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**DR. RICHARD BARAKAT**, physician in chief of the Northwell Health Cancer Institute, left, and Michael Epstein, the health care network's chairman of the board, gave keynote speaker Carol Silva a ceremonial Northwell white coat at Cancer Survivor's Day.

## 1,200 gather for Northwell's annual Cancer Survivor's Day

By **LETISHA DASS**  
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More than 1,200 cancer survivors gathered for Northwell's 15th annual Don Monti Cancer Survivor's Day last Saturday outside the Montefiore Cancer Center in New Hyde Park, commemorating their success against cancer with music, dancing, and shared stories.

Former News12 anchor Carol Silva, a long-time resident of Oyster Bay and one of the keynote speakers for the event, was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer that had spread to

her brain, where there were 12 more tumors, in September 2019, at age 65.

Silva lived a healthy lifestyle, had no previous medical history with cancer and was a nonsmoker, but after putting up with a pesky cough for about a year, she underwent multiple imaging tests at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Later, at the Center for Advanced Medicine, she received her diagnosis.

Silva's response to the news: "Thank you, God, for my healing."

Her husband, Bob Reilly, said he was afraid

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## Glen Cove raises LGBTQ flag for Pride

By **LETISHA DASS**  
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The lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community continue to fight for their rights and acceptance in society every day. And LGBTQ youth, according to the New York Civil Liberties Union, continue to be bullied, overpoliced and targeted.

In 1999, during President Bill Clinton's administration, June became known as Pride Month, in honor of the Stonewall riots in June 1969, a series of demonstrations in response to a police raid of Manhattan's Stonewall Inn, a gay bar.

"I wish we didn't have to celebrate," Glen Cove City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman said. "I wish everybody could be treated equally. And I'm hopeful that someday we will all get there. I hope that we have equality, not just for LGBTQ plus, but really for everybody."

In support of the community, Silverman organized the fourth

annual Pride flag-raising downtown on June 2. She began the initiative in 2019 to spread awareness of the discrimination the LGBTQ community continues to face across the country and worldwide.

"We've come a long way from where we were even 20, 30, 40 years ago," Silverman said. "And yet there's so much more to go, and that's across not just Glen Cove, that's across the country, across the world."

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**MARSHA SILVERMAN**  
 Glen Cove councilwoman

Representatives of Glen Cove High School's Genders and Sexual Alliance were invited to the flag-raising. "I think it's important to teach our youth not only that it's OK to be who

you are," Silverman said, "but also, to fight for what's right for others."

Because of a downpour, the ceremony, at which there were roughly 50 guests, began in City Hall. Sarah Yates, a Glen Cove High senior and the president of GSA, and Elle Woska, a junior and the organization's vice presi-

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS



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**LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM** Graziose got ready to have fun at John Maccarone Memorial City Stadium.

## Little League steps up to the plate

**T**he Glen Cove Global Industries and Graziose faced off on May 10 at John Maccarone Memorial City Stadium. Under the sun and warm weather, seven to eight-year-olds on the Little League baseball teams stepped up to the plate to play. Global Industries won the game.

The history of baseball leagues for pre-teens in New York can be traced back to the 1880s, even though they mainly played in the streets and sandlots, according to Little League. It was not until the 1920s that a formal league was created for teenage boys with the American Legion.



**BATTER BRIAN STAHL** from the Graziose team eyed a pitch with catcher Declan Huggins from Global Management.



**THE TEAM GLOBAL** Industries played against Graziose in a baseball game on May 10.



**ZACHARY ZUCKERMAN ON** team Global Industries tried to field the ball.



# 4 Dog dies in house fire

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A fire blazed through a two-family home at 42 Dixon St., leaving eight individuals in need of temporary housing. While no one was hurt, according to the Glen Cove Police Department, a tenant's dog, unable to escape, was found dead inside the home. Later, a 57-year-old tenant experienced chest pains and was treated at Glen Cove Hospital.

One of the tenants, who was 31 years old, was walking with her two children, who are five and six years old, when she saw smoke and flames coming from the back of the house, police reported. She immediately alerted the other 31-year-old tenant, who was still in the building, of

the fire. He was then able to quickly escape his residence to safety.

At approximately 2:12 p.m. police answered the call about the fire and arrived at the scene along with the Glen Cove Fire Department. Due to the severity of the fire, Glen Cove firefighters were assisted by 11 other fire departments in putting down the flames. With the help of the Red Cross, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, and Deputy Mayor Donna McNaughton, the tenants have found temporary housing. However, an investigation of the fire's cause is still ongoing. According to police, the origins appear to have been accidental.

## Flowers, flags in Glen Cove

The streets of Downtown Glen Cove are a little brighter this spring with the addition of hanging flower baskets adding a pop of color. As part of its capital improvements plan, the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District's Capital Improvements Committee purchased 73 hanging flower baskets for the light poles throughout the downtown. The 18-inch baskets are filled with bright pink geraniums.

Ralph Comitino, Pierre Adams and Damion Stavredes from Glen Cove's Department of Public Works hung the flower baskets in time for Glen Cove's

annual Memorial Day parade. Several thousand dollars of the BID annual budget are invested in the flower baskets and other seasonal plantings each year. The goal is to eventually have flower baskets hanging on every lamppost downtown, according to BID Executive Director Patricia Holman. This year, the BID was able to get closer to that goal, as it was awarded \$3,500 as a recipient of the PSEG Main Street Revitalization Beautification Project grant. The BID purchased 14 new brackets for the light poles, and the grant funding allowed it to purchase 14 additional flower baskets.



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**VIRGINIA ALONSO-LUIS, FAR** left, Elle Woska, Sarah Yates, Marsha Silverman and Juli Grey-Owens commemorated Pride Month on Monday with the raising of the LGBTQ flag.

# A flag-raising that was all about Pride

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dent, said they were thankful for the support.

"It's really powerful to have something that everyone can see," Woska said of the Pride flag, "because a lot of times, people of the LGBTQ community are passed over and just looked over as just other people."

After the storm cleared, the participants made their way to the flagpole on School Street for the raising of the flag. Neighbors who drove by waved from their cars in support.

"Raising this flag can further our journey as a community to help others be more comfortable in the environment," Yates said.

Juli Grey-Owens, executive director of Gender Equality New York, was the event's keynote speaker. "When a city stops to raise the Pride flag, it's an opportunity to say, hey, we support that organization," she said, "and make people aware of the fact that we are part of the community as well."

Grey-Owens added that Pride Month is about more than commemorating the achievements of the community. "We must understand that Pride is more than a celebration," she said. "It's time to commit, refocus and prepare for our next vows, to make our country and our state a safer [and] just place to live."

The flag-raising is a key factor in combating discrimination with awareness and understanding, Silverman said. "It's more about education and bringing the

community together," she said. "And although we have differences, it's to remember how much we all have in common."

According to the Trevor Project, because of their stigmatization, LGBTQ young people are four times more likely to commit suicide than their peers, and at least one attempts suicide every 45 seconds.

It wasn't until January 2019 that the State Legislature amended the state's Human Rights Law of 1945 to add gender identity and expression as a protected category against discriminatory behavior in employment, housing, public places and non-religious schools.

"That means prior to January 2019," Grey-Owens said, "it was basically legal to refuse a transgender or gender nonbinary person service in a restaurant, or a ride in a taxicab."

She said that there should be stronger support for the transgender and nonbinary community, which has declined in recent years. She asked that the community consider raising a transgender flag as well in honor of Transgender Visibility Day, March 31, and, Transgender Day of Remembrance, Nov. 20, to increase "visibility, self-affirmation, dignity and the fight for equality" that her community needs.

"LGBTQ people still do not have civil rights in 29 states," Grey-Owens said. "So our work continues."



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# Herald picks up seven awards from Press Club of Long Island, including Lane, with two

## STAFF REPORT

In its first in-person gala since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, the Press Club of Long Island handed out a number of awards on June 2 — including seven to Herald Community Newspapers.

