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JORGE NARANJO, A dancer from Ballet Nepantla, performed a high-spirited number with Andrea Guaiardo, the company's artistic director.

Dance at Morgan Park brings community together

Gold Coast festival celebrates second year

By ROKSANA AMID

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With the backdrop of the setting sun across the Morgan Memorial Park stage, residents and visitors gathered for the second annual Gold Coast Dance Festival last Saturday

Festivalgoers laid out blankets, sat on camping chairs and leaned on trees around the park to watch the night's events.

Ballet Nepantla, a New York City-based dance company, gave one of 16 culturally

diverse performances in the two-hour-long festival. Among its five performers was Andrea Guajardo, of Glen Cove, the company's co-artistic director. Sharing the stage with her were Maricarmen Betancourt, Jorge Naranjo, Gaudalupe Garza and Associate Director Martín Rodríguez.

"I thought it would be an important part of the festival," Guajardo said. "There is a portion of the Glen Cove community that is Mexican or Mexican-American."

The idea for the festival sprang from the CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Area experts share latest on monkeypox

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The Biden administration declared monkeypox a public health emergency on Aug. 4 in hopes of accelerating a response and recognition of the transmis-

sion of the disease, in addition to helping mobilize more resources for the outbreak.

The declaration should last 90 days. Monkeypox is rarely fatal, and no deaths have been reported in the United States so far.

According to the World Health Organization, the disease spread through sexual transmission among gay and

bisexual men from two raves held in Spain and Belgium.

The disease is typically confined to Central and West Africa, where people are affected by consuming bushmeat — wild animals hunted for human consumption.

The strategies in place at Northwell Health to decrease the rate of monkeypox transmission are consistent with current public health guidelines. Guidelines were adopted early, including early testing of people with comparable symptoms and vaccination for those at high risk — gay and bisexual men who engage in sex with other men.

However, experts at Northwell stated that just because a commu-

nity is affected by something does not mean that the community is predisposed or more likely to transmit the disease.

"We have no excuse, coming out of a two-year Covid pandemic, to not be able to get monkey-pox under control." Dr. Eric Cioe-Pena, director of Global Health at Northwell Health, said. "In

terms of infectiousness, if Covid is a Ferrari, monkeypox is a bicycle. It's much harder to get."

Monkeypox requires much more intimate contact than Covid. It is not transmittable when sitting in a car with someone or being with someone in an office. Transmission occurs after close contact, which is mostly skin to skin.

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Glen Cove Hospital receives high rating

Seven Northwell Health hospitals have received four-star or better ratings from

the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as part of its 2022 Five-Star Quality Rating System, including Glen Cove Hospital.

Huntington Hospital led the way for Northwell with five stars — the highest possible rating — following by its fourstar hospitals: GCH, Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson, North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco and Peconic Bay Medical Center in Riverhead.

Northwell, New York State's largest health system and private employer, saw 11 of the 12 hospitals evaluated either maintain or improve their CMS standing since 2021. CMS, part of the Department of Health and Human Services, created the five-star rating to help consumers identify health care facilities by quality metrics, which include patient outcomes such as mortality, safety of care and readmissions, patient experience and process.

GCH rated nearly a full point above the mean in readmissions. CMS data for the report was collected between January 2017 through September 2020, depending on the reporting metric, and excludes January 1-June 30, 2020.

The health system's initiatives to improve quality at its hospitals include a focus on infection prevention, efforts to increase the flu vaccination rate among employees, sepsis taskforce, transformation of dining services and environmental enhancements.



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NICOLA HOSPEDALES, LEFT, Heather Conn and Andrea Blom performed 'At Midnight' at the Gold Coast Dance Festival in Morgan Park last Saturday.



THERE WERE CHEERS when Maricarmen Betancourt, a dancer from Ballet Nepantla, performed.

Professional dancers showcase talents in Glen Cove

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creative mind of Glen Cove resident Nicole Loizides Albruzzese, its executive producer.

During the 2020 pandemic lockdown, Albruzzese invited a small group of dancers to Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, to shake off the stress of the pandemic in an unstructured, free-spirited setting.

"I think everyone felt the need to move," said one of the invitees, Judith Rivera, of Sea Cliff, said. "We, as dancers, need to keep moving. We need to express ourselves through movement."

In 2021, Albruzzese, a professional dancer and teacher, wanted to do something to bring the artistic atmosphere the North Shore is known for back to the community via dance, since the pandemic had created darkness and stillness in her community. She decided to bring back the light by way of a performance.

Rivera, whom Albruzzese had previously worked with, eventually joined her to help raise funds and generate publicity for the first Gold Coast Dance Festival.

Albruzzese has been involved in dance since she was 5. The 45-year-old is known for her decades of contributions to performances such as "Le Reve," at the Wynn Casino in Las Vegas, and her coaching of performers in Cirque Du Soleil's "Love."

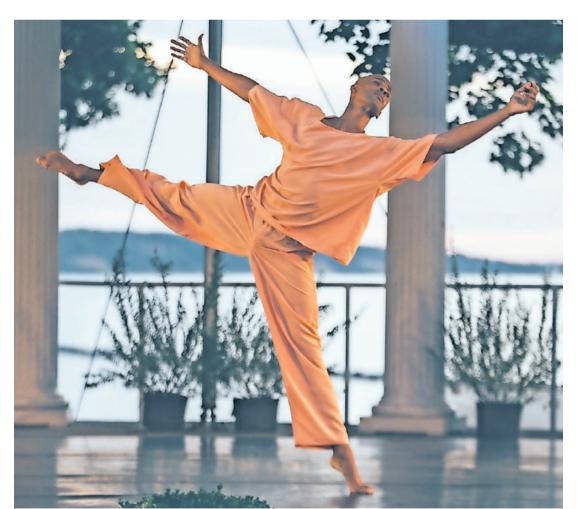
She has performed on "Live with Regis and Kelly," and has danced with Ballet Hispanica and the Momix dance company for 25 years. She currently teaches at Long Island University.

Her production company, Moving On, organized the festival last year. In the initial stages of planning, however, Albruzzese said, she was met with skepticism. "I felt as though I was trying to sell myself, and it just wasn't touching," she said. "So I just decided to take it upon myself and just produce."

Eventually she managed to persuade some businesses to help her bring dance to Glen Cove. Benitez Remodeling, Celeste Gullo Allstate, COPA, Heirloom Tavern and Glen Cove Councilwoman Marsha Silverman were among her many contributors.

And with her network of dancers, Albruzzese invited performers who she knew were connecting with audiences again to take part.

The inaugural 2021 festival was a success, noted in a proclamation issued by Nassau County Legislator Delia



THE GOLD COAST

Dance Festival included performances by wellknown Manhattan dance companies including Alvin Ailey. Yannick Lebrun who performed on Saturday, is a member.

DeRiggi-Whitton. This year, attendees were just as excited.

"I'm thrilled that dance is being represented on Long Island," said Alethea Vassals, of Sea Cliff. "I grew up dancing. I think it's magical that so many different movement styles are being represented."

"I think it's important for people to have access to this kind of theater," Simone Pavlides, another Sea Cliff resident, added. "I love watching the athleticism of dance. It's sport and art mixed together."

The festival also marked the beginning of a mentor-

ship program, Stepping Up, that connects aspiring dancers with resources to advance their careers. Several of the dancers who have taken part in the first two festivals have joined the program as mentors.

And Albruzzese is already busy planning next year's program, which will include two days of workshops and a performance, followed by a reception.

"We're planning a possible winter edition of the Gold Coast Dance Festival," she said. "Venues are all to be determined, but will be within the Gold Coast, from Glen Cove to Port Washington."

NICE aims to ease new rider mass transit anxiety

Nassau Inter-County Express bus service unveiled what it's described as a more individualized service for riders with questions, concerns or even anxieties regarding the public bus system.

With support in both English and Spanish, NICE Assist is primarily designed for those using the system for the first time, including people who might not get around too easily otherwise, or simply would-be riders who have just moved to the region, or are exploring taking public transportation for the first time.

