while vacationing in Southern California, enlisting her mother and her aunt as subjects.

"I knew that I'd have some nice shots for scenery, and I thought that would go well with the song," Ava said. "I was just picturing a lot of fun dancing and a good time, because that's what the song is about — appreciating the happy moments."

After four days of filming with her iPhone and a drone, she spent two days editing down about 30 minutes of footage for the three-minute song. "I had to look for the best parts of the videos and see what went well with the song and the rhythm of the song," she explained.

Using the drone footage in the video, she thought it would be a good idea to have some aerial shots of the location. "I had to look for the best parts of the videos and see what went well with the song and the rhythm of the song," she explained.

feel like it really captures the vibe and the feeling that the music gives you.

AVA SOLANGE

Celebrating art and autos

Artist Dean Adams spent last Saturday afternoon painting some of the cars on display at the Art and Automobiles event in downtown Glen Cove. Story, more photos, Page 3.

A new school year, more Covid challenges

BY JILL NOSSA

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### Birthday blues?

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—Brooklyn BookStore Browser



ANN DIPIETRO

Dear Brooklyn Bookstore Browser, I spent the Memorial Day weekend reading "This Time Tomorrow," by Emma Straub, owner of Books Are Magic, and it was a delight! The novel opens as Alice is celebrating her 40th birthday. Her life is good. She enjoys her job as an admissions counselor at an elite private school in Manhattan that she had attended, her Brooklyn apartment is comfortable and cozy, her boyfriend is likeable and she has a dear childhood

friend she sees regularly. All seems fine but when she wakes the next morning it is 1996 and she is 16 years old. What things in her life would she change if she can? An important piece of her life is her father, a famous author who has written one hugely successful back to the future novel that has attained cult status. When she realizes she has stumbled into this world of time travel, she decides to do what she can to change his and her lives. After many mistakes and wrong turns, she finds a solution and it is a surprise indeed. "This time tomorrow, where will we be?" Alice asks and the answer resounds through this very satisfying novel. Highly recommended!

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at [annmdipietro@gmail.com](mailto:annmdipietro@gmail.com).

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Legislature approves paid internship program

Nassau County legislators voted unanimously to allocate \$250,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funding to establish a new paid scholarship program for local college students, during the May 23 meeting of the Nassau County Legislature at the Museum of American Armor in Old Bethpage.

Under the county program, interns will be employed by the Office of the County Executive and will be assigned to a department within Nassau County government. The goal is to provide students with opportunities to gain hands-on experience and learn directly from high-ranking Nassau County government leaders.

The program will be open to college students who are residents of Nassau County and/or students who are enrolled in colleges or universities located in Nassau County. Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton said that she is glad that the county is utilizing its government to enrich and create more educational opportunities for local college students.

"I look forward to the creation of a successful, merit-based program that empowers participants to thrive as they

complete their studies and pursue their passions in the workplace," DeRiggi-Whitton said.

### Gasoline sales tax holiday begins

June 1 marks the beginning of a gasoline sales tax holiday in Nassau County that will last through the end of 2022. During that time, the county will not charge sales tax on any portion of the price of gas exceeding \$3 per gallon. In addition, New York state will cut gasoline taxes by 20 cents per gallon, reducing the prices at pumps in Nassau County by approximately 28 cents per gallon. The legislation was passed on April 11 during executive session after Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman State of the County address.

### Roland Actions NY arts lead \$2 million in sales

Roland Auctions NY in Glen Cove hosted a two-part auction on May 20 and 21. The combined auctions brought in \$2 million dollars, marking Roland's highest grossing sale so far this year. After more than four decades based in Manhattan, Roland Auctions relocated to

Long Island's North Shore, the historic "Gold Coast" in 2018 where they also do auction consignments and offer appraisals.

The main attraction in the auction event was a collection of Chinese decorative arts from the Old Westbury Estate of Sysco Foods co-founder Herbert Irving and his wife Florence Irving, world-renowned collectors of all things Asian, and founders of the Asian Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Also taking much of the spotlight was the unique collection of well-known Palm Beach socialite June Hirsch Jones, a former upper East-side gallery owner who sold high-end post-war art, Chinese art, and antiquities. In the early 1960's she even "dated" actor Rock Hudson for a time, traveling with him through southern France and Italy when he needed to be seen with an attractive woman for the paparazzi.

The auction focused largely on Asian art, Asian decorative items, and antiquities, along with a selection of exquisite high-end jewelry, contemporary art, Dale Chihuly glass pieces, Peking rugs and contemporary furnishings.

### Glen Cove Vintage Baseball coming

Take a step back in time and enjoy watching America's favorite pastime played in style. At John Maccaroni Memorial City Stadium Field 1, the Brooklyn Atlantics Baseball Club will be facing off against the New York Mutuals Baseball Club on June 17 with first pitch at 7 p.m. The free family event is sponsored by Rick's Redneck Ranch Radio WCWP, Councilman Jack Mancusi, and Matinecock Rod and Gun Club.

### Summer beach yoga series at Prybil

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# Tifereth Israel served Glen Cove for 125 years

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By LETISHA DASS

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Congregation Tifereth Israel has been serving Glen Cove's Jewish community as a place of worship for the past 125 years. Initially an Orthodox Jewish congregation, the synagogue has progressed over the years to welcome worshippers from all denominations and backgrounds.

"We accommodate people, no matter where they are in their view of what's important to them religiously," Phyllis Spector, immediate past president and ritual vice president of CTI, said.

In the 1880's worship was held in Glen Cove Jewish families' households. The CTI was founded in 1897, with Benjamin Cohen as the first president.

With the growing community and population, worship expanded to the former Vincent Opera House that was located at First Baptist Church in 1990.

"Once the railroad came to Glen Cove, the Jewish community grew because transportation was available," Spector said. "They outgrew the possibility of meeting in someone's home."