Laura Lane — a senior editor over papers on Nassau County's North and South shores — led the way with two first-place wins for her story "Is it Erma Drive or the Indy 500?" about hazardous traffic situations in East Meadow for both the neighborhood/community category, as well as for "solutions journalism."

A team of current and former Herald staffers claimed the top spot in the breaking news narrative category for their coverage of the April 2021 shooting at the West Hempstead Stop & Shop. Peter Belfiore, Jim Bernstein, Scott Brinton, Sue Grieco and Nakeem Grant were honored for their work that appeared in the Malverne/West Hempstead Herald.

Brinton, the former Herald executive editor, collected a first-place award for best column in the Merrick Herald. He also shared second-place recognition with senior editor Michael Smollins for headline writing in the Lynbrook/East Rocka-



Laura Lane/Herald

**SENIOR EDITOR LAURA** Lane won two first-place awards at the PCLI awards.

way Herald. Brinton also placed second for editorials.

Nassau Herald editor Jeffrey Bessen and reporter Lisa Margaria took home a third place education.

Along with the awards, PCLI also inducted Brian Boyhan, Joye Brown,

Drew Scott and Chris Vaccaro into its Hall of Fame.

Boyhan, a longtime award-winning journalist, is known for his work with the Sag Harbor Express as well as his involvement with the New York Press Association. He has also partnered with Elizabeth Bonora Cowles as a founding member of PCLI's East End chapter.

Brown has worked in radio, print and now television. She has worked at the News and Observer in Raleigh, North Carolina, as well as the Chicago Tribune and Newsday. Brown has also been a reporter, editor, administrator, editorial writer, columnist and commentator.

Scott has spent a half-century in broadcasting as both a radio and television journalist. He has won multiple Emmy and National Edward R. Murrow awards. Scott has covered the Son of Sam arraignment, President Bill Clinton's impeachment, the TWA Flight 800 crash, and the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan — which he witnessed.

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# N.Y. ends retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits

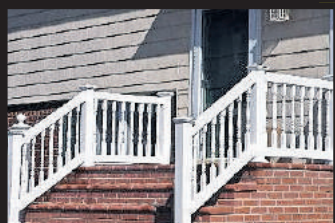
The New York State Legislature has passed the Puppy Mill Pipeline Bill, legislation that will end the retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores across the state. The bill awaits Gov. Kathy Hochul's signature. If signed into law, it would cut off a major outlet for puppy mills.

This victory follows the December 2021 release of a hidden camera investigation conducted by the Humane Society of the United States, which found suffering, sick and dying puppies in American Kennels, one of the largest puppy stores in Manhattan. The investigation also exposed the store for buying puppies from Daniel Gengerich, a breeder in Iowa who was just shut down in October after sick, dead and emaciated dogs were found at his puppy mill.

The investigation prompted scrutiny from the city, and the store closed two months after the investigation. But it served as a reminder for New Yorkers that responsible breeders don't sell to pet stores, as responsible breeders want to meet the individuals who are interested in buying their puppies to ensure a good fit.

"Today's vote makes it clear that New Yorkers flatly reject cruel puppy mills and their pet store sales outlets," Brian Shapiro, New York state director for the Humane Society of the United States, said.

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Friday, June 10

### Design a bookmark contest

Bayville Free Library invites students grades six through 12 to create a bookmark for the library from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Students will design a bookmark inspired by the library's summer reading program theme, "Oceans of Possibilities." One winner, announced on June 15, will be chosen and have their bookmark printed to be used by library patrons. Bookmarks must be submitted the day of the event, with only one entry per person.

### Big Tiny

Still Partners in Sea Cliff invites any and all to come watch a performance by Big Tiny from 8 to 11 p.m. Enjoy live music, drinks and a fun night in the Village of Sea Cliff.

## Saturday, June 11

### Green Meadow Farms animal show

Head to Glenwood Landing American Legion Post 336, 190 Glen Head Road, Glen Head, for an animal show from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jason Reilly from Green Meadow Farms makes learning about all kinds of creatures fun, and gives everyone a chance to pet these amazing, live animals. Meet Stickers the Tree Frog, Tickles the Hedgehog, mice, hissing roaches, lizards, toads, bunnies, crabs, and baby animals, too.

### Free vessel safety check

Stop by the Creek Beach Marina in Bayville from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a free safety check on any seafaring vessel, organized by the United States Coast Guard. No cost, no obligation, just indispensable information to keep people safe on the water. For questions, contact Dennis Puccio at (516) 662-0884.

## Sunday, June 12

### Shredding event

Join the Glen Cove Public Library and Sea Cliff Village Library to safely shred paper documents for free from 9 a.m. to noon. Protecting oneself from identity theft and keeping information private via



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## Planting Pride Festival 2022

Planting Fields Foundation is hosting its first-ever Planting Pride Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 11. Celebrating the LGBTQ+ community and its past, present, and future at Planting Fields, participants will gather on Saturday, June 11 at the 409-acre estate to enjoy a packed day of food, learning and fun. Local vendors, artists, non-profit organizations, and performers will be on hand to demonstrate their support for the queer community on Long Island. Coe Hall will be open for self-guided tours of the spring exhibition Fashioning Desire: The Art of Gerda Wegener and two panel discussions, "Finding and Sharing a Queer History" and "Creating Queer Community and Resource Building." Come learn about queer history, art and local resources, take a yoga class, enjoy a drag performance, and much more. There will be family fun for all. Free registration includes access to all festival areas and activities, including seats for one or both of the day's panels (while they last).

shredding not only gives peace of mind, it also helps to get rid of unnecessary paperwork in a safe and environmentally friendly way. The event will be in the parking lot of the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave. and at the Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave. They accept all paper (staples and paper clips do not need to be removed) and CDs. Limit of 3 bags or boxes per person. Please note that plastic, cardboard, carbon paper, books, newspapers and magazines will not be accepted.

### Father's Day crafts workshop

Locust Valley Library invites children ages 4 to 12 to come by from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. for a Father's Day crafts workshop to create a special gift for that special person. Participants must arrive between 3:30 and 4 PM. Each child participating must be registered, which can be done on the library website. Adults accompa-

nying children need not be registered. The Father's Day craft materials include clay and paint. Because the clay has to dry before it's painted, participants are welcome to return to the library on Thursday, 6/16 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to paint their Father's Day surprises.

## Monday, June 13

### Air frying

Stop by Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., where Chef Rob Dell'Amore will demonstrate air-frying at 7 p.m. Recipes will include yogurt-tenderized ginger chicken, chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries and/or breaded cauliflower.

## Tuesday, June 14

### The importance of Juneteenth

Tune in with Glen Cove Public Library for a virtual program explaining the importance of the holiday Juneteenth from 7 to 8 p.m. Juneteenth is a national tribute that occurs on June 19 to commemorate African American freedom and the ending of slavery in the United States. Join historian Martin H. Levinson as he discusses the history and significance of Juneteenth and the various ways in which it is celebrated throughout the country. Call (516) 676-2130 for further information.

## Wednesday, June 15

**Doris Kearns Goodwin**

Theodore's Books will partner with the Friends of Sagamore Hill for a very special event with Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Doris Kearns Goodwin, as she signs a selection of her titles beginning at 11 a.m. All of Goodwin's books will be available for purchase and signing. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is appreciated but not required. This is a signing event only; Goodwin will not be speaking.

### Sea Cliff By The Sea

Visit the Sea Cliff Village Museum from noon to 5 p.m. for their bi-weekly exhibition, Sea Cliff by the Sea: Sea Cliff's Waterfront during the Resort Era 1890-1920. The Sea Cliff shoreline was a bustling place of recreation, transportation, and commercial activity during the late nineteenth and early 20th centuries. Step back in time and visit Sea Cliff as it looked over 100 years ago.

## Thursday, June 16

### Let's go fly a kite

Come join Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library and A Time for Kids, Inc. at 10 a.m. as they explore the Oceans of Possibilities in this family fun preschool program. For children aged 18 months to five years old. There will also be a big fish kite craft.

