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## It's that time again

Barbara Bannerman, a teacher at Deasy Elementary School, watched as Brian Munhoz said goodbye to his mother, Rosa, on Sept. 1, the first day of school. More photos, Page 5.

# City adds to Garvies Point parking hours

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The City of Glen Cove is making changes to parking regulations around Garvies Point to meet the needs of new residents and businesses. City officials also plan to address residents' concerns about commercial vehicles parking in residential areas.

The City Council held a public hearing on parking concerns during its Aug. 23 meeting. Although there was some confusion due to a mix-up of paperwork, because not all of the council members had updated agendas from their preliminary meeting a week earlier, parking hours on Garvies Point Road were ultimately increased to help meet the needs of residents of the new buildings there.

Up to now, residents have been prohibited from parking on the street from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Those hours were proposed in 2016, before RXR Realty started construction of the Beacon at

Garvies Point. Complaints of tractor-trailers parking on Garvies Point Road and vehicle overcrowding in the area led to the prohibition of overnight parking. On Aug. 23 the council voted to reduce the restricted period to 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.

Perhaps we should think of putting in a definition of what commercial vehicles we're talking about.

**JOHN PERRONE**  
Glen Cove city councilman

"What we're doing now is simply changing the hours that exists," Councilman Jack Mancusi said. The changes, he added, will allow people who are visiting the new apartments and restaurants to stay until 2 a.m. without getting a ticket. "The net effect is the same: We're just prohibiting overnight parking on the street there, which is already prohibited."

Commercial vehicle parking in residential zones was next on the agenda. For the past 20 years, it has been illegal to park a commercial vehicle, including a commercial van or pickup truck, in the city's residential zones from midnight to 6 a.m. The restriction extends to city parking

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# Ukrainian woman puts love of cats to good use in her new home

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Natalia Homcharenko, of Ukraine, misses her six cats terribly. When she left her three-room flat in Kyiv to board a flight to New York on Feb. 4, she thought she would be back in a month. She wasn't worried about Burshtyn, July, Kari, Luchik, Murysia or Rysia, because she had made arrangements for her longtime friend Vera to stop by each day to take care of them.

Homcharenko, 68, a retired librarian, left Kyiv

because her son, Nick Naymushin, worried that the situation there was becoming too dangerous for his mother. Naymushin, a Locust Valley resident, has lived in the U.S. for eight years and became a citizen, making him eligible for the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, which sends American citizens who are traveling or living abroad the latest security updates from U.S. embassies. Those in Ukraine were being told to leave.

"The tone of the messages became more and more urgent," Naymushin said. "Mom had visited us last fall and had fun. I told her to think of the

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# Hoping to define 'commercial' vehicle

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garages and municipal property. The council was concerned that the law was not written properly, leaving room for ambiguity.

The discussion of what defines a commercial vehicle began when former councilman John Perrone addressed his concerns about the law. Some vehicles, Perrone said, must be registered as commercial even if they have dual purposes, and commercial vehicles are not defined in the city code. Defining them too broadly, he said, isn't fair, because pickup trucks used for general transportation may have commercial license plates.

Perrone said that vehicles that do not have bannering, lettering, ladder racks or covered beds should not be classified as commercial. "The commercial plate, really, from the Department of Motor Vehicles, is (for a vehicle) that doesn't have rear seating, an open bed, or vehicles such as that," he said. "Perhaps we should think of putting in a definition of what commercial vehicles we're talking about."

Councilman Jack Mancusi said it was worth looking into whether the city could make exceptions for certain vehicles. He said he was in favor of allowing vehicles that have commercial plates but no other indication of commercial activity, such as a sign or a tool racks, to qualify for the exception.

Local municipalities typically make their own parking rules, and commercial vehicles are usually a focus. The Town of Oyster Bay doesn't permit commercial vehicles to park on streets overnight, but they can be parked in driveways if they meet certain criteria outlined in the town code. In contrast, the Town of North Hempstead allows commercial vehicles to park in a driveway or on private property overnight.

When the Glen Cove council was asked if enforcing



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**PARKING HOURS AT** the intersection of Garvies Point Road and Dickson Street have been increased to accommodate the needs of new residents and customers of the area's businesses.

the city code would impact residents with small businesses who park their commercial vehicles in their driveways, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck shared a story about one of her neighbors who parked a crane outside of their home.

"You were never supposed to park your commercial vehicles in your driveway," Panzenbeck said. "Unless your neighbors complained, or unless someone made a

complaint about you, it was let go." She added that commercial vehicles must be parked somewhere.

Councilwoman Marsha Silverman said that City Hall receives frequent calls from residents who complain about where commercial vehicles are parked.

The discussion of what constitutes a commercial vehicle will continue at the next council meeting, which is scheduled for Sept. 27.



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**NATALIA HOMCHARENKO TOOK** part in a protest in Manhattan against Russia's invasion of her homeland, Ukraine on Feb. 25. The sunflower, Ukraine's national flower, has become a symbol of resistance. Two of Homcharenko's cats, at right, Luchik — which translates to "ray of sunshine"— and Burshtyn, or "amber," were strays she adopted.

## Caring for cats, but missing her own in Ukraine

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trip as insurance. If something bad happens there, she would be covered."

He tried to arrange for his brother, Egor, who is 26, to leave too. "He is in the Ukrainian armed forces," Naymushin said. "He said, 'This is my country. I'm not going to leave.'"

On Feb. 24, Russia invaded Ukraine, making a return trip impossible for Homcharenko.

Although her friend has continued to take care of her cats, July recently died. Naymushin said his mother was devastated. Even so, she said she remains grateful for Vera's dedication to her cats.

"Vera means 'faith' in English," Homcharenko said. "When the air raids first started, no buses were running. Vera walked a mile to take care of my cats. She's a beautiful friend — my heart friend."

When Homcharenko realized she would be in the U.S. longer than she had imagined, she decided that she needed to learn English. Unable to drive, she walked to the Locust Valley Library to join Paola Diaz's English as a Second Language class.

"Every time we got together, she would show me pictures of her cats and tell me their names," Diaz, the library's outreach coordinator, said. "She was broken-hearted leaving them with her friend. I felt so bad for her."

Diaz said that Homcharenko didn't speak any English, and was looking for ways to make learning the language easier for her. Diaz had an idea, and drove her to Cove Animal Shelter in Glen Cove.

"When Natalia walked into the room with all the cats, she started to cry and I started to cry," Diaz recounted. "We did a lesson with cats, where I told her in English the body parts and the word for cat litter. We were there for an hour and a half."

At the end of the lesson Homcharenko



**HOMCHARENKO VOLUNTEERS AT** Cove Animal Shelter, where she cares for the cats.

filled out the form to become a volunteer. For the past month and a half, Diaz has been driving her to the shelter every week after the library's ESL class, and picking her up four hours later to bring her home.