Throughout the years the congregation continued to grow. A synagogue was built in the opera house's stead on Continental Place in 1924. The congregation later moved to its current location on Hill Avenue in 1961.

Eventually, the divide between men and women began to dissipate, with women gaining more rights and higher standing in the congregation along with society.

Gustavo Gitlin, from Argentina, who joined CTI as cantor in 2003, said he has found a family in the congregation and has enjoyed witnessing all their life cycles, such as bat and bar mitzvahs, weddings, and even funerals.

"CTI is our family," Gitlin said. "They've seen our

## Congregation Tifereth Israel 125 Anniversary Celebration

A cocktail party from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and Zoom watch party from 6 to 7 p.m. will be held to honor the 125th anniversary of Congregation Tifereth Israel on June 12. As part of the celebration, the Shapiro family will be honored for having five generations of members.

Tickets for the Zoom watch party and cocktail can be found online at [www.ctionline.org/form/125th-Anniversary](http://www.ctionline.org/form/125th-Anniversary). Donations and contributions to CTI's virtual journal can be made on the website as well.

children grown. And when we say it takes a village, that's exactly what it is. It's the village that helped us."

Over the years, the synagogue transformed into a more conservative liberal congregation. Members from interfaith families, other denominations and younger professionals in the area have joined. "People enjoy coming and being with other Jewish people," Gitlin said.

"The demographics changed," Spector said. "We became a more liberal conservative congregation that are reflecting the people who are in our community, who may be traditional, or more liberal, or LGBTQ, or interfaith."

Rabbi Irwin Huberman has been leading the congregation for the past 16 years. Throughout his time, he said the congregation has become more welcoming for all Jewish tribes.

"In a world where organized religion has sort of

seemed to be fading," Huberman said, "we've been able to adapt how we offer religious services in programming to meet more modern times."

During the pandemic, the congregation was able to utilize Zoom and other means of connecting with the Jewish community across the world and country. Each worship service and almost every celebration is hybrid.

As more younger families move into Glen Cove, the Hebrew school continues to boom with at least 100 students and membership continues to rise with 350 members currently a part of the congregation.

"What's changed so much, is that we're able to accommodate people financially, spiritually, emotionally, whether they're from a more traditional Jewish background, or interfaith families, or wherever they are, in their journey in life," Spector said.

Options to join has expanded past membership. Anyone can join by joining the congregation's social activism, religious services and educational programs.

"We really want to open up as many windows and opportunities and relationships as possible," Huberman said. "I think that's the new reality of Judaism in 2022."

Everyone has an opportunity to connect every Friday night, where anyone with musical instruments can join in.

"One of the things that we lost, not only over Covid," Gitlin said, "but the last decades, are just the fact to be attached, to be close, to have a community, to be around other people, especially doing that in a Jewish context."

The growing expansion of the congregation has allowed them to help support communities at home and internationally. They have been able to raise donations for Haiti after the earthquake in 2010, refugees and Ukraine during the ongoing war this year.

"We have the capacity now to spread Judaism and the healing of the world," Huberman said.

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DUFFY, NANCY B. & THOM	21-A.-22	39,569.34	
10 MORRIS AVE. REALTY,	21-A.-512	20,140.91	PL
DOXEY, JOHN	21-A.-569	35,281.87	PL
DOXEY, JOHN	21-A.-572	173.50	PL
LOSEE, MYER J. & JULIA	21-B.-210	3,422.46	
PEKICH, PETER A.	21-B.-563	971.52	PL
RUSSO REALTY LLC	21-B.-615	989.58	
SMITH, RICHARD	21-C.-6	682.52	PL
SMITH, RICHARD J.	21-C.-9	2,272.69	
HOYVIK, ROSEMARY T.	21-C.-20	2,112.24	
TINTA, FLORIN	21-C.-454	7,104.78	
VELASQUEZ, LILIA C.	21-D.-561	3,347.56	
MCCAULEY, MARIE M.	21-H.-278	2,349.21	
FALLO, ANGELINA	21-H.-279	4,265.69	PL
224 GLEN COVE, LLC	21-N.01-41	15,828.94	
WIRKOWSKI, E.	21-N.01-57	4,816.29	
VAZQUEZ, HERIBERTO	21-38.-139	1,926.73	PL
135 GLEN COVE AVE. COR	21-38.-152	9,146.46	
135 GLEN COVE AVE. COR	21-38.-196	4,170.90	
135 GLEN COVE AVE. COR	21-38.-202	4,385.17	
135 GLEN COVE AVE. COR	21-38.-203	4,385.17	
BARRETTA, LUIGI	21-39.-78	219.94	PL
19 HAZEL GROVE INC	21-79.-1	23,619.91	
19 HAZEL GROVE INC	21-79.-1	27,220.96	
CARUSO MANAGEMENT C	21-80.-8	22,323.38	
LIVADAS, KRISTINE	21-88.-306.A	115.99	PL
2018 VENTURE LLC	21-88.-310.A	235.93	
112 GLEN COVE AVENUE	21-199.-21	40,230.84	PL
112 GLEN COVE AVENUE	21-199.-33	6,298.48	PL
112 GLEN COVE AVENUE	21-199.-463	48,462.81	PL
SHORE, BERNARD	21-224.-7	4,817.39	PL
SULLIVAN, MILDRED	21-229.-23	2,407.34	
BERKLEY, IRMA L.	21-229.-37	2,458.63	
LISETH CORP	21-239.-7	4,303.17	
LI, YUHONG	21-239.-8	3,763.21	
VIEYRA, GEORGE	21-239.-15	7,351.99	PL
GRAZIANO, FRANK & DEB	21-244.-7	3,460.21	
135 GLEN COVE AVE. COR	21-244.-55	13,669.71	
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135 GLEN COVE AVE. COR	21-244.-61	123.80	
135 GLEN COVE AVE. COR	21-244.-66	6,575.36	
MOSCA, ANTHONY & RAQ	21-250.-7	10,182.39	
YORK, APRIL M.	21-251.-13	4,336.57	
BROWN, GEO. & ANNIE MA	21-251.-14	5,152.94	PL
BUNCE, JOAN ANN	21-256.-7	187.96	PL
BUNCE, JOAN ANN	21-256.-8	1,818.79	PL
LA MARE WIN, LLC	21-256.-78.A	15,811.29	PL
LA MARE WIN, LLC	21-256.-79	187.96	PL
RIVERA, EFRAIN, JR.	21-256.-90	6,120.66	PL
FERGUSON, WILLIAM	21-256.-97	4,722.77	PL
MACLENNAN, IAN	21-258.-18	2,633.44	
MELENDEZ, JOHN & RUTH	21-258.-35	3,756.09	
SHERMAN INVESTMENT H	21-261.-2	22,463.60	
PONCET, LYNN M.	22-3.-69	6,768.99	
RIVAS, WILLIAM	22-6.-1	4,155.89	
GENUA, CIRIACO & ANTON	22-6.-406	9,055.03	PL
GENUA, CIRIACO & ANTON	22-6.-407	9,430.83	PL
RUSSELL PLACE REALTY	22-A.-26.-1	2,770.49	PL
CANDELARIA, OFELIA	22-A.-67	183.42	
SOLOMITA, PHILIP & LENA	22-12.-8	5,409.06	PL
HOLE, RONALD	22-14.-43	2,360.72	
HARTMAN, NANCY LEE	22-16.-4	4,108.95	
CURCIO, ERNEST & ANNA	22-16.-6	3,922.48	
GAUDIO, G. & I.	22-17.-62	4,299.30	
CURCIO, ERNEST	22-20.-1	9,003.63	
IRONSIDE, PATRICIA E.	23-2.-41	6,433.17	PL
CHASE, JEFF	23-2.-243	16,014.65	
STIMOLA, NANCY	23-5.-10	4,936.70	
SMITH, RICK	23-5.-22	6,661.56	PL
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SMITH, RICK	23-5.-23	20,574.57	PL
SMITH, RICK	23-5.-23	27,070.33	PL
SCHOOL STREET REALTY	23-5.-26	10,940.70	PL

