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Courtesy Lydia Wen Rogers

QUILTERS MARILYN HAMILTON, left, and Diane Collier made quilts in honor of Juneteenth, to be displayed at the Glen Cove Public Library with the help of librarian Lydia Wen Rogers.

Library marks Juneteenth with quilts

By **LETISHA DASS**

Special to the Glen Cove Herald

In honor of Juneteenth, which commemorates the emancipation of slaves in the United States, the Glen Cove Public Library, in collaboration with the Quilters of Color Network of New York City, had eight Juneteenth quilts made for display through the end of June.

Librarian Lydia Wen Rogers said that using the quilts was a form of “craftism, where you take a traditional craft, like knitting or crochet, and then you partner it up with a political and social message.”

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Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, a trailblazer on a mission

By **LAURA LANE**

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As the first openly gay member of the Glen Cove City Council, Marsha Silverman has had her challenges, but not because of any discrimination from fellow council members or the mayor. Naturally shy, Silverman, 51, is an introvert, the kind of person who relaxes at night by working on a puzzle. She said she never thought she would get into politics, but her drive to fight for equality led her there.

“I’ve been discriminated against, but not overtly, like, you’re gay, you’re fired,” she

said. “I do remember being discriminated against when I couldn’t play softball. They said I was too young, even though there were boys that were 9 on the team. It’s why I want to treat everyone so fairly, because I know what it’s like not to be.”

Silverman’s wife, Roni Epstein, said that Marsha was initially shy about being open about her sexuality. Epstein said she has watched her become more comfortable with who she is over the years.

“Marsha isn’t someone who would hold up a banner,” Epstein said. “She’s motivated by principle, and as a public servant,



Marsha Silverman

takes her responsibility to stand up for all people seriously.”

Growing up in Glendale, Queens, Silverman was an athlete, studied music and played

percussion, but didn’t date. She knew she was gay from a young age, she said, but didn’t know what that meant. “It was more of a subconscious thing,” she said. “I never imagined myself getting married or dating boys.”

When she turned 24, she found the courage to tell her family she was a lesbian. They accepted her sexuality, Silver-

man said, with her father worrying only that her life might be difficult.

She chose a career in finance and banking, which led to a position in financial data analytics for the Experian credit firm. “Being shy and introverted made me become the analytical person I am today,” she said. “I absorbed

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Tom Suozzi ready to solve problems in Albany

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By MICHAEL HINMAN
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Tom Suozzi's path to the governor's mansion won't be an easy one — especially since he'll have to win a June 28 Democratic primary that includes a popular incumbent, Kathy Hochul.

But Suozzi isn't deterred, convinced that Hochul is vulnerable thanks to a few missteps and what he says is a hard lean to the left since her ascension following Andrew Cuomo's resignation.

"Kathy Hochul was wrong for the job," Suozzi told a team of reporters in the Herald Roundtable session. "She came in saying, 'You know, I'm going to be a breath of fresh air. And there's going to be the most transparent, most ethical government in the history of New York. I'm not going to be Andrew Cuomo.'"

But then Hochul passed what Suozzi called the state's "most secretive budget" in decades, which included what he described as a "billion-dollar" giveaway to the Buffalo Bills for a new stadium.

"There was no public hearing," Suozzi said. "It was the biggest giveaway in the history of the NFL."

The 59-year-old has represented a good portion of Nassau County as a congressman since 2017, and eight years as Nassau's county executive, helping to quell a governmental financial collapse. He first took elected office in 1994, as mayor of



Courtesy the Tom Suozzi gubernatorial campaign

U.S. REP. TOM Suozzi says he's leaving Congress so he can fix what's broken in Albany — even if that means upending the incumbent governor from his own party, Kathy Hochul.

Glen Cove, where he earned high marks for his environmental efforts in cleaning up old industrial sites.

"Nassau County was rated the worst-run county in America when I got there," Suozzi said. "I turned it around, and got it into the 'A' ranks. I left with the lowest crime rate in the history of Nassau County. I turned this county around."

"I've been in Congress for five and a half years," he added, "and I've given up Congress to run for governor because I just feel so strongly about what's wrong with our state, and it needs to be fixed."

In fact, it's Congress where Suozzi says

most of his preparation to take over as governor took place. He is vice chair of the House's Problem Solvers Caucus, a bipartisan group of 58 congressional members evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, with the hope of bringing about more bipartisan consensus.

Among the caucus's successes include President Biden's \$1 trillion infrastructure plan, Suozzi said, which made it through both chambers last year.

Suozzi's biggest focus in his primary challenge, however, is crime. He opposes the state's cashless bail policy, and even took heat last month for tying bail reform

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to the May 14 shooting in a Buffalo supermarket that claimed the lives of 10 people.

Talking to the Herald Roundtable, Suozzi instead blamed Hochul for not enforcing existing "red flag" laws that would remove guns from those who authorities believed could threaten the safety of others.

"It's not been implemented," Suozzi said. "We have to teach the cops. We have to teach the teachers. We have to teach the social workers, the mental health people. We have to teach the family members that we have this great tool, and we can take the guns away from people who are mentally unstable."

One recent study of congressional primaries showed that the chance of an incumbent being ousted in a primary is virtually nonexistent. But then again, this is New York, where incumbency doesn't guarantee much of anything.

"I do things to build relationships," Suozzi said. "I won't compromise my values, and I'm not going to vote for something I don't believe in. And having been doing politics since I was elected mayor of Glen Cove in 1993, I know how to get stuff done."

Andrew Giuliani says New York ready for change

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New York hasn't backed a Republican governor since George Pataki was re-elected for the second time some 20 years ago. But Andrew Giuliani is convinced the Democratic policies under longtime Gov. Andrew Cuomo and his successor, Kathy Hochul, have changed the viewpoint of many voters in the state, who are living with higher crime rates, historically high inflation, and ongoing coronavirus pandemic restrictions that even cost Giuliani a chance to participate in-person in a recent televised debate.

"I love looking at every single independent poll that has not been paid for by a competitor of mine that either has us winning this race or is within the margin of error," the 36-year-old former Trump administration official told a team of reporters at a Herald Roundtable session. "I think it's been really a tribute to the fact that at the very beginning of the campaign, we focused on trying to meet with as many of the 2.9 million registered Republicans — and frankly, the over 10 million New York voters. It hasn't exclusively been Republicans. It's been conservatives and non-affiliated independents, and certainly any Democrats that are looking at voting Republican."

The son of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Andrew Giuliani was first hired by President Donald Trump as an associate director of the White House public liaison office before being promoted to special assistant.



Courtesy the Andrew Giuliani gubernatorial campaign

ANDREW GIULIANI LOOKS to be the first Republican to return to the governor's mansion since George Pataki finished his third and final term in 2006.

Like his father, Giuliani has focused much of his campaign on crime, lambasting the cashless bail system, saying he would do away with it the moment he was sworn into office.

"On Day One," he said, "I have pledged that I will sit down with Carl Heastie and Andrea Stewart-Cousins" — the speaker of the State Assembly and the State Senate majority leader — "and tell them very simply that unless there's a full repeal of bail reform on my desk, I will not be funding their top priorities in our upcoming budget priorities."

As far as the state budget is concerned, Giuliani pledges to carve out \$5 billion to be used solely at the discretion of local or county law enforcement. "Let's say a

sheriff's office is not getting the resources they need," he said. "They can tap into the state to get those resources."

"Look, New York state leads the country in net out-migration, and that's not just because of crime. But I do think that's one of the main reasons why, under an Andrew Giuliani administration, we will look to curb that on Day One."

Giuliani would also try to oust Manhattan district attorney Alvin Bragg, who has been tasked with investigating some of Trump's business dealings in the state.

As far as guns are concerned, however, Giuliani is not prioritizing stricter gun-control measures. Even after the May 14 mass shooting that claimed 10 lives in Buffalo, Giuliani says the prob-

Candidate talk

Herald Community Newspapers provided a chance for all of New York's gubernatorial candidates to meet with a select editorial team to present their views and answer questions.

The responses of the other candidates who took part in the roundtable sessions will be published next week.

lem is rooted in illegal guns — something law enforcement has failed to get under control.

"When I think about the overall defunding of the police movement, one of the things that this does is it makes it tougher for police to proactively police," he said. "To have the resources necessary to actually get some of these weapons out of the hands of the criminals that are actually doing most of the crime."