## 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@liherald.com](mailto:wsheeline@liherald.com)

## 5 things to know about your town

- The Village of Sea Cliff will be holding a Village Board Meeting on June 13 at 7 p.m.
- The Town of Oyster Bay will hold a Board Meeting on June 14 at 10 a.m.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Architectural Review Board will meet on June 14 at 7 p.m.
- The Village of Bayville Justice Court will hold a session on June 15 at 4:30 p.m.
- The Town of Oyster Bay Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on June 16 at 7 p.m.





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# Hurricane season is here — even for L.I.

## Busy forecast means at least one storm could make way north

By **BRENDAN CARPENTER**

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It may not seem so, but the hurricane season has already started. And it's forecast to be quite a busy one.

In fact, expect as many as 21 named storms this season, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, indicating a higher-than-average number of storms that reach at least tropical storm strength this year. And it's more than likely at least one of them could make their way to Long Island in some form or another.

The time to prepare is now, according to the American Red Cross, who joined local and county officials on the Long Beach boardwalk last week — nearly a decade since Hurricane Sandy devastated the area.

“What an appropriate location to help get the message out about the importance of being prepared for hurricane season,” said Stacey Sweet, a Red Cross board member. “It takes just one storm to seriously disrupt and devastate our communities. The need to get our friends, families and neighbors ready has never been more important than it is right now.”

The Long Island chapter of the Red Cross has been doing its part to get ready, its director, Joe Spaccarelli, told reporters. That includes updated response plans developed with local first responders, as well as staff training and exercises, all while replenishing relief supplies across Long Island.

But the best preparation starts at home, with people ensuring their friends, families and neighbors are prepared for major storms. Everyone should have an evacuation plan in case they need to leave or are separated from their families, Spaccarelli said, as well as an emergency kit and at least one gallon of water per person per day.

The kits, he added, should contain nonperishable food, a flashlight, a battery-powered radio, a first-aid kit, hygiene items, medications, a cellphone charger, extra cash, and copies of important papers.

It's also imperative to stay up to date on weather-related orders from local officials, Spaccarelli said, which can be found in the Red Cross' emergency smartphone app, which provides users with real-time weather alerts and tips.

“We certainly know here in this community that all it takes is one storm,” said Jackie Bray, commissioner of the state's homeland security and emergency services division. “But we're also seeing more frequent and more intense weather events, and particularly tropical weather.”

There were 21 named storms — with sustained winds of at least 39 mph — in the most recent hurricane season, which ended last November, making it the third-most active year on record, according to NOAA. Seven of them became hurricanes, four deemed major.

This year's season is predicted to be much of the same.



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**MEMBERS OF AMERICAN** Red Cross were joined by local officials for a hurricane-preparedness news conference in Long Beach last week. This year's storm season is expected to be as busy as 2021's, meaning some of that havoc could reach Long Island.



**JOE SPACCARELLI**, the director of American Red Cross on Long Island, says preparation begins at home, bolstered by emergency kits filled with all the essentials to help get a family through a storm.

“That means for us at the state, that we need to lean forward and do everything we can to have active, engaged, daily, robust work communications and preparedness planning with all of our localities and all of our counties,” Bray said.

And there are “three things to know” if a storm hits, she added. One is to know your risk — whether streets are flooded or if a storm surge will hit. Second is to make a plan, which should include a “go bag” with water and medications so no one is “scrambling for the items you need” when the storm hits.

And lastly, Bray said, it's important to stay informed with local news and weather “so we're ready.”

When Sandy hit Long Island in October 2012, it was the strongest storm that season, moving President Barack Obama to declare a “major disaster” in the area. More than 13,000 U.S. flights were canceled, and power and transportation systems in New York state sustained damage upward of \$18 billion.

While some might call Sandy a once-in-a-lifetime kind of storm, Long Beach city council vice president Liz Treston says the lessons we learned from that hurricane shouldn't be forgotten as we prepare for 2022. She shared what she called the “four C's” — “community, collaboration, cooperation and, most importantly, communication.”

## Getting your kit together

Surviving a storm means ensuring you have everything you need in case your access to essentials like electricity and water are cut off.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security recommends including the following items in a basic disaster supply kit:

- Water
- Food
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio
- Flashlight
- First-aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle
- Dust mask
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, twist ties
- Wrench or pliers
- Manual can opener
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and backup battery



# Student charged for false lockdown alarm at high school

By LETISHA DASS

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A 15-year-old student activated the emergency lockdown alarm at Glen Cove High School on June 3, according to the Glen Cove Police Department. The school immediately began following their lockdown procedures and began collaborating with responding officers from the GCPD.

"The behavior of this student placed the entire high school student population as well as their parents in an emotional and panicked state," Detective Lt. John Nagle, of GCPD, said.

At approximately 11:28 a.m., police were notified, and after an investigation, identified the student at the scene who was arrested and charged with third-degree falsely reporting an incident.

"I thank the Glen Cove Police Department for responding as quickly as they did," Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said. "There was no hesitation on their part, and we were able to move forward, but it is a crime to do this."

According to GCPD, the student had intentionally activated the alarm.

"This false alarm also placed responding officers and civilians in danger, especially while officers were quickly responding to the scene to help the students," Nagle said.

While the district is not able to go into detail about their security protocols for safety reasons, Rianna said that the school continues to do various walkthroughs in all



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**A 15-YEAR-OLD STUDENT** intentionally activated the emergency lockdown alarm at Glen Cove High School. The student was arrested and later released to parents.

their building to ensure that all safety protocols are put in place.

"We have various supervision throughout the building," she said. "And we are ensuring to the best of our abilities that this does not happen again. We will also be ensuring that students are aware of the penalties and the consequences involved."

During the lockdown, Sarion Allen-Vega, a senior at the high school, said that he was not afraid when the alarm was unexpectedly activated. Although he saw some students panicking, especially after seeing the police at the school, he trusted the leadership of

the teachers and staff.

"Our school is very fortunate for the most part and we have a really great staff and teacher body that keep us safe, if need be," Allen-Vega said.

In the past nine years, the district implemented several safety precautions and has been collaborating with Homeland Security on training and procedures.

"Homeland Security has come to our buildings over time," Rianna said. "We get refresher courses, and we get security measures and heighten those security measures."

Shawn Garrett, a parent of a GCHS student, said she first received news about the lockdown through text messages from fellow parents. She was relieved at hearing that everything was okay. "My son was not in school that day, he was on a field trip," Garrett said. "But obviously, I was concerned by the time that I heard about it."

The GCHS student was processed by police and released to the custody of the parents. The student has a pending Family Court date later this month.

"We want to make sure that people are aware — students and staff — that this is not something that we should be doing as a dare," Rianna said, "but more making sure that we use the systems that are in place at times when they are needed."

Allen-Vega said he disapproved of the student's actions, especially since it caused distress for students, faculty, and staff.

"It's just a general bad thing to do," Allen-Vega said. "It's also like, you kind of got someone to genuinely panic and really fear for their life for what? To skip a test? I'd rather know like the reasoning behind it for the student that did end up pulling it."

"I think it's obviously an action that I'm sure the student deeply regrets and the student was arrested," Garrett said. "And so, the student is suffering severe consequences as a result of this action. These are children and children make terrible mistakes and this was a terrible mistake made by this child."

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# Northwell hosts annual celebration of cancer survivors

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of losing his best friend after hearing the news with her. “My mother had nine cancer surgeries and she had Stage 4 cancer,” Reilly said. “So when somebody says Stage 4 to me, it’s like death.”

But after hearing Silva utter that phrase, Reilly’s fear went away. “I stopped being afraid, because she’s not going to let this beat her,” he said. “Nothing beats this woman. This is going to somehow be a speed bump.”

At the time, Silva was about three months away from retirement, after working at the network for more than 30 years. “I had a plan that I was going to grow my own soul,” she said, “and that I was going to help other people, and that I was going to sleep beyond 2:15 in the morning.”

Being a devout Catholic, and following the examples of her father, Tony Silva, who was a World War II medic with the First Marine Division, and her mother, Carol Silva, whom her daughter described as a fighter and a giver, Silva maintained a positive outlook.

“I grew up with a positive nature, because that’s what I’ve been exposed to,” she said. “And so my life as a cancer patient was just the same.”