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LA ROCCA, JOSEPH & HEL	23-8.-50	6,867.04	
43 RAVINE AVE CAPITAL M	23-E.-50	5,254.90	
UNCLE DAI # 5300401	23-E.-436	13,193.58	
AFSB REALTY, LLC	23-E.-457	3,088.99	
AFSB REALTY, LLC	23-E.-512	37,903.35	
GALLAGHER, MICHAEL	23-G.-53.-1	6,175.57	
PAIGE, NICOLE	23-H.-500	19,934.56	
SNOW, IAN	23-J.01-18	3,610.07	
SNOW, IAN	23-J.01-19	34,464.95	
151 PROPERTIES INC	23-11.-126	21,316.92	
SHEFA ONE, LLC	23-11.-133	38,711.86	
156 FOREST REALTY	23-16.-112	8,870.97	
156 FOREST REALTY	23-16.-112	10,216.98	
150 FOREST REALTY	23-16.-121	29,426.37	
150 FOREST REALTY	23-16.-121	33,915.21	
CAPOBIANCO, MARIO & M	23-17.-19	2,500.57	
SABATINO, MICHAELA	23-28.-127.U-302	1,964.62	
GINER, JULIA HALL	23-39.-24.A	1,661.49	
TORMEY, JOHN J. & BARBA	23-42.-33	6,172.50	
DELERRARO, THOMAS	23-44.-17	4,826.72	
GRELLA, CATARINA	23-47.-1	3,716.60	
KOLITZ, JOHNATHAN &	23-51.-43	5,239.37	
TELEMED HOLDINGS LLC	23-54.-42	24,354.92	
2 ST. JAMES PLACE LLC	23-55.-61	5,880.81	PL
HAMMOND, KARA	23-55.-74	3,304.83	
JOHNSON, BENJAMIN	23-55.-133	6,040.70	PL
RIZZO, GLENN	23-55.-155	5,129.88	
TODESCO, PHILIP	23-55.-427	20,998.42	PL
TODESCO, PHILLIP	23-55.-428	10,904.46	PL
TODESCO, PETER	23-55.-429	3,490.12	PL
BLOCK, STUART	23-57.-12	6,354.26	
MANSFELD, PAUL & CLAU	23-62.-5	3,790.28	
CHAMBERLAIN, ESTATE O	23-69.-11	16,874.70	
POWERS, FRANCIS	23-69.-13	18,761.66	PL
PALUMBO, CHARLES & JO	23-71.-43	4,509.39	
WEBBER, KERRY	30-D.-85	3,258.21	
MRM REAL MANAGEMENT	30-D.01-568	4,404.17	PL
SPARJO REALTY CORP.	30-36.-30	29,292.49	
TSIRAKIDIS, CHRIS C.	30-37.-54	5,973.57	
CHAMBERLAIN, ESTATE O	30-40.-101	10,558.20	
CHAMBERLAIN, ESTATE O	30-40.-103	235.93	
ZAGLODINA, MARGARITA	30-41.-117	4,501.62	
KENNETH R. NOLAN, CO-T	30-42.-572	10,144.22	
KENNETH R. NOLAN, CO-T	30-42.-573	28,591.41	
CAREY, MILLICENT & DENI	30-42.-588	79,072.87	PL
HALLINAN, JAMES	30-48.-49	4,283.75	
GENUA, C. & A.	30-48.-68	7,567.59	PL
JOSHI, SUJAY & SUNJIT	30-52.-23	8,985.90	
KAYIS, TELAT	30-56.-41	6,664.37	
SACCHETTA, GIOVANNI &	30-57.-9	3,452.44	
HOME GATHERING INVES	30-60.-18	4,031.25	
KC & LC, LLC	30-64.-84	3,777.97	
MELISSINOS, GEORGE & D	30-72.-3.A	5,072.34	
SOUZA-FERREIRA, MARIO	30-76.-48	4,629.35	
PARK, HON DAL & SAM W	30-79.-3	4,400.62	
JOLLY, MOHAN & RITA	30-81.-10	4,066.54	
GLEN COVE MANSION HO	30-87.-2	40,230.84	PL
GLEN COVE MANSION HO	30-87.-3	401,334.89	PL
GLEN COVE MANSION HO	30-87.-4	66,960.22	PL
LI, RENFA	30-88.-81	16,315.00	PL
PINTO, MATTHEW	30-91.-39	694.35	
YUE, LIANCHENG & JUN Z	30-91.-47	8,848.54	
ZANGERA, TERESE	30-92.-5	11,346.36	
ESCHEN, JANET	30-92.-24	5,724.96	
DOXEY, JOHN	31-2.-128	547.75	PL
KIEL, MARION	31-2.-278	3,875.86	
ANARRIPTO, LLC	31-7.-299	6,024.71	PL
27 CARPENTER STREET, L	31-7.-315	7,039.60	
MARTINEZ, HELEN	31-8.-365	4,734.41	
ACUNA, F. & H.	31-9.-29	3,856.40	
28 MARGARET STREET RE	31-E.-139	7,639.81	PL
MORGAN COURT OF GLE	31-E.-354	4,529.55	PL
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MCCAULEY, JOHN & NATA	31-F.-9	4,833.38	
TIRADO, CATALINA	31-F.-18	6,528.44	
POWELL, SANDRA MARIE	31-F.-31	2,570.63	
BREWSTER USA LLC	31-F.-70.-1	32,170.38	
BASILE-VILLALTA, CHRISTI	31-F.-88	3,728.24	
DYER, KEVIN & ELLA	31-F.-178	531.07	
DELACOUR, WILLIS & MAR	31-J.-420.-2	34,834.28	
TRUBISH, DENISE & PETER	31-10.-6	1,937.30	
HERBERT, GERARD & SUS	31-10.-10	8,343.42	
HERBERT, GERARD & SUS	31-10.-18	491.79	
KREYER, KAREN M. & STE	31-13.-437	6,463.63	
EX EQUITY 4 LLC	31-18.-141	6,528.44	PL
SINGH, GINA & BRIAN	31-21.-40	3,405.82	
SCHEPANSKI, PATRICIA	31-23.-10	5,172.67	PL
SHOHADDEE, AHMAD A.	31-23.-436	507.78	PL
VIEYRA, JAMES	31-36.-318	3,304.83	
SPAGNOLETTI, M. & C.	31-37.-9	3,790.40	
MCCAULEY, NATALIE	31-38.-6	5,584.95	
GORDILLO, C. & BERMAN,	31-42.-1	1,844.52	
DIBLASIO, ANTHONY	31-46.-5	4,218.38	
SOBHAI, LOAKNAUTH & D	31-47.-410	23,191.19	PL
ROZENBLATT, ASSAF	31-47.-411	29,539.67	PL
ROEDER, JOHN	31-50.-11	7,096.12	
ANZALONE, MICHAEL	31-50.-122	3,580.63	
PACHECO, MARIO	31-50.-125	5,348.14	
NOLAN, WILLIAM & ALLISO	31-51.-59	7,131.52	
FIRSCHING, JOSEPH V.	31-51.-81	7,138.02	
33 RED SPRING REALTY L	31-51.-84	11,181.85	