### A new lease on life

"The animal shelter makes Mom want to live," Nick Naymushin said. "The cats cheer her up."

Homcharenko cleans the litter boxes, feeds the cats and pets them. She said it has made her very happy. "I love every single cat there," she said as her son translated. "I love cats for their independent character and for their kindness and for their insightful eyes. They're very intelligent, and full of emotions for the fact that they always sense my mood."

Diane Connolly, who lives in Locust Valley and also volunteers at Cove, described Homcharenko as a "sweet and loving human being." She's the kind of person who's always looking for more to do, Connolly said, adding that Homcharenko won't let her open a can of cat food, fearful that she'll break one of her manicured nails.

"She loves the cats. Therefore, she understands them," Connolly said. "Natalia's interaction with the cats is over the top. You can see how happy she is to be at Cove. I think the cats are healing for her."

Homcharenko, who is committed to learning English as quickly as possible, has been working with a tutor, Dimitry Popow, of Locust Valley, for the past two months. Although Popow was born in

Austria, his family is Russian. He said he discusses the situation in Ukraine with Homcharenko, who also often talks about her cats.

"She complains that on the one hand, she misses them, and then she says she's upset for her friend who has the burden of taking care of the cats," Popow said. "She loves animals very much. She even goes to different areas near her (son's) house to find strays to feed them."

Popow said she is eager to learn English and tries hard, but sometimes her mind wanders. "She came to visit her son and now she's stuck here," he said. "Will she ever be able to return to her country? And the war is close to her because one of her sons is in the army."

But Homcharenko said she loves living in Locust Valley. "Locust Valley is one of the most magical places I've ever been to," she said. "There are fabulous houses, wonderful parks and very friendly and open people."

During her career, after graduating from the Ukraine Institute of Culture with a degree in fiction and art literature, she became a manager at a library warehouse in Ukraine, and was responsible for 86,000 books. Naymushin said that his mother's second passion, aside from cats, is art and architecture.

"She wants to learn English so she can understand what is written when she goes to the museum or at the library," he said. "I tell her to get a job in the museum or the library. When we went to the (Metropolitan Museum of Art), I learned more about the paintings from her than from the descriptions, which she can't read."

Homcharenko said she planned to continue volunteering at Cove, which Connolly said makes not only the cats happy, but everyone around her as well. "She's just such an asset," Connolly said. "She has a heart that goes beyond any language barrier."



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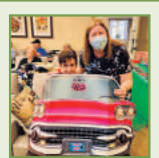
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### Arrests

- A 30-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Aug. 22 for criminal possession of a firearm and criminal possession of a weapon 2-loaded firearm on Danis Avenue.
- A 40-year-old Seaford male was arrested on Aug. 24 for criminal mischief 2nd degree and grand larceny 3rd degree on Shore Road.
- A 33-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Aug. 24 for grand larceny 4th degree, robbery 3rd degree, harassment 2nd degree and a parole warrant in Avalon Square.

- A 55-year-old Huntington male was arrested on Aug. 24 for operating a vessel while ability impaired by alcohol and operating vessel while Intoxicated on Garvies Point Road.
- A 55-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Aug. 26 for grand larceny 4th degree on Glen Street.
- A 28-year-old Hempstead male was arrested on Aug. 27 for aggravated uncensored operation 3rd degree and circumvent interlock-operate motor vehicle without device on Pratt Blvd.
- A 21-year-old Brentwood female was arrested on Aug. 27 for endangering the welfare of a child on Forest Avenue.

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# HERALD SCHOOLS

## Students return to Deasy Elementary with big smiles

The Glen Cove City School District opened their doors to its 3,153 students on Sept. 1 for the 2022-23 school year.

This year will be memorable to the district for what's missing — social distancing, masking and remote learning.

Classes will be in person full-time, with Google Classroom available to students if they can't attend in person.



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**THE CAMPOVERD FAMILY**, left, walked together to Deasy Elementary School, which is for students in pre-K to second grade.

**SUPERINTENDENT MARIA RIANNA**, far left, greeted students like Yaneli Escobal at Deasy Elementary School for the first day of class. Since masks are no longer required, meeting students face-to-face is something that students and faculty can look forward to for the upcoming school year.

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# With school back, safety is first concern

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Leaving nothing up to chance, Nassau County Police Department commissioner Patrick Ryder told an audience of school administrators last week that he — and the police force behind him — have their backs, and the backs of their students.

Using step-by-step techniques and new tools like the Halligan crow bar — for a lack of a better description — funded by the State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant, Ryder assured these educational leaders his police force can handle anything thrown at them.

Unveiling a seven-point plan spelling out the word “prepare,” Ryder described the steps to prevent and respond to a mass shooting event. Two key elements involve use of a smart app known as Rave — a panic button of sorts that alerts the nearest police officer of a situation, and the appropriate training for when that officer first arrives on the scene.

The idea is to get someone inside to help end a situation, even if backup has yet to arrive.

“He is going to get in and get into that classroom as quick as we can to stop the shooter,” Ryder said. “It’s all about time, slowing the shooter, getting the cops there faster, protecting the people inside the building. And that’s how we save lives.”

It’s the kind of response that comes more into focus these days, especially after the reportedly long response time to an active shooter in Uvalde, Texas, last May where there’s a general belief that by moving faster, many of the 19 elementary school students who were killed could have been saved.

When every second counts in a mass shooting situation, it helps that every patrol car is equipped with tactical gear, Ryder said, including Kevlar, helmets and tourniquets.

New equipment such as the Halligan breaching tool will cut the time it takes to get inside somewhere. Since schools lock down in the case of an emergency, the attending officers can pry and pop open a locked door in a matter of a few quick movements.

The idea for the Halligan came from looking at other first responders.

“Sometimes you’ve got to look at other entities — like the fire departments — and use them,” Ryder said. “So, we bought the sledge first to break a window, get in, clear the window. But you also want something to pry. If you take a Halligan in, and then you hit it with the sledge, it’s really going to pop the door.”

Matthew Gaven feels protected. A new superintendent in Rockville Centre, Gaven attended Ryder’s demonstration, listening in on ways students can be kept safe. It helps, he said, that village police officials assign officers to walk through Rockville Centre schools on a regular basis, familiarizing themselves with the layout.

“You heard the commissioner talk



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**NASSAU COUNTY POLICE** commissioner Patrick Ryder holds the new Halligan breaching tool used to get past secured doors, paid for by the State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant. Behind him, members of his department model different outfits worn for different situations — from visiting a school in regular gear, to engaging tactical measures in the worst of situations.