Silva underwent surgery to biopsy the tumor in her lung, radiosurgery in her brain, and stereotactic body radiation therapy for her lungs. After 51 weeks of treatment, she was cancer-free, and two years and eight months after her diagnosis, she still is.

Her advice for fellow cancer patients is to be careful what you consume, especially when it comes to what’s on television, because, she said, “It’s easy to consume too much bad news.”

“I’m more than a 40-year journalist, and I say, turn the TV off [and] watch some comedy,” Silva said. “It’s good for the soul. Be careful what you choose to repeat to yourself.”



Courtesy Stella Shank

**ERICA FERRARA HAS** been cancer-free since October 2021. She celebrated Cancer Survivor’s Day at Monter Cancer Center with her sister Stella Shank.

Erica Ferrara, of Farmingville, who has worked at the Regency in Glen Cove for the past 20 years, also took part in Cancer Survivor’s Day. Ferrara was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer in April 2021, after a routine mammogram at Pure Mammography in Smith Haven.

“Just by chance I was going,” Ferrara, 42, recalled. “I was still very young. I didn’t feel anything. And they kept calling me, because I kept missing my appointments. So I

finally went.”

Ferrara, the first member of her family to be diagnosed with cancer, was shocked by the news. “I would have never in a million years thought it would happen to me,” she said.

She went through 16 rounds of chemotherapy, a double mastectomy, and reconstruction at Northwell Cancer Institute in Greenlawn. Ferrara said she lost her hair, her eyebrows, and even her eyelashes while going through treatment.

But, like Silva, Ferrara maintained a positive attitude. Her source of strength was her children. “I think attitude is everything,” her sister, Stella Shank, the Regency’s executive director, said. “She has such a positive attitude, and really kicks cancer’s butt.”

Because of Covid protocols, family members could not be in the room with Ferrara when she started her treatment. So Shank parked her car near the treatment area’s window, to be there for her sister. “She’s parked herself outside the window of chemo with her car, waving while I was getting treated,” Ferrara said.

Ferrara has been cancer-free since last October. She said that her story has encouraged her friends to get routine screenings. “It might be an inconvenience to go get your mammogram,” she said, but in the grand scheme of things, if you could catch something early, you’re saving your life with an hour appointment.”

Shank and Reilly have similar advice for patients’ families. They both encourage them to rally around the patient and maintain a positive outlook to help their loved ones through their battles.

“Pray, and just fill your world with positive thoughts,” Reilly said. “Even if you have depression in your own world, don’t let that leak out to the patient. The patient’s going through enough as it is. They’re confronting their mortality.”

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# 'Honeymooners' comes to the View Grille

By LETISHA DASS  
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Almost like a Twilight Zone episode, The View Grille was transported back in time to the 1950s on Saturday for a special performance of the sitcom "The Honeymooners" by the Slayer Players Theatre Company.

Written and directed by Fred DiMenna, the general manager, with the help of Kevin Horton, the vice president of Slayer Players, the three-part performance included a trivia game, presentation on the show's history, and a reenactment of a past episode for hardcore "Honeymooners" fans to enjoy their favorite childhood television series live.

"There's no sex, there's no violence, there's no cursing or anything like that," DiMenna said. "It was just simple."

The original 39-episode comedy was written by Jackie Gleason and Leonard Stern. The 30-minute episode chosen for opening night at the restaurant, owned by DiMenna and his wife Jeanine, called "Oh My Aching Back" was about the main character, Ralph Cramden, telling white lies to his wife, Alice Cramden.

"It kind of flows with this honesty is the best policy concept, which was the concept this time, because Ralph is often dishonest with Alice," DiMenna said.

The married couple was played by Patrick Marone, the executive chef of the Regency, and Dr. Eve Lupenko Ferrante, a former city councilwoman and president of Slayer Players. The set was made by former Glen Cove Fire Department Chief Tony Trip.

"It's such classic fun," Ferrante said. "And even though the show was from 65 years ago, it's still funny today with all the sight gags and the facial expressions."

"It's not like acting in movies," Marone said. "I've acted in movie parts and if you make a mistake, it's cut [and] you start all over again. But when you do a play, you got to get it. You got to make sure you don't mess up."

DiMenna acted in the play as well, playing Ed Norton, who was the best friend sanitation worker of Ralph Cramden. DiMenna said the character is opposite of himself, more nervous and moved more throughout the show.

"That's the exact opposite of me," DiMenna said. "I'm very slow moving. I don't move unless I have to. So, it got tough in that regard."

Every part of each actors' performances was an exact copy of the 1950 show. The cast watched and rewatched every episode to embody the original performances of Gleason's cast. "I wanted to be as authentic as possible," DiMenna said.

"When we do the show, we try to replicate as exactly as we can, [like] their facial expressions and movements," Lupenko said. "So, it does take a lot more time to get everything down perfectly."

Along with their busy schedules outside of theater, the group spent time after hours on Zoom and in-person to rehearse. In a small cast of seven people, every minute mattered in trying to build the same on-screen chemistry in-person. "We put a lot of hard work into it," Marone said.

## "The Honeymooners" at the View Grille

Enjoy an opportunity to travel back to the 1950's and watch a live performance of the 1955 sitcom "The Honeymooners," performed by Glen Cove's Slayer Players Theatre Company, on June 18 at \$74.95 a ticket, and on June 25 with tickets pricing at \$79.95, at the View Grille.

Along with the show, dinner will be served as well as a chance to learn more about the history of the comedy and have a chance to win prizes in a fun round of "Honeymooners" trivia. The last show on June 25 will include a concert by El Kabong and a barbeque.

To buy tickets, visit the Slayer Players' website at [slayerplayers.com/UpcomingEvents/Dates](http://slayerplayers.com/UpcomingEvents/Dates)

"And I think the effort paid off and the people really enjoyed it. We had almost a packed house."

Ferrante added that the relationship between each of the cast members and their characters were essential to the show to make it more interesting, fun, and capture each character's nuances.

"We've become a close-knit group," Ferrante said. "Because it's such a small cast, we spent a lot of time together. Being in a small ensemble production like this, every part is just as important as the next parts."

When people were not able to make it to rehearsals, Marone said that Steven Frese, who acted as Uncle Leo, would help. "He was a real big help through all the rehearsal because when somebody couldn't show up, he would play their part too," Marone said.

Slayer Players Theatre Company first started in Nov 2016 and have performed across the North Shore such as at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club. They performed mainly murder mysteries. However, because of DiMenna's love for his favorite childhood comedy the "The Honeymooners," the company began to expand further.

"Theater work for me is my relaxation time," Lupenko said. "So, it's great to forget about everything else that's going on, and just really focus on a performance and the character."

Their goal, DiMenna and Ferrante said, was to bring laughter and fun as well as help the community reminisce about the past and escape reality. All profits from the shows go to the production of their next performance.

"We were really not looking to make any money on it," DiMenna said. "We're looking to just have fun with that, and breakeven, and then just keep putting money into the group and making the set even better."



Courtesy Maria Sawoch Filippone

**DR. EVE LUPENKO** Ferrante, left, as Alice Cramden and Patrick Marone as Ralph Cramden discussed the concept of dishonesty in a reenactment of the "The Honeymooners" at the View Grille on Saturday.

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# Curtain rises on 'The Color Purple'

## Award-winning musical gets its Long Island debut

By MICHAEL MALASZCZYK

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**A**mong the many success stories illustrating Long Island's comeback from the pandemic is Plaza Theatrical Productions. A long-time community theatre stalwart, it went professional last year, with its new division, Plaza Broadway Long Island — all of it under the steady hand of Kevin Harrington, not only Plaza's producer and director, but also its founder.

**T**he Color Purple' challenges our perspectives on life, love, family and forgiveness, and guides us through the journey of self-discovery.

### ELLISHA MARIE

Sofia in  
'The Color Purple'

past October. Now audiences can get a look at "The Color Purple," making its Long Island premiere.

The fast-paced musical — which runs through June 12 — is a story of hope, a testament to the healing power of love, and is a celebration of life. The score features a variety of musical genres like jazz, ragtime, gospel and blues.