If Giuliani were elected governor, he would immediately face a heavily Democratic State Legislature that could curtail much of what he has planned. But that's not something he expects to be a problem for long.

"I do think both of these super-majorities will cease to exist in 2023," he said of the Assembly and senate. "I look at the state senate (district) lines, and I'm very confident that we will win back seats in the state senate. And who knows? With the right guy at the top of the ticket, we may even challenge to win the state senate back."

Silverman is first openly gay council member

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and took everything in. I'm still an introvert, a thinker and analytical even today."

Despite the discrimination against gay people that Silverman witnessed, she realized how lucky she was to live in New York, where there are nondiscrimination laws and people are open-minded, she said. "I've seen people who are not as lucky as me," she said. "It's very sad to me. The fact that I can be 'out' at work should be normal, not lucky."

Her time on the City Council has generally been positive, she said, although it hasn't been perfect. "There are times when I feel like I'm not listened to, but I'm not sure if it's because I'm female, gay or a combination," Silverman said. "One time in pre-council, another councilperson said I should stop being so sensitive. A woman who was there said that was being sexist. You'd never say 'stop being so sensitive' to a man."

She has enjoyed working with Pam Panzenbeck. The two were city councilwomen together before Panzenbeck was elected Glen Cove's mayor this year.

"I think Marsha and I are both strong women, and work well together," Panzenbeck said.

"We're very different kinds of people, but have the goals of the city in mind. In terms of her being out, that doesn't matter to me."

Silverman moved to Glen Cove 10 years ago from Manhattan, where she had lived for two decades. She married Epstein in 2014. In Manhattan, everyone can be whoever they want, because no one cares, Silverman said. But she prefers Glen Cove, even though it isn't as diverse, where you see your neighbors in the supermarket.

"Here it's a tightknit community where people care about each other, which isn't the case in Manhattan," Silverman said.

"That's what I always liked about Glen Cove. There is community here for a gay woman. This community transcends straight and gay."

What motivates her most is standing up for youth, Epstein said. "Marsha wants to help them feel safe," she said. "She thinks it will be less devastating when they see a role model they can identify with."



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MARSHA SILVERMAN, FAR left, who is in her fifth year as a city councilwoman, works well with her colleagues, she said, including Kevin Maccarone, Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, Mayor Pam Panzenbeck, Jack Mancusi, Joseph Capobianco and Barbara Peebles.

Silverman started the gay flag raising downtown during Pride Month in 2019. Each year, more people come to the ceremony. "I always try to reach out to the Gender and Sexuality Alliance at the high school," she said. "I do this because I feel strongly it's important for youth who are bullied, the LGPTQ youth. It's important to show them it's OK to be who you are. It's OK to be what you are."

Silverman said she looks to the next generation for progress in ending discrimination. Younger people are more open-minded about gender and sexuality, she said.

Being a city councilwoman fills her with pride, she said, because her support is based solely on her qualifications and how hard she works. "Being gay didn't matter," she said. "Despite differences, people put the fact that I'm gay aside. It's been more about will I do a good job, not who I'm married to."



Courtesy Marsha Silverman

SILVERMAN, RIGHT, MARRIED Roni Epstein, a Glen Cove resident, in 2014.

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CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ On June 2, a 26-year-old female from Glen Cove was arrested for third-degree assault and fourth-degree criminal mischief on Brewster Street.

■ On June 2, a 36-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for aggravated family offense, second-degree criminal contempt and two counts of criminal mischief on Chadwick Street.

■ On June 3, a 55-year-old undomiciled male was arrested for third-degree criminal trespass on Glen Street.

■ On June 3, a 35-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for third-degree assault on Chestnut Street.

■ On June 4, a 39-year-old undomiciled male was arrested for second-degree criminal contempt and urinating in a public place on Glen Cove Avenue.

■ On May 29, a 28-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance on McLoughlin Street.

■ On May 24, a 41-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for second-degree assault and third-degree menacing on Ravine Avenue.

Quilts at library tell history of African-Americans

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Juneteenth, was made a federal holiday last year by President Biden. But the historical holiday has been celebrated across the country since 1865, when Union Army Major General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, to tell the slaves in that state that they were free.

“It’s been celebrated in the African-American community since 1865,” Rogers said, “and I just feel like if more people know about it, then they can connect with it, and know that it’s a common history.”

Rogers spearheaded the Juneteenth initiative choosing quilts as a method to tell a visual history of African-Americans. “I don’t want just like regular quilts,” Rogers said. “I want a quilt with symbolism and meaning.”

Long Island had the largest slave population in the northern colonies. According to the census from 1781, the final numbers show that 114 slaves lived in the North Shore, which was 14-percent of the population.

“We have so many flourishing Black communities because the Quakers were anti-slavery,” Rogers said.

Quilts were used in the Underground Railroad to give directions and information on safe havens and routes for slaves escaping their owners. Because slaves were not allowed to read and were illiterate, the quilts served as mnemonic devices and were one of the few ways for anti-slavery allies to communicate with slaves.



Courtesy Lydia Wen Rogers

MARILYN HAMILTON CREATED a quilt telling the story of the Underground Railroad, which helped escaped slaves find safe havens.

Marilyn Hamilton, an African-American quilter from Queens, used her quilt to pay homage to the freedom efforts of African Americans who traveled through the Underground Railroad. “The quilts (had) codes that were woven into it to help slaves to get their freedom,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton made a second quilt dedicated to Juneteenth. In the middle of the colorful stitching of fabrics and images, she made

the Juneteenth date to remind people of its significance for African-Americans.

“I purposely made sure I put down on June 19, so that people understand, because history is sad. It keeps repeating itself, just with a different collection of people,” Hamilton said. “I always say that when we take some steps forward, that we keep having to take one step back.”

Diane Collier, a quilter from Jamaica,

Queens, made her quilt to depict the current turmoil of the country when slaves were emancipated, by having a map of the Union and Confederate states with flames stitching to show the tensions rising. The aftershocks of the fight for the Emancipation Proclamation were depicted with echo quilting to show how after the United States freed their slaves, the world followed.

“I used it to show some sort of movement, like the pulsating [and] the signs of the times,” Collier said. “What happened in the United States, basically affects the rest of the world. In some kind of way, other places in the world decided they were going to get their independence like we got ours.”

The news of Juneteenth was not as triumphant as it may seem. It had taken two years for slaves in Texas to learn that the Emancipation Proclamation had passed, and even then, not every slave was able to claim their freedom. Many slave owners refused the order or held out until the next harvest to decide, according to National Public Radio. It was not until the 13th Amendment in the United States Constitution that slavery was officially abolished.

As retired teachers, Hamilton, who taught in Harlem, and Collier, who taught in Uniondale, work to make sure that people learn the history that is not often written about in history books. With the help of Rogers in researching the history to go along with each quilt displayed, they want people to look and relearn the history of their heritage.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Friday, June 17

Summer kick off

Head down to American Legion Post 336 at 190 Glen Head Rd, Glen Head for a 7:30 p.m. performance by Just Sixties. Everyone is encouraged to bring their coolers, chairs and friends and neighbors to start the summer off right and move to the groove of the fabulous sound of the sixties.

Saturday, June 18

Girls Rising

The 7th Annual Girls Rising Music Festival will be held at Morgan Park in Glen Cove, beginning at noon and going until 9:30 p.m. Jazz Hands Children's Theatre and Glen Cove High School Select Chorale including three soloists directed by Ed Norris will kick off the day's festivities. Throughout the day there will be activities such as exercise classes, boat rentals, young aspiring singer/ songwriters and an impactful women's panel moderated by Carnie Wilson. Then the mainstage will offer performances by Grammy winners Lisa Loeb, Judith Hill and Shawn Colvin. The night will end with an amazing performance by Antigone Rising.