**SUPERINTENDENTS FROM SCHOOL** districts spanning Long Island visited the Mack S. Davis Center for Intelligence to hear how to better protect their students and those responsible for teaching them.

about coordinating very, very well — and they do,” Gaven said. “Our commissioner, James Vafeades, he’s amazing. I’ve known him for a long time, and he and Rob Connolly coordinate very well. The village works hand-in-hand” with the NCPD.

Part of the seminar’s goal was to build a strong bond between law enforcement and school officials, Ryder said. But many have already taken the county police commissioner’s advice to create a safer space.

“We’re just glad that we have the resources that we have to keep our schools safe,” said Judith LaRocca, Valley Stream’s superintendent. “I think that partnership is really important.”

In the Valley Stream, LaRocca says seeing patrol officers on the grounds are a daily and welcome occurrence.

“We have a lot of the security measures that the police commissioner recommends already in place, like the security vestibules, Rave app, locked doors, classroom doors that can lock from the inside,” LaRocca said. “So, I think Commissioner Ryder’s points about stopping an active shooter and creating a delay so that the Nassau County police can get to us, we’re ready for that. We’re prepared in our school district.”

That’s exactly the kind of thing Ryder likes to hear.

“We are extremely ecstatic with our partnerships,” he said. “Every parent should know the schools in Nassau County are very engaged with us, and that’s how we have been so successful in a lot of things.

“I have such faith in us and the superintendents.”

## Preparation and response

Before police officers step into a volatile situation, they have an action plan they must adhere to with the hopes of de-escalating a situation before more drastic measures are needed.

Among the steps for ‘Prepare’ are:

- **Partnership:** Partner with the Nassau County Police Department by informing them with “actionable” information.

- **Recognition:** Be able to see signs of a person in crisis with the goal of intervention before action.

- **Education:** Empower and practice preparedness with staff members and students through training to look out for suspicious activity.

- **Prevention/Preparation:** Daily school visits from patrol cars help develop situational awareness.

- **Activation:** Should an active assailant incident occur, notify NCPD through the Rave Panic Button located in schools.

- **Response:** A multi-level response may be needed for the situation, officers attending are equipped with breaching tools, ballistic helmets and vest, and tourniquets and rifles.

- **Execute the Plan:** First arriving units arrive on scene to stop the threat.



# HERALD SPORTS

## Hofstra seeks another NCAA tourney run

By **ANDREW COEN**

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**T**he Hofstra men's soccer team has a big act to follow on heels of last year's historic run to the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

Hofstra won two NCAA tourney games for the first time in program history including an 8-2 rout of Big Ten power Penn State in the second round that took the college soccer world by storm. The Pride bring back the brunt of last year's team that went 18-2-2 with a 17-match unbeaten streak and the program's first Colonial Athletic Association title since 2015, but lost its best defender in George O'Malley and one of its top goal scorers, Matthew Vowinkel.

"Once you've had a taste of it you want more," Hofstra's 34th-year head coach Richard Nuttall said. "Hopefully that will drive our returning players forward."

Hofstra entered the season ranked 17th nationally in the United Soccer Coaches Poll and opened the new campaign with a dramatic 2-1 home win against Fordham on a goal from Eliot Goldthorp with just one second left.

Some key returners from the 2021 team, which led the nation in goals (56) and points (170) include reigning All-American senior midfielder Hendrik Hebbeker, who had 9 tallies to go along with 11 assists last fall.

Ryan Carmichael, who was the country's leading scorer with 39 points, assisted on Goldthorp's winning goal. Mason Tatafu, who won Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Rookie of the Year honors last season and tallied a goal in the Fordham victory, is also a central part of the offense along with team captain Stefan Mason.

On defense, the Pride returned All-CAA First Team goalkeeper Wessel Speel following a sophomore season in which The Netherlands native achieved a 0.90 goals against average with eight shutouts and 72 saves. The backline in front of Speel includes Merrick native Pierce Infuso, who had 20 starts as a sophomore.

"He exceeded all expectations last year as a younger member of the team," said Nuttall of the former Bellmore JFK High School standout. "He is a rock solid part of what we do."

Hofstra, which was picked to repeat as CAA champions as a unanimous selection of the league's coaches opens the home portion of its conference schedule on Sept. 17 against Northeastern at 7 p.m.

### Many new faces for Pride women

Hofstra women's soccer lost plenty of talent off of last year's veteran-laden NCAA Tournament team and is seeking another climb to the postseason with a far younger squad.

The Pride returned only a few starters from a 17-4-1 2021 campaign that saw the program win its fourth CAA



Photos Courtesy Hofstra Athletics Communications

**ALL-AMERICAN MIDFIELDER HENDRIK** Hebbeker, above left, was a big part of a prolific Hofstra offense in 2021 with 9 goals and 11 assists. Krista Agostinello, at right, is part of a talented defense that helped the Pride capture its fourth conference title in five seasons.

title in five seasons and reach the second round of the NAAs. With many new faces, 17th-year head coach Simon Riddiough said it could be a long process before determining who will comprise his consistent starting lineup.

"It's going to take a lot more work than we had hoped, but we'll get there," Riddiough said. "I think we're going to have a lot of ups this season and downs and hopefully we can come out on a high note at the end."

Hofstra still returns some key pieces from the CAA championship squad including a stout backline featuring veteran defenders Anja Suttner, Krista Agostinello and Louise Hayden along with senior goalie Skylar Kuzmich, who recorded 12 solo shutouts last season. After a 3-2 season opening win against Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU), the defense did not surrender a goal in its next two matches, a 0-0 tie with Yale and 3-0 win against Albany.

Senior forward Ellen Halseth is the leading returning

scorer off a 2021 season with 10 points and she netted the winning goal against FDU with just 2:19 remaining. The Pride have also gotten a spark plug early on this season from freshmen Thorhildur Thorhallsdottir, who netted the season's first goal off an assist from fellow Iceland native Dagny Run Petursdottir.

Riddiough sees plenty of potential from some of his local newcomers receiving extended playing time this fall including forwards Leah Iglesias (Carle Place) and Cailley Welch (Glen Head). Sophomore forward/midfielder Olivia Pearse, a former standout at Seaford High School, netted two goals as a freshman.

"We have huge expectations for her," said Riddiough of Pearse. "She's got tremendous ability."

The upcoming home schedule is highlighted by a visit from Pac 12 foe Oregon on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.. Hofstra also hosts CAA newcomer Stony Brook in the regular season finale on Oct. 23 at 1 p.m. to kick off a new era for the Long Island rivals.

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## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



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A **\$25,000 MEMBER** item grant was presented to the Glen Cove BID by Assemblymember Charles Lavine on the final night of the Downtown Sounds summer concert series.

## BID receives \$25,000 member grant

The Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement was recently presented with a \$25,000 member item grant from Assemblymember Charles Lavine. The announcement was made in Village Square on the final night of the Downtown Sounds summer concert series.