Based on Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel — itself turned into the heavily Oscar-nominated 1985 film from Steven Spielberg — "The Color Purple" it is an inspiring family saga that tells the unforgettable story of a woman who, through love, finds the strength to triumph over adversity and discover her unique voice in the world.

"'The Color Purple' is a universal story," Harrington said. "It focuses on human emotions and empathy, which transcend all ethnicities."

This production stars Elmont's Elisha Marie as Sofia — the role played by Oprah Winfrey in the 1985 film. As a child, Marie — whose parents immigrated here from Trinidad and Tobago — only wanted to sing and perform. She performed every song she could for family and friends.

Marie was urged at Elmont Memorial High School to audition for the school musical "Annie." Despite some apprehension, Marie mustered up the courage to audition. It was from there she knew that's where she belonged.

After graduating high school, Marie

Operating under a union contract with Actor's Equity Association, Harrington is focused on bringing professional Broadway-level productions — accompanied by a live orchestra — to their theater, located at the Elmont Memorial Library on Hempstead Turnpike.

The inaugural season of Nassau County's first Equity theater included the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic "South Pacific" presented this



Photos courtesy Kevin Harrington

### If you go ...

'The Color Purple' runs through Sunday, June 12, at Plaza Broadway Long Island's Elmont Memorial Library Theater, 700 Hempstead Turnpike, in Elmont. Tickets start at \$65. For more information, visit [PlazaBroadwayLongIsland.com](http://PlazaBroadwayLongIsland.com), or call (516) 599-6870.

immersed herself in the craft at went on to the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in Manhattan. She has since performed on stages in and around New York City, but is now making her return to Elmont for "The Color Purple."

It's a play that resonates with Marie, she said. And she's no stranger to it, appearing as Church Lady during a run in White Plains.

"It is such an honor and privilege to be chosen by the theatre gods to perform in this iconic and timeless musical," Marie said. "It means the world to me and is truly a defining moment in my career to be cast again ... and to perform in my hometown, where my love for theatre and the arts began."

Critics have cited this version of "The Color Purple" as similar to the acclaimed 2015 Broadway revival, which introduced Cynthia Erivo and won Tony Awards for Erivo and the musical itself.

"I am delighted to be presenting this



**'THE COLOR PURPLE'** runs through June 12 at Plaza Broadway Long Island's Elmont Memorial Library Theatre. Tickets start at \$65.

**ELLISHA MARIE AS** Sofia in Plaza Broadway's revival of 'The Color Purple,' which continues through Sunday, June 12, at Plaza Broadway Long Island's Elmont Memorial Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Turnpike, in Elmont.

beautiful musical," Harrington said. "I was surprised to learn that this show has never been produced on Long Island."

Harrington has seen both the 2004 original production as well as Erivo's more recent revival. Harrington's version is more in-line with the latest revival "with its streamlined approach" that makes it both "captivating and powerful".

"One area particularly powerful is when the character Shug Avery tells Celie that she is beautiful," Harrington said. "This is a transformative moment in the show as Celie, who has such low self-esteem, suddenly realizes that she is a beautiful person and begins to gain respect from others. I am struck by the impact of simple words on the lives of

other people."

Marie can't help but notice the cultural significance of the story, even 40 years after Walker first published her novel.

"We are living in a post-pandemic world where people are trying to discover who they are, trying to heal from grief and the trauma of racial and gender divides and inequalities," she said. "'The Color Purple' challenges our perspectives on life, love, family and forgiveness, and guides us through the journey of self-discovery.

"Theatre and the arts have always been a magnificent platform to bring everyone together and help us navigate our way to the root of the issues and discover the truth of who we are."



# LIRR's Grand Central connection gets closer

By JUAN LASSO

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From a project nearly 25 years in the making, commuters looking to connect with Manhattan through the Long Island Rail Road will soon have a new option: Grand Central Terminal.

The new underground train station — officially dubbed Grand Central Madison — offers Long Island riders a straight shot to the Manhattan's East Side between 43rd and 48th streets. Gone will be days of needing Penn Station on the West Side to get into downtown.

The East Side Access Project, as it's called, is LIRR's most expensive project to date, clocking in at more than \$11 billion. But it's an investment, officials say, will completely revamp the way commuters ride the rails.

At least that's the message Catherine Rinaldi sought to bring home to a crowd of business leaders and advocacy groups last week during a presentation hosted by the Long Island Advancement Economic and Development Committee.

"History is being made around us at a time when massive transformative projects that have been long promised are finally coming to fruition," said Rinaldi, LIRR's interim president. "Constraints that have long been a ceiling on how much service the Long Island Rail Road could offer are falling away."

Crews are busy with what Rinaldi



Juan Lasso/Herald

**AT A BUSINESS** and innovation leadership conference hosted by the Long Island Advancement Economic and Development Committee, Long Island Rail Road interim president Catherine Rinaldi discusses the East Side access project to business leaders.

describes as "readiness activities," like testing train systems and conducting pilot runs.

But once service is in full operation, officials with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority expect nearly half of LIRR commuters — more than 160,000 — to use Grand Central Madison. The additional transit line could shave off 40 minutes of their daily commute while removing some of the commuting strain and crowding felt at Penn Station. Even more, officials believe it will close the time gap for riders who currently arrive at Penn Station on the West Side only to need the subway or bus to get jobs or other destinations on the East Side.

"Having a robust service into a second

terminal" at Grand Station also "allows for operations to continue if there's any sort of disruption at Penn," Rinaldi said. "And it's going to minimize the disruptions with Amtrak's East River tunnel project."

When all of that is done, Grand Central will become a transfer point between LIRR and Amtrak, making it possible for businesses in Queens and Long Island to attract prospective employees from the Bronx and points north, Rinaldi said.

"It's going to attract Westchester residents to Long Island beaches and wineries," she said. "It's going to attract Long Island residents to Hudson Valley hiking destinations in the fall."

But commuters who've organized their

regular commute around Penn Station since, well, forever, may face a bit of a learning curve. MTA officials say they've kept that in mind, unveiling preliminary train schedules for its 11 different branches once Grand Central is up and running.

The schedules are still in a bit of flux at the moment, with information and public comment sessions continuing over the summer.

These timetables are to give riders a sense of the "magnitude of service increases" and new travel options available, Rinaldi said. But it also gears them up for what changes lie ahead in trying to adapt to new commuting patterns.

Take, for example, the doubling of morning peak-hour trains heading to the city on the East Rockaway branch, with a significant increase of eastbound trains between 7 and 8 p.m. More than half of those services will run to Grand Central, Rinaldi said, with the remaining ending up at Penn Station.

There are also some service cuts planned for morning rush trains bound for Penn Station, while many trains originating from the major terminals will no longer have scheduled connections at Jamaica.

"Change is change," Rinaldi said. "But I would say to (skeptics) to keep their powder dry and have a look at the schedule and see how the new ways of offering service on the Long Island Rail Road could ultimately benefit them."