PL SINGH, RAM ADRE	31-51.-430	4,128.24
PL ATLANTIC CAPITAL INVES	31-51.-449	28,484.26
MILLER, DOLORES	31-51.-569	18,193.97
KREYER, KENNETH J. & IR	31-58.-8	1,829.31
MORROCU, DOMENICO &	31-60.-1	3,926.69
SIMEONE, THOMAS	31-60.-34	115.99
AGUJO, APOLONIO Q.	31-61.-14	3,747.99
SUAREZ, CHRISTIAN & AN	31-61.-26	3,580.63
MOURKAKOS, ATHANASIO	31-69.-6	5,111.51
MCROBERTS, LANSDELL &	31-69.-39	7,473.36
WEPPLER, MARGARET	31-70.-12	10,853.27
ROSENGARTEN, ALAN & A	31-71.-3	7,392.63
FAKIRIS, GEORGE	31-81.-15	14,332.79
SINGH, SUJAN	31-85.-26.U-106	9,820.60
POLKE PROPERTIES, LLC.	31-85.-28.U-5	23,163.04
POLKE PROPERTIES, LLC	31-85.-28.U-115	13,032.83
KAVANAGH, P.C., EDWAR	31-85.-28.U-216	17,004.44
WHITE, DAVID	31-86.-83	13,165.42
TANG, YUBO	31-86.-84	14,803.85