“The funding will help the BID as it continues its efforts to expand economic opportunities for local businesses,” said Lavine, “and will provide more options for people to enjoy what the downtown area has to offer.”

## NEWS BRIEFS



Courtesy the City of Glen Cove

**ROCCO GRAZIOSI, LEFT**, Deputy Mayor Donna McNaughton and Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck joined homeowner Leslie McCarthy who replaced her service line.

## City works to keep lead out of residents' water

In response to Glen Cove's "Lead Service Line Replacement" program, the city has been replacing any lead drinking water service lines at no cost to qualifying property owners since drinking water can be a source of lead exposure. Service pipes that contain lead can corrode, causing lead to enter

drinking water.

The program uses NYS Department of Health grant funds to replace the entire length of residential lead service lines, from the municipal water main to the residence, to reduce the amount of lead in residential drinking water.

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so they can move on to championships. The dancers perform intricate steps, often arrayed in dazzlingly colorful outfits, dancing jigs, reels, hornpipes and set dances. Winners often move on to national competition and even international competitions.

Among other highlights, the Gaelic bagpiping and time-honored music and song always attract much attention. Individual musicians demonstrate their talents and compete for prizes on a number of instruments, including the fiddle, tin whistle, flute, accordion, all forms of bagpipes, drums and keyboards, or any other instrument of their choice. Singers do the same, and judges have been known to award extra points for songs sung in the Irish language.

Additional activities include an art competition and games for kids. There's also an Irish marketplace, featuring all sorts of Irish-related goods and treats for sale.

## THE ipes are calling

### Nassau County's Irish Festival returns to NICKERSON BEACH

By Karen Bloom

The approach of fall brings about that joyous celebration of all things Irish, the Nassau County Feis and Irish Festival. The annual spectacle is a cherished tradition that gathers visitors and participants — of all ages — who enthusiastically partake in a revelry of Irish dance, music, piping, drumming, and athletics known as a feis (pronounced fesh).

The Nassau County Feis, according to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, retains the rare distinction of being a full feis in the traditional meaning of that term, in that it showcases not only Irish step dancing competitions, but also a full menu of Gaelic bagpiping, traditional Irish music and song, Irish language activities, games, and sports.

Everyone will find plenty to keep them occupied, with live music all day long. That includes a performance by Harpers Ferry. The band's energetic sound fuses the passion of old-American folk with country rock and their Irish heritage.

The AOH, which hosts the event with the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians of Nassau County, encourages all to settle in for the day, ready to experience these age-old traditions that never go out of style.

"As an Irish/American Catholic organization, both the AOH and the LAOH are determined to promote our Irish heritage culture and Catholic faith and values," says Feis chair Mike Byrne. "We are looking forward to another great day."

As far back as 18th century Ireland, communities would come together for special festivals of dance and music — involving competitions, laughter and good times. That tradition continues here in Nassau County, where, since 1972, the AOH keeps the culture at the forefront with its feis, held every September.

It's a day that focuses on the always vibrant, age-old Irish traditions. The dance competition showcases some of the finest Irish dancers in the New York metropolitan area, and pipers from all around come to perform. The sheer energy of the step dancers fascinates the many visitors who come just to see them being judged,

**When:** Sunday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$10 per person; children under 16 free.

**Where:** Nickerson Beach, 880 Lido Blvd., Lido Beach

For more information, visit [NassauAOHFeis.com](http://NassauAOHFeis.com)



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**Top left:** Bagpipe bands come from throughout the region to entertain and compete.

**Top right:** Young dancers step lively as they compete in the Irish step dancing programs in a demonstration of their training and talents.

**Bottom:** The marchers proceed in a proud salute.



### Laughs with Howie Mandel

As seen in 'America's Got Talent' and 'Deal or No Deal,' Howie Mandel arrives on Long Island with an all-new stand-up set. Mandel has remained a constant force in show business for more than 30 years. He can currently be seen on NBC's flagship series "'America's Got Talent' where he has served as a judge for 11 seasons. He recently finished production on his new documentary, 'Howie Mandel: But Enough About Me.' Other recent projects include judging NBC's 'America's Got Talent: The Champions,' CNBC's "'Deal or No Deal,' serving as executive producer and host and Nat Geo Wild's 'Animals Doing Things,' where he co-hosted with his son Alex.

Friday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury  
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Friday, Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. \$40, \$35, \$30, \$25, \$20. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000, Ticketmaster.com or [ParamountNY.com](http://ParamountNY.com).



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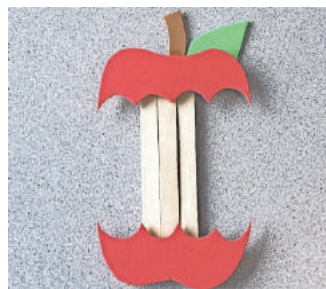


**SEP. 22**

## Amy Schumer

The versatile comedian-actress-writer-producer brings her first major tour in over four years to NYC Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury, with an all-new standup set, Thursday, **Sept. 22**, 7:30 p.m. The fearless standup first made a name for herself with Comedy Central's "Inside Amy Schumer." From there, she branched out into film and TV series including two seasons of "Amy Schumer Learns to Cook," with her

husband, chef Chris Fischer. Her new standup act coincides with the release of a Hulu original series. For information/tickets, visit [TheTheatreAtWestbury.com](http://TheTheatreAtWestbury.com) or [LiveNation.com](http://LiveNation.com) or call (516) 247-5200.



**SEP. 11**

## Apple of My Eye

Head into apple season at Long Island

Children's Museum, **Sunday, Sept. 11**, 12-2 p.m. Discover fascinating facts about New York's role as the second-largest apple producing state in the country. Make an apple craft to take home. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. For information, call (516) 224-5800 or visit [LICM.org](http://LICM.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.

**SEP. 20**

## Planting Fields Foundation Golf Classic

Head to the Mill River Club, for the annual Planting Fields Foundation Golf Classic, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Enjoy a fun-filled day of golf on the picturesque greens on the beautiful Gold Coast, 103 Mill River Rd., in Oyster Bay. To register, visit [PlantingFields.org](http://PlantingFields.org), or call (516) 922-8676 for information.

## 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](http://OysterBayMainStreet.org).

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at the Madison Theatre, on the Molloy University campus. Virtuosa Freda Payne brings Fitzgerald to life with an elegance, resonant beauty and transcendent voice that captures the immortal songstress. 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. For tickets and information visit [MadisonTheatre.ny.org](http://MadisonTheatre.ny.org) or call (516) 323-4444.

