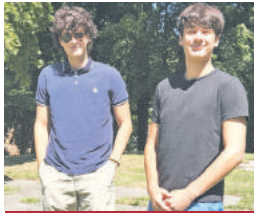


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Harbor patrol trainees

Ecra, left, and Oliver Lisse found out what goes on inside a patrol boat from Harbor Patrol Officer John Pacini at National Night Out on Aug. 2 in Glen Cove. More photos, Page 8.

Moody's gives city stable credit rating

By **ROKSANA AMID**
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Glen Cove's credit outlook improved from negative to stable, according to a report released on Aug 2 by Moody's Investors Service, a credit rating agency.

The report states that the positive outlook is a partial reflection of the city benefiting from a growing tax base in Nassau County, and an improvement in serial bonds. Moody's noted that new management in the city is working to bring the budget into balance and grow reserves. It also indicated that long-term liabilities are manageable and fixed costs are declining.

Glen Cove has historically struggled to balance its budgets, resulting in years of negative fund balances, including the 2020 fiscal year. The improved credit also stems from ongoing large-

scale construction projects such as Garvies Point, and the city's capacity to generate revenue.

"Due to the pandemic, the city's state and local aid revenue was reduced," said Glen Cove's comptroller, Michael Piccirillo. "Therefore, when the 2021 budget was developed, it was done so conservatively inasmuch as budgeting certain revenues, with the expectation that they would be lower than normal because of the impact of the pandemic on the city's finances."

According to Piccirillo, in 2021 the city's state and local aid was restored to normal pre-pandemic levels. The city's conservative budget practices aided in the city receiving more aid than was budgeted. Piccirillo added the excess amount had no offsetting costs, and therefore fell in line for an operating surplus for the 2021 fiscal year.

Managing the financial responsibility of the city takes time and patience. Success is achieved in small steps, and the city is headed in the right direction.

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Brinkmann's Hardware replacing 20-year-old King Kullen market

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The Glen Cove King Kullen, which closed its doors July 28, is being replaced by Brinkmann's Hardware, a Sayville-based family hardware chain.

In June, the Hauppauge-based King Kullen Grocery Co. Inc. announced the closure of two stores. The first to close was the 48-year-old Franklin Square location, on July 14, and two weeks later, the 20-year-old King Kullen location in Glen Cove shut down.

Renovations for Brinkmann's begin at the new location in September, and the chain plans to open its doors to the public during the first quarter of 2023. The store is expected to employ 40 to 50 part and full-time workers for the 38,000 square foot store.

Brinkmann's Hardware's other locations are in Blue Point, Holbrook and Miller Place. The store in Glen Cove will be its fifth on Long Island.

Many North Shore residents said they are upset that King Kullen left since it was a part of the com-

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County lawmakers fight congestion pricing

By MICHAEL MALASZCZYK

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Driving into downtown Manhattan in the near future could cost more than \$20 for cars, and four times that for trucks. And that's after factoring in gas.

With congestion pricing — a plan intended to reduce vehicle dependence on the crowded streets of New York City — ready to become a reality, one of the agencies expected to directly benefit — the Metropolitan Transportation Authority — has shared what it thinks vehicles should pay for the privilege of driving instead of riding.

That's \$23 for cars and \$82 for trucks, with such tolls also applying to deliveries, taxis and ride-hail vehicles like Uber and Lyft.

There are many not too happy about the plan, especially Nassau County Republican legislators Steve Rhoads and John Ferretti, who joined Oyster Bay tax receiver Jeffrey Pravato in front of the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building in Mineola to express that displeasure.

It's "simply another tax on hardworking residents of suburbia," said Rhoads, who represents Wantagh, Seaford, Bellmore, Merrick and Freeport. "Eighty-five percent of residents that commute on a daily basis into New York City already commute using mass transit. This is simply another way to control your behavior;



Michael Malaszczyk/Herald

HOW WILL CONGESTION pricing affect Long Island? Not in a way that works for people living here, at least according to Nassau County legislators Steve Rhoads and John Ferretti, along with Oyster Bay tax receiver Jeff Pravato.

using the power to tax and take another billion dollars away from the residents of suburbia into the pocket to cover the fiscal mismanagement of the MTA."

John Ferretti, whose district represents parts of East Meadow, Wantagh and Seaford, said the state measure's goal of fighting traffic congestion is a good one, but that Albany is taking the wrong path. People are not taking the Long Island Rail

Road because of rising ticket costs, he said, and blamed bail reform as a reason many don't feel safe taking public transit.

"Who wants to take the Long Island Rail Road when you might get pushed in front of the train you're trying to get on?" Ferretti asked.

But not everyone agrees with the lawmakers. State Sen. John Brooks, a Democrat who faces Rhoads for a newly drawn

senate seat in November, argued Rhoads and Perretti grossly misunderstand how things work in Albany.

"No one voted solely on the question of congestion pricing," Brooks said. "We voted on the budget as a whole. Your vote is either 'yes' for everything, or 'no' for everything."

If the legislators want to attack him over congestion pricing, Brooks added, then they also owe him credit for millions of dollars in state aid and infrastructure repair, since those were also part of the state budget he voted for in 2019.

Brooks dismissed Rhoads' congestion price rhetoric as simply campaign rhetoric.

"If Steve wants to talk about raising taxes on residents, let's talk about the county housing assessments," he said. "Nassau's housing assessment has been frozen for 13 years because of the county legislature."

But Rhoads feels state officials are doing everything they can to try and keep opposition down, even holding public hearings on the MTA's toll proposal in August, when many are on vacation.

"It's a further idea of what their actual thoughts on transparency are in this process," he said.

As far as state lawmakers like John Brooks?

"They're the ones that voted for this," Rhoads said. "And they are the ones that still have the power to be able to stop it."

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IN 2013, BIG Ralph Park was rededicated to Big Ralph Mastalio, who served in both World War I and World War II. He received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Mastalio, who was committed to the city, volunteered as a fireman for Glen Cove for 32 years.

Teens have big changes planned for Big Ralph Park

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Tucked away on the corner of Kelley Street, and situated near the Coles School, sits Big Ralph Park. It's smaller than other parks in Glen Cove and is not a place that sees many visitors. There are cracks in the concrete on the park's basketball court, handball court and what passes for a children's play area. The flora and fauna in the park are centered towards the middle, leaving the surrounding areas desolate.

"When I was a kid my two best friends lived in that area," Aiden Costella, of Glen Cove, said. "When we would go to that area, we realized it was very unattended to. Our parents warned us about going to the park."

The 17-year-old senior and class president from Glen Cove High School wanted to take the initiative after hearing the city's youth lament over the lack of places to go in the area. It was then that Costella decided to use his role as a leader not only inside his school, but outside of an academic setting to help his community.

Costella founded Adolescent Advancement, currently in its beginning stages on Instagram. He hopes this organization will catalogue efforts made to improve the community by youth, as well as help provide leadership opportunities to future generations of youth. Big Ralph Park is the first project by Adolescent Advancement.

When Costella reached out to his friend and classmate, William Santamaria, he knew he wanted to be involved because Santamaria said, "it would be a great change to the community." He will



INSIDE BIG RALPH Park is the Youth Bureau community garden. It is fenced in and not available to the public.

help with the physical tasks when renovating the park, in addition to being the projects aesthetic designer. Santamaria brought Costella's vision forward by drawing blueprints which were presented to city hall.

When Costella contacted city hall with his initial ideas, not all the plans were accepted. He was told he couldn't change the wired fence in the middle of the park due to city infrastructure. He does, however, have permission from the city to proceed with their renovation.

"It's fantastic when teens want to contribute in such a positive way to their community," said Jacquelyn Yonick, secretary of the city's Beautification Commission and Youth Program coordinator. She added that there were efforts made in

2009 to transform Big Ralph Park from an unused green space to a youth garden as well.

As it stands, Costella and Santamaria hope to create more pathways, incorporate bird baths and feeders, add more plant life, and add sources of water such as fountains and a pond. They also want to purchase more picnic tables, which are valued at \$800 per table. But he needs help.

"If we don't have the funds we can't really start," Costella said.