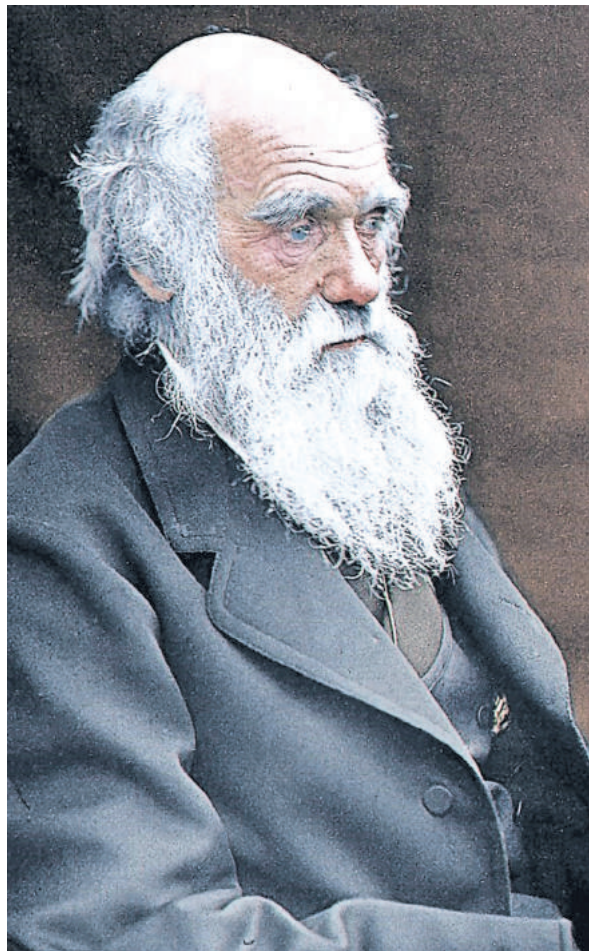
Alibi

Head down to Still Partners at 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, to rock to Alibi from 8 to 11 p.m. Alibi is a five-piece classic rock and pop band from Mountaintop, Pennsylvania. Their brand of entertainment fuses hard hitting grooves, wailing guitars, melodious vocals, and an array of 80's synthesizers.

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day tours

Stop by Raynham Hall Museum at 30 West Main Street, Oyster Bay and celebrate Father's Day with a museum tour at either 1 or 3 p.m. Fathers will receive free admission to the museum with any one paid ticket. Reservations are encouraged. Call (516) 922-6808 to book in advance.



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Journey of Discovery: Charles Darwin

Tune into the Bayville Free Library's virtual presentation "Journey of Discovery: Charles Darwin," on June 21 at 7 p.m. This presentation will follow Charles Darwin's journey from his youth to the publication of "On the Origin of Species." Charles Darwin narrates the story of his voyage around South America aboard the HMS Beagle. He documents his discoveries of dinosaur bones and petrified trees, his experience with an earthquake and a volcanic eruption, and his fascinating exploration of the Galapagos Islands. All these experiences and more led to his theory of natural selection, a cornerstone of modern biology. Presented by historical dramatist, R.J. Lindsey. Register on the library's website for the Zoom link.

Monday, June 20

Patriotic sprinkle cookies

Stop by the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library at 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay, to grab the ingredients for an at-home program. All of the dry ingredients for the patriotic cookies will be provided, along with a printed recipe and a list of the needed perishable items. One kit per household.

Tuesday, June 21

Online identity theft

Watch along with the Locust Valley Library in a virtual program discussing the dangers of online identity theft from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Identity theft is a constant threat. One in three adults in America have experienced identity theft. Please

join Senior Services of North America as they discuss social security, number theft, medical identity theft, and more. Learn how personal information can be stolen, and how to reduce the chances of that happening. Register at the library's website.

Cruise Night

Stop by Oyster Bay for this week's Cruise Night, starting at 5:45 p.m. Every Tuesday evening during the summer the streets of Oyster Bay are filled with show cars of all types and spectators during one of Long Island's most popular car shows, the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce's Oyster Bay Cruise Night Car Show. Car show fee is \$5 per car, and show cars must enter via Shore Avenue at Maxwell.

Wednesday, June 22

60's decade celebration

The Glen Cove Senior Center at 130 Glen Street, Glen Cove is celebrating the 1960's at noon with a delicious lunch and the music of Erich Glaubitz. It's going to be totally groovy man. Please note: You must be 60 years of age or older to become a member of the Senior Center.

Volunteers wanted

Bayville Free Library needs volunteers from 11:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. to aid the children's librarian, Jenn, in fun activities. This includes stations such as face painting, temporary tattoo bar, etc. Teens grades 6 to 12 will get 3 hours of community service hours. Register on the library's website.

Thursday, June 23

Fund for baby

Come to the Gold Coast Library at 9:15 a.m. and meet new library friends and join "A Time for Kids" as the library engages babies aged zero to 18 months in this program designed to introduce babies to the wonderful world of library programs. Activities include music, movement, fingerplays, fine and gross motor development, and circle time.

Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks

Tune in for the Glen Cove Public Library's virtual program "Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks: The Grandmasters of American Comedy," from 2 to 3 p.m. For more than seven decades, Reiner and Brooks made America laugh, either through their remarkable solo careers or their legendary partnership. Together or apart, they were giants of American comedy who basically conquered every field they entered, whether television, movies or Broadway. This presentation will examine their extraordinary achievements, beginning with their work together on Sid Caesar's Your Show of Shows and their creation of the 2000 Year Old Man, to their individual accomplishments as writers, directors and performers. Presented by film historian Brian Rose, and registration is available on the library's website.

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

5 things to know about your town

- The Town of Oyster Bay Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on June 16 at 7 p.m.
- The Village of Bayville will be holding its General Election on June 21 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- The City of Glen Cove will be holding a Pre-Council Meeting on June 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on June 22 at 7 p.m.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Village Court will meet on June 22 at 7:30 p.m.



Courtesy Tab Hauser

NICKY "THE LIP" Tangle helped call the plays at the Old Timers Base Ball Game on in 2018.

Batter-up for traditional 19th century baseball

By **LETISHA DASS**

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Baseball has dramatically changed in the past 100 years. Back in the 19th century, the game used to be played with minimal equipment. No gloves and lighter bats were the only way to play and it was never played on Sundays in Glen Cove.

"Imagine without any mitts" Eileen Borer, a member on the City of Glen Cove's Special Events Committee said. "It's just like, wow. This is just like crazy a catcher throwing with no mitts."

To bring the American sport back to its roots, the Special Events Committee will be hosting its annual vintage baseball game on June 17 at John MacCarone City Stadium Field 1.

The star teams from Old Bethpage Restoration for the upcoming game are the Brooklyn Atlantics and New York Mutuals Baseball Club.

The first vintage game started in 2018, coinciding with Glen Cove's 350th anniversary. Tina Pemberton, the city clerk who is on the city's Special Events Committee, said she came up with the idea because she wanted to do something different for the celebration and not a typical baseball game. At the time, the game was called "Old Time."

Throughout the years, the games have been a homerun for the city. "It was a great success," Pemberton said. "It's a great family event."

"It's kind of cute to see how it was," Borer said.

On the day of the game, hotdogs from The Regency and Cracker Jacks, will be served. There will be baseball tattoos for children as well. Everything, including attendance to the game, will be free. "They're just going to ask for donations," Pemberton said.

A program will be handed out to tell the history of the game. Back in 1919,

Borer said, when baseball was not allowed to be played on a Sunday, the Glen Cove community came together and wrote a letter to the mayor requesting that the rule change.

"We found the actual wording of the letter that they sent to the council," Borer said. "And then the results [when] the council adopted [it]."

Children will be given a chance to be out on the field to see the balls and meet each of the players, who Pemberton said will come dressed in old-time 1864 uniforms.

"They do a great job with all that," Pemberton said. "While they're kind of warming up, they warm up with the kids."

Keeping with the theme of the 19th Century, there will be a chalk scoreboard for the crowd to keep track of the game. "We try to bring it back to the old days the best we can," she said.

And the language used at the game will follow what was spoken during the time. "Back in the day, they didn't say like batter up," Borer said. "It was like striker to the plate."

Throwing the first pitch at 7 p.m. will be Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck. During the seventh inning stretch, Glen Cove's Little League teams will be invited out to the field to sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

"We tried to incorporate as many people as possible," Pemberton said.

Fans attending are advised to bring their own chairs due to limited seating. "We're hoping that a lot of people will come this time," Borer said.

The first professional baseball game was played during the Civil War, according to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, as a pastime for soldiers on both sides of the war. Upon returning home from the war, many brought the sport back home and unified their towns.