**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](http://NassauMuseum.org).

**50 Mile Relay**

Greater Long Island Running Club's Ocean to Sound 50 Mile Relay for Survivors of Domestic Violence, presented by PSEG Long Island, will take place on Sunday, **Sept. 25, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** The northward, winding, 50-mile race begins at Jones Beach and ends at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park in Oyster Bay, with a party following. For information, contact (516) 349-7646 or visit [GLIRC.org](http://GLIRC.org).

**SEP. 8** **On exhibit**

Art has access to worlds beyond the one we know. Explore the next dimension as seen through eyes of artists throughout the centuries, at Nassau County Museum of Art's current exhibition, "Other Worlds than This: The Supernatural in Art," **now through Nov. 6.** The exhibit summons a celestial realm of demons, ghosts and extra-sensory phenomena as conjured by such Surrealists as Dalí, photographers who specialize in the occult, Old Masters including Goya, contemporary talents including Betye Saar, Luc Tuymans, Michaël Borremans and many others. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or [NassauMuseum.org](http://NassauMuseum.org).



**End of the Season Benefit**

The Oyster Bay Main Street Association invites the community to their annual End of the Season Benefit, **Thursday, Sept. 22, 6 to 9 p.m.**, at the Mill River Club, 103 Mill River Rd., in Oyster Bay. Enjoy cocktails, sushi, light fare and music. For further information, go to [OysterBayMainStreet.org](http://OysterBayMainStreet.org).

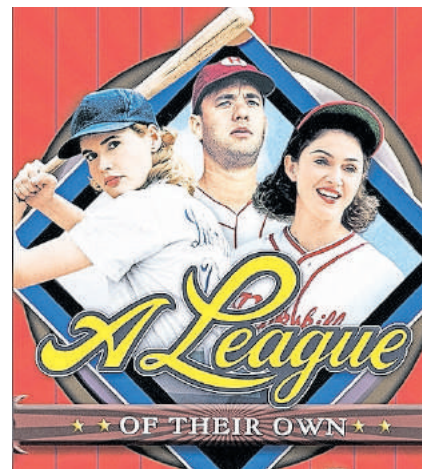


**Bluefish Tournament**

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.

**Breast Cancer Hotline Drive-in Movie Night Fundraiser**

Enjoy "A League of Their Own," the 1992 comedy drama starring Geena Davis, Madonna and Tom Hanks, about the World War II-era All-American professional women's baseball league, Friday, **Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m.**; movie 7 p.m. The fundraising event, at Adelphi University's parking lot 5, 1 South Ave., Garden City, supports Adelphi's Breast Cancer Hotline. Admission is \$45 per car; advance purchase required. Light refreshments are included with the ticket. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [BreastCancer.Adelphi.edu/au\\_event/movie-night-fundraiser-baseball](http://BreastCancer.Adelphi.edu/au_event/movie-night-fundraiser-baseball) or bit.ly/3zOIdU5.



**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 number. Submissions can be emailed to [thescene@liherald.com](mailto:thescene@liherald.com).

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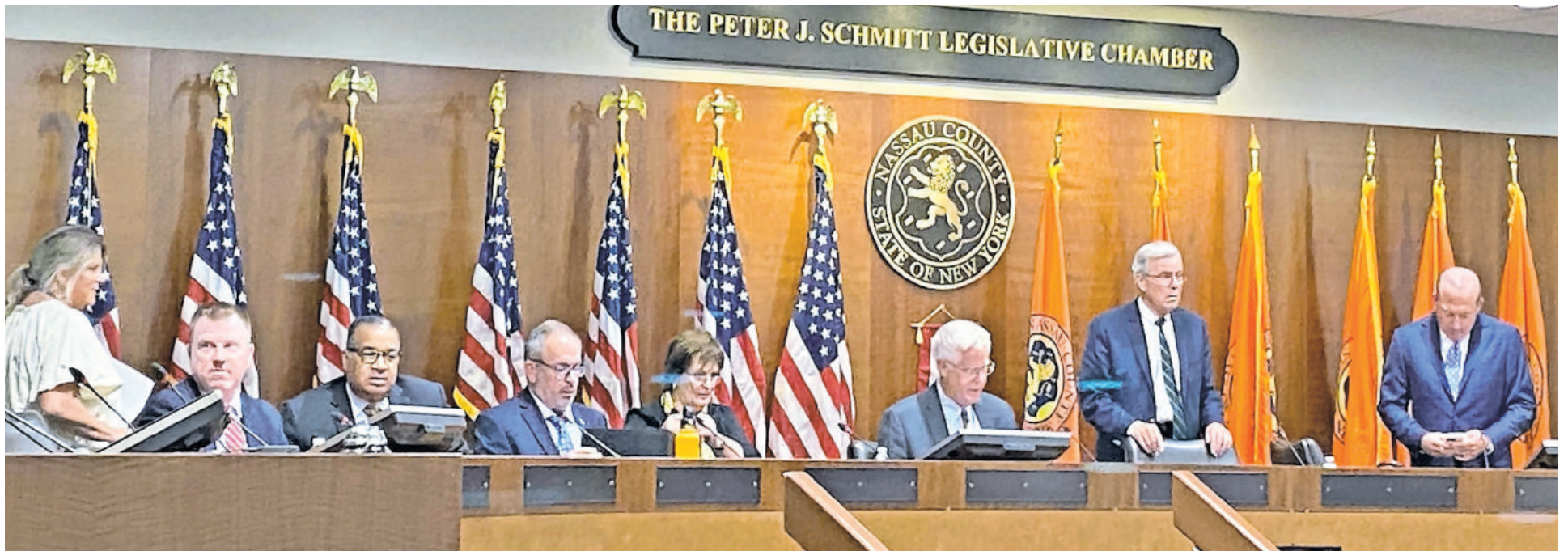
 

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**NASSAU COUNTY'S TEMPORARY** Districting Advisory Commission meets every 10 years after a census to consider redrawing county legislative lines. This time around, some of the people who live in those existing districts are asking for more diversity and inclusion.

# Nassau voters say they're tired of redistricting

By **ANDRE SILVA**

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It's a unique opportunity to reshape town lines and political power within Nassau County — an occasion that comes just once every decade.

When people in Nassau County got together back in 2012, they worked to decide how each of their communities would be represented on the county legislature. But in the first hearing of the 2020s held last week, many came together at the Theodore Roosevelt Legislative Building in Mineola to voice their disdain for the process.

Noah Burroughs, a Hempstead village trustee, said he was not given enough time or notice for this particular.

"It seems like it was done purposefully," Burroughs said. "The day before kids are back in school in some districts, obviously this doesn't allow some parents with children to get here. However, you can see this is still well attended."

Some 100 people attended the meeting to discuss how the latest U.S. Census numbers affected how residents would be represented at the county level. Among those in the audience was another Hempstead village resident, Daniel Oppenheimer, who said he believes the county needs to be more transparent with their map creation process as well as the data they're using to create new district maps.