To help with costs, Costella and friend Alessandra Juarez collaborated on a few ideas. They created an online campaign and will collaborate further on future fundraising events. As of Aug. 15, the Gofundme page has raised \$790 of its \$5,000 goal. While funds are highly appre-



GLEN COVE HIGH School seniors William Santamaria, left, and Aiden Costella, plan to renovate Big Ralph Park, where one issue is cracked cement. They have started a Gofundme page to raise money for supplies.

ciated, Costella also said he's looking for supplies and anyone who is willing to help with physical renovations as well.

Glen Cove Mayor Panzenbeck stated that she is in favor of the students' efforts in taking the initiative to renovate the park. "My only advice is don't get such big ideas that you can't complete," she said.

Panzenbeck plans to contribute to the online campaign herself. Reminiscing on her time as a teacher at Levittown Central School District for 34 years, she said, "We support any students doing good for our community. It's wonderful."

Moody's upgrades Glen Cove's credit rating

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"Managing the financial responsibility of the city takes time and patience," Piccirillo, said. "That success is achieved in small steps and the city is headed in the right direction."

Councilwoman Barbara Peebles, stated that Mayor Panzenbeck "worked really hard to reduce the capitol borrow," which results in more time to pay off bonds.

"That's how governments work," she said. "You want to borrow when you need it, pay it off quick and move on."

When the prior budget was analyzed, Peebles said, there was \$7.9 million in capitol borrow not moving forward in Glen Cove. "That's uncontainable," she added.

Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola said the 2021 budget was analyzed by Moody's and the city is now spending within its means.

That hasn't been the practice prior to 2021, she added.

Scagliola said the city budgeted for expenses like pensions and retirement, while prior administrations borrowed money.

"Capitol borrowing was used for improvements to the city, now we're

Exhibit 1

Glen Cove (City of) NY

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Economy/Tax Base					
Total Full Value (\$000)	\$3,605,997	\$3,740,860	\$3,955,322	\$4,257,005	\$4,257,397
Population	27,246	27,376	27,226	27,232	27,172
Full Value Per Capita	\$132,350	\$136,647	\$145,277	\$156,324	\$156,683
Median Family Income (% of US Median)	129.4%	127.8%	125.2%	125.4%	123.2%
Finances					
Operating Revenue (\$000)	\$52,617	\$58,383	\$49,935	\$48,829	\$50,200
Fund Balance (\$000)	-\$3,383	\$2,014	\$963	-\$2,973	-\$4,776
Cash Balance (\$000)	\$10,065	\$16,844	\$14,143	\$10,061	\$11,861
Fund Balance as a % of Revenues	-6.4%	3.5%	1.9%	-6.1%	-9.5%
Cash Balance as a % of Revenues	19.1%	28.9%	28.3%	20.6%	23.6%
Debt/Pensions					
Net Direct Debt (\$000)	\$57,763	\$51,956	\$54,737	\$49,035	\$50,096
3-Year Average of Moody's ANPL (\$000)	\$58,592	\$64,713	\$63,560	\$66,722	\$80,343
Net Direct Debt / Full Value (%)	1.6%	1.4%	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%
Net Direct Debt / Operating Revenues (x)	1.1x	0.9x	1.1x	1.0x	1.0x
Moody's - ANPL (3-yr average) to Full Value (%)	1.6%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.9%
Moody's - ANPL (3-yr average) to Revenues (x)	1.1x	1.1x	1.3x	1.4x	1.6x

Sources: US Census Bureau, Glen Cove (City of) NY's financial statements and Moody's Investors Service

Courtesy United States Census Bureau

A SNAPSHOT OF Moody's five-year comparison of Glen Cove's taxes, finances and debt-to-pensions.

using our borrowing to improve the city, versus paying for things that we need to pay for," she said.

Panzenbeck said she hopes for another credit upgrade soon but cited her frustration with the prior administration. For-

mer mayor Tim Penke "left me with a zero percent tax increase with absolutely no extra money to do anything with," Panzenbeck said. "I've worked very hard to make sure we stay within the confines of the budget as it was structured."

The city is developing a long-term planning initiative and tax stabilization for future budgets, while maintaining services. "I'm being cautious with our spending. It's very important to upgrade our credit rating," Panzenbeck said.

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ A 41-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Aug. 7, for criminal contempt 2nd degree and criminal mischief on Valentine Avenue.

■ A 24-year-old Glen Cove female was arrested on Aug. 9, for criminal obstruction of breathing on Glen Cove Avenue.

■ A 34-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Aug. 9, for criminal mischief on Herb Hill Road.

■ A 41-year-old Wyandanch male was arrested on Aug. 10, for aggravated

unlicensed operation 2nd and 3rd degree, circumvent Interlock device and unlicensed driver on Cedar Swamp Road.

■ A 31-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Aug. 10, for criminal possession of a controlled substance.

■ A 29 year old Bayville male was arrested on Aug. 10 for criminal possession of a controlled substance, and operating a motor vehicle without stop lamps during a stop on Highfield Road.

■ A 31-year-old Queens male was arrested on Aug. 12, for petit larceny on Cedar Swamp Road.

■ A 34-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Aug. 12, for public lewdness on Glen Cove Avenue.

■ A 23-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on July 31 for criminal Contempt on Cedar Swamp Road.

■ A 68-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Aug. 1 for driving while intoxicated and for a previous conviction of driving while intoxicated on Prospect Avenue.

■ A 36-year-old Uniondale male was arrested on Aug. 2 for driving while intoxicated, illegal signal and moving from lane unsafely on Cedar Swamp Road.

■ A 55-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Aug. 2 for burglary 3rd degree and petit larceny on Glen Street.

■ A 33-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Aug. 3 for driving while intoxicated on Continental Place.

■ A 38-year-old Hempstead male was arrested on Aug. 4 endangering the welfare of a child, and two counts of menacing on Mason Drive.

■ A 20-year-old Bellerose male was arrested on Aug. 6 for driving while intoxicated and assault during an incident that took place on Fourth Street.

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Glen Cove divided over new hardware store

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munity for 20 years. The announcement of a new hardware store has left some residents frustrated and feeling like they have fewer shopping options.

“We already have ACE, as well as Aboff’s and Benjamin Moore for paint. We don’t need another hardware store,” Ryan Grella, of Glen Cove, said. “I would rather go over to ACE, as bad as the parking lot is, rather than shop at a store that just took out my favorite supermarket.”

Citing concerns with overcrowding and his discomfort with parking at Stop & Shop, Grella predicts that the new hardware store will negatively impact the Glen Cove economy. He plans to boycott the new store and will shop for his groceries in Glen Head.

Other residents are in favor of the new store, citing Stop & Shop, along with surrounding grocers like North Shore Farms and Holiday Farms are sufficient grocery options for the area.

“I would rather have another grocery store replace King Kullen,” Paul Munda, of Glen Cove, said, “but it’s all about who is willing to pay the lease. It’s better than having the building empty.”

Glen Cove Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, shares Munda’s sentiment as a frequent shopper of the former King Kullen location. However, Panzenbeck is glad there is another business coming into the community that won’t leave the storefront vacant.

“I know a lot of people are disappointed that another supermarket isn’t going in there,” Panzenbeck, said.

According to Panzenbeck, Norman Barrow & Co. did show the property to other supermarkets, but those businesses claimed the space was too large. At one point, Amazon considered opening one of their Fresh supermarkets in Glen Cove, but negotiations were unsuccessful due to the layout of the former King Kullen.



Roksana Amid/Herald

A VACANT STOREFRONT, where King Kullen was once located, will soon to be the home of Brinkmann’s Hardware.

During its time in Glen Cove, King Kullen acquired the surrounding market, deli, bakery and pizzeria to expand the size of the store.

“They tried to leave three years ago,” Panzenbeck said, citing the unsuccessful merger King Kullen tried to negotiate with Stop & Shop. Panzenbeck said that she’s not surprised that King Kullen planned to leave, but more surprised they stayed as long as they did.

Recently, she met with the Brinkmann family and

members of city hall to discuss their venture into Glen Cove.

“We’re happy that they picked Glen Cove,” Panzenbeck, said. “I’m very excited because they’re not just a hardware store.”