It's time to nominate your Long Island Red Cross hero

By **JEFFREY BESSEN**

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Do you know a hero? Someone who took extraordinary action to save a life or perform an unselfish and extraordinary act for a family member, friend, co-worker or a stranger? An act that changed a person's destiny, or made a community impact.

If so, then submit that person's name by Monday, June 20 to the American Red Cross, giving them a chance to be honored at the 2022 Long Island Heroes Among Us gala set for Thursday, Sept. 22.

To be eligible, that person's heroic or courageous action needs to have taken place between July 1 last year, and the end of this past May 30. Nominees need to live in either Nassau or Suffolk counties, and agree to complete a criminal background check administered by the Red Cross if selected.

Those who move forward in the selection process will share their heroic story on video, and receive the Heroes Award at the gala. They'll also have a chance to talk to reporters, and gain some much-deserved publicity for what they accomplished.

"Long Islanders represent the best of this country," said Jose Dominguez, American Red Cross on Long Island's chief



Courtesy American Red Cross

THE AMERICAN RED Cross seeks submissions to honor a Long Island hero at its Sept. 22 gala.

executive. "We are proud to shine a light on one of our exceptional neighbors from Nassau or Suffolk counties, an everyday hero — or a group of individuals who acted together — whose actions made a life-changing difference in someone's life."

Heroes are expected to be chosen by the end of July. A preferred hero and two alternate heroes will be selected, that way if one ultimately declines to be honored, organizers will reach out to the runner-up.

The Sept. 22 gala begins at 6 p.m., at the Oheka Castle, 135 W. Gate Drive, Huntington. Individual tickets start at \$400.

To nominate a potential Long Island hero, go to tinyurl.com/RedCrossLIHero.

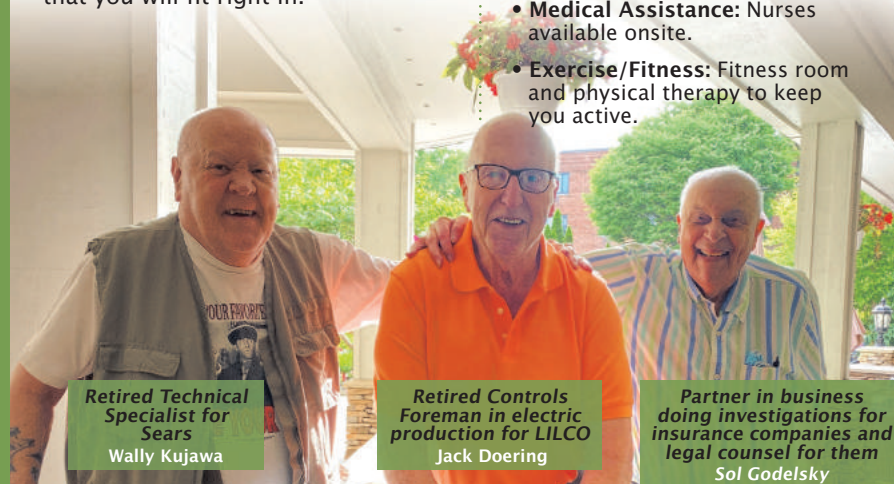
To purchase tickets or to become a gala sponsor, visit tinyurl.com/RedCrossGala.

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HERALD NEIGHBORS

June 16, 2022 — GLEN COVE HERALD



Photos by Tim Baker

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE came out to grab a bite at the food trucks and watch the sunset at the first Sip into Summer at Garvies Point on June 3.

Sipping into summer in Glen Cove

The first Sip into Summer at the Ferry Terminal by Garvies Point on June 3 was a big success for Glen Cove's Special Events Committee. Hundreds from the neighborhood and across the North Shore came out to grab a bite from local vendors such as Sid's All American Burger and Zozzo's Pizza, which were set up in the parking lot. Families were given a chance to listen to music from a live DJ

as well as enjoy fun games with their children.

The fundraiser was held to help raise money for future special events that will be held throughout the city during the summer. Deputy Mayor Donna McNaughton, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, Deep Roots Market, Eastern Star Cruise, RXR, and Tava Indian Cuisine sponsored the event.



RONI EPSTEIN, OF the Glen Cove Special Events Committee, center, watched the pizza she ordered be made by John Zozzaro from Pizza Company 7.



NADIA VEE, ABOVE left, Mario Patane and Sergio Vee met at Garvies Point for an evening of games, great food, and music at Glen Cove's Sip into Summer.



MICHAEL DONNELLY, LEFT, and Lana Donnelly shared an ice cream cone.

Gov. Hochul's budget provides help for F.D.'s

By LAURA LANE
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Gov. Kathy Hochul's state budget offers savings for volunteer fire departments. The Emergency Medical Service Cost Recovery Act will help fire department ambulances recover the cost of emergency medical services provided by paramedics and emergency medical technicians from insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid and other agencies instead of footing the bill themselves. The act takes effect on July 1.

The measure also promises savings for taxpayers. There is a line item in property tax bills for fire services, and some fire districts have had to raise taxes due to the high cost of emergency services and the increase in demand for them during the pandemic.

"When the coronavirus pandemic hit," Dr. Peter Olsen, chair of the Long Island Legislative Committee and a Locust Valley Fire Department firefighter, explained, "many volunteer fire department ambulances couldn't provide adequate medical care due to an increased volume of calls, increased manpower requirements and the additional costs for [personal protective equipment], which was required when medical personnel entered Covid-infected homes, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities and schools. Residents are already paying for medical insurance coverage, which

includes medical assistance and ambulance services from their residence, work and/or school to a local hospital. This won't increase taxes, because this will be part of their insurance coverage."

The act will save local taxpayers over \$120 million, Olsen said. Before it was passed, fire departments were using money set aside for protective equipment, and were not replacing hoses and other necessary equipment in order to pay for paramedics and EMS.

Money received from insurance companies will be put into a separate account, to be used only for ambulances, Olsen added.

"In Nassau, the EMS reimbursements are estimated annually to be \$11.5 million," he said. "This was never about sustainability. It was instead about surviving. In many cases, upstate volunteer fire departments' ambulance service costs were two-thirds of their annual operating budget. These reimbursements are essential for their survival."

It is not mandatory for fire depart-

ments to participate in the EMS Cost Recovery Act, but those that do will have 90 days to develop and implement a process for billing insurance companies, which can include third-party billing-processing companies. And when residents receive a bill from their Fire Department, they can forward it to their insurance company.

State Sen. John Brooks has been a firefighter for 53 years, and now works with the Seaford Fire Department. New York has been the only state unable to bill insurance companies for emergency services, Brooks explained, because of a quirk in a federal law allowing only paid fire departments, police and hospital ambulances to do so.

"This adds volunteer fire service with the same billing rights as other agencies," he said. "Car insurance, health insurance and homeowner insurance policies all include coverage for this in the policy."

The Long Island Legislative Committee has been proposing an EMS Cost Recovery Bill for 16 years, with the help

of Brooks, a Democrat from Seaford, and State Assemblyman Billy Jones, a Democrat from Chateaugay Lake, who were its co-sponsors.

The bill passed in the State Senate four years ago, and again last year. It came close to passing in the Assembly as well last year, Brooks said, but ultimately did not, which prompted him to encourage Hochul to include it in the budget.

"A large number of people in the Assembly were in areas where they don't have a volunteer Fire Department," he said. "Hospitals ran the ambulances there, and in the city they have paid firefighters, who were able to bill insurance companies."

Times have changed, Brooks said. Ambulances used to only take someone to the hospital and then return. Now, with more sophisticated medical equipment and training, many volunteer firefighters are paramedics, and can be out on a call for an hour or more. "Today those with extended training are providing lifesaving care that before could only be done by a doctor," he said. "Now an EMS can send an EKG strip taken in the ambulance to the doctor so they can look at it while the patient is being transported. Years ago, someone wouldn't have survived."

Christopher Demetropolis, EMS supervisor for the City of Glen Cove, said the act doesn't affect how they operate because the Glen Cove Fire Department's

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It's good that now the Fire Department will be able to recoup some of the costs. Medical perishable and nonperishable items are expensive in the medical field.