He said he doubts officials will share enough data to paint the full picture of the segregation, separation and inequality throughout Nassau County.

"We need publicly available data, posted clearly, and actually research the raw data," Oppenheimer said. "Not just the secondhand or thirdhand data after the scientists go through it. We need to see the data they are using to make these maps to have an educated opinion."

But it would be hard to take diversity and representation into account if that diversity doesn't exist on the redistricting committee itself, Valley Stream's



**TIMOTHY RODGERS, WHO** has lived in Hempstead village for 30 years, said the effects of gerrymandering and redistricting over the years have left communities like his — particularly communities of color — in a 'state of decay.'

Cristina Arroyo Rodriguez said.

To emphasize that point, the former Herald reporter approached the podium and began her remarks in Spanish.

After a brief pause, she repeated her statements — this time in English — explaining the confusion and misunderstanding the committee members likely felt as she spoke a different language is the exact same confusion and misunderstanding that thousands of non-English speakers feel in Nassau County.

"The Catch-22 we are in is cyclical," Arroyo Rodriguez said. "The appointment of the members on this commission was not random. Those in power picked them. Unfortunately, those in power have proven themselves to be uninterested in proper representation and true equity."

"Creating a fair district map is the first step in remedying equitable representation. And gerrymandering is the first barrier."

The infamous art of "cracking" and "packing," to create districts that favor specific candidates or political leanings is something Arroyo Rodriguez and others spole out against. They don't like the

way they believe officials can cut up and divide communities within a district to manipulate the electorate to their favor.

Timothy Rodgers, who has lived 30 years in Nassau, said the effects of gerrymandering and redistricting have left communities — particularly communities of color — in a state of decay. Since the previous redistricting a decade ago, he's noticed a systemic disparity and a misrepresentation of resources in these communities.

"With a blindfold on, you can start driving from Garden City, and you'll know when you get to Hempstead or Rockville Centre," he said.

Rodgers said he loves his community dearly, and was motivated to come attend the hearing to speak on behalf of his neighbors. Like other members of the public, he hopes this year's redistricting takes testimonies like his and others into consideration to create an equitable and fair map for the entire county.

The committee — known officially as the Temporary Districting Advisory Commission — is tasked to have its new district lines finalized by Nov. 7.

## Stalemate in the commission

Before public testimonials began in front of the Nassau County redistricting committee this past week, Democratic appointee David Mejias challenged the motivations of his Republican counterparts, saying they intentionally stonewalling the process to redistrict county legislature seats. That way, GOPers could have free reign to adopt what he described as an unlawful map in November. where it would be nearly impossible for anyone to effectively challenge the map under federal law.

Mejias went as far as saying he and other Democratic appointees in the minority scrounged a list of potential locations and dates to hold possible hearings, with no answer or response from Republicans in agreeing to the dates. Furthermore, at the committee's current pace, the hearing to approve the map by both delegations would even happen until Nov. 10 at 5 p.m.

That would leave the public just one hour to view a map that could potentially rule the county for the next 10 years, Mejias added.

Peter Bee, who leads the majority contingent on the redistricting committee, said he was disappointed Mejias would start the hearing with a partisan attack on the good faith and integrity of the Republican members of the committee. Bee said he appreciated the minority delegation's efforts in finding locations and times where the committee can convene and listen to the public, and that in the meantime, the commission should focus less on attacking each others' motivations, and more on what they were charged by law to do.

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**THE SNAPPER DERBY** was a family affair for AJ, Marcus and Christopher Macaluso, ages 9, 11 and 7.



**MIMI CORRY, 12**, caught a snapper that measured 3.6 inches.

## Kids reel in the snappers at the derby

**T**he fish were plentiful at the annual Glen Cove Mayor's Snapper Derby. With sunny skies the weather was beautiful at Pryibil's Pier, where 110 children enjoyed the competition as they caught plenty of fish.

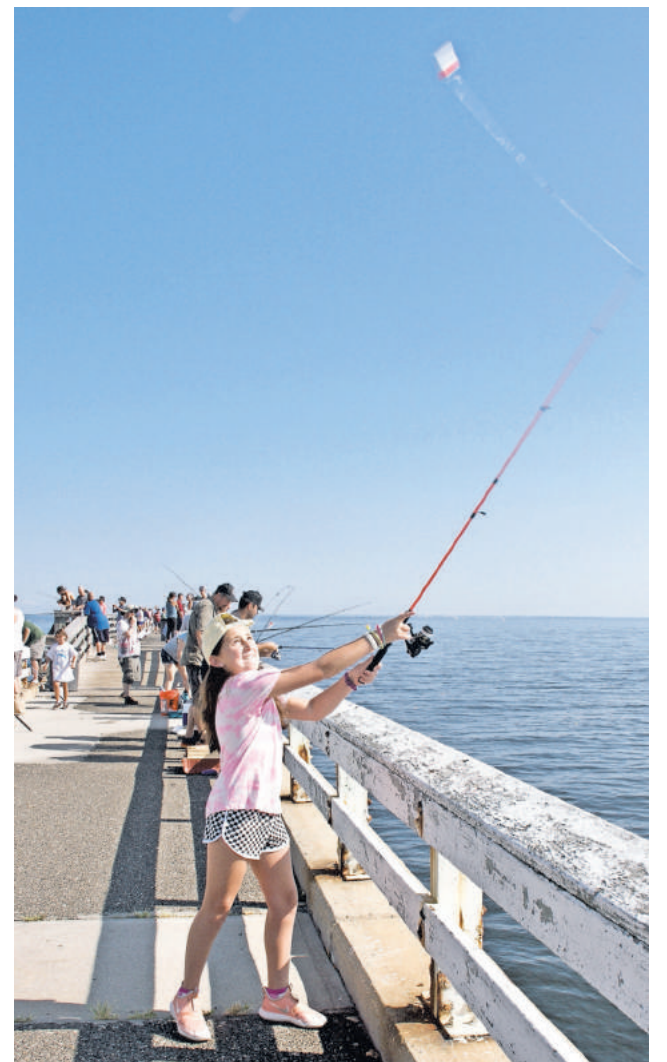
The winners of the derby's junior division were:

Brooke Fox, first place; Brayelen Kormoski, second place and Tyler Fox, third place.

In the senior division Jo Jo Basile took home first, Jason Riccardi came in second and Max Corry in third place. The prize for the best angler for the day was given to Donato Grella.