Being new mass transit "can be challenging and intimidating," said Jack Khzouz, NICE's chief executive, in a release. And while NICE is fully accessible, Khzouz says he understands this type of "invisible barrier" may pre-

vent some from taking a bus.

"NICE Assist is meant to ease transit anxiety and gain confidence by answering those questions with a personalized introduction to the system," he added.

A NICE agent can make arrangements to personally meet a rider in need at a preferred bus stop and guide them through boarding procedures, fares, timetables,



Courtesy NICE

NASSAU INTER-COUNTY EXPRESS Bus introduced a new program — NICE Assist — designed to ease commuting anxiety by offering one-on-one, in-person service by simply scheduling an appointment.

and even the bus service's smartphone app, Khzouz said. The program also can be used to schedule a visit to one of NICE's transit hubs and learn more about the connections with other bus routes and other forms of transportation.

Appointments are available weekdays between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., and made at least two hours in advance. To learn more, call (516) 967-5182.

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Northwell's ER on Demand is keeping patients at home

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It's 11 p.m. on a Friday night and you have a painful sinus infection that's getting worse. Or, it's the middle of the night and your baby won't stop crying because of a severe earache and then a fever spikes. In the past, going to the emergency room was the only option.

Northwell Health's telehealth program, ER on Demand, makes it easy for patients to virtually consult with a board-certified

emergency medicine doctor from the comfort and privacy of their home 24- hours a day, seven days a week. Patients throughout New York state are eligible for the service, whether they are health system patients or not.

While the coronavirus pandemic fueled a tremendous demand for telehealth services in many medical areas, new data shows Northwell's ER on Demand's service is effective in caring for patients at home, helping them to avert trips to the ER in the majority of cases. Northwell's analysis of 3,257 virtual patient visits from January 2021 to April 2022 found that 92 percent of patients avoided a trip to the emergency department or a

visit to urgent care. Approximately eight percent of patients were referred to the ER.

"Our aim is to meet patients where they are at, help them get the right level of care as easily and affordably as possible," said Jonathan Berkowitz, MD, medical director of emergency medical services at Northwell Health. "We get patients of all ages – parents of infants to senior citizens – calling our service. If someone feels they need to go to the ER and is not sure, that's where we can help."

Berkowitz said ER on Demand consults with patients around the clock presenting with a wide range of illnesses, many who are worried about Covid or flu symptoms, minor injuries, gastrointestinal disorders, asthma, and heat-related concerns, among other conditions. Doctors can also send pre-

scriptions to pharmacies 24/7 as well as order lab tests and schedule imaging studies such as X-rays.

Calls are answered by a certified paramedic who determines the level of care that's required and ensures that an ambulance is not needed. Within an hour or less, the patient is connected to an emergency medicine physician via video chat on a smartphone, tablet or computer. Patients

are quickly identified if they are suffering from symptoms of a heart attack, stroke or other life-threatening medical condition; in those cases, the doctor will recommend that they immediately go to their nearest ER.

When patients go to the hospital, their doctor will call ahead to alert emergency department staff. In other cases, the telehealth physician will evaluate the caller's symptoms and order next steps, such as a follow-up visit with a primary care doctor or specialist, and/or lab tests or imaging studies. A telehealth team member will call the patient the next day to confirm that their condition is improving and answer questions.

ER on Demand is continuing to evolve. If needed, the service can dispatch a Northwell community paramedic who acts as a physician extender to provide urgent inhome care. A paramedic can often treat patients at home, thereby avoiding a visit to the ER. For example, if someone faints or falls, an assessment can be made at home.

Northwell first piloted ER on Demand with employees in November 2020, followed by an overnight service to the public from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Building on those positive outcomes, the service expanded further.

Northwell telemedicine programs include psychiatry, tele-intensive care, telestroke, tele-hospitalist, tele-skilled nursing facility and emergency telepsychiatry.

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YouTube channel created to bring city together

By ROKSANA AMID

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Gaitley Stevenson Mathews, a voice and speech coach for more than 30 years, who was also a Glen Cove City councilman, is committed to helping his fellow residents. Although the 61-year-old is a founding member of NOSH, a program of the North Shore Soup Kitchen, is a board member of the North Shore Historical Museum and serves as an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove he wanted to do more

The idea to create a YouTube channel, "This Week on the North Shore" came about from his own frustration. Like many in the community, Mathews is busy, and often must carefully pick and choose what events to attend. He kept finding it hard to locate events that were being offered in one convenient spot.

Possessing a background as a former theatre producer, he figured he might be able to offer something that would serve the community by way of social media — a listing of sorts of what's happening in Glen Cove each week. "Nothing makes me happier than shining light on the best that our community has to offer," Mathews said.

His YouTube channel, "This Week on the North Shore," offers weekly updates of community events and he's often at the locations where the events will take place.

He posts daily on his Facebook page, where under the guise of his company, GSM Communications, he also helps bring the community together through a combination of text, images, and video.

Mathews keeps an eye on events offered at Morgan Park, Deep Roots Farmers Market at Garvies Point and events benefiting Cove Animal Rescue to name a few.

Glen Cove residents like Paula Frome think that Mathews provides a service the community needs. The North Shore is often unrecognized, she said, for its many vibrant events organized by locals.

"Gaitley really loves the community and is a great 'booster," Frome, said. Boosting is a marketing tactic on social media that can exponentially increase the amount of people that see online content. "It's a place where everyone can go and see what's happening."

Through Mathews' efforts, Frome said she's been able to attend concerts at Morgan Park and local farmers markets.

"I applaud Gaitley's efforts reaching out to our community via social media," Maryann Ward, of Glen Cove, said. "I personally find it quite helpful."

Ward said although she keeps herself up to date with community activities, if she needs to quickly check on an event, she can count on Mathews, who finds his information by combing through various local social media avenues, community calendars and press releases. Information is also sent to him by residents.

After he gathers his information, Mathews often starts his day piecing together scripts for his YouTube channel. Then during his lunch break, he edits his videos using iMovie. Although deadlines can be stressful, he said he loves the challenge that his projects bring. And he likes interacting with his community.

"He does ask if he misses something or if he doesn't know about it to please let him know so he can inform everyone," Jo Ann Russo, of Glen Cove, said. "Bottom line — he is a big asset to Glen Cove and very involved because he cares about our city. I wish I had his energy to attend and be there at everything Glen Cove has to offer."

Mathews can be found often updating community boards at places like Morgan Park. When asked why, he said he feels compelled to help to do so. "I come from a family that always asks what can you do for the community, and to me it is so important to serve," he said.



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GAITLEY STEVENSON-MATHEWS HAS a YouTube channel where he shares information on what is happening in Glen Cove each week.

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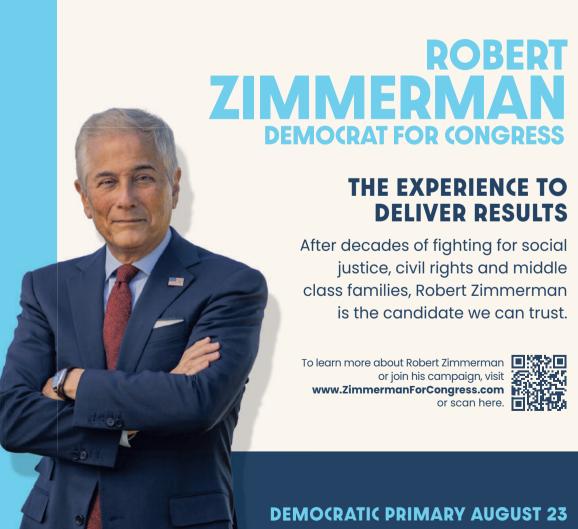
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Seniors stay active in G.C.