CHRISTOPHER DEMETROPOLIS
EMS supervisor, City of Glen Cove

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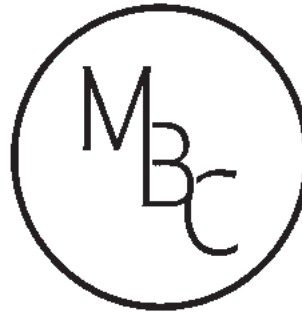
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Mishelle Berger Calo, formally Partner/ Owner of Glen Key Realty in Glen Cove, has moved to Compass Real Estate in Locust Valley. She has been a long-time resident of the North Shore community and a Licensed Associate Broker for over 25 years.

Mishelle credits her success to her extensive knowledge of the area, strong negotiating skills, and dedicated service to her clients and customers. In her many years in real estate, she has developed a remarkable network of repeat business and referrals. Her dedication and diligence have been rewarded with loyal clients who often remain friends long after the purchase or sale of their home.

Real estate has always been a part of Mishelle's life. She acquired her license while in college in 1993 and has had her hands in the real estate business ever since. Her mother had formerly owned a real estate company in Locust Valley and Mishelle has successfully followed in her footsteps.

Having owned and managed two successful real estate companies for 20 years, Mishelle has a keen sense of business and finances. Her expertise includes short sales, foreclosures, buyer represen-

tation, real estate owned (REO), and relocation. Mishelle is defined by her drive and "can do" work ethic. She passionately advocates for every client, determined to achieve the best outcome no matter the market climate. Her attention to detail and knowledge of market trends enables her to thoroughly evaluate her clients' unique requirements, so that every transaction is seamless from start to finish. Her integrity and intrinsic deal-making ability ensure that clients are protected and individual needs are fully met.

Clients are drawn to her caring, personal demeanor, which immediately puts them at ease. She leverages her deep affinity for the North Shore so that every client is in prime position for success. Her results-driven approach keys in on the most up-to-date industry techniques while remaining true to her core values of client-centered transactions guided by integrity and expert professionalism. Guided by Compass' innovative proprietary tools at her disposal, Mishelle is ready to deliver clients an unparalleled full-service experience that consistently exceeds expectations.

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HERALD SPORTS

Mo Donegal captures Belmont Stakes

By **TONY BELLISSIMO**

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A couple of hometown heroes in the thoroughbred horseracing industry celebrated a memorable victory last Saturday after favored Mo Donegal, with jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. aboard, drew away down the stretch to capture the 154th running of the Belmont Stakes before a crowd of 46,301.

The three-length triumph marked the fourth Belmont Stakes win for Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher and first Triple Crown victory for Mike Repole, who co-owns Mo Donegal with Donegal Racing and also co-owns runner-up filly Nest with Eclipse Thoroughbred.

Nest, also trained by Pletcher and ridden by Jose Ortiz, overcame a stumble out of the gate to finish a clear second outkicking pacesetters We the People (fourth) and Skippy Longstocking (third.) Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike was never involved and finished sixth in the eight-horse field.

"First of all, it's our family's favorite race," said Pletcher, who trained filly Rags to Riches [2007], Palace Malice [2013], and Tapwrit [2017] to Belmont victories. "Our kids grew up here and went to school here and we've always felt like it's our hometown race. When we're fortunate enough to win it, it adds some specialness to it. That hometown feel. That part of it is really cool."

Repole is a Queens native and a lifelong racing fan who in 2007 started his own thoroughbred ownership business, Repole Stable. His most accomplished horse to date, Uncle Mo, is Mo Donegal's sire.

"It's a 40-year dream," Repole said. "Coming to this track [Belmont] and Aqueduct, being a kid from New York, this is New York's race. In 2011, I came in second with Stay Thirsty and I watched the replay 150 times. I will no longer watch that replay."

Mo Donegal was purchased in 2020 by Donegal Racing for \$250,000 at the Keeneland and September Yearling Sale. Fifth in the Kentucky Derby in his previous start, he more than doubled his career earnings with Saturday's victory to \$1,511,800.

"I want to thank all the partners of Donegal Racing. They've believed and today they've been rewarded," said Jerry Crawford, owner of Donegal Racing. "I think this victory today shows that the sport is more accessible than they may realize. I can't say enough for Todd Pletcher and Irad Ortiz, Jr. for the great job they've done with this horse."

We the People took command under Flavien Prat and led the field through splits of 23.99 seconds for the opening quarter-mile, 48.49 for the half, and 1:13.23 for six furlongs on the fast main track, with the Manny Franco-piloted longshot Skippy Longstocking pressing from second position.

Nest, who stumbled at the start, advanced up the rail down the backstretch



Courtesy NYRA/Viola Jasko



Courtesy NYRA/Joe Labozzetta

FAVORITE MO DONEGAL, with jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. aboard, won the 154th running of the Belmont Stakes last Saturday before a crowd of 46,301.

JOCKEY IRAD ORTIZ JR. and Mo Donegal co-owner Mike Repole, far left, shared a moment with the Belmont Stakes hardware.

to stalk from third position to the inside of Mo Donegal as Skippy Longstocking continued to pressure the pacesetter. Ortiz, Jr. gave Mo Donegal his cue approaching the quarter-pole and he advanced with a powerful move, surging outside rivals at the top of the lane and got the jump on Nest, who then angled outside and followed her stablemate's path to complete the exacta.

The winning time of the 1 1/2 miles "Test of the Champion" was 2:28.28.

"Last time in the Derby, he didn't have the best trip and he still got beat by [only] three lengths," Ortiz, Jr. said. "I knew if I got a better trip, he could get there. When I asked him in the clear, he took off. He's a nice horse."

Much of the hype leading up to the race was about Rich Strike, the 80-1 historic upset winner of the Kentucky Derby who skipped the Preakness. Jockey Sonny Leon said Rich Strike didn't seem comfortable on

the Belmont surface and never found another gear.

Said Rich Strike trainer Ed Reed: "We were hoping we could have been a little closer and our pace was slow. Our biggest change was deciding to stay a little off the rail and try to give him a good, open run where he could take off. The whole way, his head turned and he was trying to get to the inside. I guess we made a mistake not putting him on the fence."

EMS to charge insurance companies

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EMS include paid medical professionals and volunteers. And it is not related to the Fire Department. Insurance has always been billed directly. The cost of transport, which can range from roughly \$ 1,084 to \$1,355, depending on what type of care is needed, is generally covered by insurance, he said.

“The bill was in the hopper for many years prior to this,” he said. “It’s good that now the Fire Department will be able to recoup some of the costs. Medical perishable and nonperishable items are expensive in the medical field.”

And if people don’t have insurance they are still provided with an ambulance, Mayor Pam Panzenbeck said.

Demetropolis said that a bill will be mailed to the uninsured. And if they don’t pay it, it will go into collection.

The Sea Cliff Fire Department is run by the village. Chief James Ajamien said he wasn’t sure whether the department would participate in the EMS Cost Recovery Act.

“I’m seeing if the department wants to do it,” Ajamien said. “If they do, we would talk to the mayor and trustees. We haven’t even done step one yet. We need to see the how, where, why and where the funds would go.”

Sea Cliff Mayor Elena Villafane said the Fire Department is not a “stand-alone” department, but rather a village agency. “If they want to pursue it, it will have to be authorized,” she said. “Then we’d have to see if the board wants to do it. What would happen to the people who are uninsured or have very high deductibles?”

Olsen said volunteer fire departments will respond to calls regardless of insurance status, as they have in the past. EMT’s always ask what someone’s insurance is when they arrive. “The bill will be sent, but those without insurance won’t have to pay it,” he said. “We will work out all scenarios prior to moving forward. The goal of any ambulance service is to save lives.”

Return to wellness in downtown Glen Cove

After more than two years of adapting to life amid a pandemic, many people may feel that more self-care is needed. A change in work or school routines combined with either actual illness or a fear of getting sick have left many neglecting their health, and now, with summer approaching, they may believe it’s time to take charge. Business owners within the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District similarly believe now is the ideal time to take control of one’s health and want to incentivize the community by bringing a day of wellness to Village Square on Saturday, June 25.