It sells general merchandise, cookware, garden essentials, toys, clothing, and small appliances, she added.

“We felt very good after we met with them,” Panzenbeck said. “It was a warm meeting. We wish them well.”

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	MELANIE D'ARRIGO	JON KAIMAN	JOSH LAFAZAN	REEMA RASOOL	ROBERT ZIMMERMAN
Family	Married, 3 children; 41	Married, 3 children; 59	Single; 27	Single, 2 children; 43	Single; 67
Residence	Port Washington	Great Neck	Woodbury	Jericho	Great Neck
Profession	Health care advocate	Deputy county executive	Northwell Health advisor	Founder, Luxe Consulting	Co-founder, ZE Creative
Biography	<p>She founded Be the Rainbow, a nonprofit that advocates on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community. She also helped establish a Nassau County chapter of Sunrise Movement, a nonprofit focused on combatting climate change.</p> <p>She was born into a poor family on the South Shore, according to her campaign website, but was raised in a union household by her grandmother.</p> <p>She was the first in her family to attend college, ultimately earning her master's degree from the School of Health Professions at Long Island University.</p> <p>She first ran for Congress in 2020 after taking her two daughters to rallies protesting Brett Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court.</p>	<p>Already quite politically active as the deputy Suffolk County executive, as well as a supervisor for the Town of North Hempstead, a Nassau County District Court judge, and an advisor for state recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy.</p> <p>He received his master's from Harvard University, and his juris doctorate from Hofstra Law School, spending his early years as a lawyer, before becoming chair of the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority.</p> <p>He would spend five terms as a North Hempstead town supervisor, where he takes credit for a number of initiatives including the implementation of a 311 information service, and now helps manage a \$3.8 billion budget with county executive Steve Bellone.</p>	<p>Became Nassau County's youngest-ever legislator when he was first elected four years ago, continuing a path that has included degrees from Cornell University and Harvard Graduate School of Education.</p> <p>He advises Northwell Health on implementing policies and initiatives that best care for the people who work at New York's largest private employer, according to his campaign website.</p> <p>All of this started before he even graduated from high school, getting elected to the Syosset education board soon after turning 18, fighting for transparency and openness of all school district functions.</p> <p>He also pushes efforts to end school bullying.</p>	<p>A lifelong resident of New York, she was born to immigrant parents from India.</p> <p>She received her master's degree in creative writing from New York University, and has spent more recent years working to unite female entrepreneurs of South Asian descent.</p> <p>It was the 'reality show-styled political rhetoric' that got her interested in seeking public office, according to her campaign website – and it's even worse that such approaches in Washington have become normalized.</p> <p>She has lived both on Long Island and in New York City, but says she's now ready to move to Washington to get rid of career politicians, and instead bring in what she says are 'real' people.</p>	<p>Says he struggled to find his voice as a young man when he had to hide his sexuality. But when he did find it, he fought against wars, demanded civil rights as well as social and environmental justice, and advocated for causes he says mattered to the community.</p> <p>After earning his MBA from Fordham University, he spent time as a congressional aide. Then, more than 30 years ago, he started ZE Creative Communications, but said he never lost sight of his 'lifelong commitments to causes and community.' That included standing up against hate crimes in all forms, including antisemitism.</p> <p>He has been appointed to commissions in the past by both Bill Clinton and Barack Obama.</p>
Campaign Platform	<p>Wants to protect reproductive rights while ensuring health care isn't limited by income.</p> <p>Looks to end gun violence by supporting what she describes as common sense gun safety laws.</p> <p>Supports the Green New Deal, calling it the only plan that 'lays out a path to saving our planet.'</p> <p>Wants to increase investments and codify protections to prevent discrimination, especially in the LGBTQ+ community.</p> <p>Says it's time corporations are stopped from funding political campaigns.</p>	<p>Wants to limit gun violence by banning assault weapons, restricting open-carry, and holding gun manufacturers responsible.</p> <p>Plans to fight climate change by backing the Paris climate agreement, and pass legislation reducing U.S. carbon emissions.</p> <p>Support Israel by providing billions in aid each year, and funding its Iron Dome missile defense system.</p> <p>Backs the John Lewis Voting Rights bill to restore preclearance conditions removed by the Supreme Court in 2013.</p>	<p>Says he has always been pro-choice, and believes it's a woman's fundamental right.</p> <p>Wants to push universal background checks for gun purchases he says will help stop domestic abusers. He also wants to take 'weapons of war' off the street.</p> <p>He expects to take inflation head-on, starting with eliminating the cap on deductions for state and local taxes, while also fighting to lower the cost of health care insurance premiums.</p> <p>He also wants to increase federal funding for first responders and police.</p>	<p>Wants wealthy corporations to 'pay their fair share' by imposing a wealth tax on households with a net worth above \$50 million.</p> <p>Looks to deliver more federal dollars toward housing, especially with the New York City Housing Authority, to help provide more affordable homes.</p> <p>Supports universal health care, as well as prohibiting the government from interfering with abortion services by codifying Roe v. Wade federally.</p> <p>Push to eliminate tuition and required fees at community and two-year colleges.</p>	<p>Has cited fighting climate change as a top priority, beginning with providing flood mitigation funding for Long Island, while pushing to preserve Long Island Sound.</p> <p>Backs the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, to help protect ballot access.</p> <p>Fight to ensure fair and equal housing, and to prevent discrimination in the LGBTQ+ community.</p> <p>Backs billions in federal funding to Israel, and calls the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement antisemitic.</p>
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STATE SENATE DISTRICT 7 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CANDIDATES



By Will Sheeline



JEREMY JOSEPH



ANNA KAPLAN

Family	Single; 37
Residence	Hicksville
Profession	Computational scientist
Biography	<p>Raised in Texas, he moved to Long Island a decade ago who earned degrees from the University of Houston and Pennsylvania State University.</p> <p>'I never imagined I would run for office,' he said, according to his campaign website. 'I'm a scientist, trained in applied physics and computational mathematics. I've tutored and taught STEM and robotics to kids of all ages and backgrounds. I'm a musician and a film enthusiast.'</p> <p>He also describes himself as a community activist, more recently as a field organizer for Invest in Our New York, which looks to drive more taxpayer revenue by eliminating tax breaks for the state's most wealthiest people.</p>
Campaign Platform	<p>Supports for what he describes on his campaign website as 'reproductive justice,' including 'every person's right to choose.'</p> <p>Wants to permanently ban assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, while backing 'red flag laws' that would remove guns from what law enforcement would consider dangerous situations.</p> <p>Advocates moving away from fossil fuels and instead investing in renewable energy.</p> <p>Believes no one should be denied health care based on employment, immigration or socio-economic status, and supports universal care.</p>

Married, 2 children; 56
North Hempstead
state senator
<p>Born to Jewish parents in Iran, she and her family fled to the United States as religious refugees in 1978 when she was just 13, and did not know any English at all.</p> <p>Since then, she has lived in Chicago, Queens, and Great Neck.</p> <p>When she was first elected to the state senate in 2018, she became New York's first Iranian-American member. She also was the legislature's first former refugee.</p> <p>She graduated from Yeshiva University before becoming the first woman in her family to graduate from law school.</p> <p>She has served on the Great Neck Library Board, and later as a member of the North Hempstead town council.</p>
<p>Supports full access to abortion services, even pushing legislation in Albany that would protect medical professionals who provide legal abortions to out-of-state patients.</p> <p>Wants to close loopholes in gun control laws, and banning 'ghost guns.'</p> <p>She believes in fully funding public safety, primarily through the support of local law enforcement. She supports bail reform, but has touted what she has described as "fixes."</p> <p>Backs a permanent cap on property tax hikes, which she says already has saved the average Nassau County homeowner an average of \$1,400 in taxes.</p>



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National Night Out popular as always in G.C.

The Glen Cove Police Department once again hosted its Annual National Night Out on Aug. 2, and it was packed. The event, which took place in downtown Glen Cove on Bridge Street is always popular, especially among families.