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Glen Cove seniors have been taking the time to beat the heat on Wellness Wednesday in Morgan Park. The Glen Cove Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation brings educators to demonstrate and teach wellness strategies there, with the goal of keeping resident seniors active and healthy each Wednesday throughout the summer.

Linda Torel, the lead physical therapist at the center, runs the cardiopulmonary program. She led the activities on July 27, which focused on balance.

'My passion is to prevent falls and a lot of times people do things and they get dizzy, which has to do with your cardiovascular system," said Torel. "We talked about how to avoid getting lightheaded from positional changes."

With balance and preventing falls being the topic, she demonstrated numerous balance improvement exercises and strategies. "I worked on a little bit of balance exercise based upon the questions that they asked," she said.

Torel's presentations are a favorite among the seniors. Mary Suddell, community liaison for the center discussed why Wellness Wednesday, which has gone on for the past eight years, has been so well received.

"Especially since Covid, we still can't do events inside the facilities, so we bring her [Torel] on the road to many different senior centers to let the community know about the programs and about us." Suddell said.

Kathy Santucci, another liaison for the center said Wellness Wednesday is important to the community. "We care as much about the community, as we care for the residents that are already with us," she said.

As many as 30 seniors can participate in Wellness Wednesdays. Many are in great shape for their age, which they maintain with the help of Wellness

Wednesday which can include a variety of activities including meditation, dancing, and chair yoga. Another goal of the program is to stay proactive so that seniors aren't visiting the center as patients.

'We try to do programs that are going to keep them healthy, so they don't come to us." said Suddell.

"We're trying to get people to continue to use their heart, their lungs, and their muscles, so they stay healthy and don't need me really in the inpatient setting," Torel added.

Her activity on Aug. 3 focused on breathing and playing harmonicas for health. "I change the topics so they want to come back," Torel explained, "and they enjoy having me back in."

One of the advantages of Wellness Wednesdays is that all of the exercises taught there can be done right in the senior's homes, although they enjoy being out in the park on a Wednesday morning.

'What happens to a lot of their clubs that they're part of don't meet in the summertime, so this really helps them with that social aspect," Suddell said. "It keeps them busy, it's for a purpose, you have a reason to get up and out in the morning. It's good for the soul.'

Caroline Rafensai recently joined the senior group. Although she does exercise at her home, she said Wellness Wednesday has been a big help physically and socially. "This is really good for me to be out," Rafensai said. "After Covid and being isolated, this is really important. I have a stable bike at home. I have some videos that I watch because you really have to be conscious of strength and bal-

Although Zoom and videos are useful, Rafensai said it's good to come to Morgan Park in the nice weather and meet peo-

Senior Marina O'Brien added, "A lot of people don't know about it, but it's a really big help.'

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up to four weeks with active symptoms and must isolate for that time.

"Because we have slow uptakes of testing and vaccination, this is something we should really be able to get under control quicker than Covid," Cioe-Pena said.

He added that vaccines are limited in the United States, so they must be used strategically.

"We don't really quite know if there's something different about this strain quite yet," Cioe-Pena said. "Genetically is seems

very similar to all other strains of monkeypox."

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Since the outbreak is currently affecting gay men, those who remember the AIDS epidemic have reflected on the current monkeypox outbreak.

"When you hear about a virus that's affecting a community that tends to be marginalized already, my first reaction was that I hope history doesn't repeat itself," said Glen Cove

City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, an outspoken member of the LGBTQ community.

She added that she's grateful for the government's early reaction to monkeypox, compared to the AIDS crisis.

Sarah Kate Ellis, the chief executive of GLAAD and a Sea Cliff resident, said it's good that the government responded to monkeypox at its early onset. But she warned that it's dan-

gerous to compare monkeypox to AIDS since it's not lethal. Drawing comparisons to the two diseases is dangerous, she said, and there should be more focus on prevention.

"We're not getting the vaccines and medicines that we need quickly enough," she said.

What is monkeypox?

- An endemic to specific areas in central and western Africa. Cases within Africa have usually been contained quickly.
- Not a new virus. First discovered in 1958 in laboratory monkeys. Scientists believe rodents are the main carriers of the virus.
- Like smallpox, but symptoms are less severe.
- Transmitted from one person to another by close contact with lesions, body fluids, respiratory droplets, and contaminated materials such as bedding.
- It's not considered a sexually transmitted infection because it's not spread solely through sexual contact.
- Common symptoms include fever, headache, back and muscle aches, exhaustion, and swollen lymph nodes.
- The sustained transmission within the community of men who have sex with men makes them an at-risk group. This does not mean the virus will be confined to this group or that it won't spread to other social networks.

How prevalent is it?

Total cases confirmed globally: 26,017

Total deaths confirmed

globally:10

Number of countries with confirmed cases: 80

Cases as of Aug. 8 in Nassau County: 14

Total cases in New York state: 1,960

— NYS Department of Health as of Aug. 4



Glen Cove City Council amends zoning code

By KEPHERD DANIEL

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Glen Cove may soon see an influx of new business thanks to a decision by the city council on July 26 to amend the city zoning code that addressed special use permits. For a long time, the city had a zoning code that required new business owners to get a special use permit, which was not only costly but also time-consuming.

After the council's unanimous vote, personal service businesses such as barbershops hairdressers and nail and tanning salons will no longer need a special use permit. That won't be the case for businesses such as convenience stores and gourmet food stores which will still need a special use permit at the discretion of the planning board.

The decision to amend the zoning code had been in the works since the last administration when Tim Tenke was the mayor. Much of the reasoning behind this decision, according to Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, stemmed from how outdated the zoning codes had become. "It was filled with things that we don't do business with anymore, "Fugazy Scagliola said. "... it needed this update and I'm just glad to see it come to fruition.'

Businesses that were permitted included sewing shops, photo development companies, pharmacies, and care shops, dry cleaning, florists, photography studios, travel agencies, professional tailors, statio-



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THE CITY COUNCIL voted unanimously to change the city's zoning code.

nery stores, museums, photo marks, furniture stores, camera repairs, costume rental, and shoe repairs. "Many of these are stores of the past," Fugazy Scagliola said. "It's not up to date with what people need to do today and the fact that you could not do any personal services without getting a special use was a huge detriment to the business owner"

This could be a welcome change for incoming business owners. "It was expensive and time-consuming, waiting for people to review your special use permit and now you won't need all that," Fugazy Scagliola said. "It's a much better situation for business owners."

Patricia Holman, executive director of the Downtown Business Improvement District, said the zoning code changes would be a plus for businesses.

"The Board of Directors of the Glen

Cove Downtown BID does support it," Holman said. "Sometimes places are waiting for months and months for these special use permits."

Councilwoman Barbara Peebles echoed Holman's statement. "It cuts down the processing time; you don't have to submit all these forms. You don't have to hire professionals to come to meet at the board and it. reduces some of those fees," she said. "It certainly demonstrates that we are business-friendly, and it helps the businesses to

Peebles agreed that the zoning code amendment was a long time in the making. As former deputy mayor, one of the issues she focused on was business development and bringing business to Glen Cove.

"I feel like we're at the cusp again," Peebles said. "(With) Covid and the lockdown behind us, Mayor Pam is doing great

things. The commitment by the mayor and her administration is to really get Glen Cove back on the map."

Peebles is also a liaison to the business advisory group, which was created by Panzenbeck, with one of its focuses being to identify the opportunities to help small businesses and landlords to be successful.

"Every new business has some risk, but we want to be known as the city that's welcoming businesses," Fugazy Scagliola explained.

Peebles added that this is just the first step for the city in terms of bringing business to Glen Cove. "That resolution is the starting point and a positive step in the right direction," she said. "We are doing it bit by bit because we don't want to spend a fortune reinventing the wheel, but it's the first step. Business owners are gonna love it and it'll just help the city overall."



° State Senate Democratic candidates answer questions

By WILL SHEELINE

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With the Democratic primary for the New York State Senate race only two weeks away, candidates Anna Kaplan, the incumbent, and Jeremy Joseph attended a public forum hosted by the League of Women Voters on YouTube, which gave voters an opportunity to ask about their stances on a wide range of issues.