“Downtown Glen Cove has gained several new fitness businesses in recent years, and we thought an event like this would help to not only showcase these establishments, but also highlight our other wellness professionals,” Patricia Holman, executive director of the Downtown BID said. “

Beginning at 10 a.m., participants will be treated to a full day of free classes in the square from Glen Cove Fitness, Garcia Muay Thai, Glen Cove Yoga, Soca Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Mary’s Fitness Studio, Rumble Boxing and Living Lotus. Each class will be about 30 to 40 minutes and will include MX4, kickboxing, yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Jiu jitsu, boxing and a

sound bowl meditation. Massage therapists from Glen Cove Massage will discuss the benefits of massage, and other professionals including psychotherapists, an acupuncturist, and a clairvoyant will also be there. These business owners will be available to provide information to the community about what they provide, and additional vendors will be on site offering essential oils, candles, lotions, soaps, crystals, books and more. Vendors include Scents 4 My Soul, Eye of Newt Potions, Mind Body Alliance, Monarch Acupuncture and The Curious Spirit.

“Downtown Glen Cove has many health and wellness businesses, and it was my desire to bring them together,” said John Robinson of Glen Cove Massage and a member of the Wellness Committee. “I hope this event can help foster collaboration so we can better help serve the community.”

Glen Cove Yoga will be holding a yoga class and a Pilates class during the day. The studio’s owner, Amy Garvey joined the Wellness Committee to help organize the event.

For more information on the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, its programs and events, call the Downtown BID office at (516) 759-6970, visit www.glencovedowntown.org.

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A list of the real estate located in the City of Glen Cove upon which liens are to be sold with a brief description of the same by reference to the Nassau County Land and Tax Map is available in the Tax Office or online at www.glencove.ny.gov. The name of the owner is the same as it appears on the assessment roll of the year in which such unpaid taxes or charges were levied or accrued and the total amounts thereof.

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Property Owner	Sec/Blk/Lot	Total	PL
METROPOLITAN OF GLEN	21-3-.520	53,652.73	PL
SANDERS, LEROY	21-5-.1	4,401.62	
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
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	
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BARRETTA, LUIGI	21-39-.78	219.94	PL
19 HAZEL GROVE INC	21-79-.1	23,619.91	
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CARUSO MANAGEMENT C	21-80-.8	22,323.38	
LIVADAS, KRISTINE	21-88-.306.A	115.99	PL
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	
LI, YUHONG	21-239-.8	3,763.21	
GRAZIANO, FRANK & DEB	21-244-.7	3,460.21	
135 GLEN COVE AVE. COR	21-244-.55	13,669.71	
135 GLEN COVE AVE. COR	21-244-.60	13,241.19	
135 GLEN COVE AVE, COR	21-244-.61	123.80	
135 GLEN COVE AVE. COR	21-244-.66	6,575.36	
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
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
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For Ed Melnick, 'everything he did was for the kids'

By WILL SHEELINE

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Dr. Edward Melnick, superintendent for the North Shore School District from 2003 until he retired in 2017, died suddenly in his Manhattan home on June 11. The cause of death is unknown at this time.

After having given over 40 years of his life to education, Melnick is being remembered by colleagues and friends as a brilliant, kind and hard-working man, whose first priority was always his students.

Melnick, who was 67 at the time of his death, had a long and storied career working in education on Long Island. It began at Friends Academy, where he served as director of the arts from 1977 to 1987. But the vast majority of his time was spent in the North Shore School District, where he dedicated decades of his life to improving the experiences and amenities offered to students.

Melnick served as the director of fine and performance arts at North Shore for a decade, until in he was named principal for Glenwood Elementary School in 1997, in which capacity he served for five years. After a two-year stint as assistant superintendent of instruction, Melnick was hired in 2003 to serve as the district's superintendent for 14 years.

Under his tutelage, the North Shore School District went from being good, to one of the best in the country.

Amy Beyer, who served as president of the Board of Education for several years while Melnick was superintendent, said the changes he made fundamentally shaped the school's growth, and touched thousands of students, parents, faculty and staff.

"He was a gift to the community, that's him in a nutshell. He was a brilliant man, he was a principled man, and everything he did was for the kids," said Beyer, who remained close with Melnick after he retired. "I knew him so well, and I still



DR. EDWARD MELNICK, who led the North Shore School District as its superintendent for over a decade has died.

had no idea how many lives he had touched in such specific ways. Everyone had a story about Ed."

Some of the initiatives and programs that Melnick implemented in his tenure as superintendent have become part and parcel of the North Shore School's system, so much so that it is difficult to think of a time when they weren't offered. Take for example his initiative to add a foreign language element in the elementary schools curriculum, or his inclusion of the International Baccalaureate program at North Shore High School.

He also spearheaded the installation of the school's first turf fields and the high

school stadium, working alongside the Viking Foundation. He further developed the district's literacy and mathematics programs, and supported technology student projects, such as the Victorian Studio, in his time at North Shore.

Melnick oversaw the rebuilding of the North Shore High School Theater; a complete revamping of the fine and performing arts program, as well as enhancement to programs for special education and life skills. He managed the construction of the Bus Transportation Depot in Glenwood Landing, and implemented the Shared Value Outcomes that guide the curriculum and learning of students to

this day.

Joanna Commander, another school board member who worked with Melnick and kept in touch with him, asserted that the schools would never be where they are today without his efforts. She went so far as to say that the North Shore School District represents his vision for what education should be, as well as a testament to Melnick's tireless dedication.

"I think when you really look at the reputation of the school district, and the reputation it enjoys in terms of excellence, I think that really is a reflection of the work of Ed Melnick," Commander said. "I think anyone who worked with him would have agreed with that, 100 percent."

Another area in which he made a long-term impact was in his hiring of administrative staff and faculty. Many of the people Melnick hired remain in the district to this day, including Dr. Chris Zublionis, currently the district's assistant superintendent for instruction, and soon to be superintendent come July, who was hired by Melnick in 2009.

Zublionis said that Melnick was his mentor and a source of inspiration for many members of the faculty. When Zublionis was selected to be superintendent he said his former boss gave him a warm congratulations. According to Zublionis, Melnick deeply impacted and inspired his faculty and staff to find creative ways to improve the school, but his first priority was always the students.

"He motivated us, supported us, encouraged us to be innovative, to try new things, but always, always with the students at the center," Zublionis explained. "He was so dedicated to the student experience, to personalizing that experience for each student. And we're still benefitting from that to this day."

Melnick is survived by his husband Barry Grayson, his sister Jane, brother David and many nieces and nephews.

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Map-making is a cruel business

Politics is generally of little interest to the average citizen. Getting to and from work, taking care of family needs and trying to have a little joy is much more important. Most people don't think of politicians as people, and the daily machinations of the political world often go

unnoticed. But elected officials are human beings, and the system in which they live can be a very cruel one.

The State Legislature recently approved new district maps that will play a decisive role in determining which candidate will represent you in Albany

and Washington. For some of the incumbents, the new lines were pretty much the same as the districts they have represented. For a few others, however, the proposed maps are either the end of their political careers or the beginning of a life-or-death campaign for survival.

On Long Island, there were two notable changes, both affecting Democratic incumbents. State Sen. John Brooks saw most of his current mid-Island 8th Dis-

trict disappear, and had to decide whether to run for re-election in the newly drawn 5th District. At first he chose not to run, but then he did an about-face, and will run for the seat in the new district after all. Brooks is a dedicated official, and he fought successfully this year to get Gov. Kathy Hochul to give Long Island a massive increase in school aid — but the map-makers don't reward devoted public service.

State Sen. Jim Gaughran currently represents the 5th District, which for now stretches from Glen Cove, in Nassau County, to Commack, in Suffolk County. Gaughran has been a Huntington Town Board member, a Suffolk County legislator, chairman of the Suffolk County Water Authority and a strong environmental advocate in the State Senate. He is respected by both parties. But the map-makers eliminated most of his 5th District, and facing an impossible uphill battle, Gaughran decided to leave the political arena.

The most notable change in the electoral map is taking place in Manhattan, where two long-serving members of Congress will now face each other in a primary contest. Under the old district

lines, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney represented most of the Upper East Side, and Rep. Gerald Nadler represented the West Side, both for more than 25 years. When the maps were redrawn, Maloney and Nadler were thrown into the same district.

Nadler suggested that Maloney run in an adjoining district, but since most of the new district is in her old territory, she declined to run elsewhere.