The purpose of the event is to afford an opportunity to build relationships with Glen Cove's law enforcement officers and learn about the many programs and ser-

vices offered by the city. It also helps increase awareness against crime, encourage drug prevention and support for local anti-crime efforts.

National Night Out was presented by the Glen Cove Police Department, PBA, Youth Bureau, Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, the Housing Authority, the Downtown B.I.D., and local businesses and organizations.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT was a family affair for Sara, far left, Gina, Dave, Trish Michael and Joseph Telese, above left.

ROBERT GOBBO, LEFT, joined Johathan Caraccia, a paramedic, and Jodi Mora at National Night Out, above.

MARCO FILPO, LEFT, PRETENDED he was an EMS worker.

PAT AND HARBORMASTER Russel Lerch gave Koda a well-deserved drink at National Night Out when temperatures were high.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE workers Veronica Brodnansky and Christopher Demedropoles, far left, were there to answer any questions the public might have about their profession.



Maria Conzatti holds down fort at NCC

Alum, longtime faculty member new interim president

By **KARINA KOVAC**
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Maria Conzatti has two major goals for the next 12 months: To have Nassau Community College “live” the word “community,” and to serve that community through a number of new diverse programs.

Appointed last May as NCC’s interim president, Conzatti’s term lasts a year, with the possibility of going longer if a permanent president isn’t found. Striving to offer a wider range of courses for Nassau County, Conzatti plans to bring new vocational classes like welding and HVAC — heating, ventilation and air conditioning — to the campus.

Conzatti is hardly new to the NCC campus, instrumental in a number of different roles over the past 33 years. She has had a hand in both academic and technical departments, served as an adjunct business professor, and even as an academic dean and executive vice president.

Conzatti is even an alum, attending NCC between 1984 and 1986. Working at the college was her way of giving back.

“I’m a product of the college, I graduated from here as a first-generation alum,” Conzatti said. “This place really gave me my start and has offered me a

wonderful career. So, in a way, I owe the college.”

Understanding the diverse background of students drawn to NCC, Conzatti wants to cast a wider net in who enrolls by adding newer hands-on curriculum and class times.

“Not every student certainly was meant to go to college and spend two and or four years being educated,” she said. “So we’re going to be looking to really diversify program availability here at the college.”

That means more time options for nights and weekends, in addition to unique stepping-stone classes like vocational training and micro-credentials — education and training for more specific aspects of subjects and careers.

More classes would mean more ways to explore careers and interests.

“You can take an HVAC class, and maybe you decide that, you know what, you want to major in engineering,” Conzatti said. “Maybe with that HVAC class, we can give you three credits toward a certificate or an associate’s degree. So, to me, I think it’s all interconnected.”

Although still in development, Conzatti plans to renovate and re-purpose buildings for welding and HVAC to properly accommodate the programs.

The student-driven courses might



Courtesy Nassau Community College

MARIA CONZATTI HAS spent her entire career — and even her educational life — at Nassau Community College. And now, for at least the next year, she’s the school’s interim president — a job she vows not to be just a placeholder.

help fight a national problem — “stop-outs.” It’s where students attend classes, but drop out for any number of life events or reasons — like getting married,

or building a family — and then they come back to possibly finish their education again.

At a public community college, “we’re no strangers to this,” Conzatti said. “This is something that the college has always had.”

In line with national trends for community colleges, NCC is expected to welcome fewer students this year, especially coming out of Covid-19.

“That’s always been a community college issue,” Conzatti said. “We certainly continue to see that here at the college.”

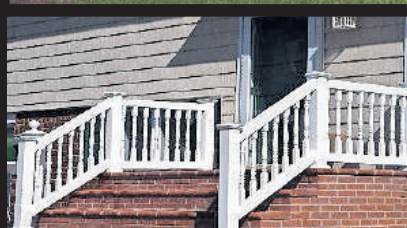
Weathering both stop-outs and lower enrollment, Conzatti still boasts the sheer number of students who do finish their education,

“We have over 168,000 alumni,” she said. “I mean, how many colleges can say that? That’s the people that graduate, not even people that just came to take a couple of classes because they wanted to get an increase in their pay.”

For Conzatti, it’s all about creating a better future for students.

“If you look at some of these schools, they’re charging a tremendous amount of money to do this,” she said. “We can help, and that’s what I mean by community service. It’s an aid to our community. We need to, and we can do it affordably. And that’s what we need to do.”

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Heat, nitrogen levels may be cause of dead fish

By WILL SHEELINE

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Beachgoers may have noticed dead fish coming in on the tide at beaches along the North Shore. While visually disturbing, experts say this is a largely natural occurrence, however, humanity's environmental impact is likely connected to the phenomenon.

Rising summer temperatures cause oxygen levels in the Long Island Sound to drop. Warm water does not hold oxygen as effectively as cold water, leading to a deficiency in oxygen levels, and in some cases even an absence of oxygen in small parts of the Sound.

For fish like Atlantic menhaden, most commonly known on Long Island as bunker, this situation can prove deadly. Bunker travel in large, slow-moving, and tightly packed schools. When panicked by a predator, they swim vigorously in large groups, rapidly depleting the already low oxygen levels in the water, causing them to asphyxiate.

"The heat has been a major factor in reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen in the water, and this year, even very recently, the heat's been pretty bad," Martha Braun, the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor's environmental monitor explained. "So that's been a big contributor to us seeing them around Sea Cliff Beach, and we've seen them in other parts of the harbor too."

These large numbers of dead fish are commonly referred to as "fish kills," which refers to a large number of deaths amongst the fish populations in a localized area. This phenomenon is not necessarily new. Over the last decade more and more fish kills have been reported in the area. The dead fish provide some benefit to the aquatic ecology of the region, as food for seagulls and other scav-



Will Sheeline/Herald

DEAD BUNKER ARE washing ashore in large numbers across Long Island, raising concerns about nitrogen levels in the water

engers.

Heather Johnson, executive director of the Friends of the Bay, said they've seen higher numbers of fish kills over the last few years than they would normally expect. Equally startling is the larger area in which fish kills are being reported; whereas normally these aquatic occurrences

have been confined to smaller areas, now they are seeing dead fish all along the beaches and harbors in the Sound.

"What's alarming is the fact that this is happening all over, you know, even right in the middle of the bay," Johnson said. "It isn't like it's just in the places you'd expect to see it when the temperature gets higher."

While the increased heat caused by climate change has certainly had an impact, some experts maintain that the human effect on the Sound has direct effect on the larger numbers of dead bunker. Peter Linderoth, director of water quality at Save the Sound, attributes increased nitrogen levels in the water as a contributing factor.

According to Linderoth, Long Island's reliance on outdated cesspools and septic tanks has had a rising effect on nitrogen levels in the water. In addition, storm water runoff can also bring nitrogen from residential lawn fertilizer into the Sound as well, further reducing oxygen levels in the water.

While higher nitrogen levels have become an unfortunate trend in the Sound, there are some ways to combat it. The planting of oyster reefs in the harbor by environmental groups like Seatuck and local governments like the Town of Oyster Bay are excellent ways to restore more normal oxygen levels, as shellfish are natural nitrogen filters.

Linderoth maintains that the most effective way to counter the issue is by reevaluating the way Long Island deals with its waste and runoff.

"Generally speaking, the best way we can really control it is through our wastewater treatments," he said. "The more advanced treatment for nitrogen, the better, and that leads to the lower concentration of nitrogen and a lower load of nitrogen in the water."

Fighting and solving the city's litter problem

By ROKSANA AMID

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On the eastern boarder of Glen Cove, Prybil Beach is known for its calm waters and picturesque sunsets. This resident-only beach also provides views of the Long Island Sound and Dosoris Pond. Its eight-acres offer a calm place to relax and unwind.

While Prybil does offer a place for leisure, it comes with a harsh reality — people don't always appreciate what they have. Litter is often left behind.

In the United States, the most common pieces of litter are cigarette butts, food wrappers, plastic bottles, disposable cups, grocery bags, straws and aluminum beer cans. On average, there are 152 pieces of litter for every U.S. resident. Litter cleanups cost an estimated \$11.5 billion annually.

It's also estimated that litter in neighborhoods and within communities can significantly decrease property values by 7 percent.