Although there were some technical difficulties, and the forum was ultimately posted later in the evening as a recording rather than played live, the candidates still had the opportunity to express their opinions, goals and hopes for the district, and answer questions from community members

Both candidates began by introducing themselves to the community. This was especially important since with the recent re-districting of the state, District 7 now includes the North Shore that was previously a part of District 6, making even two-term State Senator Kaplan a relative unknown to roughly 40 percent of the district.

The questions and discussions covered a wide range of topics, covering everything from women's healthcare access to support for Israel, with each candidate given 90 seconds to answer.

The first question concerned the candidates' thoughts and plans on environmental spending and addressed rising concerns of global warming and waste disposal, particularly relevant as heat waves



Courtesy Jeremy Jo

JEREMY JOSEPH

reaching over 100 degrees have continuously swept over Long Island this summer.

"The problem of climate change is real, and it's impacting Long Island residents every day," Kaplan said. "We need to tackle all of these issues head on and make sure we can bring back all of the funding so that we can ensure that life is in alignment as we know it."

"We all understand that climate change is the existential threat of our lifetime," Joseph said. "New York made headlines in 2019 for passing the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. This was a landmark piece of legislation that set the

Courtesy Anna Kaplar

ANNA KAPLAN

mission goal for decades down the line, the kind of urgent action that needs to be emulated across the country, and even around the rest of the world."

Another question submitted to the League on behalf of voters regarded healthcare and healthcare access.

The candidates were asked how they intended to make healthcare more accessible and affordable for New Yorkers, and what specific legislation they supported.

"I don't want healthcare to be affordable, I want it to be free," Joseph asserted.
"Most of the rest of the adult countries in this world have a public healthcare sys-

tem. They realize that healthcare is a service, and it should be a right."

"I believe healthcare is human, and I believe everyone should have access to high quality medical care," Kaplan stated. "Where the extreme U.S. Supreme Court is putting up barriers to healthcare access for women, I've stood up to protect reproductive healthcare access."

The candidates were also asked to speak on criminal justice. Both were asked which criminal justice reforms they supported, which they didn't and why.

"We have to acknowledge the injustices of our carceral system," Joseph said. "We have a legal system that has disproportionately targeted black and brown minority communities, and as a result they are disproportionately in prison."

"It is really important that we talk about the need to balance our public safety," Kaplan said. "I was proud to take an active role in ensuring that our communities are fully engaging in the reform process set forth by the governor."

The forum was hosted by several subsidiaries of the League of Women Voters, including the Great Neck, Port Washington-Manhasset and New York branches.

The league is a non-partisan, grassroots organization which works to protect and expand voting rights and ensure representation.

To view the public forum in full, go to the Port Washington-Manhasset League of Women Voters YouTube channel, where the complete video can be accessed.







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TELLING THEIR STORY THROUGH ART

A look at the Shinnecock Nation

By Karen Bloom kbloom@liherald.com

spects long associated with Native American culture — medicine wheels, wampum, talking sticks and so forth — are unfamiliar yet fascinating. Members of Long Island's Shinnecock Nation are introducing families to their heritage and traditions throughout the summer at Long Island Children's Museum's dynamic exhibit "Toyuskanash: Bridges," which runs through Labor Day. Four indigenous artists are in residency all summer long to meet, discuss and make art with museum visitors. Artist workshops involve

families in exploring both the creative process and the individual medium used.

Art exhibitions, by their nature, tell a story — from When:

Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Sunday, Sept. 4

Where:

Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City; LICM.org or (516) 224-5800

the selection of pieces, how they are grouped and placed, and of course, which artists are on view. In this installation, artists selected others to join them to tell a collaborative story. The four artists involved represent different generations and use different media, but share a culture and commitment to celebrating traditions in a contemporary context.

"The concept of 'Bridges' represented in the title is a metaphor for bringing people together over difficult or impossible terrain," says fine art photographer Jeremy Dennis, who notes "Toyuskanash is the Algonquian word for "bridges."





He co-curated the exhibit with his mother, painter and tradition-bearer Denise Silva-Dennis, collaborating with museum exhibits director Erik Schurink and museum associate education director Jeanmarie Walsh Mansfield.

"In the case of Indigenous people and artists, we often have to bridge gaps in

"In the case of Indigenous people and artists, we often have to bridge gaps in empathy, understanding and knowledge."

The motherson Dennis team is joined by beadwork appliqué and ribbon work artist

Tohanash
Tarrant
and painter
David Bunn
Martine.
They recently
completed a
collaborative
art piece
focused on
the theme of the
medicine wheel, a
powerful symbol

of interconnectivity.

Museum-goers had an opportunity to add to the collaborative piece, which is now on display in the art-making space for the remainder of the

"In many Native American communities, it is believed that family members who pass away depart westward. In this medicine wheel, I used black-and-white photos of Shinnecock ancestors in a collage style," Dennis explains.

"I chose the black southerly section of the wheel to depict where the winged-ones migrate to," Silva-Denis added. "The figure has winter gear on as they are left behind in the northern blanket-of-snow section. Yet there is a promise of spring with the strawberry-heart, white flowers promising, to great relief, spring."

Families are immediately introduced to the creators through images of each artist and



highlighted pieces of their work as soon as they enter the museum. Dennis' interactive map — showcasing Long Island's culturally significant Native America — enables

visitors to gain an understanding

of place as they explore various communities. The children museum's KaleidoZone gallery displays the works of all four artists. while another gallery is the setting for the various artist-led workshops and an open area for artmaking. This space features works by each artist highlighting their creative approach, along with a storytelling area that presents the legend of "Sky Woman," the Indigenous creation story.

Photos courtesy Long Island Children's Museum

Bottom left: David Bunn Martine, in residence through Aug. 14, shares Shinnecock history with visitors as they create landscape paintings that show wigwams used in the natural environment.

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Top middle: Jeremy Dennis 's work, 'Choknanipok (Man of Flint),' presents the mythological figure from the Algonquian people, who had a body as big as a mountain.

Top right: Tohanash Tarant's skills as a beadwork/ribbon-work/appliqué artist, dancer and teacher are incorporated into this Fancy Dance outfit she created for competitions in modern day powwows.

Middle: A collaborative art piece focused on the theme of the medicine wheel, a powerful symbol of interconnectivity. Each quadrant represents the style each artist shared with the children's museum's audience, conveying the significance the medicine wheel has among the Indigenous community.



Swinging with 'America's Sweethearts'

America has loved the swinging sounds of female close-harmony groups even before The Andrews Sisters hit the airwaves. America's Sweethearts will charm you while navigating their way through a variety of trios, duets, and solos all with a slice of old-fashioned fun! Hear such hits as 'Sing Sing Sing,' 'It's My Party,' 'Lullaby of Broadway,' and many more. Plaza Productions stages this joyous ode to a classic musical genre.

Sunday, Aug. 14, 2:30 p.m. \$40, \$35 seniors. Elmont Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont. (516) 599-6870 or visit PlazaBroadwayLongIsland.com.



Yellow Brick Road

For those who weren't able to score those coveted tickets to Elton John's recent metro area appearances, there's no need to fret. 'Yellow Brick Road: A Tribute to Elton John' is ready to entertain with a full concert experience, complete with an incredible light show. Every detail of an actual Elton John concert is presented in such a way that will have fans on their feet. The piano, the costumes hit all the right notes. Gerald Brann, with his dynamic bandmates, meticulously recreate the superstar's vocals and keyboard antics, even dressing in custom-tailored replica costumes and trademark sunglasses.