This battle of two senior members, who have been good friends and hold major committee chairmanships, made me recall my own history on the subject of legislative reapportionment. Back in the 1970s, when new State Assembly

district lines were drawn, my South Shore district was combined with that of the late Assemblyman Eli Wager, a friend and fellow Long Island Democrat. Wager and I attempted to resolve our dicey situation by proposing that one of us run for the State Senate. That compromise ended quickly when attorney Karen Burstein announced that *she* was running for the Senate.

Imagine what it's like when two elected officials who sat together in the same office, and have close family ties, are forced into a public battle for survival.

When friends run against each other, there is rarely a happy ending.

There could be only one winner, and for 60-plus days we battled each other with every ounce of energy. On primary night, I was declared the winner by a margin of 1,800 votes, but the bitterness lingered for a number of years.

When colleagues are pitted against one another, there is rarely a happy ending. Luckily, months later, I got a call from then Gov. Hugh Carey, asking whether it was OK with me if he appointed Wager to the State Supreme Court. I encouraged Carey to make that move, and two elections later, Wager won a 14-year term on that court, where he served with distinction.

No one can predict who will win the battle between Representatives Maloney and Nadler, but when it's over the public will have lost one great public servant. The redrawing of district lines is required by law every 10 years. It primarily involves a juggling of constituent numbers, and is a heartless process. Sadly, there are few happy endings when the final vote count is announced, which is what makes this process so cruel.

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Is our democracy becoming a royal pain?

Is it too late to bring back King George III? We had all the right intentions in 1776, and a terrific starting lineup, but we seem to be making a mess of this experiment called democracy.

Lately I've been thinking that everything British is better. Well, not everything (Boris Johnson) but many things.



**RANDI
KREISS**

Maybe not the food. Still, God Save the Queen. You have to love a woman who embraces stoicism as her reason for being. Her Majesty does everything the old-fashioned way, and with such grace. She even wears a tiara with aplomb.

She is heroic in her steadfast devotion to duty. No matter how the world turns, no matter the dalliances of her children or her in-law kids, she embraces tradition with dignity and, I imagine, personal sacrifice. Democracy is so messy and divisive, but there is real comfort in the elaborate ritual of royal pomp. As evolved as I am as a woman in the 21st century, I would still enjoy a spin in a Cinderella carriage. With footmen, of course.

How sweet it would be here and now in America to have a royal figure to maintain some decorum as so many elected officials run off the rails. I'm telling you, we just didn't think the whole 1776 thing all the way through.

Part of my escape over the Pond includes immersion in World War II novels and nonfiction. Literature featuring British history has all the elements of real-life thrillers. This month I listened to "In the Garden of the Beasts" and "The Splendid and the Vile," both by Erik Larson, and "Munich," by Robert Harris, all superb nonfiction accounts of the days and months leading up to and into World War II.

The Brits had an uphill fight to beat back the Nazis. They were blessed with a brave and self-sacrificing queen and a once-in-a-lifetime prime minister in Winston Churchill, who inspired his people with soaring rhetoric and unflappable courage.

I keep thinking about the Londoners during the blitz, not knowing how it would end but getting up every morning to drag bodies out of the rubble and then go to work. The high-mindedness of it all

contrasts painfully with the skeevey machinations of today's American politics. Half the people running for office can't compose or articulate a proper English sentence.

When I turn on the telly, it is to mysteries and thrillers on BritBox or Acorn TV. The stories presume some intelligence on the part of the viewer. No one shoots anyone in British police procedurals. They chase one another up and down buildings and across the countryside, but you rarely see a weapon other than a bloody knife. The writing is nuanced, which means every other word isn't a four-letter one. Characters sometimes quote Shakespeare.

British TV actors look like real people. That's the key. They have wrinkles and messy hair, lumpy bodies in shabby clothes. You see very few scantily clad women; when you do, they usually have a compelling story, something beyond their cascading curls and rising flesh. The character actors are especially talented, commanding their scenes without affecting cheap technique or \$200 hairstyles. They look like regular people, which is the idea of acting, isn't it?

How sweet it would be here to have a royal figure to maintain some decorum.

One of my favorite series is "Midsomer Murders," which has been on the air so long that the actor playing the main character, the village detective, retired from the role and passed it to his younger onscreen "brother." Every episode features a ghastly murder in a village of 150 people. They just don't run out of bodies. And it isn't so much a whodunit as a walking tour of the village eccentrics, all of whom are played by marvelous actors.

In my escape to the United Kingdom, I include Irish novels, many of which are gems, little-known literary sleepers like "The All of It" and "Northern Spy." For some reason, books about the Troubles and the lives of the people of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland just pull me in and pull me out of my worries.

In general, the Queen and her subjects elevate the conversation, any conversation, unlike here in the States, where incivility and aggressive ignorance are increasingly common.

In one of the big production numbers in the show "Hamilton," King George sings a solo to the American rebels. "You'll be back," he warns, "soon, you'll see. You'll remember you belong to me..."

It has taken 246 years to come to this point, but maybe he was right.

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Fight school violence with a unified voice

There is seemingly no place safer than home, but schools are supposed to be the next best thing. A place to learn about the world, to learn about one another. To grow. To mature. Really, a place to blossom.

Not too long ago, parents sent their children to schools without a second thought — worried only about grades and the occasional bully. Now it's lockdown drills. Secured classroom doors. Constant vigilance by those who we have otherwise tasked to teach.

And these words won't make any of that better. Because if there is anything we have learned from Uvalde, from Parkland, from Sandy Hook, it's that we can never do enough to protect our most precious resource: our children.

But that doesn't mean we can't try. And it's time for a much broader approach — the kind only the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association can lead.

It's so sad that we, as a country, can even say this, but there is a lot of experiential data available on how vulnerable our schools are to those intending to inflict harm. Yet we can't dwell on why

that information exists. We must use it to prevent those tragic stories we read about and watch from elsewhere from ever landing at our front door.

The school boards association doesn't have the authority to demand, of course. But it can certainly advocate — something it's been doing since 1959 for more than 100 school districts across Long Island. Sure, most of that has been on the financial end — schools are always starving for money, thus making funding at all government levels a priority. But that doesn't mean the organization can't pursue school safety as well.

And it's not that our local school districts aren't trying — they are. The knowledge and skills to effectively fortify a school from a shooter are not something that can be piecemealed, however. It requires centralized planning — not as big as New York, but at least as big as Long Island.

The school boards association has the infrastructure to help lead that planning, and even effect real change.

The group can start by pushing for an audit of every single building, every sin-

gle door, every single window in Long Island schools. How are campuses accessed? How are visitors controlled? How can those campuses keep weapons off their grounds, without making them feel like prisons?

Some ideas that have been promoted elsewhere include video cameras outside every exterior door with direct feeds to a security officer. Classroom door locks that can be activated by a teacher. Even bullet-proof glass.

Sure, these measures are designed to prevent the symptoms of this overall issue, not the issue itself. But they are measures that will help keep our children safe today, and buy time for more expansive measures like gun control, assault weapon bans, and addressing the emotional needs of a school — and a community — right down to identifying signs that lead to a potential tragedy, and stopping it before a shooter's plans are realized.

We can't just talk and do nothing. We need to take action, and we need to speak with a unified voice. If we don't, that next tragedy we read about could very well be our own.