Residents like Patrica DeSocio frequently run into litter within Glen Cove on Dosoris Lane and at Prybil Beach.

"I can't stand it anymore, so I clean it up myself," DeSocio said. Although her boyfriend helps her sometimes, picking up litter is often a solo mission for DeSocio when she cleans the beach and roadside. "I've done it four weeks in a row," she said.

On her bike rides, she said she frequently collects garbage on Dosoris Lane



Roksana Amid/Herald

A BROKEN BEER bottle left at Prybil Beach is one of many that have gone unrecycled.

and Lattingtown Road. She's even picked up large bags of roadside trash. "Every day I bike here for my physical and mental health," she said. "It's not healthy or enjoyable to be enraged every time I go out."

DeSocio has spoken to the sanitation crew that collects her garbage in the morning. "I spoke to the driver," DeSocio said, "and they were only more considerate about trash on my block."

There has been some improvement on her block, she said, adding that now sanitation workers place the garbage cans upright instead of throwing them. But

that doesn't solve the litter problem.

DeSocio attributes the increase in litter to people purchasing fast food more often. She said a combination of "do not litter" signs and more garbage cans would be helpful. And an increase in education would be a plus too.

"Every Saturday morning, I take a garbage bag and pick up litter on Dosoris Lane," Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck said. She agrees with DeSocio that increased education about litter might help. "We're trying to figure out a way to go about that. It's beyond me that people throw their garbage out of their

car window."

Panzenbeck added that city hall is considering no littering signs.

When asked about placing "do not litter" signs throughout Glen Cove, Manny Grella from the city's Department of Public Works said that's a change that would need to go through the Glen Cove Police Department. Grella said there are workers from the Parks Department who go to the beach daily to take away the litter.

Garbage found near Dosoris Pond is caused by the flow of water from the harbor, he said. "That's always going to wash up," he added. "You can clean it today, but when the tide comes in, you're gonna have debris there."

Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola frequents Prybil Beach and Dosoris Lane. She has seen food wrappers and fast-food bags, and at one point, a car seat at the former of Dosoris and Lattingtown.

"It's very hard for me to understand why people can be so disrespectful," Scagliola said. "It's such a beautiful place to live."

Fugazy said lifeguards at Prybil clean litter before they even start supervising the waters.

"I know that as a city we have to remain vigilant and continue to fight this," Scagliola said. "We're not going to stand for this and we're not going to tolerate it. There's just no reason to litter."

She said she's in favor of signs and fines throughout the community to deter people from littering.

STEPPING OUT



First Lady of Song

'If you can't sing it, you'll have to swing it'

By Mary Malloy



Singer and actress Freda Payne, best known for her 1970 smash hit "Band of Gold," will channel jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald, "The First Lady of Song,"

in a much-anticipated production of the same name at the Madison Theatre, at Molloy University, starting this weekend, and running through Sept. 11.

The show was conceived by Maurice Hines and also stars Harriett D. Foy, Debra Walton and Danny Adams.

The song list includes a plethora of Fitzgerald's hits, among them "A-tisket, A-tasket" and "Sweet Georgia Brown." It also features selections from songwriters Cole Porter, Harold Arlen, and Rodgers and Hart.

"Ella, First Lady of Song,"

written and directed by award-winning actor, director, librettist, lyricist, composer, and educator Lee Summers, chronicles the inspiring story of Fitzgerald's remarkable journey from homeless teenager to the world's premiere songstress.

"Today, Ella continues to be a beacon of excellence," notes Summers. "Not only did her singing career endure the Depression era, (but also) the Big Band, Swing, and Be-Bop eras. Ms. Fitzgerald also sang the most definitive recordings of the American Songbook. Ella accomplished all, while living under the terrorism of the Jim Crow era and the rage of the civil rights movement. Even though her close friends included the iconic Marilyn Monroe, Fred Astaire, Frank Sinatra and other wealthy celebrities, our story humanizes Ella for a new generation."



"Ella, First Lady of Song' reminds us that wearing a crown of admiration such as hers does not deem one immune to loneliness, racism, envy, hate, or even body shaming. Lastly, our story stars the legendary recording artist, Freda Payne, who is one of a

vanishing breed of singers who possess the musicality and talent to deliver the song stylings of the great Ella Fitzgerald."

"I admired the singing style of Ella Fitzgerald from the time I was 12 years old," says Payne, "and I listened to her singing on the radio, and then I started hearing her performing in other venues. I saw her once in-person in a nightclub in New York. This was

around 1969. I was speechless when I met her. I occasionally would be told that when I sing jazz tunes, I did sound a little bit like Ella, and my scatting was just beginning to develop. The day I got the Los Angeles Times, June 16, 1996, the front page (was) memorializing Ella Fitzgerald. It was that very morning I decided I was going to portray Ella and continue to bring her legacy forth through my presence and my interpretation of her. My favorite Ella song is 'Mr. Paganini.' The real title is 'If you can't sing it, you'll have to swing it.'"



Courtesy Alan Mercer

Top left: In her 60-year career, Ella Fitzgerald was known as 'The First Lady of Song,' 'The Queen of Jazz,' and 'Lady Ella.'

Courtesy Lee Summers

Middle photo: Lee Summers wrote and directed the life story of Ella Fitzgerald.

Courtesy Anissa Boudjaoui-Sutton

Large photo: Singer and actress Freda Payne is best known for her 1970 smash hit 'Band of Gold,' earning her a gold record.



Groovin' with Air Supply

The Australian-English soft rock duo, of Graham Russell and Russell Hitchcock, are still going strong. They visit Long Island on their current 45th anniversary tour, driven by years of friendship and love for Air Supply. The trademark sound of Hitchcock's soaring tenor voice and Russell's simple yet majestic songs created a unique sound that would forever be known as Air Supply. "Lost in Love," "All Out of Love," "The One That You Love," "Sweet Dreams," and "Making Love Out Of Nothing At All" have all achieved multi-million radio plays.

Friday, Aug. 19, 8 p.m.
NYCB Theatre at Westbury,
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Westbury. (516) 247-5200 or
TheTheatreAtWestbury.com or
LiveNation.com.



Garden stroll

As summer winds down, this is the perfect time to visit Old Westbury Gardens and the sculptures of "Revisiting the Familiar: Seward Johnson at the Gardens," the popular exhibit now on view. Enjoy the weather, the beautiful landscape and the whimsical art of renowned artist Seward Johnson at your leisure. There's plenty to see and do with the sculptures during your visit: Snap fun selfies. Go on a scavenger hunt. Canvas the gardens to see every sculpture.

Now, through Sept. 5. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury. (516) 333-0048 or visit OldWestburyGardens.org.

THE SCENE



AUG. 19

Sounds of the '70s

It's a '70s explosion in the park, when 45RPM, known as "the band you wish your parents had warned you about," bring their C'mon Get Happy show to the Harry Chapin stage, **Friday, Aug. 19**, at 8 p.m., at Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. The dynamic singers and nimble band bring AM radio hits that other bands overlook back to life with the veracity and fun this music deserves. As always, bring seating. For information, visit NassauCountyNY.gov/parks.



Meet author Stephen Mills

Head to the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., **Tuesday, Aug. 23**, for a virtual meeting with author Stephen Mills. He will be discussing his book, *Chosen*, which tells an unforgettable memory of a child's sexual assault and its lifelong consequences. For questions email the library at adultprograms@glencovelibrary.org, or call (516) 676-2130.

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.



TOBAY Triathlon and Jr. Triathlon

AUG. 27

The TOBAY Triathlon and Jr. Triathlon will be held at Theodore Roosevelt

Memorial Park in the hamlet of Oyster Bay this year. The Jr. Triathlon, for children ages eight to 13, takes place **Aug. 27**; contestants should arrive no later than 7:30 a.m. The triathlon, for anyone 14 and older, will be held on **Aug. 28**, with the first wave beginning at 7 a.m. For more information to OysterBayTown.com; email info@eventspowerli.com with any questions.