Thursday, Aug. 18, 8 p.m. \$59.50, \$39.50, \$29.50, \$24.50, \$19.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000, Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com. August 11, 2022 — GLEN COVE HERALD

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Best of Broadway

Those classic doo-wop sounds live on. Johnny Farina, Stan Ziska's Del Satins, with The Chiclettes and Bobby Wilson, will have everyone singing along to some classic tunes, Friday, Aug. 5, at 8 p.m., at Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. Journey back to rock 'n roll's early days with songs that never go out of style,

led by Johnny Farina, whose "Sleep Walk" added a new sound to rock 'n roll when it hit the airwaves in 1959. And Stan Ziska is still grooving along with his hit "Teardrops Follow Me." With those lovely ladies of song, The Chiclettes, and the dynamic Wilson, it's an unforgettable evening of great hits. As always, bring seating. For information, visit NassauCountyNY.gov/parks.



Splish Splash... Animal Baths

Hang out with some Long Island Children's Museum's "residents," Saturday, Aug. 13, noon. Join an animal educator in the Yellow Studio in the Feasts for Beasts Gallery to learn what goes into the care of LICM's animals. Observe animal bath time Long Island Children's Museum. Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.

Oyster Bay Market

Come to the Oyster Bay Market in the center of downtown Oyster Bay, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine every other Sunday. Take part in improving local food security, learning entrepreneurship skills, and support local producers, makers and businesses while enriching the cultural heritage of the community. For further information go to oysterbaymainstreet.org.

Colonial Day 2022

Visit Raynham Hall Museum, Sunday, Sept. 18, for the eighth annual Colonial Day. Enjoy a family-friendly afternoon as Raynham Hall, at 30 W Main St., in Oyster Bay, home of Revolutionary War spy Robert Townsend, is filled with costumed colonial adult and child re-enactors who bring the 18th century to life with period music colonial cooking demonstrations and musket firing. For more information call the museum at (516) 922-6808.



Comedy revue

Laugh on at this five-person comic showcase that pays tribute to and reinvents classic jokes of the past and present, now through Aug. 14, at the Jeanne Rimsky Theatre. Think you've heard them all before? Not this way. If you've ever had a mother, visited a doctor, or walked into a bar with a priest, a rabbi and a frog, these comic actors will give you a second opinion, and ask you where you got that. The fun is at Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. Visit LandmarkOnMainStreet.org. For tickets and information call (855) 448-7469

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Corn hole tournament



Stop by American Legion Post 336, 190 Glen Head Road, Glenwood Landing, Friday,

Aug. 12, and take part in an outdoor corn hole tournament starting at 7 p.m. Entry is a \$10 donation, and winners will receive prizes. For more information, contact Lou Lagiri at (516) 532-0906.



Oyster Bay Cruise Night

Every Tuesday evening during the summer starting at 5:45 p.m., the streets of Oyster Bay are filled with classic cars and spectators during Long Island's most popular car show, Oyster Bay Cruise Night. Unlike other car shows, this weekly event occupies the main road through Oyster Bay. Restaurants, shops, snacks and beverages, ice cream and shopping surround the amazing collection of fun and interesting cars. The town is alive with energy and live music fills the streets with a band at every Cruise night. In addition to live music there are also weekly raffles and giveaways for the kids.

Having an event?

Items on The Scene page are listed free of charge. 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



Theodore's Books Stop by Theodore's Books, Thursday, Aug. 18 ,at 6 p.m. for a discussion with author

Jen Calonita, Calonita will be

discussing and signing copies of her new "13 Going on 30"

inspired middle grade novel,

Ave., in Oyster Bay, For further

"12 to 22," at 17 Audrey

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Books at (516) 636-5550.

Julia Child

Tune in for a virtual program

with Oyster Bay-East Norwich

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chef. Actress and scholar Leslie

portrayal, where Child discusses

everything from her relationship

with her husband to the mishaps

Library, Monday, Aug. 15, at

7 p.m. to learn more about

the first American celebrity

Goddard brings the iconic

French chef to life in this

End of the Season Benefit

The Oyster Bay Main Street Association invites the community to their annual End of the Season Benefit, Wednesday, Sept. 22, 6 to 9 p.m., at Coe Hall at the Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., in Oyster Bay. Enjoy cocktails, sushi, light fare and music. For further information. go to OysterBayMainSreet.org.



Bluefish Tournament

Head to Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park in Oyster Bay, Sept. 18, 4:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. for the 36th annual Town of Oyster Bay Bluefish Tournament. Enjoy hours of fishing followed by a tailgate party with food, raffles, awards and prizes. Registration is limited to the first 350 boats, so sign up early by contacting the Town of Oyster Bay Parks Department, Recreation Division, at (516) 797-7945.

Candidate forums

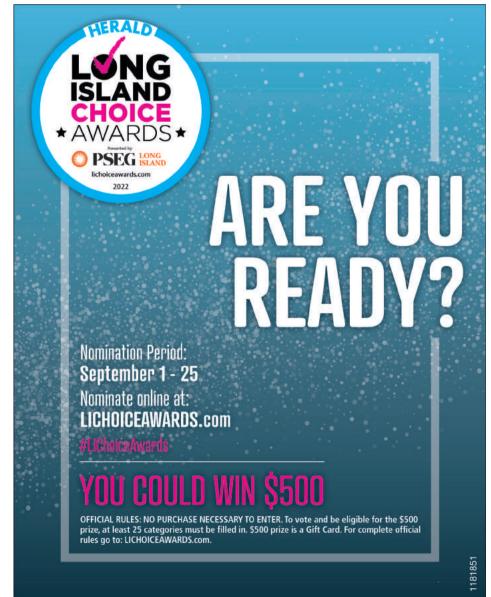
Local Leagues of Women Voters in Nassau County is holding a candidate event for the August primaries that will choose Democratic candidates for the November general election, which can be viewed on the LWV of Port Washington-



Manhasset Youtube channel youtube.com/c/LWVofPWM/featured. At 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 11 tune in to watch candidates for New York State Senate District 7 answer questions from the public, then two days later at the same time watch the five candidates for United States Congress District 3 do the same. More information is available on the LWV of PWM website, LWVofPWM.org and on the LWV of Great Neck Facebook page, facebook.com/lwv.greatneck.



Please call 516-572-0201 for up to date information.



¹ Cornhole tournament in Glenwood Landing

By WILL SHEELINE

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Glenwood Landing American Legion Post 336 will hold a cornhole tournament at their post on Friday. This will mark the fourth time they've held the tournament since they began the event in April. It will be the first time it is being held outdoors.

Cornhole is a popular and fast-growing lawn game in which two teams of two players take turns throwing bean bags at a raised, angled board with a hole at its far end. The goal of the game is to score points by either landing a bag on the board, or putting a bag through the hole

The game originally started in the Midwest but has grown in popularity nationwide. The Cornhole World Championship has even been featured on ESPN, and at one point even had a larger viewing audience than Major League Baseball games, the Women's National Basketball Association All-Star Game, and the final stage of the Tour de France, according to the website Cornhole Worldwide.

It was this growing popularity that led Louis Ligeri, second vice commander of Post 336, to suggest that the Post begin holding monthly tournaments back in April. According to him, a large part of the impetus came from the fact that cornhole has been particularly popular with younger people, who the legion hopes to encourage to engage with more of their events.

"We're also making it a family function, not just like a veteran or older group. It's also going to have a family function," Ligeri explained. "It's outdoors, the kids get in for free, and it's just something nice to do."

When the tournaments were held inside the post, at 190 Glen Head Road, in Glen Head, as many as 150 people attended. The organizers hope that by holding the event



Will Sheeline/Herald

GLENWOOD LANDING AMERICAN Legion Post 336 has held a cornhole tournament open to the public once a month since April and has one this weekend.

outside even more families and veterans, who may have been put off by the risk of catching Covid indoors, will be interested in attending.

The members of Post 336 are especially keen on attracting new members through veterans and the families of veterans who live in the area who may not been previously been aware of the post.

Bill Laderer, first vice commander of Post 336, said the goal of the legion is to always look out for their fellow veterans, and that by holding these tournaments more people will hear about the post and take part in the numerous activities they hold throughout the year.