**SAM MCCRINDLE, 11**, and Matthew Papa, 13, waited for the fish to bite at the Snapper Derby at Pryibil's Pier.



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## OPINIONS

## Thoughts on saving the two-party system

**G**etting older has its advantages and disadvantages. One of the advantages is that having lived a long life, you've had an opportunity to see changes in the world around you, and you can pass your observations on to anyone willing to listen. One of the disadvantages is that even if you have some brilliant thoughts,



**JERRY  
KREMER**

members of the current generation think they know more than you and will reject your thinking out of hand. For my entire life, I've believed that bipartisanship is the only way we can get things done. I can point to hundreds of changes in our federal and state laws that wouldn't have happened without the willingness of the two parties to sit down and collaborate on many contentious issues. But with each passing day I become more disturbed about what has happened to the Republican Party, and by its inability to reform itself before it is eaten alive by people with the worst possible way of

thinking.

The current party is best described as whatever former President Donald Trump thinks it is. He calls it the MAGA party, but it's really the Trump party. He supports candidates who embrace his philosophy and rejects anyone who dares to challenge his thinking. Established politicians who were once the bedrock of the party are afraid to cross him on any issue for fear that his followers will turn on them.

I know there are a lot of good Republicans serving in the current Congress, but if you did a Washington name recognition test, the majority of party members would recognize only two prominent names. One is Marjorie Taylor Greene, who is known for outlandish and clueless statements. The other is Liz Cheney, who warned America about the perils of being a Trump supporter and has paid a price for it.

Until Trump came along, it had been a long time since the Republican Party had been saddled with anyone whose name alone was bad news for the party. I can think back to the days of Sen.

Joseph McCarthy, followed by President Richard Nixon, and remember how they damaged the image of the party. But neither McCarthy nor Nixon was able to dominate the party's thinking like Trump. He has established a strangle-

hold on the entire institution and has wiped out its great history, dating back to Abraham Lincoln.

Any fair-minded Republican has to acknowledge that the party has taken a series of political beatings that would never have happened under any other sitting or former president. In 2020, the party lost the House and the Senate, and it has a good chance of losing the Senate again due to

the weakness of a group of Trump-supported candidates for the midterm election. In 2020, Trump brainwashed Georgia voters into avoiding voting, which helped elect two Democrats to the Senate. That race alone tipped the Senate balance in favor of the Democrats.

The vast majority of Republicans in this country are moderate to conservative thinkers who would fit nicely into the structure of any normal political organization. But today, a large number

of those level-headed people believe the 2020 presidential election was stolen, even though Joe Biden beat Trump by 7 million votes. And many have become convinced that the electoral system is corrupt, and have been discouraged from taking part in the voting process.

Many Republicans, as well, believe that Trump is a victim of a partisan judicial system, and that's the cause of his current legal problems. Some invoke the name of Hillary Clinton, claiming she had the same legal problems as Trump, but that is totally false. If Clinton did anything wrong, including violating the Federal Records Act, Trump had four years to punish her.

The conclusion is simple: Donald J. Trump is a blight on the Republican Party, and the party will not be revived again until he has disappeared from the political landscape. I am 100 percent in favor of a Republican Party that looks to its better angels. Those days are a long way off.

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**T**he GOP is saddled with someone whose name alone is bad news for the party.

## Renting a house, like trying on a new life

**H**ave you Vrbo'd? Do you Airbnb? When I first heard about renting rooms and houses online, it seemed both dangerous and gross.

I understood motels and hotels, but I didn't get the concept of renting from actual people who might be smelly or predatory. Suddenly, real estate was on the market by the day, ranging from a room in an apartment to a cabin in the woods to a mansion near Central Park. But who would change the sheets? What if there were bugs? And the crazy uncle with the hatchet hiding in the basement — what about him?



**RANDI  
KREISS**

I said it wasn't for me, but I said that about the iPhone, too.

I began using Airbnb and Vrbo some 20 years ago. What I never imagined was the joy of discovering a new place and trying it on for a few nights. The plus is that instead of getting just a room, where your husband blasts the TV at deafening levels, you can get a whole apartment or a

house and have a kitchen and make popcorn instead of ordering room service.

Hotels and motels have their own issues, especially these days when maid service is sometimes optional, and the free breakfast went out the door with the bell person.

Reminds me of my "Psycho" motel stay on a car trip from Florida to Long Island when my husband and I were in our 20s. We didn't have a reservation, and everything was booked. By the time we got to North Carolina we were falling asleep, so we pulled into the Bates Motel, where Anthony Perkins checked us in and watched us all night through a peephole. At least that's what I remember. We slept in our clothes on top of the bed and left at dawn.

When our kids were in college, we started renting houses we found through classifieds. There were phone calls and letters exchanged. We rented for years in Montana, from Darby to Missoula to Flathead Lake to Glacier Park. Those summers changed all of our lives in the best way. The kids became hikers and climbers and fishers and campers.

When we had grandkids, we used

Vrbo to rent houses in North Carolina for two-week stays in the summer. We never rented the same house twice, because that would have ruined the adventure. All in all, we did well, landing

beautiful properties in the mountains. The only North Carolina bust was the summer we rented at the "famous" Lake Lure, only to discover that the lake had completely dried up.

This summer we rented three different houses in Maine. Experience has taught me to read the descriptions very carefully. Does A/C mean real A/C or a unit in one window? Does "all amenities" include a washer and dryer? Does "lively setting in town" mean you'll live above a biker bar?

It's always a risk, but you can preempt problems by asking all your questions upfront, by reading all the reviews and by taking out insurance. We narrowly missed a possibly haunted stay at a house in Camden when I noticed the face of a woman in the window over the garage, in the photos. Turns out she comes with the house. "Oh, she never goes out," the owner texted. We took a pass.

One of our Maine houses was built in 1820, but was renovated and outfitted by someone who had a wonderful obsession with detail and fine linens.

Another house was run down. The online photos were obviously taken a long time ago, and the owner gave us the wrong lock box code, so we couldn't get in for a few hours. It did have a stunning view of Casco Bay. The third house was in the woods, whispering pines, immaculate and well supplied with cookware. It was also well supplied with wild turkeys, which screeched outside the bedroom window at 5 a.m. every day.

There's stuff you can't anticipate.

Airbnb and Vrbo and the other platforms have changed our travel experiences. Now, instead of being confined to a room, we can try on another life, with different walls around us and new neighbors and mountains or rivers or ocean beaches out the window.

We travel with Lillybee the dog. There are pet-friendly properties, and "no pets allowed" renters, but I have learned that sometimes an owner will be open to making an exception for my "very small, hypoallergenic, well-trained pup." Lillybee has been an awesome Airbnb guest.

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Good evening. Today our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom came under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts.

The victims were in airplanes or in their offices — secretaries, businessmen and women, military and federal workers. Moms and dads. Friends and neighbors.

Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror.

The pictures of airplanes flying into buildings, fires burning, huge structures collapsing, have filled us with disbelief, terrible sadness, and a quiet, unyielding anger.