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Property Owner	SecBlk/Lot	Total	PL
SANDERS, LEROY	21-5.-1	1,071.58	
10 MORRIS AVE. REALTY,	21-A.-512	8,300.70	PL
DOXEY, JOHN	21-A.-569	14,781.98	PL
DOXEY, JOHN	21-A.-572	130.07	PL
PEKICH, PETER A.	21-B.-563	501.77	PL
SMITH, RICHARD	21-C.-6	687.96	PL
SMITH, RICHARD J.	21-C.-9	1,117.31	
TINTA, FLORIN	21-C.-454	3,782.23	
FALLO, ANGELINA	21-H.-279	2,078.98	PL
VAZQUEZ, HERIBERTO	21-38.-139	1,860.03	PL
BARRETTA, LUIGI	21-39.-78	155.29	PL
19 HAZEL GROVE INC	21-79.-1	9,724.28	
19 HAZEL GROVE INC	21-79.-1	10,218.04	
19 HAZEL GROVE INC	21-79.-25	295.35	
LIVADAS, KRISTINE	21-88.-306.A	107.37	PL
2018 VENTURE LLC	21-88.-310.A	162.67	
ARNOST, THOMAS	21-88.-312.E	4,191.36	
112 GLEN COVE AVENUE	21-199.-21	16,521.44	
112 GLEN COVE AVENUE	21-199.-33	2,636.40	
112 GLEN COVE AVENUE	21-199.-463	19,889.93	
SHORE, BERNARD	21-224.-7	2,274.68	PL
ROBINSON, NORMA	21-251.-18	2,231.25	
BUNCE, JOAN ANN	21-256.-7	140.54	PL
BUNCE, JOAN ANN	21-256.-8	1,896.51	PL
LA MARE WIN, LLC	21-256.-78.A	7,342.81	PL
LA MARE WIN, LLC	21-256.-79	140.54	PL
RIVERA, EFRAIN, JR.	21-256.-90	2,875.49	
SACCHETTO, GIOVANNI &	22-2.-45	2,551.13	
SACCHETTA ENTERPRISE	22-2.-246	4,339.01	
GENUA, CIRIACO & ANTON	22-6.-406	4,638.25	PL
RUSSELL PLACE REALTY	22-A.-26.-1	1,192.76	PL
SOLOMITA, PHILIP & LENA	22-12.-8	2,547.45	
HARTMAN, NANCY LEE	22-16.-4	4,033.21	
IRONSIDE, PATRICIA E.	23-2.-41	3,472.60	PL
SMITH, RICK	23-5.-22	3,097.56	PL
SMITH, RICK	23-5.-22	3,537.38	
SMITH, RICK	23-5.-23		



# FirstNet AT&T sponsors health care excellence awards

## STAFF REPORT

Many really started calling those who work frontlines — and behind the scenes — in the health care industry heroes at the start of the coronavirus pandemic. But they've always been heroes.

Herald Community Newspapers and RichnerLive is partnering with FirstNet AT&T to recognize that heroism through its premiere Excellence in Healthcare Awards Gala on Wednesday, June 15. Health care professionals from across Long Island will gather at The Heritage Club at Bethpage in Farmingdale so they can be recognized for their diligence in their field and passion for helping others.

FirstNet AT&T has been committed to public safety since 2012 when, through a public-private partnership, it created a nationwide high-speed communication network for first responders. The company established the FirstNet Health & Wellness Coalition in 2021 to organize and support the welfare of firefighters, police and emergency medical technicians, so they can keep fighting for the community, and contribute greatly to public safety.

"We look at FirstNet as the most important wireless network in the country because it's serving our first responders," said Anthony Postiglione of FirstNet sales executive for public safety solutions, in a release. "At AT&T, we have been long committed to serving

the public safety community — we see it as both our obligation and our honor. With many of my immediate family and friends being part of the first responder field, I feel as though I'm privileged to help provide the first responders of Long Island with the telecommunication solutions that will help keep them safer in the field with the FirstNet ecosystem."

The evening begins with a private reception exclusive to the honorees and sponsors, followed by a networking cocktail party before the dinner and awards ceremony. Honorees will be given an elegant crystal award for recognition of their dedication to the health and well-being of their community and health care facilities.

"I'm very much looking forward to the event," Postiglione said. "Being able to interact with first responders gives us the opportunity to not only thank them for all they've done — and will continue to do for the Long Island community — but will allow us to get more feedback and understanding of what their current needs are in the first responder arena, and how we can continue to support."

Tickets for the Premiere Excellence in Healthcare Awards Gala are available at RichnerLive.com. Sponsorship inquiries can be directed to Amy Amato at (516) 560-4000, Ext. 224, or at aamato@liherald.com.



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ROZENBLATT, ASSAF	31-47.-411	13,958.00	PL
ATLANTIC CAPITAL INVES	31-51.-449	13,184.98	
MILLER, DOLORES	31-51.-569	8,642.41	PL
WEPPLER, MARGARET	31-70.-12	5,134.94	
FAKIRIS, GEORGE	31-81.-15	8,259.95	PL
SINGH, SUJAN	31-85.-26.U-106	2,135.91	
WHITE, DAVID	31-86.-83	6,576.15	

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 Glen Cove Golf Course Clubhouse Demolition  
 Bid No. 2022-008

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## OBITUARIES



### Lorenzo Todisco

Lorenzo Todisco, 87, of Glen Cove, died on May 30, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Sturno, Provincia di Avellino, Italy to Giuseppe Todisco and Erminia (Pompeo) Todisco.

Todisco was a general contractor, successful businessman, and entrepreneur. He loved to play soccer as a young man and watched every televised soccer game. Later in life he enjoyed playing on bowling leagues and playing at weekly card games with his longtime friends.

He taught himself how to play the guitar, and even though he never had singing lessons, he had the voice of a professional vocalist which he used to sing at every opportunity. Todisco was a member of the St. Rocco Parish choir where he was often a soloist. He was generous with his time and gave back to his community as an active member of the Sons of Italy, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club, and the Holy Name Society.

He married Josephine Capobianco in 1958, and together they raised five daughters. His greatest joy was being with his five granddaughters. He is survived by daughters Amy Braunstein and her husband Samuel; Susan King; Lorraine Todisco and her partner Nicholas Smerina; Diane Fahey; and Lisa Cardaci and her husband, Vincent Cardaci. He also leaves behind his loving granddaughters Ariel Braunstein and her fiancé, Jeremy Hesketh; Taylor King; Kayleigh King; Megan Fahey; and Caroline Fahey.

Todisco's family would like to thank Dr. Farzin Rahmanou, chief of the Critical Care Unit at Glen Cove Hospital, for the care he provided to Todisco, and for his compassion to the family during this difficult time.

Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Mass of Christian burial held at St. Rocco's Roman Catholic Church. Interment at Holy Rood Cemetery.