"We're hoping that people will show up, especially veterans, that we can sign up as new members. We're always looking for new members of the post," Laderer said. "It keeps people interested in what we're doing, that we have these events from time to time, and having people check in on us helps out."

The winners of the tournament will receive cash prizes, although the main draw for attendes isn't the prize, but the chance to compete in a friendly and semi-competitive environment. The game is so popular that some veterans have even bought their own cornhole sets to practice during the "offseason" between tournaments.

"We have some serious cornhole guys that have their own boards that they bring to the park or practice in their backyard and have different boards made up with different sizes so they can practice different shots," Ligeri sai. "It's a really friendly atmosphere, but when it comes down to the last four teams it's totally taken seriously."

In addition to the tournament, attendees can purchase drinks from the cash bar located in the post. Bill Macedonian, a member of the Legion who runs the bar, said that creating a fun atmosphere for families and veterans is very important to the post.

"We always like to open the event up to the community," Macedonian said. "A lot of people had no idea we were even on this property until a couple of years ago when we started doing tour drives and just opening it up to the community. You're never gonna get members if people don't know what's there."

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Wedding day woes

ear Great Book Guru, We have been having the most wonderful breakfasts

this summer at Sea Cliff Beach's Cliffside Café. The Potters have come up with a great menu for lunch and dinner too – those lobster rolls are fabulous, as is their staff! While there, I overheard someone talking about a book not to be missed set in Ireland about a wedding gone awry. Any thoughts?

-Fan of the Cliffside Café

Dear Fan of the Cliffside

"The Guest List," by Lucy Foley is a great choice for an August read. This novel, set on a remote island off the coast of Ireland, mixes atmosphere and plot to perfection. Jules and Will are a storybook couple. He's the star of a wildly successful TV show and she is the publisher of a popular online fashion magazine, and their wedding is over the top spectacular.

Each of the guests we meet has a

story to tell and we soon realize this marriage has a myriad of problems that will have to be addressed before the day is over. Many of the principal players attended the same boarding school in England and there appears to be a dark secret they share. The bride's sister, Olivia, is tearful throughout, while the best man is seething over seemingly innocent slights. Meanwhile, the wed-

ding planners is anxiously trying to keep the party going but that guest list is a real challenge! There are many surprises, and the ending brings it all together. Highly recommended!

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at annmdipietro@gmail.com.



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Glen Cove Public Library Roof Replacement Project 4 Glen Cove Avenue Glen Cove, NY 11542 No.: **GBDS** Project GCPL-2130 Contract GC/ Prime

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Will be received until 10:00AM prevailing time on September 8, 2022 at the Office of the Library Director, Attn: Ms. Joanna Cabo, located at 4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, New York 11542.

electronic files including the Contract Documents Construction Drawings Specifications, Agree between Owner Contractor and the Conditions (General. Contract Supplementary and other Conditions)] will be provided by Gallin Beeler Design Studios upon request via email to the following add mflamm@gb-ds.com. address:

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sealed envelopes bearing the name of the job and name and address of the bidder on the outside, addressed to: Glen Cove Public Library, clearly marked on the outside: Bid For: Replacement Project. Each proposal submitted

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Each bidder shall agree to hold his/her bid price for forty-five (45) days after the formal bid opening. A pre-bid meeting and walk thru is scheduled for

Instructions for Bidders

9:00AM on August 25, 2022. Potential bidders are asked to gather at the site, at which time they will be escorted to the areas of work.

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ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

Talkative takeout

ugust. It's hot, humid and hideous. Since I won't cook, the only reason I leave my home is to find something to eat. If you feel the same way, here's my advice: find eateries where orders can be filled quickly so you

can go home and hide under the covers. This month, I found four eateries that will get us through August with a smile. You might even have some nice conversations with your food.

■ **Sweet Shop** (55 Forest Ave., Glen Cove) I figured I'd check out this new candy shop and bring home treats in a flash. If you happen to drive by the store, don't let the narrow

entranceway fool you. As soon as you walk through the door, you'll find yourself in a large, brightly colored candy wonderland. Many shelves are filled with niche nostalgic goodies: Sugar Babies, Zagnut bars, Mary Janes, Pixy Stix, wax candy sticks, and more. As I strolled past them, I could swear those candies cried out, "Don't you remember us? You used to eat us every day." I laughed and thought to myself, "Of course I remember you. You could be the reason I have a mouth full of implants. No matter what, you were always worth every bite." I grabbed some of my favorites, then moved on to the gummy pizza pie and gourmet espresso caramels.

The newest treats in the shop are Dippin' Dots (six flavors, including brownie batter). Homemade ice cream donut sandwiches are there, too. Best of all, there's a cotton candy machine right in the store. I left carrying a fresh, fluffy cone.

■ Youngs Farm (91 Hegemans Lane, Old Brookville) Freshly prepared pureed gazpacho is back for the summer. Since its August, tomatoes are in all their glory and star in this refreshing, cold soup. Even better. you'll taste a hint of all the ingredients in each slurp: tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, peppers and basil. It's as if they're

saving, "We're here!"

JoJu (143b Main St., Port Washington) When I entered this new Vietnamese café. I was in the mood for something light. The café has a sleek, inviting, sparkly clean feel, and the menu features combinations of classic and modern Vietnamese dishes. Lots of sandwiches and bowls on the menu include pork, beef or ham. I wasn't up for meat at



■ Garvies Point Brewery & Restaurant (45 Herb Hill Rd., Glen Cove) This brewery has just expanded to a full-blown restaurant. In a relaxed, contemporary setting, unique dishes include brussel sprout chips and tuna poke nachos. The menu is filled with creative chicken, fish, steak and burger choices. Since I'm on a tomato kick, I tried the zucchini linguine with cherry tomatoes in a light tomato broth. Perfect.

So, that's how I'm getting through August. Any other suggestions? I'm all ears at cturowtakeout@gmail.com.



CATHI TUROW

OBITUARY

Jeanette Singletary

Jeanette Singletary, 80, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died July 30, 2022. Mother of Vernon Watson, Jeanette Watson and Kimberly Seaman. Dear sister of Dolores Hill and Gloria Smith. Loving grandmother of Vernon Jr., Wallace, Brittney, Kimistri and Iasiah.

Cherished great-grandmother of Olivia and Bryce. Service at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 4 pm. Interment at Pinelawn Memorial Park

Dorothy Alter

Dorothy Alter, 62, a lifelong resident of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on Aug. 8, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Steve. Loving mother of Aja. Devoted daughter of Sophia and the late Ziggy. Dear sister of Carol Graber. Fond sister-in-law of Kevin and Lori Alter. Also survived by loving nephews Brendan, Dillon, Jon and Jason. Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Saturday, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Interment private. www.dodgethomas.com

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Courage is too rare a commodity these days

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Kinzinger top my

congressional

list of profiles

in courage.

ne of my all-time favorite books was written by the late President John F. Kennedy in 1956, four years before he became president. The book, "Profiles in Courage," comprised short biographies of eight members of the U.S. Senate who defied their party or their constituents by taking a stand they believed was impor-



JERRY KREMER

tant on an issue of the day. There are few people in today's world who have been willing to face the consequences for following their conscience, but those few are worth noting

At the top of the list are two Republican members of the House of Rep-

resentatives. Liz Chenev and Adam Kinzinger have had the guts and the strength to oppose a president and take a vital role in the current hearings on the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Cheney has become a powerful voice in helping the public understand the gravity of what our nation would face if Donald Trump were to again seek public office. She has

been fearless and courageous in discussing the significance of the witness testimony, and by using simple terms she has touched a raw public nerve.

Kinzinger has served in the House since 2010. His seat in Congress has been

a safe one, and he had no reason to jump ship and take on Trump. Kinzinger became the first Republican to challenge Trump's claim of voter fraud and attempts to overturn the 2020 election. He not only supported Trump's impeachment, but also voted for the creation of the Jan. 6 committee. He has chosen to leave office at the end of the year.