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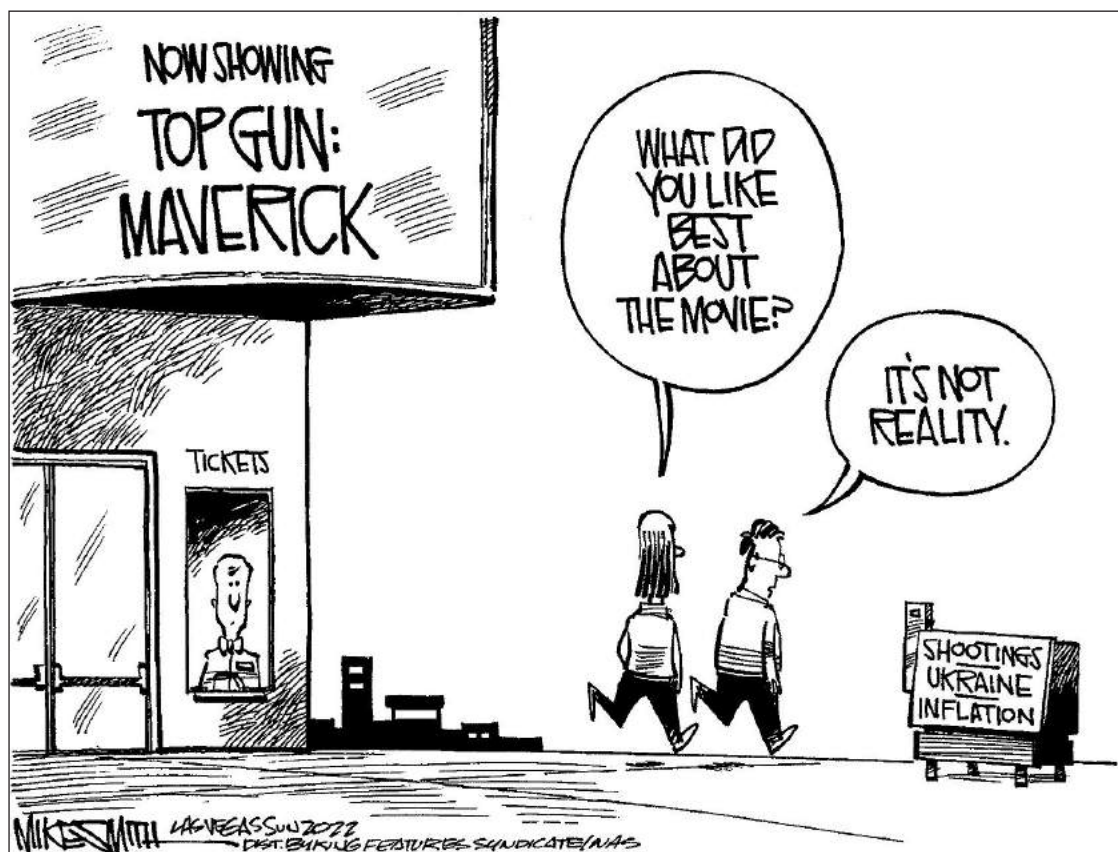
Abortion is more than just personal

To the Editor:

In his letter "Abortion is personal — a pandemic is not," last week, Eugene Artemyeff precisely states the universal error of those who, in defense of abortion, claim that a woman has the right to do as she pleases with her own body. He concludes that "abortion is a personal experience that physically affects that person and no one else," that the physical aspects of that decision start and stop with only the woman involved.

I cannot understand how the rights of the developing fetus, the unborn, can be so overlooked and disregarded. The unborn is *not* part of the mother, but, genetically, a new and unique individual, and abortion ends its existence. Killing another person cannot but equate with murder or manslaughter. Of course there will never be agreement as to when abortion is justified, but if the life of the mother-to-be is threatened by the pregnancy, it would be. Less objectively, perhaps, abortion would be a legitimate recourse in cases of rape or incest, although by the end of the second trimester, that option should have been decided on one way or the other.

Thus, it is a question of when, in the course of a pregnancy, abortion might



be justified. It is not a yes-or-no issue, regardless of how the extreme position holders would portray it. But for a fetus, particularly a viable fetus, to have its life ended is inconsistent with our belief in life as a society.

I am always amazed at how often the right to life of the unborn is never even raised in the abortion debate.

That the pandemic presents a challenge that

requires members of society to act in a mutually respectful and considerate way makes sense. But even if a "society" involves just two people, mother and unborn, respect and consideration should be just as warranted and forthcoming, particularly when one holds the life of the other in her womb.

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OPINIONS

Why must we risk our lives to go to school?

Our country mourned the tragic events of a school massacre — again. But the day after the shooting at Uvalde, school life here at North Shore Hebrew Academy High School in Great Neck went on as usual. From Monday through Friday, my routine remained unchanged: I woke up, ate my breakfast, grabbed my backpack



ILANA GREENBERG

and kissed my parents goodbye before I hopped on the bus to head to school, my home away from home. My school friends and I don't have to make a conscious effort to walk in the shoes of your average American student. It's not hard for us to understand and sympathize with the victims of the horrific tragedy in Texas and feel their grief. What we can't wrap our heads around is why it is so hard for our country to actually do something — anything — to stop this horror from happening again and

again and again,

I am not fooled by my seemingly sheltered Long Island upbringing in Nassau County, the safest community in the country, according to U.S. News & World Report. The unfortunate reality is that the shooting in Uvalde could have happened anywhere. The statistics are staggering. More innocent children die from irresponsible and unregulated guns than from car accidents, according to Sandyhookpromise.org. Sixty-eight percent of school shooters used guns that were accessible in their homes. At any time, one or more of the 4.6 million American kids who live in a home with a loaded gun can bring it to school and use it to end lives.

School-aged children like me have enough to worry about. We're exposed to harmful vape smoke and all types of drugs. We're warned against the dangers of drinking and texting while driving. We battle bullying, and mental health problems, and Covid. And yet, gun violence has become the leading cause of death

among young people.

News outlets covered the heart-wrenching days that followed the shooting in Uvalde, but I fear the world has already become desensitized and diverted its short attention span to newer head-

lines. But for me, I suspect that no matter how long ago or comparatively distant the shooting took place, there will always be this constant, gnawing anxiety clawing through the depths of my subconscious, that something like this could happen to anyone — to my young brothers, to my friends and teachers, to me. I have an enduring fear, knowing that no school building is completely impervious to a safe-

ty breach.

Recently I was taking a chemistry test when my mind drifted, and a thought suddenly came to mind: If a student next to me were to start firing a gun, how would the security guard all the way at the front of the building stop him?

My peers and I have been trained in the event of a shooting to scan a class-

room and think, where would be a good place to hide?

Our doors have automatic locking mechanisms, so when a student returning from the bathroom innocently knocks at my classroom door, I have to look to my teacher for reassurance that our lives aren't in danger and that the person that we're about to let into the room doesn't want to kill us.

When I ask my 7-year-old brother what he learned in school, he brings up safety drills, in which the phrase, "Stop, drop and roll" has been replaced by the instructions to "Hide, don't make noise, and don't open the door to anybody, not even the principal, who might have a gun to his head."

When the world encountered a global pandemic, we came together to tackle the problem as best we could. Schoolchildren are now living through their own national crisis, but as our cries echo in the classrooms, the rest of the country stays silent. When will we wake up from this living nightmare?

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I was taking a chemistry test, and started thinking about someone firing a gun.

LETTERS

The Supreme Court was political long before the leak

To the Editor:

Re attorney Ronald Rosenberg's op-ed piece "A leaking Supreme Court puts us at risk (May 26-June 1): I respectfully disagree. I think it is the Supreme Court itself that puts our democracy at risk.

Mr. Rosenberg writes that the leak of a draft decision on *Roe v. Wade* "sought to politicize part of our democracy that was deliberately set above and beyond politics by our founders." The Supreme Court is above and beyond politics? That's news to me. In fact, today's court may be the most politically partisan branch of our government.

When then candidate Donald Trump promised to appoint only judges that would outlaw a woman's right to choose, that wasn't political? Of course it was. And look what it got us: Neil Gorsuch, who was opposed by just about every civil and human rights organization in the U.S.; Brett Kavanaugh, whose "I liked beer" whine at his confirmation hearing is now a YouTube favorite, and Amy Coney Barrett, who served as a handmaid in an extreme religious organization.

Then there was Mitch McCon-

nell, denying even a hearing for Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland. That wasn't political? McConnell said that a new appointment to the court shouldn't be made only eight months before the next election. Later he allowed Coney Barrett, a diehard Republican who had never tried a case to or argued an appeal, to be confirmed in a Republican senators-only vote just a week before Election Day 2020. No politics there, right?

The truth is that we have ended up with a Supreme Court that is an arm of the Republican Party. Its decisions have consistently espoused the GOP's political principles — or, rather, the lack of them. These rulings were made by unelected judges with lifetime jobs, and they include decimating voting rights, gutting the Clean Water Act, permitting the proliferation of handguns and assault rifles and diminishing a woman's right to choose.

I do not argue with Mr. Rosenberg's contention that the founders were well intentioned when they tried to create a Supreme Court that would be above and beyond politics. But it seems today's court verifies the aphorism "The road to hell is paved with good intentions."

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