### Elfriede Karbiener

Elfriede "Elfi" Karbiener, 86, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on May 7, 2022. She will always be remembered as "Mommy" to her daughters, Karen and Natanya; "Oma" to her grandchildren, Emma and Shane Jaeger and Annike Karbiener Pfeiffer; and "Elfi" to her son-in-laws Erik Jaeger and Douglas Pfeiffer, sister late Gerda Perez, sister-in-law Inge Mebes Bender, as well as her extended family and

her many diverse social circles.

She was known for her resilience, playfulness, glitter, glamour, krapfen — everyday things for special occasions — long baths, deep tans, hearty laughter and love.

Her adventurous life took her from war torn Germany to New York City, where she met the late Philipp Karbiener, her husband of 46 years. It was love at first sight for Philipp, who proposed within three months. The pair were united by their love of family, dancing, hearty home-cooked meals, and having emigrated to the United States from extremely difficult circumstances with very little means. Together they built a life that might be described as the American dream. From a first date after work at Merkel's Meat Plant in Queens, they built a happy family of four, a thriving business called Glen Cove Pork Store in 1964, and a home on beautiful Morgan's Island, Glen Cove.

If Karbiener's first language was German, her second was health and fitness. Though she was a fabulous cook, she was a self-educated nutrition expert and renowned fitness guru. For decades, she ran a daily 10-mile route with a group of Morgan's Island neighbors; and she pioneered open water swimming that is now popular between Prybil's and East Beaches in Glen Cove.

A regular at the Glen Cove YMCA, her daily workouts into her eighties dazzled fellow patrons. Karbiener also possessed an unusually deep appreciation for opera and classical piano, although she was known to belt out favorite Elvis Presley tunes. Growing up in a musical household in which both parents played instruments, she took piano lessons from an early age and became a skilled sight reader and improviser, easily mastering the accordion in her twenties.

Karbiener enlivened family gatherings with rousing sing-alongs and inspired her daughters and granddaughters' love for music and performance. She cherished and valued family above all else.

Though World War II tore apart her family in Germany, Karbiener taught two generations how to stay together. She self-catered grand-scale family reunions in the backyard, relished mother-daughter lunches in her kitchen, and initiated friendly food fights at the dinner table.

Immensely proud of her three granddaughters, she saved every birthday card they ever made for her. She wanted to be at home more than anywhere else in the world. Because she received her last wish — to die in her own bed — her family is certain her soul rests in peace.

Memorial visitation at Whitting Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Walt Whitman Initiative, a non-profit art organization run by her daughter Karen.



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## OPINIONS

## Pondering my granddaughter's future

**A** week ago, I had a chance to spend a delightful afternoon with my 2½-year-old granddaughter Logan. Logan was fortunate that during the Covid confinement, she had two parents working from home who could spend extra quality time with her, and as a result she's an articulate and



**JERRY  
KREMER**

observant young girl. I know I sound like every other grandfather, but during those precious few hours, I wondered and worried what her world will be like in the next 20 to 30 years, and what challenges she will face.

Our current world is one big mess. The war in

Ukraine is much more than a regional battle. It is a struggle between good and evil, and in any war there is always a chance that evil will prevail. We have crackpots running countries such as Russia and North Korea who have access to nuclear weapons and long-range missiles. For Logan's sake, I hope these dying despots

will refrain from trying to take the world with them.

Whether you agree or not, global warming is and will be a long-range threat to our quality of life. No sane person can ignore the continuous threats that nature poses to us. Massive forest fires, tornadoes, superstorms and flash floods are constant events here in the U.S. The current world leadership has failed miserably to deal with the root causes of global warming. I hope that Logan and her peers will be willing to do something aggressively to curb these changes, assuming it isn't too late by then.

If you think technology is moving fast, just consider the past five years of changes and then try to imagine what our world will be like in 2040 or 2050. Most of us know little, if anything, about artificial intelligence. It will eventually dominate the way our society functions, and could eliminate millions of jobs, despite what the technology geeks say. Will there be a place for Logan in such a fast-moving environment? Women in today's business world understand what the term glass ceiling means. How hard

will it be for Logan to advance when she's ready?

There is now an ongoing debate about how well our children are being educated to face the challenges of the future. Are we preparing them for the rapid changes that lie ahead? Will their families be able to afford the right education? Will they have a chance to be competitive when they face a new-age job market? Will the courses they take match what advanced technology will require?

I want my grandchild, and everyone else's grandchild, to be ready to join a much different world than the one we live in now.

The past two years have been a terrible period for all of us as we struggled through the onslaught of the coronavirus pandemic. Home confinement and remote learning have dealt our children a psychological blow that will take years to wipe away, if it ever can be. The scientific community has done a brilliant job of creating medicines that challenge Covid-19 and many other viruses, and we all hope they will be available to children at every grade level. Maybe, just

maybe, when Logan is a full-time student (if not before), we will have vaccines that can protect against any type of unanticipated strain.

There is so much more to hope for for Logan and her peers. The current divide in American thinking over so many issues is tragic. There are few, if any, normal discussions about our society's problems; those discussions have become heated debates. Added to this frustration is the rise in prejudice and hatred against so many individuals and groups. This division in beliefs won't disappear overnight, but if America has any hope of remaining a democracy, it has to end.

The few precious moments I had with my grandchild made me press my mind's fast-forward button as I wondered what the world will be like a generation from now. I am hopeful that for all the children and grandchildren out there, their world will be a safe, happy and adventure-filled place.

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## Just another day in the USA: 19 kids shot dead

**R**elatives of the Uvalde, Texas, schoolchildren were taken to a "reunification" center after the gunman did his work. That struck me — the word reunification. Because it was a lie. So many parents would never be reunited with their precious sons and daughters, little fourth-



**RANDI  
KREISS**

graders, who were gunned down in their classroom last week, along with their teachers. The killer? Another angry young man who bought himself two AR platform rifles for his 18th birthday.