Next in line for accolades are the eight other Republican House members who voted for Trump's impeachment. It takes courage to defy your party and your voters to do the right thing, but they stood up for their beliefs, and most of them are now paying a price. Of the 10, including Cheney and Kinzinger, four are retiring, one lost a primary, one survived a primary and must face voters again in November, and Chenev faces a primary next week.

It isn't often that the action of a large group of people qualifies as an act of

courage, but kudos go to the voters of Kansas, who defied many of their friends and neighbors to stand up for a woman's right to make a personal choice on whether to have an abortion. Kansas is one of the reddest states in the country, yet some-

> how, while the opinion polls showed anti-abortion proponents winning, I didn't believe them. Over the past 10-plus years, lots of opinion polls on political issues and candidates have been wrong, and this vote was a closely guarded voter secret.

The subject of abortion brings to mind one of the few instances in my career in Albany when a member willingly sacrificed his seat, and more, to cast a "yes"

vote for legalized abortion. In April 1970. Assemblyman George Michaels, a Democrat from upstate Auburn, sat in the chamber during a highly emotional debate on abortion. Michaels represented a predominantly Catholic district, and his decision to vote to approve the abortion law cost him his seat and his law partnership, along with bitter community blowback.

My last nominated group that has shown the courage of its convictions is the parents of the shooting victims at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. These parents will forever suffer over the loss of their children, and they didn't deserve to become the victims of a conspiracy campaign launched by conservative radio talk show host Alex Jones.

Jones claimed the Sandy Hook massacre was a hoax and tormented the parents for years, but they refused to accept the taunting. Their defamation lawsuit against Jones has led a jury to award them huge damages.

Courage in today's world is a rare commodity. Mark Twain defined it as "resistance to fear, mastery of fear — not absence of fear." Muhammad Ali stated, "He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life." My own definition is, if you haven't been willing to defy the odds and speak out against the forces of evil, you have missed an opportunity, and that makes you a lesser

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Florida Gov. DeSantis: teachers need to be educated

Standing in front

of a classroom

challenge, even

is a daunting

for veterans.

ast week, the Florida Department of Education announced that military veterans, as well as their spouses, would receive a five-yearvoucher that allows them to teach in the classroom despite not receiving a degree to do so. It's a move tied to the \$8.6 million the state announced would be used to expand



RANDI KREISS

career and workforce training opportunities for military veterans and their spouses. - USA Today

Gov. Ron DeSantis's plan to allow U.S. veterans to teach in Florida classrooms is a terrific concept if and when the veterans earn bachelor's degrees

and complete teacher training programs. The governor's initiative, announced last week, would open the classroom door to any veteran who has served four or more years in the military, left the service with an honorable discharge and agrees to working with a mentor.

The proposal would allow veterans to teach for five years without a bachelor's degree, without classroom experience or a teaching license and without passing any kind of certification program.

Although Florida is facing a dire teacher shortage, the governor's plan is disrespectful to both students and the veterans.

Veterans deserve all we can provide: emotional support, good pay, programs to

help them re-enter civilian life and the same excellent standard of medical care that our office-holders enjoy. If veterans want to become teachers, then let's provide the money and the best teachers to prepare them to enter the classroom. To throw them in cold is irresponsible and potentially damaging to both veterans and students.

I'm a teacher, and have been a teacher in some way or another since 1968. I taught junior high school and high school English. I still

have the notebooks from NYU, filled with teaching techniques and lesson plans and suggestions for negotiating the emotional minefield that is a junior high school

I've been retired for many years, but I still teach. I lead book groups, and I teach my grandkids. It's a kind of instinctive way to connect, a way to be in the world. You walk on a beach and you see some critters, and you talk to the kids about how horseshoe crabs are prehistoric and how they help keep our tidal waters clean.

You prepare a meal, and teach the kids about keeping conditions healthy and hygienic around food.

I know there will be some natural-born teachers among the veterans who move

into Florida classrooms. That will be a bonus for the kids. But loving teaching and loving children are not enough.

I wouldn't want to see doctors replaced by veterans who really love medicine but have no medical training. Same for pilots. Ship captains. Some jobs demand critical thinking skills and rigorous training for which there is no shortcut. To suggest that anyone

without teacher training can step into a classroom, maintain classroom decorum, teach the curriculum, work effectively with colleagues and truly educate our children is dismissive of teacher education. I know our vets have faced daunting responsibilities and fearsome challenges in their work. But standing in front of a classroom presents entirely different challenges, and requires a body of learning and a process of training that does not allow for shortcuts.

Our children deserve to be taught by individuals who have been fully educated themselves. Even the most motivated,

child-loving wannabe teacher needs to study how to teach third-graders mathematics, and how to get nonreaders to read, and how to settle classroom disputes, and how to get the truant back to school, and how to plan lessons for a month ahead, and how to teach a classroom of 30 kids who are all on different reading levels.

According to New York state, to become a teacher, a candidate must meet the requirements stipulated by the Office of Teaching Initiatives.

Like most states, New York requires that all teachers hold a bachelor's degree, complete a state teacher certification program, and pass the required content examinations. Upon meeting the requirements for certification, an applicant may be issued an initial certificate, which is valid for five years. This entry-level certificate leads to a professional certificate, which is an advanced-level license that is continuously valid, assuming the teacher completes the appropriate number of professional development hours every five

I spend part of my year in Florida, and I am concerned for the upcoming generation of Floridians. One teacher I know said of DeSantis's plan, "He likes his constituents to be uneducated because critical thinkers would vote him out."

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Protect democracy: Become an election protector

uring the traditional dog days of summer, many people are more apt to relax on vacation than to think about whom they plan to vote for in the upcoming elections, never mind how they can help ensure voters' rights at the polling place.

What was custom just a few years ago, however, has been tossed on the scrap heap, as early voting and the expanded use of absentee ballots have shifted voting habits.

New census data led to a redrawing of political districts, upending the 2022 election season.

In June, which has become the primary month in New York state in the past few years, there were gubernatorial and Assembly primaries. But because there was a brouhaha over how the congressional and state senatorial districts were drawn, the legal wrangling pushed those primaries to Aug. 23.

With those votes approaching and the general election in November, it's not just voting that is important, but protecting the right to vote as well.

In this country, "one person, one vote" truly means that when a ballot is filled out, that vote will count. Whether it's an election with a razor-thin margin between candidates or an overwhelming victory, we take for granted that everyone's vote counted.

From local elections such as the 2021 race for Nassau County executive — in which Bruce Blakeman's margin of victory over Laura Curran was 2,150 votes –

Electoral information

You can become an election protector by signing up at the ProtectTheVote.net website.

For more information on elections and voting, go to the Nassau County Board of Elections website, NassauCountyNY.gov, or call (516) 571-8683. You can also reach the League of Women Voters of Nassau County at LWVofNassauCounty.org, or by calling (516) 431-1628.

to George W. Bush's victory over Al Gore in the presidential election 21 years earlier that was decided by 537 votes in Florida, every vote is consequential. And protecting that vote is essential.

In order to safeguard the act of voting, we need election protectors. What are they? According to the Election Protection coalition organized by the political watchdog group Common Cause, an election protector is a trained, nonpartisan onsite volunteer who can explain voting rules and help troubleshoot issues with voting. Election Protection is an effort to overcome what Common Cause describes as the "outdated infrastructure, rampant misinformation and needless obstacles to the ballot box."

Common Cause dates back to the Nixon administration, when it was founded by John Gardner, a Republican cabinet member in President Lyndon B. John-

son's administration. The initial push of Common Cause was to end the Vietnam War and lower the voting age in the U.S. from 21 to 18.

Today, the nationwide coalition aims to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to vote, and that that vote counts. There are more than 300 local, state and national Election Protection partners, according to Common Cause.

Whoa, you may think. Is this just another way for one political party to gain an advantage over the other? No. Signing on and learning how to be an election protector simply means you play a vital role in the most critical cog that makes this nation's democracy work: vot-

No matter which political party you are affiliated with, and no matter which political philosophy you are aligned with, you, as a citizen of this country, have the civic responsibility to take part in its government.