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SEP. 15

Art talk

Grab your lunch and join Nassau County Museum of

Art Docent Riva Ettus for her popular "Brown Bag Lecture" live, via Zoom, **Thursday, Sept. 15**, 1 p.m. She'll discuss the current exhibition, "Other Worlds than This: The Supernatural in Art." Participants are invited to ask questions at the end of the program. Register at least 24 hours in advance to receive the program Zoom link. Also Oct. 13. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.



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.

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, "12 to 22," at 17 Audrey Ave., in Oyster Bay, For further information, call Theodore's Books at (516) 636-5550.



AUG. 24

All about tie dye

Kids ages 4+ can get

their groove on, **Wednesday, Aug. 24**, 1 p.m. Explore tie dye technique, which dates back to Asian and Eastern culture in the 6th century. Learn the technique and make a tie dye pillowcase to take home. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.



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 OysterBayMainStreet.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.

Toyuskanash: Bridges exhibit

Kids can make, view and talk about art, **through Sunday, Sept. 4**, with four Indigenous artists at Long Island Children's Museum. Toyuskanash, the Algonquin word for bridges, brings together artists from the Shinnecock Nation to explore their traditional and contemporary culture and how they bridge gaps in history and knowledge with surrounding communities. The exhibit highlights the artwork of fine art photographer Jeremy Dennis, painter and tradition bearer Denise Silva-Dennis, beadwork appliqué and ribbon work artist Tohanash Tarrant and painter David Bunn Martine. Each artist's creative process is featured during residencies; including artist-led workshops during each residency and daily activities for visitors led by museum staff that draw inspiration from their artwork, process and media. Visit the museum on Museum Row, Garden City. For more information, call (516) 224-5800 or go to LICM.org.



Having an event?

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Just like owner Niko Vasilopolous' family in Greece makes it, the food at GREEKTOWN is made from scratch using fresh ingredients. They strive to create and serve food to Long Islanders that their families would be proud of. The colorful bright plates of food, including chicken souvlaki and gyros, spanakopita and so much more, are sure to satisfy taste buds. Established in 1996, this authentic Greek kitchen offers catering and delivery in Rockville Centre.

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www.islandempanada.com

Island Empanada, owned and operated by Roy and Kathy Pelaez, is the Long Island dream turned reality offering authentic empanadas with his crafted secret sofrito seasoning. Roy, self-taught cook, trained in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico and now has two food trucks and multiple locations. Order for lunch or dinner, food truck catering, delivery and more.

BEST JAPANESE FOOD:

Inatome Japanese Steak + Sushi
6 5th St, Valley Stream
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www.inatomerestaurant.com

Seizaburo and Katsuko Inatome opened Inatome in 1975. The restaurant features a sushi bar, serving traditional Japanese dishes, and hibachi in a separate dining room prepared by Chef Hiroki Yoshiyuki Oji. The interior, designed by the owners, blends Eastern and Western styles and at the heart of the restaurant, "Maneki-Neko" – a porcelain cat – greets guests.

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Is Glen Animal Hospital closed for good?

By WILL SHEELINE
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For nearly 50 years, Glen Animal Hospital was the go-to veterinary center for pet owners in Sea Cliff looking to make sure their cats, dogs and all other furry and feathered creatures were healthy. Now, the doors of the popular hospital have been closed for the last two months, leaving local animal-lovers to wonder what happened.

Glen Animal Hospital, at 209 Glen Cove Ave. in Sea Cliff, was founded in 1974, and was for decades relied upon by many members of the community. The clinic had been operated by VCA Animal Hospitals for at least the last five years.

When Glen Animal closed its doors in late May, local customers were left in the dark as to what had happened and why. Long-time customers like Stephanie Hoffman of Sea Cliff, who had been going to Glen Animal since 1993, couldn't believe the news when she heard it.

"In May somebody on Facebook had asked for good veterinary recommendations, and I told them to try Glen Animal Hospital," Hoffman said. "Someone else commented 'No, I think they closed down' and I was just like there's no way. I was just there in March."

Customers, like Hoffman, who had been going to Glen Animal for decades received no notice, whether through email or phone calls, that the hospital was closing. It turns out they weren't the only ones.

Chrissy Katsenios, who had worked for Glen Animal for five years as a groomer and vet assistant, said the employees were left in the lurch when the hospital shut its doors. She said the hospital closed after their primary doctor left in May, and VCA was unable to find a new doctor to run the establishment.

She added the hospital was already understaffed, apparently due to low levels of pay and incentives for non-doctoral employees. After failing to find any new doctors willing to take on the job, VCA had Glen Animal operating on a reduced schedule from May into June, sometimes open as little as three days a week, and some weeks not at all.

One day at the end of June, Katsenios called the nearest operating VCA hospital to get the schedule for July, and was told that Glen Animal had been closed indefinitely. She was annoyed that VCA neglected to inform her or any of the other employees that they were closing. She went back and checked her email several times to make sure she hadn't missed something.

"Nobody told me anything," Katsenios asserted. "Somebody should have contacted us personally. I remember my old manager, she said 'This hospital is not going to close down, but God forbid it does, you're an employee of VCA and



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GLEN ANIMAL HOSPITAL first opened in 1974, and has taken care of all kinds of pets, from cats and dogs to ferrets and rabbits.

you'll always have a job, they'll just move you to a different hospital."

Despite this assurance, nothing like that ever occurred, Katsenios continued. No one from upper management reached out to her or any other employees to transfer them or offer them jobs at the other VCA hospitals on Long Island as far as she was aware.

However, VCA maintains that this was not the case at all. According to Joseph Campbell, a member of the VCA media relations team, all former Glen Animal employees were offered positions elsewhere which many accepted. He admitted it could be possible that some employees were inadvertently overlooked.

Apparently, the issue of finding veterinarians is not unique to Glen Animal

Hospital, but is a problem endemic to the entire United States. Dr. Steven Kolbert, of Long Island Animal Surgery in Glen Cove, said there is currently a shortage of trained veterinarians willing to work in suburban communities like Long Island.

In areas where housing prices are very high, such as the North Shore, Kolbert says it can be especially hard to entice young veterinarians.

"There's generally been a shortage of veterinarians in the larger Northeastern metropolitan areas," he pointed out. "And as a result the salaries have just gone through the roof for veterinarians in the last year or two."

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Covid-19's impact on education could be long-lasting

While much media coverage of the coronavirus pandemic has focused on its impact on the global economy, which was serious, there is a potentially more insidious long-term consequence: the educational impact on a generation of American children, and especially Black, Latinx and Native American students. Covid-19 has taken a toll on both their learning and mental health.



ALAN SINGER

A recently released study by the Northwest Evaluation Association found some hopeful signs. There was demonstrable “academic rebounding” dur-

ing the 2021-22 school year in reading and math, particularly among younger students. Measuring average performance, however, hides the fact that younger Black, Latinx and Native American children did not do as well as their white and Asian-American peers.

A major reason for the learning decline and larger racial gap appears to

be extended remote learning during the pandemic. Low-income students and those three non-white groups were already scoring behind white and Asian students because of disparities that begin early in childhood, and the pandemic exacerbated those learning gaps. During the pandemic, in higher-poverty schools with larger minority populations, students tended to spend more time learning at home, in front of computer screens, and as a result they lost the equivalent of 22 weeks of instruction.

Demographic differences in student performance are most noticeable in the elementary school grades, which suggests that as these children grow older, the larger learning gap will extend into middle school and high school. It could take three to five years for all children to reach earlier performance levels if they receive needed support, but emergency federal Covid allocations expire long before then. School districts are required to spend the last of their coronavirus funds by September 2024.

According to a report by McKinsey & Company, a management consulting

firm, on the global impact of Covid on education, lower levels of learning translate into lower future earnings. As of January 2022, over 25 percent of the world's students attended school systems that were still not fully open. The most

affected regions were Latin America, the Caribbean and South Asia. In the United States, students in majority-Black schools were found to be six months behind in mathematics and reading at the start of the 2021-22 school year, while students in primarily white schools were only two months behind. McKinsey estimates that by 2040, the economic impact of Covid-related learning

disadvantage could translate to losses of \$1.6 trillion worldwide annually.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported on mental health concerns among U.S. high school students during the pandemic. Over a third of high school students — 37 percent — reported that they experienced poor mental health. Some 44 percent reported that they persistently felt sad or hopeless, and 55 percent reported that they had experienced emotional abuse from a

parent or other adult in the home, including being sworn at, insulted or put down. Eleven percent of high school students reported that they had suffered physical abuse as well. The CDC report did not differentiate based on race and ethnicity, but McKinsey found that parents of Black and Latinx students reported higher rates of concern about the mental health of their children.