We Americans are choking on our rage, and so much

of it is funneled into violence against children.

I feel ashamed. We call ourselves responsible citizens, and yet we abide the sacrifice of our children. We cry — and we keep re-electing to office the pro-gun candidates who are in bed with the NRA. We pledge allegiance to our flag knowing all the while that the killing of school kids in their classrooms is an all-American pastime. It doesn't happen anywhere else in the world with the frequency that it happens in our homeland.

Golda Meir famously said that when Israel's enemies loved their children more than they hated Israel, peace would be possible. The same could be said of Congress: When they love our children more than they hate standing up to the National Rifle Association, the slaughter will stop.

I recalled Golda's lament after Columbine in 1999, and in 2012 after Sandy Hook, and in 2018 after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida. Between those dates, according to Wikipedia, there were 31 other school shootings in the United States. Some 70 percent of the shooters were 18 or younger.

We know we have a mental health crisis among our teenagers. We don't have enough caregivers, and we don't have a functioning system in place to get help to those in pain. The single greatest cause of death among American children is now shootings.

These words are hard to write, and I hoped to focus on something else this week, perhaps something lighter, but the events of the day eclipse the possibility of distraction. In this moment of loss and horror, we need to keep beating the drum for gun regulations. We need to beat the

drum even as we are exhausted by the noise, even as we feel the intransigent power of the NRA pushing back.

In Uvalde, as in Parkland, as in Columbine, the usual post-massacre teams gathered at the scene: police, media by the truckload and a group that travels from killing spree to killing spree with counselors and money for funerals and warnings about post-murder scams.

The fact that we have such a team in America is both a further indictment of our society and, obviously, a necessity.

We all know the lingo of "lockdown" and "active shooter" and PTSD caused by shootings. Really, it is an abomination that we have become so proficient at handling the tragedies rather than preventing them.

Remember Sandy Hook? Dylan's mom and Daniel's dad write to me often. In truth, I dread reading their e-mails; their words darken the day. But how wrenching it must be to write the words. These parents are leaders of the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation, the group that works toward stricter gun control laws. They are victims of the tragedy, both having lost first-graders in the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012. Their work is

**C**ongress needs to love America's children more than it loves NRA money.

pure and heroic — trying to find a slender thread of hope in the heap of terrible grief that has consumed their lives.

Now David Hogg, a survivor of the Parkland massacre, writes to me, seeking support for an anti-gun group called Never Again MSD, which is marching yet again this week in memory of Uvalde and to urge stricter gun laws.

They write to me, and millions of others, to garner support for laws that would prevent another mass shooting, or at least reduce the odds. But there has been so little progress.

Instead of sensible gun-control laws drafted by a responsible Congress, we have unctuous sentiments without any commitment to change our gun laws for the better.

Our only power is our vote. We need elected officials who promise to take on gun violence with substantive legislation.

Do members of Congress love their children? You bet they do. Do they love their jobs so much that they will not stand up to the NRA? You bet they do. When they love their children, and America's children, more than they love NRA money, we may see meaningful legislation on guns.

Twenty-seven school shootings so far this year, according to NPR. And counting.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Saving a life in the blink of an eye

**W**e might not think about it very often, but we blink a lot — as often as 1,200 times an hour. That's a quick shutter

of our eyes about every three seconds.

Every *two* seconds, according to the American Red Cross, someone somewhere in the United States needs blood.

To keep up, our nation's blood banks require upward of 40,000 blood donations every day. But lately, we've struggled to keep up. The blood supply in the United States is at almost historic low levels, as a result of a perfect storm of waning interest among young people and the coronavirus pandemic. The need, however, hasn't relented, so getting out and donating a pint is more important than ever.

But so is compelling the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to adopt scientifically based screening to keep the blood supply safe and stop stigmatizing gay men.

Before 2015, if you were gay, you could never donate blood. It's a byproduct of the HIV/AIDS crisis of the 1980s since this demographic was more likely to introduce HIV into the blood supply.

It's no longer a lifetime ban. Now it's just three months from the last time one man slept with another. The FDA says this is the best way to reduce HIV-tainted blood slipping into the supply, but it doesn't have to be that way.

The Human Rights Campaign — a national organization championing LGBTQ rights — says by doing this, the

FDA doesn't treat people with similar risks the same way. The restriction isn't just on gay men who engage in risky behavior, like unprotected sex.

Instead it applies to *any* gay man, even if he is monogamous and practicing safe sex.

But straight men or women with multiple sex partners, or who are taking part in otherwise unsafe practices, aren't restricted.

To make it even worse, the FDA lumps gay men in with two other automatic disqualifications: people who have used illegal drugs with needles, and those who have traded sex for money or drugs.

The FDA has proven itself to be extraordinary in testing blood supplies with a high degree of accuracy. There must be a better way to counter risk factors without turning way entire groups of people, painted with a broad brush.

Washington must change this archaic policy, because it's vital everyone who can donate, does donate.

A single donation helps save not just one life, but three. Imagine that. Spend less than an hour of your time, endure a slight needle prick, and you'll make a difference for three others.

Medical facilities can extract four different beneficial components from the blood: red cells, plasma, platelets and cryoprecipitate — the last helps blood clot.

More than a third of donated supplies are used to treat cancers and blood diseases. Other major beneficiaries of

blood donations include patients suffering from anemia, those in surgery, those with heart and liver disorders, and orthopedic patients.

Just about anyone can donate blood, according to the New York Blood Center, as long as you're at least 17 — 16 with parental permission — weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in generally good health. There's no maximum age, but those older than 75 need a doctor's clearance.

There are some restrictions. If you have traveled anywhere in the world where malaria is a problem, you must wait three months. If you get a piercing or a tattoo, it's also three months — unless the procedure took place in a sterile environment, or, in the case of a tattoo, it was done by a licensed facility in New Jersey.