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STIMOLA, NANCY	23-5.-10	4,936.70	PL
SMITH, RICK	23-5.-22	6,661.56	PL
SMITH, RICK	23-5.-22	9,097.00	PL
SMITH, RICK	23-5.-23	20,574.57	PL
SMITH, RICK	23-5.-23	28,174.29	PL
SCHOOL STREET REALTY	23-5.-26	10,940.70	PL
SCHOOL STREET REALTY	23-5.-26	14,964.64	PL
LA ROCCA, JOSEPH & HEL	23-8.-50	6,867.04	PL
43 RAVINE AVE CAPITAL M	23-E.-50	5,254.90	PL
UNCLE DAI # 5300401	23-E.-436	13,193.58	PL

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	PL
SHEFA ONE, LLC	23-11.-133	38,711.86	
150 FOREST REALTY	23-16.-121	29,426.37	
150 FOREST REALTY	23-16.-121	36,118.13	
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	PL
DELFRERARO, THOMAS	23-44.-17	4,826.72	
GRELLA, CATARINA	23-47.-1	3,716.60	
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
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, THERESE	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
28 MARGARET STREET RE	31-E.-377	499.78	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	
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	
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	
SINGH, RAM ADRE	31-51.-430	4,128.24	
ATLANTIC CAPITAL INVES	31-51.-449	28,484.26	
MILLER, DOLORES	31-51.-569	18,193.97	PL
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	PL
FAKIRIS, GEORGE	31-81.-15	14,332.79	PL
SINGH, SUJAN	31-85.-26.U-106	9,820.60	PL
POLKE PROPERTIES, LLC.	31-85.-28.U-5	23,163.04	PL
POLKE PROPERTIES, LLC	31-85.-28.U-115	13,032.83	PL
KAVANAGH, P.C., EDWAR	31-85.-28.U-216	17,004.44	PL
WHITE, DAVID	31-86.-83	13,165.42	
TANG, YUBO	31-86.-84	14,803.85	

**City Tax**

Property Owner	Sec(Blk/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	9,698.55	PL
SMITH, RICK	23-5.-23	10,226.02	
SCHOOL STREET REALTY	23-5.-26	5,052.50	PL
SCHOOL STREET REALTY	23-5.-26	5,306.57	
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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

New vehicles for Glen Cove Police

Assemblyman Charles Lavine recently presented the Glen Cove Police Department with a \$250,000 check in capital grant funding he secured. The funding paid for five brand new, state of the art, Ford police interceptors. The money could not have come at a better time for the department, which was in great need of upgrading its fleet to ensure the safety of the residents of the city.

"In the aftermath of the tragic shooting in Buffalo, President Biden reminds us of the importance of providing financial support to our law enforcement agencies," Lavine said, "noting that the answer is not to abandon the streets, it's not to choose between safety and equal justice, and we should agree it's not to defund the police, it's to fund the police. With this grant, I am doing just that."



Courtesy Assemblyman Charles Lavine Office

ASSEMBLYMAN CHARLES LAVINE, left, with Chief William Whitton, who was given a check for capital grant funds the assemblyman secured for the Glen Cove Police Department to buy new vehicles.

HERALD 69 PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF GLEN COVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Board of Zoning Appeals on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The hearing will be on the application of LR Glen Cove, LLC to consider the necessary variances of the Glen Cove City Code to permit signage at the Jaguar Land Rover showroom dealership located in the Glen Cove B-2 Peripheral Commercial District at 62 & 70 Cedar Swamp Road, Glen Cove, NY and is designated as Section 21, Block 80, Lots 16 & 18 on the Land and Tax Map of Nassau County.

The Applicant is requesting variances of the following sections of the Glen Cove City Code:

1. Glen Cove City Code §228-12(A)-Applicant is proposing six (6) ground signs where only two (2) signs are permitted.

2. Glen Cove City Code §228-12(A)-Applicant is proposing one (1) pylon ground sign with a total square footage of 149.18 sq. ft. where no more than 24 sq. ft. is permitted.

3. Glen Cove City Code §228-12(A)-Applicant is proposing one (1) pylon ground sign with a height of 21.66 feet where the height may not be higher than 15 feet from the ground.

4. Glen Cove City Code §228-15(D)-Applicant is proposing three (3) wall signs along the east (front) elevation with a total square footage of 271.4 sq. ft.,

where no more than 187.15 sq. ft. is permitted.

5. Glen Cove City Code §228-15(D)-Applicant is proposing one (1) wall sign along the north (side) elevation with square footage of 147.47 sq. ft. where no more than 141.2 sq. ft. is permitted.

6. Glen Cove City Code §228-15(F)-Applicant is proposing a wall sign along the south side of the building with such sign not facing a frontage or public way, where such is not permitted.

7. Glen Cove City Code §228-18(C)-Applicant is proposing a directional wall sign of 5.79 sq. ft. in area, where no more than two (2) square feet in area is permitted.

Dated: BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS June 1, 2022 OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 132014

To place a notice here call us at 516-569-4000 x232 or send an email to: legalnotices@liherald.com

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, to discuss Local Law 04-2022, adding Sec. 265-9 School Bus Photo Violation Monitoring System - Program established, to the Code of Ordinances

All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard Tina Pemberton City Clerk 132019

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special Pre-Council meeting will be held in the second-floor conference room at 6:30 p.m. and a Special Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., in the City Hall Main Chambers, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York. Tina Pemberton City Clerk 132016

LEGAL NOTICE

DISH Wireless, L.L.C. is proposing to install new wireless telecommunications antennas on an existing water tank located near 1 Dumond Place, Glenhead, New York. The new facility will consist of collocating wireless antennas at a height of 86-feet on the 131-foot 11-inch water tank. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6122004938 - KG EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or at (781)265-9221. 132013

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF GLEN COVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday,

June 16, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The hearing will be on the application of Scott Trubish, executor of the Estate of Peter J. Trubish, Jr., who seeks Variances from Sections 280-30 and 280-59 of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to maintain an existing 11'-10" x 22'-10" open (3 sides) porch attached to the dwelling on an existing non-conforming lot and with less than the required rear yard setback. Said lot has an existing 5,000 sf when the minimum required is 6,500sf. Applicant is proposing a rear yard setback of 6 ft 6 inches when 30 ft. is the minimum required.

The property is located at 18 Park Ave., designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 31, Block 10, Lot 6 and located in the City's R-4 One -Two Family Residence

The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.

Dated: BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 132015

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Girls Rising Music Festival comes to Morgan

Girls Rising, a nonprofit, founded by the all-female rock band Antigone Rising, will hold its seventh annual Girls Rising Music Festival at Morgan Park on June 18, rain date (June 19) from noon to 9:30 p.m.

Band members Cathy Henderson, Kristen Ellis-Henderson and Nini Camps who recently released a new album titled "True Joy" founded the festival after realizing there was a lack of opportunities for all female bands in the music festival circuit.

This year's mainstage lineup includes Grammy winning artists Shawn Colvin, Lisa Loeb and Judith Hill. Also, scheduled to perform are Vicci Martinez from The Voice and Orange is the New Black and Emily Tarver from Orange is the New Black.

The youth stage will include young aspiring singer/songwriters. Mentees will be selected to perform one song with the mainstage performers including Antigone Rising.

Throughout the day there will be an impactful women's panel moderated by Carnie Wilson (Wilson Phillips), with panelists including the legendary godmother of women's music and co-founder of all female rock band Fanny (1970-1974) June Millington, Dr. Camila dos Santos, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory who researching breast cancer and Akira Armstrong, CEO of Pretty Big Media who was a principal dancer for Beyonce.

There will be exercise and dance



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ANTIGONE RISING WILL be performing their new album, "Pure Joy."

classes, artisan vendors, food trucks, and kayak and paddle board rentals. The Milt Okun and Shelia Primont Scholarships will be awarded along with grants provided by Joan Jett, Melissa Etheridge, Carnie Wilson and Paula Cole.

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## OPINIONS

# Who has time for the great American pastime?

I don't really follow baseball anymore. As a rabid Yankees fan who devoured everything about the game for nearly 40 years, I never thought I'd say that. But I've ashamedly had to repeat it a lot lately.

That's because baseball has become completely unwatchable. Once team front offices were taken over by Ivy League geeks, the game took a horrible turn for the worse. The sad devotion to analytics has sapped baseball of all the things that once made it great. Nowadays, it doesn't matter if you strike out over 200 times, so long as you can hit the ball over the fence.

(Nonsense.) A walk is just as good as a base hit. (It isn't.) And an out is just an out, so never give them away. (No more sacrifices, squeezes or stolen bases — how fun.)

And that's not the only thing that stinks, in my opinion. I hate how emotionally and physically fragile players have become. I despise the superimposed strike

zone on TV that's turned everyone into an armchair umpire. I can't stand instant replay. The shift drives me insane, but not nearly as much as that stupid runner who starts on second during extra innings.

But the issues go even deeper than that.

One recent Saturday night, I had a rare hankering to watch the Yankees. But not this year's team. No, I watched the Yankees play the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game Seven of the 1952 World Series on YouTube.