These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat. But they have failed. Our country is strong. A great people has been moved to defend a great nation.

Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.

America was targeted for attack because we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one will keep that light from shining.

Today, our nation saw evil, the very worst of human nature. And we responded with the best of America, with the daring of our rescue workers, with the caring for strangers and neighbors who came to give blood and help in any way they could.

Immediately following the first attack, I implemented our government's emergency response plans. Our military is powerful, and it's prepared. Our emergency teams are working in New York City and Washington, D.C., to help with local rescue efforts.

Our first priority is to get help to those who have been injured, and to take every precaution to protect our citizens at home and around the world from further attacks.

The functions of our government continue without interruption. Federal agencies in Washington, which had to be evacuated today, are reopening for essential personnel tonight, and will be open for business tomorrow.

Our financial institutions remain strong, and the American economy will be open for business as well.

The search is underway for those who are behind these evil acts. I've directed the full resources of our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and bring them to justice. We will make no distinction

between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them.

I appreciate so very much the members of Congress who have joined me in strongly condemning these attacks. And on behalf of the American people, I thank the many world leaders who have called to offer their condolences and assistance.

America and our friends and allies join with all those who want peace and security in the world, and we stand together to win the war against terrorism.

Tonight I ask you for your prayers, for all those who grieve, for the children whose worlds have been shattered, for all whose sense of safety and security has been threatened. And I pray they will be comforted by a power greater than any of us, spoken through the ages in Psalm 23: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for you are with me."

This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace. America has stood down enemies before, and we will do so this time.

None of us will ever forget this day, yet we go forward to defend freedom, and all that is good and just in the world.

Thank you. Good night, and God bless America.

## LETTERS

### Pay teachers more, administrators less

To the Editor:

Re Jerry Kremer's column "Help Wanted: teachers needed badly (Aug. 25-31): Here's one retired teacher's biased opinion about (too low) teacher salaries.

It took 37 years for this retired teacher's salary to rise from \$6,400, in 1966-67, to \$100,000, in 2002-03. But not only do I not begrudge current teachers their higher salaries for doing their extremely important, difficult and under-appreciated jobs, but I would even propose the radical idea that no school administrator should ever receive a salary greater than, or even equal to, what teachers are paid.

Yes, I mean that teachers deserve to be paid *more than* school principals, and even district superintendents (although I'm not suggesting that teachers receive multi-million-dollar salaries, since only CEOs, athletes, actors and singers are "worth"





## OPINIONS

## Inflation Reduction Act just the start for climate action

**T**he Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 is quite simply a big deal. This new law provides around \$370 billion to combat the climate crisis, the largest investment our nation has ever made in tackling climate change. All New Yorkers, and Long Islanders in particular, can thank our Sen. Charles Schumer for his hard work



**ADRIENNE  
ESPOSITO**

in getting this historic bill across the finish line, and for his commitment to fighting the effects of climate change that are all too familiar to us.

As a lifelong South Shore resident, I see the clear, adverse impacts of the climate crisis on

local communities. The devastation of Superstorm Sandy may have been the most obvious, but higher tides resulting in increased local flooding, degraded bays, toxic tides, closed beaches, warming estuaries, fish kills, loss of shellfish,

and increased home insurance are all part of our new reality.

This transformative law will lower costs and create millions of good jobs while fighting climate change in the process. It will spur families to electrify buildings and transportation, with incentives that could add up to \$28,500 to switch to efficient electric home appliances, install rooftop solar and buy electric vehicles. Families that take advantage of incentives to electrify their homes and cars could save up to \$1,800 per year in energy costs. An analysis commissioned by the BlueGreen Alliance from the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Political Economy Research Institute even found that the Inflation Reduction Act's climate and clean energy investments will create more than 9 million jobs over the next decade — about 1 million jobs per year.

The legislation invests in communities across the United States by growing our clean energy economy. It takes a

necessary step forward to clean up legacy pollution by investing \$60 billion in communities disproportionately impacted by climate change, including funding for clean transportation methods and public health measures to improve air quality.

These climate investments will also go a long way toward cutting climate pollution by an estimated 40 percent by 2030. An estimate by the independent research firm Rhodium Group found that the Inflation Reduction Act will put the U.S. on track to meet our nation's reduction goals.

But further action is still necessary. In the coming years, Long Island residents can expect to face more frequent and prolonged heat waves, worsening air quality, more heat-related illnesses and deaths, rising sea levels, and intense storms and hurricanes. In the past 50 years, we have seen an increase of 2 degrees Fahrenheit in global temperatures — a troubling trend that experts

expect will only worsen by the 2080s. The Environmental Protection Agency foresees a rise in temperatures by 4.5 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit, putting our children and grandchildren in harm's way.

To address the full scale of the climate crisis, the Biden administration and federal agencies must use all the tools at their disposal to implement solutions for pollution that will help meet the president's pledge to cut climate pollution in half by 2030. Specifically, agencies must clean up power plants, trucks and cars, industrial sources, and other pollutants. In addition, Congress must continue to make progress on delivering a clean-energy future for the country.

Climate action can't wait. I applaud Majority Leader Schumer for his leadership on climate action with the Inflation Reduction Act, and I join Long Islanders, and Americans, in calling on Congress and President Biden to do all they can to limit the impacts of climate change on our cities and neighborhoods before it's too late.

*Adrienne Esposito is executive director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment.*

**T**his historic law will spur families to electrify their homes and their vehicles.

## LETTERS

that much!).

After all, it is teachers who do the *essential* job of all schools: educating the students.

The way I see it, the role of administrators is basically that of "support personnel," those whose job it is to *help* teachers do their jobs. Similar to school secretaries and custodians, administrators do an important job, but one that is only necessary, not sufficient.

For an analogous example, look at the world of professional sports. Coaches and managers usually aren't paid as much as the players are. The classroom is teachers' field and court.

RICHARD SIEGELMAN  
*Plainview*

## There are many reasons why teachers aren't happy

To the Editor:

Jerry Kremer's analysis of why there are too few teachers is incom-

plete. Teachers aren't interested in returning to classrooms because they don't want to teach critical race theory and gender dysphoria to elementary school students. That is why parents want books removed.

Parents want their children to learn reading, writing, math, science and correct biology. There is nothing evil about removing these salacious books from classrooms and libraries. The removal of these books encourages teachers; it doesn't discourage them. Good teachers will side with parents.

In addition, teachers fear getting killed by a mentally disturbed student with a gun in a town where the police have been defunded. Also, some teachers object to paying union dues collected to support socialist viewpoints. Low salaries also discourage teachers from returning to classrooms. Forcing teachers and students to wear masks is another disincentive. And accepting non-college graduates as teachers is another move toward the dumbing-down of America. Can't you see it?

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