While Senate Democrats are celebrating the current version of their budget reconciliation bill as a major victory, it does not include the \$400 billion for early education in the original Build Back Better proposal, which would have created vitally needed universal child care and pre-kindergarten. The education proposal was approved in the House version of the bill, but blocked in the Senate by Republican opposition and conservative Democrats.

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Differences noted before the pandemic were exacerbated by remote learning.

National Senior Citizens Day on Aug. 21

We need a National Village Elder, someone whose sole mission it is to advocate for Americans older than 65. I know we have President Biden, and he is a role model for fitness, public service and vigor as he heads toward his 80th birthday.



RANDI KREISS

Still, we need someone whose only responsibility is the legal, emotional, financial and health support of people over 65. As of the 2019 census, there were 54.1 million of us. The numbers are growing, and the issues of senior health care, financial stability and aging at home are growing, too.

Do you know who Xavier Becerra is and what he does? Becerra heads the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. If you read the department's website, you might think that it offers immediate services for older people looking for housing or medication or companionship or transportation, but as a government agency, the department is neither nimble nor swift in its outreach to seniors.

We need one high-level person whose mission it is to help our citizens have a healthy and safe way of life in older age. Other countries do a much better job of caring for seniors, keeping them within the mainstream of life and providing increasing care as it's needed. In Japan, for example, priority service is always available for older people, whether at the food market, the bus station or the medical clinic. In Denmark, multi-generational day care is available, keeping the aging population in contact with babies and toddlers.

We need to have one government official who thinks only about how to better serve older Americans. If you're reading this, you are either already in the older group, or will be. If our aging population is better cared for, there will be more opportunity for younger adults to live a life unburdened by the isolation and expense of caring for their parents without help or relief.

Historically, we have failed our seniors. During the raging days of Covid-19 infection and death, it became obvious to me that the rules of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the guidance

from the White House were generalized advice, not especially helpful for older people. I wrote then and I still believe that older people were not sufficiently protected during those very dark days. We were more vulnerable, more likely to have serious Covid, more likely to die. Those of us over 65 comprise 16 percent of the population, but 80 percent of Covid deaths.

Today, deaths are dropping in the U.S. but according to WebMD, “one fact has not changed in two-plus years of the pandemic: The elderly are still most at risk of dying from the virus.” Some of that is unavoidable, since older people often have other illnesses that make them more vulnerable; however, it stands as a national shame that Covid infection burned through nursing home and senior facilities, killing tens of thousands of people who might have been kept safe with more evolved medical protocols, specific to older people.

What we seniors do have is AARP, a powerful nonpartisan advocate for people over 50. For \$9 a year, the organization offers education, discounts, travel benefits and specific guidance for older Americans who want to live the last 30 or 40

years of their lives feeling healthy and fulfilled.

As I write this, the AARP website is offering a big thank-you to Congress, which just passed Biden's Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. The organization posted, “Millions of Americans 50-plus are one step closer to real relief from out-of-control prescription drug prices.” AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins said the group has been working for nearly 20 years to allow Medicare to negotiate the price it pays for medications. Now, because of the new bill, Medicare can fight for better drug prices, including a \$35-a-month cap on insulin. That, as Biden might say, is a very big deal.

AARP is a dynamic and popular advocate, but a National Village Elder could bring additional attention and focus to the needs of our older citizens. If Biden weren't busy being president, he'd be a terrific choice. He is relentless in his pursuit of solutions to problems we Americans care about. He is empathic and sensitive. He does not give up. He is old school, and that works when it comes to communicating with an aging population.

If he decides not to run for a second term, perhaps Biden will consider the Village Elder gig.

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Now more than ever, prepare for hurricanes

Hurricane season officially started June 1, but for those of us enjoying life on Long Island and in the Northeast, our storm season starts just about ... now.

Of the 19 hurricanes that have made their way here since 1991, all but six have visited us in August or later. In fact, Hurricane Sandy — the storm we're still talking about a decade later — didn't ravage our homes and businesses until Halloween weekend.

Of course, we think of tropical storms and hurricanes as a problem for warmer climates. And for the most part, that's true. There have been 453 named storms on the Atlantic Ocean side of the world over the past 30 years — an average of 15 per year. But Long Island can expect to see a named storm every year and a half.

With five named storms finding their way here since 2020 — including Henri and Ida last year — the law of averages would suggest a rather long respite. But with global warming intensifying weather patterns, we can only expect the number of storms we'll face this year and beyond to grow.

And we need to be ready.

The National Weather Service suggests making preparations now, and not waiting for a storm to show up on our doorstep.

First, know your evacuation zone. Long Island is considered "Zone 1" in New York. It's part of an overall area that is most likely to flood, and is typically one of the first areas to be evacuated.

Just about all of Long Island is in Zone 1, along with other coastal and low-lying parts of the greater New York City region, including a good portion of eastern Queens and Brooklyn, lower Manhattan, all of Staten Island, and the eastern parts of the Bronx.

Next, put together an emergency kit. This should include everything from the absolute essentials, like water and food, to first aid kits, flashlights, manual can openers, maps and extra batteries.

Then, sit down with your family and write an emergency plan. Include any close friends and neighbors who might need help in the event of an emergency, and create a list of whom you should contact if you do have to abandon your home. Know where you're going and what you'll do.

You'll want to keep a copy of the plan in a safe place — near your emergency kit — so you can access it in a hurry.

These are all steps you've been reminded of time and again, so much you might be tired of hearing it. But when a storm does come and you have to leave in a hurry, you'll be glad you put all

this together.

And there is more you can do before we even have to worry about a storm. Like reviewing the insurance policies for your home, vehicles and property. Make sure you have adequate coverage not just for winds, but also for flooding. Even if you've never flooded before — storms have a way of making the impossible possible.

If you're not sure what the difference is between a tropical storm and a hurricane, or a watch and a warning, take the time to learn. Any type of alert is serious, but some threats are more imminent than others. You can find out more about all of this at Weather.gov. And one agency many of us have depended on in past storms has been the Long Island chapter of the American Red Cross, which serves more than 2.8 million people across Nassau and Suffolk counties. The Red Cross has many suggestions on how to prepare for a major storm, which you can find at tinyurl.com/RedCrossEmergency.

Twelve Americans died in hurricanes last year, and an average of 45 lives have been lost each year since 1991. Knock on wood, 2022 could be a quiet storm season. But it's better to be prepared for nothing than not be prepared for something. And being prepared could very well be the difference between life and death.