When you vote in an election, you exercise your right to give voice to your opinions. An election protector helps safeguard that right, which in turn safeguards our democracy.

"The most important political office is that of the private citizen," Louis Brandeis wrote over a century ago, early in a legal career that eventually took him to the U.S. Supreme Court.

By becoming an election protector, you will serve a dual purpose: protecting the right of people to vote, while breathing life into Brandeis's words.

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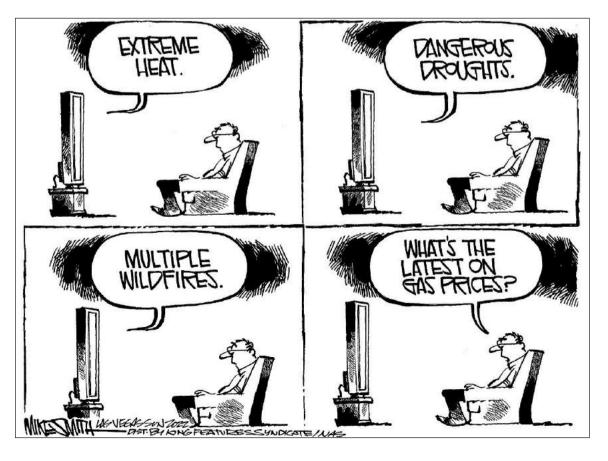
Being fiscally responsible

To the Editor:

Capital projects can move forward. Thank you, Mayor Panzenbeck, for working with the department heads of our city to identify and review their needs and priorities. The focus on long-overdue infrastructure projects and urgently needed upgrades to our first-responder fleet of vehicles was absolutely critical.

I am so proud to be part of a fiscally responsible team that took the time to review the initial capital request. I am grateful that the mayor and the majority of City Council members tabled the vote to obtain additional insight and review. This due diligence resulted in a reduction in total borrow of over \$1 million.

Even so, when it came time to vote to table the resolution, Councilwom-



OPINIONS

Where's the county's plan for opioid settlement funds?

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County

has been busy

earmarking the

money, but not

Nassau.

assau County's ongoing mission to address the opioid addiction crisis is one of the most important and most heart-wrenching issues I contend with as a mother and as the ranking member of the County Legislature's Health & Social Services Committee. This merciless and unforgiving scourge has touched nearly all of our



DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

lives As the county sits on tens of millions of settlement dollars from the nation's largest opioid drug manufacturers and distributors, Suffolk County has already announced plans for its share — a blueprint that was devised through

the work of a transparent, bipartisan and collaborative advisory panel. To date, Nassau County, in contrast, has offered little more than conceptual plans for using our

It is time to follow Suffolk County's

lead, so that these funds can get into the hands of agencies and entities on the front lines of our response to the addiction crisis.

On July 26, Suffolk County announced that it would dedicate settlement funds

received from opioid distributors AmerisourceBergen Corp., Cardinal Health Inc. and McKesson Corporation to finance grants for drug treatment providers, community groups and county agencies for programs. These actions were based on guidance from the Suffolk County Addiction Prevention and Support Advisory Panel, a body consisting of legislators, public health experts, recovery advocates and community leaders that was convened by County Executive Steve Bellone. The advisory panel also published a

Meanwhile, in Nassau, we still lack a clear vision from County Executive Bruce Blakeman. According to annual reports from the county comptroller's office and

report describing how future funds would

the independent Office of Legislative Budget Review, the county has received \$55.9 million in settlement funds, \$15 million of which must be directed toward opioid addiction recovery, prevention and education. None of these funds had been

spent as of last month.

Since Blakeman told Newsday on April 19 that he would "meet with Barry Wilansky, his new director of substance abuse policy who has more than 30 years of experience in rehabilitation services, to identify the best way to spend the money," Blakeman's administration has not articulated a clearly defined strategy. To my knowledge, the administration has not engaged leg-

islators or community stakeholders on the best uses for these funds, either.

That is especially unfortunate when vou consider how those resources could amplify the benefits of successful programs that are already operating, and those that could come soon. Nassau's highly successful Operation: Natalie, which floods opioid "hot spots" in the

county with enforcement, education, community outreach and treatment resources, is back up and running at full force after the pandemic. Legislation that would provide Narcan to nightlife establishments statewide is on Gov. Kathy Hochul's desk. In Nassau, my minority caucus colleagues and I are pushing for fentanyl testing strips to be added to the Narcan kits the county distributed as part of an effort to reduce the number of overdose deaths caused by fentanyl-laced

A collaborative and community-powered strategic plan for the use of Nassau County's settlement funds would be another giant step forward in our mission to amplify and deliver the treatment, education and prevention services that will save lives and help residents free themselves from the grip of addiction. For the sake of all the people that we have lost and the families that continue to grapple with the horrors of this disease, we must not miss this opportunity.

Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, of Glen Cove, who was elected to the Nassau County Legislature in 2011, represents the 11th Legislative

LETTERS

en Fugazy-Scagliola and Silverman expressed "disappointment" that the initial proposed borrow was not approved immediately without any questioning. They were ready to approve a capital budget with an additional \$1million in unnecessary borrowing.

Given my background in finance and municipal government, I was confident that the few weeks' delay would be well worth it if we reduced the total borrow, even with a potential interest rate increase. A month later, when the City Council voted to approve the reduced capital borrow. Silverman expressed grave concern, saying the delay would cost taxpayers between \$300,000 and \$500,000. This opinion wasn't based on any financial awareness or knowledge. In reality, when the city closed on the bonds last week, the debt service payment was reduced by \$110,000 due to more favorable interest rates

I campaigned on improving the financial health of our city. This effort is just one example of how fellow City Council members Joe Capobianco, Kevin Maccarone, Jack Mancusi and I worked together to ensure the best outcome for our taxpayers while providing the necessary funds for capital improvements.

This is what it means to be fiscally responsible.

> BARBARA PEEBLES City of Glen Cove councilwoman

She's voting for Kaplan

To the Editor:

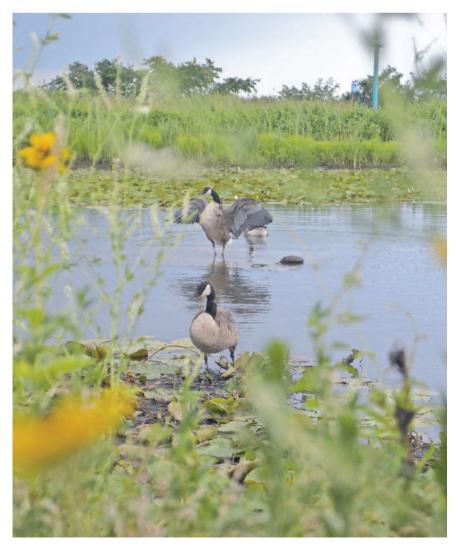
I'm proud to support State Sen. Anna Kaplan's campaign for re-election in Senate District 7.

When the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade on June 24, my stomach dropped. The Republican Party has been building an anti-choice campaign for the past four decades to control women's bodies and lives, and we can't let these extremists win. Now is not the time to have fewer pro-choice Democratic women in office, especially since we have to depend on the state government to preserve our rights.

Kaplan led the fight to co-sponsor and pass the Reproductive Health Act, codifying choice into law in New York state. She has also passed laws to expand contraception access and protect abortion providers. Kaplan is the leader we need to make New York state a sanctuary state for those denied a choice.

With a tough general election ahead, we need an experienced leader like Kaplan, who has proven not just once but twice that she is capable of beating Republican opponents. As a legislator, she will protect our right to choose, and vote for other measures that preserve our rights. Please join me in voting to re-elect State Sen. Anna Kaplan in the primary election on Aug. 23.

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Think they'd mind if we just sat in there and cooled off? — Norman Levy Preserve, Merrick

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