That game demonstrated all that was once glorious with our national pastime but is now gone. The pitchers hurled like they were double-parked — even in the final game of the season, with everything on the line. I can only remember two batters stepping out of the batter's box the entire game.

I timed just 11 seconds in between pitches of a Johnny Mize at-bat for the Yankees. In today's game, thanks to all the step-outs, practice swings, re-securing of batting gloves and adjusting of helmets, you can expect at least double or triple that much time to pass from pitch to pitch.

I got to see Phil Rizzuto bunt, Mickey

Mantle homer and Jackie Robinson give pitcher Allie Reynolds fits when Robinson reached third base in the fourth inning. The Ebbets Field crowd gasped every time he juke toward home, but he never went.

There was no inane banter between broadcasters Mel Allen and Red Barber, probably because there were no massive lulls in action. With a combined 12 strikeouts and walks, the game lasted just 2 hours and 54 minutes. The Yanks won, 4-2.

The last Yankees game I attended — Game One of the 2019 American League Divisional Series — featured 39 strikeouts and walks and took a whopping 4 hours and 15 minutes. I remember marveling at the time that I'd never attended a Yankees playoff game — and I'd been to many — and felt bored.

The average length of a baseball game in 1952 was 2 hours and 25 minutes, according to Baseball-Reference.com. In 2021 it was 3 hours and 10 minutes. Games have become so long that even the most devoted fans can't watch the whole thing.

My stepson Jake is about as big a baseball guy as any 16-year-old. He loves the Yankees and follows them religiously, but

even he can't watch an entire game. He usually follows the updates on his cell-phone and watches something else. When there's a potential rally, he'll turn the game on. So, essentially, watching baseball has become a passive experience, like waiting for a baby to be born.

My lack of interest is part of an alarming national trend. Baseball attendance and TV ratings have steadily declined over the past decade. One New York Times contributor recently even went as far as to propose placing Major League Baseball under the auspices of the Library of Congress or the National Park Service, lest it fold one day and be forgotten forever.

While I think that's a bit hyperbolic, the game certainly has its problems. But they're easily fixable. If MLB wants me to tune back in, I have a few suggestions for the players. Stay in the box and swing. Put your foot on the rubber and throw. Make contact. Choke up when there are two strikes. Protect the plate. Go the other way. Steal a base. Sacrifice a runner over. Try to hit .300. *Move the game along!*

Or pretty soon, nobody will be watching.

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**NICK  
BUGLIONE**

In the 1952 World Series, the pitchers hurled like they were double-parked.

# High season for online hucksters and frauds

Have you ever fallen for a scam? In the old days, for which we can only feel nostalgia, there was the kind of sweet three-card Monte hustle on the streets of New York, the infamous sales of Florida swampland, and penny-stock offerings guaranteed to land a windfall. Sometimes, back in the day, there



**RANDI  
KREISS**

was the more sophisticated scam telephone call from a relative you might not remember who loved your mother, remembers her name and, by the way, desperately needs money wired immediately for emergency surgery.

Oh, it does go on and on. Getting caught in the web of fraud sometimes speaks to our own greed. We want to make a lot of money without working for it, and we are willing to be fooled into thinking it can happen. Some of us are also remarkably gullible. We have "sucker" written large on our backs, and there are folks out there ready to take us up on it.

There have been the notorious Ponzis and Madoffs and the likes of Anna Sorokin, who posed as an heiress to dupe rich friends, and, of course, legends like Elizabeth Holmes, the Theranos founder,

who wanted to be the next Steve Jobs but instead faces sentencing in September on wire fraud and conspiracy to commit fraud.

Grifting has always been a part of the American landscape. Sometimes a certain romance has been associated with big-time fraudsters, a grudging nod to their ability to run a con. Victims rarely appreciate this side of the crime. People in our own communities suffered life-changing losses from Bernie Madoff's crimes.

What appalls me is the epidemic of cybercrime. Every single day, even multiple times a day, we receive emails and texts that try to trick us into revealing vital information that can then be used to steal identities, get into bank accounts, and otherwise wreak havoc with our financial stability. It is organized, and it is sophisticated. Despite all of our double-verification routines and firewalls, the bad guys keep knocking at the door.

Among my various tics and tocks, I never included paranoia, but I admit, lately I am suspicious of nearly everything that comes my way online. There's a random text from someone I know but haven't spoken to in a few years. "How about getting in touch?" it says. It could

be a genuine text, but probably not.

AOL writes to me nearly every day, sometimes several times a day, saying it will shut down my account by a certain date if I don't write back immediately

with various information the company needs. Bushwa! I get calls from insurance "specialists" and Medicare "advisers" and premier bank card alerts and Yahoo yahoos, and someone in the U.K. who wants to send me \$20,000, and someone else who writes, "Confirmation needed immediately," and texts from my real credit card company, saying there's a hold on my card, except there isn't, and I have to call the company to find out that the text didn't come from them.

I think it affects your sense of safety in the world to always be swatting away fraud attacks.

We've come to accept fake news and alternative facts, but the online scamming feels personal. Don't we all want to trust our community? Apparently, the kinder, gentler time of the unlocked back door has passed. Hypervigilance is our default mode.

The lowest of the low have come out since Covid. According to Phishing.org, people send emails pretending to be representatives of the Federal Emergency

Management Agency, offering money for the funerals of family members who died in the pandemic. There's one hitch: You must give them personal information or send them money to get the money. It's a scam. There's a real FEMA funeral program, but that one offers money without asking for any.

After every national tragedy, after mass shootings, hurricanes and floods, there's always a blossoming of fraud across the land. People seize the opportunity to profit on the grief and loss of others.

According to Phishing.org, be suspicious if:

- You've "won the lottery."
- You recognize the sender, but it's someone you don't talk to.
- A message sounds scary or tells you to "act now."
- A message contains unexpected or unusual attachments. They may contain malware, ransomware or another online threat.

The grifters and fraudsters are often smart enough to make money the old-fashioned way, but that's not how they roll. Their payoff is the free ride, getting over on the "mark."

Be careful out there, my friends.

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My credit card company texts to say there's a hold on my card, but there isn't.



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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## The pandemic isn't over quite yet

**T**here was no day darker in New York than April 9, 2020. On that day, Covid-19 claimed 1,052 lives, according to Johns Hopkins University, bringing the total number of deaths in the state to nearly 11,000 in just three weeks.

The prospect of losing 1,000 people a day was just unfathomable. But on that day it became real, as the coronavirus raged out of control, with very little hope of stopping it.

Yet we were fortunate. The number of deaths each day dropped from there, dipping under 100 by the end of May. While our losses would creep up a couple more times — both in early 2021 and at the start of this year — we would never come anywhere close to the number of souls lost on April 9, 2020.

Today, outside of seeing people here and there wearing masks, the coronavirus has seemingly become a fleeting memory. Hospitals aren't overwhelmed. Treatments are encouraging. And we have vaccines.

But the pandemic isn't over. And we have to stop acting like it is. No, we don't need to lock down or stay six feet away from everyone. But we can't keep acting like it's 2019, either.

Every three months, a committee of global experts associated with the World Health Organization meets in an online videoconference to determine whether or not the pandemic is still a pandemic. The committee met in April for the 11th time, and arrived at the same conclusion it did

in its 10 previous meetings: We are still in a pandemic.

Even with vaccines, treatments, and lower hospitalizations and fatalities, there is still a great deal of concern about what's next for the coronavirus. Mutations — which create the many variants we've seen over the past 18 months — top that list, because no one knows what the next version of Covid will be like. The primary variants since Delta have been highly transmissible, but not as dangerous — especially to those who are fully vaccinated and in generally good health.

But it's impossible to say what the next variant will bring. And with thousands of people still getting infected each day in New York alone, there *will* be a next variant, and more after that.

Many of us have brushed off even being infected, because the dangers seem no greater than the flu these days. But we couldn't be more wrong. Those who are older or immuno-compromised are still in grave danger if they are exposed to the virus. And the rest of us still face very serious long-term complications, like long Covid, which can lead to a number of health issues — some outright debilitating.