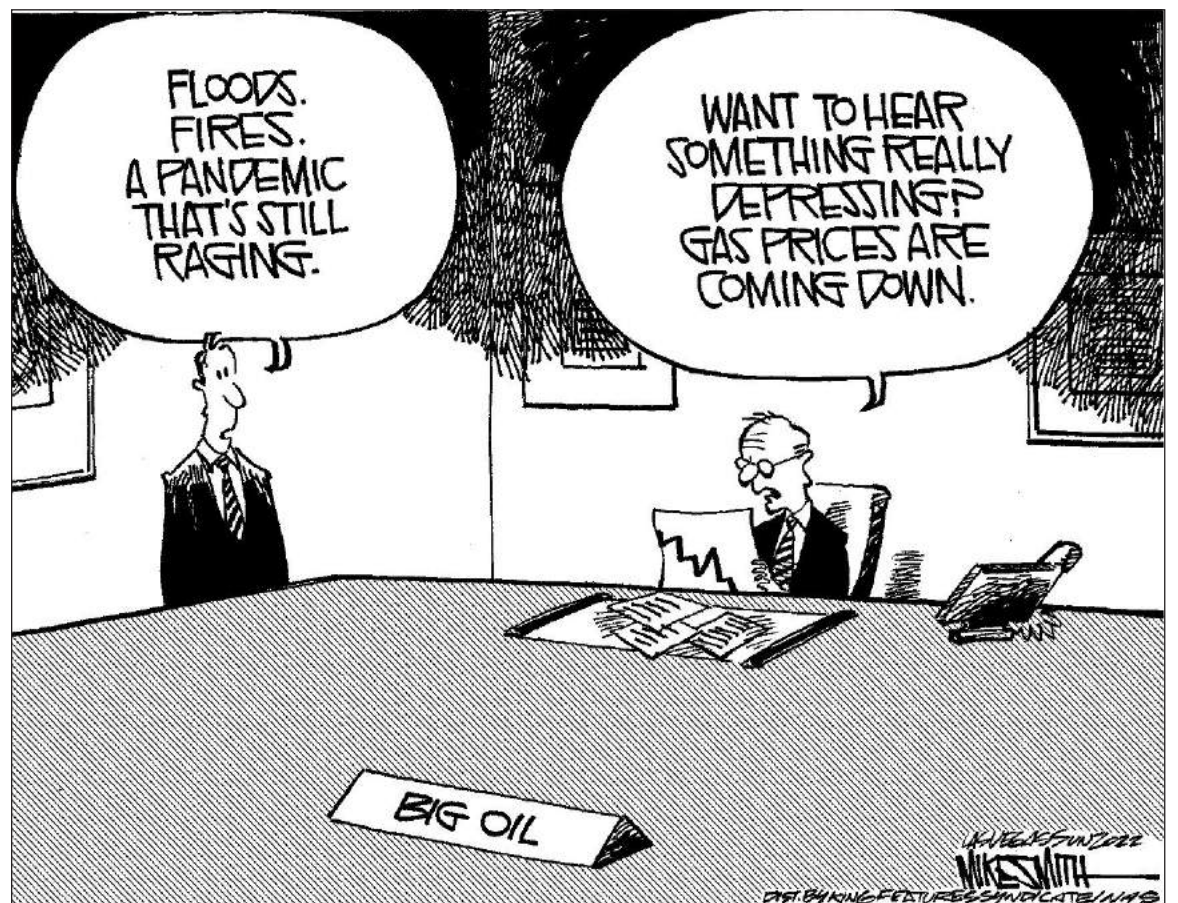
LETTERS

The true meaning of fiscal conservatism

To the Editor:

In the letter "Being fiscally responsible" (Aug. 11-17), Councilwoman Barbara Peebles wrote that the city's recent capital borrowing saved Glen Cove \$1 million. However, the truth is that she deferred necessary borrowing until a later date. As interest rates rise, that future borrowing will become more expensive. If \$1 million is borrowed over 20 years, for each percentage point that interest rates go up, it costs approximately \$150,000 more in interest over the life of the loan.

After many years of advocating for long-term planning, I was proud to facilitate the first Glen Cove five-year capital plan in 2021. The 2022 borrow followed the outline of Year Two of that plan. The \$1 million plus that Peebles pushed to remove from this year's borrow included items



OPINIONS

Scientists grapple with meaning of life. Why should judges?

When faced with controversial topics or questions, our first instinct is almost always to go in search of others' opinions. When talking with anyone about a contentious issue like abortion, the question inevitably arises:

Which side are you on? Are you conservative or liberal? Do you hold a Democratic or Republican view? Are you "pro-life" or "pro-choice"?



ILANA GREENBERG

The ongoing debate about the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* has fueled these sorts of binary political questions, and people generally expect to hear black-and-white answers, even

though our answers often come in shades of gray.

When I first heard about the Supreme Court's monumental decision, I hoped I'd have a passionate stance. But I found myself not fully agreeing with either side, even though the ruling will have the greatest impact on my generation. As a 14-year-old who can barely balance home-

work and school assignments with taking care of my brothers before my parents get home, I can't imagine what it would be like to be pregnant at this age, let alone be forced to carry the baby and raise a child.

I am growing up in an era when I will have fewer rights than my mother. On the other hand, however, I don't have enough knowledge to make an informed judgment on whether a fetus should be considered a person, and whether the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* will, as some claim, end the "genocide" of unborn lives.

To me, that is a matter left to science and philosophy, as they explore the boundaries of the age-old question, what does it mean to be alive?

Perhaps we should therefore stop expecting such a complex topic to fit into a simple political mold and acknowledge that the so-called middle ground isn't given enough attention, despite the fact that it is where many of us lie.

According to *Dobbs v. Jackson*, the case in which the court made its ruling, the decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* was based on an interpretation of the 14th

Amendment that abortion is not "deeply rooted in our country's history" and is therefore not a right guaranteed by the Constitution.

This rigid interpretation leaves no room for the fluid and ever-changing definition of "life." Technological advancements in recent decades have changed the definition of a viable fetus and have led to constantly fluctuating opinions. Unfortunately, it seems that our country has lost its focus. By analyzing the scientific concept of life through a judicial lens, the court makes the question of abortion a matter of the Constitution, when it should be a question of life

itself that is best left for science to answer.

I am reminded of Carl Zimmer's "Life's Edge: The Search for What It Means to Be Alive," a book I read for an English assignment this past school year. According to the book's depiction of abortion, scientists make a logic-based argument of a fetus's biological functionality and ability to survive independently, while judges, more philosophically, question consciousness and humanity.

Neither side, however, has a certain definition, because when life begins is not a concept that can be decided with absolute certainty.

According to Zimmer, an initially fertilized egg, a zygote, is merely a cell, and no bigger than the thousands of biologically "living" human cells that unnoticeably shed and "die" every day. In society there is a clear distinction between dying cells and dying fetuses, but not always in science. If life can evade the iron definitions in science and law and challenge our societal certainties, why has the court attempted to define it with such strict legal boundaries?

The Supreme Court has taken a one-sided stance on a complex topic. I have yet to form a strong opinion on whether abortion is moral, but I know that I am not the only person who feels "gray" on a topic that has become so black and white (or, more accurately, red and blue). And one thing is clear to me: If scientists, politicians, and millions of others with "gray" opinions can't decide whether or not abortion is morally correct, the Supreme Court should not infringe on my personal right to make that choice.

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such as cars for the fire chief, road paving and other improvements. Accordingly, she did not save money. She simply pushed critical items further down the road. Her attempt to paint herself and her colleagues as "the" fiscal conservatives should be viewed for what it is — simply a partisan attack.

Let's not forget that Peebles, who now touts herself as a fiscal conservative, is the former Deputy Mayor Peebles, who presided over the largest tax giveaway in the history of Glen Cove — massive IDA PILOTS to the Garvies Point and Village Square projects. These extreme tax giveaways are the reason our city is now cash-strapped and our first responders are left with antiquated lifesaving equipment.

MARSHA SILVERMAN
Glen Cove city councilwoman

Political gain shouldn't be in the equation

To the Editor:

For the record, I would like to clarify my position on the recent capital borrow. After working with the different departments in the city for months, Mayor Pam Panzenbeck presented the City Council with a capital borrowing plan that she asked us to support. At that point we were all able to give input. I asked for

some funding to be reallocated to the city stadium, among other things. I then came to support the mayor's plan.

Some council members felt that the borrow was too high, so Panzenbeck reluctantly trimmed the borrowing so it would pass. However, this doesn't equate to a savings. We simply kicked the can down the road. Critical items that got cut included road repair projects, necessary equipment for first responders and more. I wouldn't say that cutting roadwork projects (mostly paving) by 50 percent is a savings. Our roads will not magically get repaired. Instead, the problem will get worse. So, for this year, under the borrow that was passed, we will be repaving 50 percent fewer roads than we normally pave. Of course, those repairs will cost more in the future.

Additionally, the debt service payment was not reduced by \$110,000 due to more favorable interest rates that came with the delay of the borrow. The majority of the decrease is a result of the fact that we borrowed less money, plain and simple.

I am saddened to see this issue being used for political gain. I prefer to keep my head down and continue to work hard for the people of Glen Cove. I also prefer to live in a city that is maintained appropriately for our use and enjoyment.

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