Syphilis or gonorrhea? Three months. Blood transfusion? Also three months. Pregnancy, abortion or miscarriage? Six weeks post-pregnancy.

Despite all that, believe it or not, most people can still donate. And you should.

Visit the New York Blood Center at NYBC.org. Call to make an appointment at (800) 933-2566.

Or visit a local blood center. You can find them on the blood center's website — and there is one nearby, at 290 Sunrise Highway in Rockville Centre.

Every time you blink, let it be a reminder that someone, at that moment, is being told they need blood. Do your part by donating the gift of life today.

## LETTERS

### Board of Elections shut me out

To the Editor:

There is a position that has never had a job description and is currently open at the Nassau County Board of Elections. Last December, Joe Muscarella was hired as the head of special projects. On or about March 22, I questioned the BOE about the responsibilities of this \$110,000 salaried position via a Freedom of Information Law request. Soon after, Muscarella resigned in favor of an appointment as the deputy county executive.

I have since written to the BOE for a job description and directions on how I might apply for the now open position of director of special projects. The BOE has been unresponsive to my FOIL to receive this information and my follow-up inquiry.

It is frustrating when a citizen





## OPINIONS

# A call to action at Nassau Community College

Since it opened in 1959, SUNY Nassau has often been described as the jewel of Nassau County and the New York state community college system. We have been one of the prime economic engines for the county, and a magnet for attracting residents. It is time to reinvest in the college so



**FAREN  
SIMINOFF**

that its faculty can offer continued quality academics, programs and curriculum to prepare students for the 21st century.

The college will now go into its 15th year without a funding increase for its operational budget from Nassau County. This, along with a decade-long cut in state funding, has led to a shrinking full-time faculty, increases in tuition and cuts in student services, along with the college's failure to develop and offer new programs and initiatives.

Yet our own board of trustees won't ask the County Legislature for an increase in our operating

It is past time for the county to increase its investment in the college. SUNY Nassau students are rooted in the community and become part of the workforce. They become our valued neighbors. They are our future.

budget.

Where other college boards of trustees regularly ask for, and receive, 1 to 2 percent increases in their operating budgets, ours has not. This isn't sustainable. If the board of trustees does not submit a revised budget proposal to the County Legislature, we will ask the Legislature to reject their proposal, and ask the board and administration to revise it.

County funding represents a significant portion of the college's funding — about 25 percent of our total operating budget. Like all of us, the college has set

expenses that have risen dramatically over the years. What other public institution can you think of that has not received any increase in funding in 15 years?

It is past time for the county to increase its investment in the college. SUNY Nassau students tend to stay in the county. They are rooted in the community and form part of the needed workforce, becoming our accountants, lawyers and small business owners. And yes, they stay on to become our valued neighbors and taxpayers. In sum, SUNY Nassau students are our future. In asking the county to raise the college's operating budget, we are, in reality, asking the county to invest in its residents, businesses and in its own future. The benefits are limitless.

We believe that a great county deserves a great community college. To sign our petition, please go to [Change.org/launch23for2023](https://change.org/launch23for2023). A rally is scheduled for June 27, at 3:30 p.m., in front of the County Legislature building, at 1550 Franklin Ave., in Mineola, when a vote on the NCC budget is expected.

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## LETTERS

requests simple answers and is shut out. This secretive behavior only reinforces my belief that most local politicians serve to enrich themselves and their associates. Shameful that the offers of transparency, integrity and openness in government are as bogus as they are.

ARTHUR ADELMAN  
*Sea Cliff*

### The lost children in Texas

To the Editor:

The deaths of 19 Uvalde, Texas, fourth-graders have stolen more than a combined 1,000 years of future life from them, meaning that, collectively, they will be missing more than:

One thousand Memorial Days, 1,000 Fourth of July, 1,000 Halloweens, 1,000 Thanksgivings, 1,000 Christmases, 1,000 New Year's Days, 1,000 Valentine's Days and 1,000 Easters — not to mention their 19 wedding days, the births of their own children and grandchildren, and countless other days, weeks, months, years and decades.

However, this latest tragedy almost became understandable to me when I imagined a mash-up of the Constitution's First and Second Amendments: "Congress shall make *no* laws respecting the right of people to keep and bear arms, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

At least this seems to be the way our cowardly Congress has (mis)read the Second Amendment ever since the slaughter of 20 Sandy Hook 6- and 7-year-old first-graders 10 long years ago (which now, again, feels like yesterday).

RICHARD SIEGELMAN  
*Plainview*

### Blakeman ignores oppression in West Bank

To the Editor:

Re "Blakeman champions partnership with West Bank" (May 19-25): It saddens me to see that Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, along with other county officials, is celebrating the signing of an economic and cultural agreement with Israeli West Bank settlements. Despite statements by Blakeman and others, these settlements are illegal under international law, and are obstacles to obtaining any real peace in Israel/Palestine. It has unfortunately become far too common among some, like these county officials, to choose to ignore longstanding U.N. resolutions and basic tenets of fairness and justice.

Ongoing Israeli oppression of Palestinians — including the forceful removal of Palestinian families from their homes and land — must cease, and the long, bitter occupation of Palestine must end if we are to see the desperately sought peace we say we want. I urge our county officials to move us in that direction.

JIM BROWN  
*Secretary, Green Party of Nassau County  
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### We're being stripped of our rights

To the Editor:

Women's rights are being taken away from us. This country will not uphold its claim to be just, equal and righteous if they can easily take away our rights. Taking a choice involving a woman's

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body should not even be up for discussion. This is no one's concern except for women who are looking for an option, a choice.

We cannot have a democratic country and yet take our rights away when a majority of this country is against the likely Supreme Court decision. It is wrong and shameful what is happening to

women who need outlets and resources for a decision that affects their whole life. This is not a minor problem or disagreement — this is an abuse of power. It is our right, our body and our choice.

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