Experts estimate that as many as 30 percent of people who had Covid — even if they were asymptomatic — will develop long Covid. With about 85 million confirmed Covid cases already, that could equate to tens of millions of people who are, or will be in the near future, suffer-

ing from long Covid.

With few if any alarms sounded over hospitalizations and deaths, it's no wonder we've become complacent. One poll, conducted by Axios-Ipsos last month, found that a little more than a third of Americans feared that returning to a pre-Covid lifestyle would be a "significant risk."

That means the other two-thirds were not concerned.

We don't have to lock ourselves inside our homes, but we must remain vigilant. Wearing masks around other people, keeping our distance unless absolutely necessary, and staying home when we're not feeling well can really make a difference. Taking at least an at-home test before visiting someone who could be vulnerable to the disease is just the decent thing to do.

And, of course, we can't forget vaccination — the most important tool we have in ultimately defeating this plague.

We don't have to count too high to get to the number of people now dying in New York each day from Covid complications. But then again, even one death is too many. We have lost nearly 3,900 people in Nassau County. More than 69,000 in the state. And 1 million nationwide — more than the entire population of Delaware, North and South Dakota, Alaska, Vermont and Wyoming.

That number is still growing. So we must stay focused, and help one another get through this pandemic once and for all.

## LETTERS

### Save lives, Republicans: Cross the aisle

To the Editor:

Dear Republican candidates: I am a registered Republican, and I espouse many of the same beliefs as you. However, I, and many like me, disagree with your interpretation of the Second Amendment.

Like the First Amendment, the Second should come with constraints based on the common good and common sense. Just as the First Amendment doesn't give you the right to shout "Fire!" in a crowded theater, the Second Amendment shouldn't give you the right to obtain military-grade automatic weapons that are designed to kill. Experts can guide you as to what those weapons are, and they should *not* be made available to anyone but law enforcement or soldiers, under strict penalty.

You will never stop murder, which is as old as mankind. But we have it in our power to limit it. Imagine if the



deranged shooters in Uvalde or Buffalo or Parkland or Sandy Hook or countless other locations across our country had pistols instead of automatic weapons, how many lives might have been saved and how much heartbreak avoided.

In the name of God and decency, reach across the aisle, join hands with your Democratic colleagues and show America and the world that we have it in our power to limit the carnage that is now of epidemic proportions in America. In Juda-



## OPINIONS

# On Saturday, march for our lives

I don't know about you, but there hasn't been one day since the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, when I haven't cried or given my kids a suffocatingly tight hug.

I have spent my entire life in school. I was in high school when the shootings at Thurston High School, in Springfield, Oregon, in 1998, and then, a year later, Colum-



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SIPLEY**

bine, shocked us. In the more than 20 years since, I've taught in elementary, middle, high school and college classrooms, where I have practiced lockdown and active shooter drills that feel more and more futile each year. I was once locked in a windowless

classroom for three hours while police negotiated with a student who had brought a gun to school with intent to harm. I can no longer sit with my back to a door, and constantly monitor spaces for shelter — and exits.

We need to protect all of our American freedoms. In this constant state of terror, no one is truly pursuing life, liberty and

happiness.

David Hogg, survivor of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman High School in Parkland, Florida, in 2018 and a co-founder of March for Our Lives, an organization dedicated to eradicating gun violence, repeatedly tweets that this time it will be different. I so want to believe him. As a social media researcher, I can see the disparity between Twitter activism and the bare mention of the Uvalde shooting in my news feeds in the weeks since it occurred. But just because people aren't posting about it in neighborhood Facebook groups doesn't mean that we have forgotten. We've been through over two decades of continued violence in America. We are negotiating our third year of a global pandemic. We're tired, and when you're tired, you feel helpless.

Fred Rogers, known to millions as Mister Rogers, once said that in times of crisis, we need to look to the helpers. You know who some of the biggest helpers in Uvalde are right now? The staff of El Progreso Memorial Public Library. There are not enough psychologists in Uvalde. The Robb Elementary school, which, like all

elementary schools, provides critical community child care, is no longer open. The librarians are leading story times and singalongs for children during the day. They are bringing in counselors and providing access to telehealth. The Oceans of Possi-

bilities summer reading program is expanding to offer children and their parents a space to pursue joyous activities together. Their doors are wide open to all members of the community to help them heal.

Hogg is urging everyone to attend the June 11 March for Our Lives Rally in either Washington, D.C., or in their local community. If one doesn't exist, he urges you to create one. (There are several scheduled on Long Island and in New York City.)

After the shooting in Parkland, 800 local marches were planned. Can we get to 1,000? Can we show them that this time it will be different?

I'm not naive. I'm a pragmatist. I know this one rally on Saturday isn't a panacea; people are still going to die of gun violence in America. But you know what? I'm going to show up on Saturday. I'm not going because I believe the political sys-

tem that continues to fail us will change. I'm going because one day, my kids are going to ask me, "What did you do?" I'm going because we need to collectively grieve, rather than silently carry this tremendous ambient sadness, and the feeling in the back of our minds that every time we go to a school/grocery store/yoga studio/movie theater/night club/mosque/synagogue/church, this might be the day it happens here. I'm going because even though change can be elusive, resistance is possible. I'm going because, at the end of the day, all we have is one another.

Will you join me?

Go to [MarchForOurLives.com/march22/](http://MarchForOurLives.com/march22/), to find your local June 11 march. There's one scheduled at the Nassau County Legislature, in Mineola, at 1:30 p.m., and one in Fireman's Park, in Great Neck, at 3 p.m. If you can't go to one, give a recurring donation to fund March For Our Lives. Or give a donation to El Progreso Memorial Library, in Uvalde, at [ElProgreso.org/donations](http://ElProgreso.org/donations), to help it sustain support programs for the children there.

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## LETTERS

ism there is the well-known maxim that to save even one life is to save the world.

DR. MEL YOUNG  
*Lawrence*

### Don't conflate abortion with other issues

To the Editor:

Re the letter "My body, my choice? Please!" (May 26-June 1): Writer Jane Dantona Grogan put down two women who had previously shared with Herald readers their personal stories about having had abortions. I strongly defend the right of a woman to choose an abortion, but at the same time fully understand a woman's decision to reject having one. It is a very personal decision for a woman to make, and a complicated one in many situations. The decision belongs to her and to nobody else. In particular, it doesn't belong to government.

In her letter, Dantona Grogan, in a kind of left-handed manner, lets the two ladies off the hook, saying it is "more a commentary on our society," and then proceeds to address issues unrelated to abortion. She changes the subject and perhaps doesn't quite realize she has done so. She attacks vaccine shots, preventive Covid testing and illegal immigrants. She even manages to inject fear that society is about to abandon our

elderly, children with disabilities, homeless people and the mentally ill, all caused by the "my body, my choice" movement. That's a very cheap shot.

BOB PRAVER  
*Glen Cove*

### Abortion is personal — a pandemic is not

To the Editor:

In responding to Jane Dantona Grogan's letter, I have to say, it's not rocket science, it's not like understanding calculus, yet again and again, people on TV and radio, and readers of the Herald, equate free choice in having an abortion to choosing not to get vaccinated in a pandemic.

How much simpler does it have to get in order for people to understand that abortion is a personal experience that physically affects that person and no one else? Though likely to affect the family, the spouse or close friends in an emotional or spiritual way, the physical aspects of that decision basically start and stop with the actual woman involved.

Getting vaccinated during a pandemic in which invisible particles are spread through the air and have the potential to infect every innocent bystander within spitting distance of the infected is a different matter alto-

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gether. People should not be able to choose to get a vaccine or not if they want to mingle with others. If you're willing to sequester away from every other human, then by all means, don't get vaccinated, take a chance on contracting the virus, play Russian roulette with having or not having to be put on a ventilator. But if you insist on going about your daily life as usual, then you shouldn't have the right to put others in danger.

Do you get in your car and drive 120 miles per hour to the local supermarket with the explanation, "It's my car, my body, my life and you can't tell me what to do. It's a free country"? And why can't you do that? Because as any first-grader will tell you, it's dangerous not just for yourself, but more importantly, for others.

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